

# Student Link

Dear Trojans!

We are looking forward to your return, and we are excited about new opportunities we have to offer. As many of you know, this school year we are making some significant changes to scheduling. Not only are we moving to semesters with block rotation, but we are also introducing Achieve Time.

We know change can be tough, but we really believe that these changes will provide you with an optimal education experience that will allow you to grow your talents, explore your interests, and get the help you need most. The adjustment won't always be easy, but I encourage you to consider what you have to gain rather than focus on what you may be giving up. Hopefully the information in this note will help alleviate some anxiety about the scheduling process and clarify some points of confusion or frustration.

In regards to scheduling Achieve Time, you will report to your TFT during the Achieve Time hour for the first two weeks of school (see attached schedule). In addition to helping you adjust to the block schedule, your TFT teacher will guide you through looking at the Achieve Time offering and selecting those which best fit you and your needs.

That said, I want to make you are aware of a few scheduling issues we noted from registration.

First, Juniors, many of you experienced long lines for counselors during registration, and I wanted to explain the source of that difficulty. Due to the required amount of material and a need to prep for the SAT, we decided to run Math 3 each day, all year. This generated scheduling complications for many students that required individual attention.

Another concern we want to make you aware of is the availability of seats for first-year Auto, Welding, and Construction classes. Due to their popularity, we had more requests for these classes than we have staff and seats. Hopefully, if you didn't get one of the these courses this year, you will next year.

If you have a schedule that is not complete or have questions, please stop into the Student Service Center through Friday by noon or email your counselor. This time of year requires patience. We will make a morning announcement on the first day of school to address any lingering scheduling concerns and provide instructions for how to proceed.

Welcome back!

Go Trojans!

Mrs. Kreps

## Trojan Pride Day Team A Quote:

**“Winners are not people who never fail, but people who never quit.”**



## Trojan Pride Day Team B Quote

**“When it rains, look for rainbows. When it's dark, look for stars.”**

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## 8 HOUR BLOCK SCHEDULE

TIME	DAY	PERIOD	DAY	PERIOD
7:23-8:43	A Day	1	B Day	5
8:48-10:08	A Day	2	B Day	6
10:13-10:56	A Day	Achieve	B Day	Achieve
11:01-12:46	A Day	3	B Day	7
12:51-2:11	A Day	4	B Day	8

### What you are gaining with Block and Achieve Time!

- ✓ Semesters - You will have your core classes all year which will help your learning. For instance: Some of you did not have a math class from the end of 2nd tri in the previous semester (March) to 2nd trimester (November) in the following year. That was 8 months without math. I know, some of you are saying yeah! But the reality is the time away from any subject makes it harder to retain what you learned in order to continue learning from the point you left off.
- ✓ Over 90% of you will have the same teachers for math, English, science and social studies for both semesters. This will help you get to know your teacher and how they teach, and it will also help your teachers to get to know you and how you learn! Both will increase your learning and comfort in the class and with the content.
- ✓ 8 course selections a semester allows one more selection a year.
- ✓ Allows Achieve Time which is a flex time period that can be designed by you to meet your academic needs, allows you to learn something you find interesting that is not a class at MHS or spend time with friends that share the same interest, club, team or class that you do.
- ✓ You are better able to manage your homework load with only 4 classes a day.
- ✓ Students are able to get academic support with a day between classes.
- ✓ Prepares you for a college schedule

## **MHS GUIDING FORCES**

We will take care of one another

We will have dignity and respect for  
ourselves and others

We will practice acceptance, empowerment,  
and risk-taking

This will be a place of learning and growth, where we will  
put forth our best effort

We will promote safety and well-being within our  
MHS community

Comprised by the Senior Leadership Team

## **MONROE HIGH FIGHT SONG**

Monroe High, we're true to you.

Our alma mater ever dear.

Monroe High, we're true to you.

That we are loyal never fear.

**RAH! RAH!**

Monroe High, we're true to you.

We greet you now with cheer and song.

With tested deeds of strength and courage strong,

Monroe High, we're true to you.

Monroe! Monroe! Monroe High Go!

The Team! The Team! The Team!

Fight!



## **Trojan Pride Day Team C Quote:**

**“When some-  
thing goes  
wrong in your  
life, yell “Plot  
Twist,” and  
move on.”**

## **Trojan Pride Day Team D Quote**

**“Winners never  
quit and  
quitters never  
win.”**

## STUDENT SERVICES STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

Grade	Alphabet	Title	Staff	Schedule	Phone
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	A - G	Guidance Counselor/Coordinator	Scott Hochradel	M-F: 7:00-2:15	265-3435
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	H – O	Guidance Counselor/Coordinator	LiKina Turner	M-F: 7:00-2:15	265-3434
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	P – Z	Guidance Counselor/Coordinator	Lisa Warnke	M-F: 7:00-2:15	265-3439

Grade	Alphabet	Title	Staff	Schedule	Phone
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	A - G	Student Services Provider	Naomi Stoner		265-3437
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	H – O	Student Services Provider	Jamila Clark		265-3436
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	P – Z	Student Services Provider	Brenda Woolard		265-3438

Grade	Title	Staff	Schedule	Phone
9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Positive Climate Liaison	Darin Hoskins	M-F: 8:45-2:15	265-3505
11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Positive Climate Liaison	Estelle Medina	M-F: 8:45-2:15	265-3539

Grade	Title	Staff	Schedule	Phone
9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Post-Secondary Planner	Manuel Hoskins	M-F: 8:45-2:15	265-3517
11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Post-Secondary Planner	Shawna Mann	M-F: 7:30-1:00	265-3518

## STUDENT SERVICES LOCATED IN THE COMMONS AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS

**Student Service Coordinator/Guidance Counselors:** Typically meet with students about schedule changes, classes, college information, credits, graduation plans, and Educational Development Plans (EDP).

**School Service Provider:** Assist students with social/emotional issues, mean behavior and bullying.

**Climate Liaison:** Assist students and parents with attendance.

**Post-Secondary Planner :** Assist students and parents with preparing for work, college and military options after high school.