

Mount Si High School Parent Handbook



Welcome to Mount Si High School. The MSHS PTSA developed this handbook to direct you to and provide information to help you support your student(s) through their high school years

Our job as parents is not over by any means during these years. Our children still need the attention and support of their parents as they negotiate the pathway to greater independence and self-sufficiency. Working together with the MSHS staff, administration, and other parents builds a community that fosters the success of our children. Our hope is that this handbook will assist you in making connections and obtaining the information you need to be an effective part of a positive high school experience. The four years of high school go by very quickly. Planning and guidance are crucial to your student's success. Ask questions, get involved, and buckle your seatbelts – you're heading off on an adventure with your student(s).

This MSHS Parent Handbook is a work in progress and we would appreciate your input as to what should be included in future issues. Please send any input and/or questions you have to the PTSA, contact us at our website

www.mshsptsa.com – or email – info@mshsptsa.com

You can reference the latest version of this handbook on the Mount Si website - www.mountsihighschool.com, under the Info tab.

Table of Contents:

Table of Contents:	2
Contact Information	3
Helpful Tips for Parents	4
Getting Started at Mount Si High School.....	5
MSSH Athletics	8
MSSH Clubs and Advisors	8
Class Advisors.....	8
MSSH Transportation.....	9
School Closure of Delay Information.....	9
MSSH Food Service	9
Skyward Family and Student Access.....	10
MSSH SharePoint Sites	10
MSSH Fees and Fines	11
Getting Messages to your student.....	11
Curriculum Highlights	11
Where you can get information about MSSH.....	13
Topical Index for Information.....	15

Mount Si High School

8651 SE Meadowbrook Way
Snoqualmie, WA 98065

PHONE NUMBERS:

Main Office – (425) 831-8100 Main Office Fax – (425) 831-8222

Attendance Office – (425) 831-8200

Counseling Office – (425) 831-8150 Counseling Office Fax— (425) 831-8223

Mount Si Website - <http://www.mountsihighschool.com>

Contact Information

MAIN and ATTENDANCE OFFICES:

Randy W. Taylor, Principal	831-8100
Beth Castle, Assistant Principal (A-G), Activities Director	831-8100
Greg Hart, Associate Principal (H-P), Athletic Director	831-8100
Cindy Wilson, (Q-Z) Assistant Principal, CTE Director	831-8200
Christi Wright, Administrative Secretary	831-8205
Valerie Meyers, Athletic Secretary	831-8103
Deb Baker-Jagla, Financial Secretary	831-8105
Keri Wheeler, Financial Secretary	831-8212
Ginnett Durham, Attendance Secretary	831-8200
Bronwyn McDaniels, Attendance Secretary	831-8200

COUNSELING CENTER:

Joe Galagan, Counselor (last name starting with A-E)	831-8113
Jessica Easthope, Counselor (last name starting with F-L)	831-8112
Thomas Tilton, Counselor (last name starting with M-Ro)	831-8114
Elaine Maimon, Counselor (last name starting with Rp-Z)	831-8428
Amy Anderson, Career Specialist	831-8116
Carol Nelson, Counseling Center Secretary	831-8150
Lee Kirschner, Registrar	831-8104
Lyn Seydell, Registrar	831-8095

Philosophy of Mount Si High School

It is the mission of the Mount Si High School educational community to enable students to identify and realize their potential; to celebrate individual differences; to develop skills and motivation for lifelong learning; and to be knowledgeable, responsible and productive citizens. It is the relationship of parents, students, teachers, and community—in a partnership of teaching and learning—that provides a high quality educational experience for each student. Mount Si High School strives to cultivate and provide all students with a stimulating, challenging, and nurturing school environment.

Helpful Tips for Parents

Our high school students are old enough to make many of their own decisions, but they often still need their parents to provide guidance and to set limits. Students also need their parents' support and encouragement throughout their high school years. The following tips can be helpful in guiding and advising your sons and daughters as they go through high school.

