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Miller Place Panthers

Miller Place High School

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Dates to Remember

- Driver Safety Course (Seniors Only) August 28th, 7:00 pm in the HS Auditorium.
- Ninth Grade Orientation, August 28th, 2012. In the HS Auditorium, 11:00 am.
- First Day of School for students, September 4, 2012
- MPHS Academic Eligibility Appeals Meeting, Wednesday, September 5th, 2012.
- Driver Safety Course (Seniors Only) September 6th, 7:00 pm in the HS Auditorium.
- MPHS picture days, September 10th & 11th.
- MPHS Academic Eligibility Appeals Meeting, Wednesday, September 12th, 2012.
- National Honor Society Informational Meeting, Thursday, September 20th, 2012.
- MPHS Open House, Thursday September 20th, 2012, 7:00 pm.
- Spirit Week, September 24 through September 28th, 2012.
- Homecoming ~ Pep Rally, Friday, September 28th, 2012.
- Homecoming ~ Parade & Football Game, Saturday, September 29th, 2012.
- Mini College Fair, Wednesday, October 10th, 2012.
- MPHS College Applications Night, Thursday, October 4th, 2012.
- National Honor Society Applications Deadline, Thursday, October 11th, 2012.
- Safe Halloween, Wednesday, October 31st, 4-7 pm.

Principal's Message

Dear Miller Place Community,

I am excited for the 2012-2013 school year to begin and welcome the class of 2016 to the Miller Place High School. I have been fortunate to be a part of the Miller Place educational community for the past twelve years and am eager to continue to serve the district as the Principal of the high school. Our goal at the high school is to challenge the students of Miller Place intellectually, further develop them socially, and guide them toward independent thinking and problem solving. As we strive to promote healthy development in all aspects of each student's life, we also strive to develop a student body of good character and students who will make good choices and decisions resulting in successful and healthy outcomes. We encourage students to consistently demonstrate the best of themselves every moment of

everyday and to make positive contributions to the groups and organizations to which they are a part of.

Each school year represents a new beginning and a possibility for personal growth. As students are presented with new opportunities and challenges, I encourage them to use the many resources available and seek assistance both in and outside of the classroom. Utilizing the support that the school has to offer will enable them to make the decision that will have the most positive outcome. I also want to urge students to enhance their high school experience through our diverse academic offerings and numerous extra-curricular activities. We offer a variety of clubs, activities and athletic programs to meet the interests of our students. Participating in the numerous activities that are offered will connect students to the high school, making their

overall experience more valuable. Through such activities students are able to find their passion and make positive connections. Surrounding oneself with positive influences will improve the overall high school experience. We urge students to undertake challenges, become involved in the school activities, and learn valuable life lessons as they move through the building.

The high school has outstanding faculty and staff members that are dedicated to providing the best possible education to all students. It is our goal to educate every student to better prepare them for the world beyond the walls of this high school. I look forward with optimism to the upcoming year as I am eager to assist students in tackling each challenge.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Slavin, *Principal*

The "JUST" Campaign at the High School

The tenth grade English and Social Studies classes each year have had the opportunity to listen to Mr. Werner Reich, a Holocaust survivor. Mr. Reich discussed with students the importance of being a "JUST" person and doing the right thing. He reinforced the significance of positive peer treatment and encouraged students to stand up for others. In a time that this message is so vital to

students a school wide "JUST" campaign has been continued in the high school.

The building has recognized students that embodied the idea of being a "Just" person through their actions. We will be continuing the "JUST" campaign in an effort to improve the way students treat their peers.

Being a "JUST" person and doing the right thing is something

that represents the Miller Place educational community in a positive way. Please reinforce at home the importance of treating peers positively. Each student can make a difference in the community as a whole.

J~U~S~T

Judge the Situation, **U**nderstand the Problem, **S**olve, **T**ake Action

"Never look down on anybody unless you are helping them up." Jesse Jackson



Cellular Phone and Electronic Device Procedures

The display of cellular phones and other electronic devices are prohibited by students beginning with the time they arrive at school until the instructional day is over for all students. Students' cellular telephones must be turned off during this period, which includes school-sponsored events and activities occurring during the academic day. Students are prohibited from taking photos or videos on school grounds unless it is for appropriate academic purpose or school related event with prior approval. Any unauthorized display or use of an electronic device during an exam will result in a zero for the exam and disciplinary action according to the electronic device procedures.

If a student is observed displaying their phone or electronic device, the device will be confiscated and the student will be subject to discipline according to the following steps:



Step 1:

Student will receive a documented warning.
The item will be returned at the end of the day

Step 2:

Parent will be contacted.
The item will be returned at the end of the day.

Step 3:

Parent will be contacted to retrieve the item.

Step 4:

Parent will be contacted to retrieve the item.
Two Days Detention

Step 5:

Parent will be contacted to retrieve the item.
One day of *In School Suspension*

Step 6:

Parent will be contacted to retrieve the item.
Two days of *In School Suspension*

Excessive:

Parent will be contacted to retrieve the item.
Out of School suspension

Attendance Policy Information

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes. Students who miss classes are expected to consult with their teachers regarding missed work. Successful completion of make-up work will not result in a change in the students' attendance.