- At the beginning of each semester, sit down with your student and set realistic academic goals.
- Encourage your son or daughter to be involved in extracurricular activities. Show your support by attending performances and games.
- Make sure that your student understands that (s)he is expected to be in school, on time, every day.
- Students and parents should read the Student Handbook/Planner, which contains school policies, rules and information. Each student will get a planner at Wildcat Days or the first day of school. This document can also be found on the school website under the INFO tab.
- Attendance in each class is important. 12 or more absences in a class will result in no credit for the class, regardless of the grade earned, unless the absences are appealed at the end of the semester. Contact the Attendance Office or check the Student Planner for details.
- Sign up for school emails on the high school website and calendar updates on the district website.
- Attend back-to-school night, open house, future freshmen night and any parent conferences.
- Check the MSHS website for progress report and report card dates.
- Realize that it's your student's responsibility to do homework, prepare for tests, to follow the school's rules, and to attend classes each day.
- Work together with the school. Teachers, counselors and the principal are here to help your student get the best education possible. If you have a question or concern, don't hesitate to call the school.
- Make sure your student isn't spending too much time on the phone or computer or watching TV. Also make sure that a job won't interfere with schoolwork.
- Talk to your student about what's happening in school. More importantly, be a good listener.
- Look for opportunities to praise good grades, extra efforts and special achievements.
- If you suspect that your child is drinking or using drugs, talk to your son or daughter immediately. If you need help or advice, talk to your student's counselor or your family doctor, or an appropriate community service organization.
- Encourage your son or daughter to take care of things on his/her own. This way, your student will begin to learn independence and gain confidence. If your student is unable to resolve an issue, or if there is a serious problem, be available to help or to intervene.
- Help your student choose appropriate courses. If you have a question about a course, talk to your student's counselor.
- Help your student explore and evaluate a variety of career and educational options. The counselors can be very helpful in doing this. If you're concerned about your student's academic performance, talk to his/her counselor.

Make school a top priority for your student.

Nothing is more important to your child's future than their education!

Getting Started at Mount Si High School

Spring

High School Class Registration for Future Freshmen

During the month of March families of 8th grade students receive class registration information. A Mount Si counselor will visit 8th graders at each District middle school to discuss the class registration process for high school. Look for your child to bring home a Course Catalog from MSHS and class registration forms. The packet of information will list due dates and who to contact if you have questions. Talk to other high school parents, students, and middle school staff to get advice on what classes best fit your student's abilities and academic goals in high school. The Course Catalog is full of valuable information. It can also be found on the Mount Si website under the Info tab. We suggest that you start a file or notebook at home for high school information. It not only will help you stay organized, but it can be helpful for collecting items for your student's efolio that is required for graduation (students will learn more about this in their LA classes each year).

Later in the spring, MSHS will host a "Transition to High School" presentation. A panel of high school students, staff, administrators, and parents will be available to answer questions posed by you and your students. Watch your middle school newsletters and websites for the date for this presentation. This panel will have valuable insight and suggestions for both you and your future MSHS freshmen. Plan now to attend this presentation!!!

High school is different from middle school in two major ways: higher expectations and greater opportunities. It can be easy to take on too much academically or socially or both and become overloaded as a freshmen student. Keep in mind that this is a transition year for your child (and your family). Starting now, all grades are counted in the grade point average that will be used when evaluating your student for institutions of higher education. Your child will be exposed to tougher classes and a greater selection of extracurricular activities. Start out slowly with extracurricular activities and add more if time allows. Keep in mind that 1-3 hours per night may be necessary for homework in high school. Work with your student to determine the right balance of classes and activities that allows them to be successful in both the academic and extracurricular areas.

High School Class Registration for 10th, 11th and 12th graders

During the month of March all students will receive class registration information for the next year during one of their classes. A Mount Si counselor will discuss the class registration process and review high school graduation requirements. Look for your child to bring home a class registration forms. The packet of information will list due dates and who to contact if you have questions. The info packet will list required, recommended and elective courses offered to the next year specific to each grade level. The Course Catalog is full of valuable information and can be found on the Mount Si website under the Info tab. In an effort to reduce budget costs we do no longer print a copy of the 75 page catalog for every student. We suggest that you start a file or notebook at home for high school information. It not only will help you stay organized, but it can be helpful for collecting items for your student's Portfolio that is required for graduation. Talk to other high school parents, students, and high school staff to get advice on what classes best fit your student's abilities and academic goals in high school.

July - September (all grades)

Sometime during the summer you will receive a notification in the mail about Wildcat Days & Freshmen Orientation, which are held before school begins. Forms needed for these days will be located on our website or you can pick up a paper copy in the Main Office as noted on the mailing. You will also find information on Mount Si Athletics on our website.