1. High school students must maintain 85% attendance to be eligible for credit.
2. **Twenty-seven (27)** absences within a full year of a one-credit course will result in no credit given for the course.
3. For each semester (half-year) course that meets daily, a student who is absent **fourteen (14)** days will not receive course credit.
4. For each semester (half-year) course meeting on alternating days (A/B), a student who is absent **seven (7) days** will not receive course credit.
5. Three instances of tardiness less than twenty (20) minutes will result in an absence and disciplinary action.
6. Students will be considered absent from class if they are out of class for more than twenty (20) minutes of the period.
7. **Students who are in "no credit" status before the end of the school year are obligated to continue to attend the class.** "No Credit" status will result in a grade of 50 on report cards and student transcript for the course.
8. Nurse, guidance, and social worker visits of more than twenty minutes are considered absences from class.
9. Students who are unable to attend a class on a given day/period due to their participation in a school sponsored field trip must arrange with their teachers to make up missed work. Participation in school sponsored field trips (including music lessons) will **not** count towards the total number of absences.



Guidance Information

Please check your schedule to ensure for appropriate course selection. Speak with your counselors if there are any critical scheduling concerns. An updated copy of each student's schedule will be distributed during period one on the first day of school Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

Schedule change deadline is Friday, September 7th. However students are encouraged to submit schedule change forms prior to the

opening of school. Any schedule change forms should be dropped off to the guidance office during a free period.

A course cannot be dropped after progress reports of the first marking period without it adversely affecting a student's transcript.

Reminder: Students that are interested in sitting for either the October or November SAT exam dates register online at collegeboard.com.

Counselor Information

Mr. Sean White, Director of Guidance

Ms. Marissa Smith: A-D

Ms. Meghan Gallo: E-K

Mr. John Scherer: L-P

Ms. Jane Chiappone: Q-Z



Senior Parking Information

This year the senior class will number approximately 233 students. With limited parking spaces, we will not be able to accommodate parking for all eligible students. Lottery applications are available to seniors who hold a senior license and attend with a parent or guardian one of the Safe Driving Courses held at the high school. They must also be academically eligible.

In order for students to register

their cars, they must provide the **original and a copy** of the following: *Registration, Insurance Card, Senior (Class D) License, and proof of attendance at one of the Safe Driving Courses.*

Any questions please refer to the senior mailing. You can also call the high school at 631-474-2723, extension 301.

Safe Driving Course Dates

August 28th at 7:00 p.m.

September 6th at 7:00 p.m.

January 3rd at 7:00 pm

January 7th at 7:00 pm

All of the courses are an hour and a half in duration and will be held in the High School Auditorium.



High School Eligibility Policy

Participation in extra-curricular activities is a privilege earned by students who are in good academic standing and demonstrate good citizenship. Students involved in extracurricular activities are expected to maintain satisfactory academic success. The following are a portion of the aspects of the Academic Eligibility Policy for all High School students (refer to student handbook, general mailing, or District website for more information).

Students with **two (2)** or more failing quarterly grades, or who are non-credited in a marking period, or the combination of the two, are academically ineligible for participation in any school-sponsored extra-curricular activity the following quarter.

A student who is *ineligible* may appeal to the *Extra-curricular Eligibility Committee* to be moved from being ineligible to be placed on academic probation. Students must provide evidence of **extenuating** circumstances that might have had an adverse impact on his/her academic performance.

Dates of the committee meetings are denoted on the District's calendar.

A student moved to academic probation by the

Extra-curricular Eligibility Committee must attend a mandatory academic probation study hall Monday through Thursday for the remainder of the quarter. In addition students will provide a bi-weekly progress report to the Assistant Principal and/or Dean of Students in charge of eligibility.

Any student signing in late to school after 8:37 a.m. will be ineligible for participation in any extra-curricular activity for that day unless prior approval has been obtained from the administration.

Students who sign out of school may not participate in extra-curricular activities for that day unless prior approval has been obtained from the administration.

Any additional questions please call the main office at 474-2723.

Miller Place High School Contact Information

High School Main Office
474-2723

High School Attendance Office
474-2723 extension 308

High School Guidance Office
474-2723 extension 313

High School Nurses Office
474-2723 extension 317

www.millerplace.k12.ny.us

Miller Place High Bell Schedule

Warning Bell.....7:02
Period 1.....7:05 – 7:47
Homeroom.....7:47 – 7:52
Period 2.....7:55 - 8:37
Period 3.....8:40 – 9:22
Period 4.....9:25 – 10:07
Period 5.....10:10 – 10:52
Period 6.....10:55 – 11:37
Period 7.....11:40 – 12:22
Period 8.....12:25 – 1:07
Period 9.....1:10 – 1:52

HAVE A QUESTION OR CONCERN?

Use the following list to seek help:

Academic Problems *Teacher/Counselor/Directors*
Attendance..... *Assistant Principal/Counselor*
Club Information*Main Office*
Detention/Suspension*Main Office*
Eligibility Issues.....*Assistant Principal's Office*
Homework Requests *Guidance Office*
Physicals/Medical..... *Nurse's Office*
Theft.....*Dean of Student's Office*
Transcripts *Guidance Office*
Parking.....*Assistant Principal's Office*
Working Papers..... *Guidance Office*
Schedule Issues..... *Guidance Office*

Safe Schools Helpline..... **1-800-418-6423 ext. 359**

The Safe School Helpline is a toll-free, confidential, and anonymous telephone number that will allow students and parents to report suspicious or dangerous behavior. Students can also report by the Internet at www.safeschoolhelpline.com.



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