Wildcat Days & Freshmen Orientation is an important part of the start of the school year. **Students will have an opportunity to pay fees, have their picture taken for student IDs and yearbooks, obtain lockers, obtain student planners, pay for parking (if your student drives to school and wants a paid parking stall), sign up for Freshmen Lock-in and ask questions.** Parents are encouraged to attend the Freshmen Orientation, which will include a tour of the building and assistance locating classes and lockers. (The process takes approximately 1 hour.) Have your freshman take the time to locate all their classrooms and locker before the first day of school.

Students not able to attend this important event will need to take care of these tasks on the first day of school *before school starts*, or attend one of the other Wildcat Days sessions.

In a separate mailing you will receive your child's class schedule. Look over the schedule carefully. It should have six classes for each semester. If you do not have a complete schedule of classes, or if you do not receive a schedule of classes in this packet, please call the number on the schedule to set up an appointment with a counselor to obtain a complete schedule. Information on how to schedule an appointment will be contained in this packet of information.

September:

High School Begins

Adjusting to high school from middle school can be a bit nerve-racking. Some freshmen dive in both academically and socially, while others hold back until they feel more comfortable. Parents should not be alarmed if their previously sociable child becomes shy or their super studious student joins five clubs and appears to be less interested in his/her academic work at first. Regardless of their initial approach, it usually takes new students at least a semester to adjust fully. You can help your child by being calm and supporting them while they find a good school balance. If you think that your child is going astray or is experiencing academic difficulties, you can contact your student's guidance counselor and make an appointment to discuss your concerns. Remember you and your child can check the class grades online at any time.

First Day of school:

Refer to the MSHS or Snoqualmie Valley School District website calendars for when the new school year begins. The regular 6 period school day starts at 7:35 AM and ends at 2:18 PM Monday-Thursday. School is dismissed at 12:18 on Fridays. (Please refer to the district calendar regarding early release Fridays or on the district website at www.svsd410.org). School starts at 6:30 AM for students with a zero hour class. A 30-minute lunch period is provided, and students may purchase a hot lunch or bring their own. In addition, students can purchase rolls, juice, etc., before school.

School Supplies

All students will receive a student planner/calendar on Wildcat Day. Additional copies are available for purchase. Students should come to school with notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pens, pencils and a binder. Teachers will provide lists of additional supplies needed for specific courses on the first day of classes.

Bus Transportation

Bus routes will be printed in the local paper in August once they have been finalized. You can find specific information about bus routes, schedules, emergency routes, and activity bus routes on the Snoqualmie Valley District website (www.svsd410.org). On the Home page click on the Bus Routes button. Or use this link: <http://www.svsd410.org/departments/transportation/BusRoutes/BusRoutes.asp> **Find your students bus stop before the first day of school!** You can contact the transportation department directly at 425-831-8020, but they are extremely busy the first week of school.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Parents who drive their children to school need to drive into the parking lot, in the car parking section, to drop their kids off and pick them up after school. There will be a line of cars doing the same thing so plan a little time to get through the parking lot. DO NOT drive into the bus lane.

Freshmen Lock-In

The Lock-In is traditionally held September. It is sponsored by the ASB and allows incoming freshmen students to spend time meeting fellow freshmen as well as student and administrative leaders of the school. It's a fun night to dance, eat and develop school spirit.

Freshman ASB Elections –

The elections occur mid-September. Announcements are made with the details of who to contact if a student is interested in running for an officer position. Freshmen class officers are responsible for managing the freshman class participation in upcoming Homecoming events and other events and fundraisers throughout the year.

Club Activity Day –

All clubs and activities will have information tables in the commons on Club Activity Day. This gives freshmen and new students an opportunity to check out and see if they are interested in joining any clubs. Watch morning announcements, newsletters and hallway posters/signs for more information.

Ways for Parents to Connect at Mount Si

Parents Make a Difference at Mount Si High School!

District teachers, staff, and parents work together as a team to enhance student learning both at school and at home. The support from parents and community is vital for this goal to be realized. There are many opportunities for parents and community members to volunteer at Mount Si. Parents are strongly encouraged to become involved in their student's schooling.

We have several excellent groups that meet regularly.

MSHS PTSA

The Mount Si High School PTSA is a cooperative team of parents, staff, and community members dedicated to enriching and strengthening the academic experience for all students. As a member of the MSHS PTSA, you will enjoy a rewarding opportunity to make a positive difference in your child's academic career and future, learn about important issues affecting your children, find ways to volunteer, and network with other parents and community members. There are many ways to volunteer without encroaching on your student's independence and self-sufficiency. Jump in, get involved, and make a difference. PTSA meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, except December, at 6:30 pm in the MSHS Library. Please feel free to contact us using our email address info@mshsptsa.com. Our website, www.mshsptsa.com is an excellent source of information. Check in with the website often to stay up-to-date.

PAG (Parent Advisory Group)

The Parent Advisory Group (PAG) meets directly after the monthly PTSA meetings. Stay informed at each month's PAG meeting as Principal, Randy Taylor, speaks directly with parents regarding the many activities occurring at the high school as well as upcoming events. You are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to hear accurate, timely information as well as have your questions about the high school answered personally and directly.

LIT (Learning Improvement Team)

The LIT deals with all issues related to learning improvement at Mount Si and oversee staff development and the learning improvement budget. Contact the school principal if you have questions regarding this committee.

WBC (Wildcat Booster Club)

The Wildcat Booster Club (WBC) includes parents, staff and community and acts as an umbrella group to support sports and clubs at Mount Si High School. The Wildcat Booster Club oversees the concessions at sports events and coordinates fundraising projects between teams and clubs. WBC Meetings are usually held the third Monday of every month unless it falls on a holiday or around vacation. The dates are on the school district calendar. WBC (Wildcat Booster Club). Meetings are at 7:00p.m. and are held in the school library.

ASB

Parents are encouraged to participate in ASB related activities. A full schedule of events throughout the school year requires volunteers to supervise and participate in leadership development activities, including the Freshman Lock-In in September. To volunteer to chaperone ASB activities, please contact ASB Advisor, Charlie Kinnune at kinnunejrc@svsd410.org or 425-831-8166.

When volunteering at the school during school hours park in one of the visitor spots near the front of the school. Do not park in an ASB or unnumbered parking stall as these are assigned or paid parking spaces for students and you could receive a \$20.00 parking ticket. If there is no visitor parking available in the front parking lot, try the back parking lot.

Remember to always sign in at the front office before reporting to your volunteer location.

MSHS Athletics

You can read the Athletic Code and get information about schedules and forms for each sport on the Mount Si website under the Sports tab.

Fall

Football (V) (JV)
Volleyball
Cross Country (V) (JV)
Girls Soccer
Boys Golf
Boys Tennis
Cheerleading

Winter

Boys Basketball
Wrestling
Gymnastics
Girls Basketball
Cheerleading

Spring

Girls Tennis
Baseball
Softball
Girls Golf
Girls Track
Boys Soccer (V) (JV) (C)
Boys Track

There are no summer sports scheduled
Contact the coaches for summer camp information

MSHS Clubs and Advisors

Students will get information about various clubs on Club Activity Day or online on the Mount Si website.

Amnesty International: Bill Dillon
Art Club: Bryce Meserve
Band: Adam Rupert
Cheerleaders: Jessii Stevens
Chess/Cube Club: Tracy Petroske
Choir: Kim Snavely
Construction Club – Gregg Meyers
Culinary Arts Club: Laura Tarp
Debate: Diana Young-Blanchard
DECA: Elaine-Marie Berg
Drama: Kim Snavely
FFA: Nick Kurka
Firm In Faith: Ryan Hill
French Club: Sally Chambers
Green Club: Andrew Rapin
German Club: Edina Kecse-Nagy
GSA: Eric Goldhammer
Honor Society: Bill Dillon

International Club: Sudeshna Sen
Japanese Club: Sudeshna Sen
Key Club: Joe Dockery
Knowledge Bowl: Gene Clegg
Natural Helpers: Joe Galagan
Newspaper (The Tales): Susan Holihan
Photo Club: James Gibowski
Spanish Club: Maria Scott
Sports Medicine: Robin Backstrom
Ski Club: Megan Slechta and Dirk Hansen
Skills USA: Jim Adams
Student Conservative Club: Leann Stewart
Video Game Club: David Ramseyer
Wildcat Television: Joe Dockery
Wildcat Production Club: Thomas Tilton
Yearbook (Tenas Coma): Susan Holihan

Class Advisors

Each class (freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors) have a couple staff members who are their Class Advisors. These Class Advisors will be their advisors all 4 years until graduation. These advisors will assist the class officers with school spirit activities, class event planning and fundraising for future events leading up to Senior Prom. Feel free to contact the advisors to get more information and help where needed.

Class of 2011
Amy Anderson
Chrisi Wright

Class of 2012
Kevin Knowles
Linda Wickswat

Class of 2013
Kim Sales
Toni Canady

Class of 2014
TBD

MSHS Transportation

You can find specific information about bus routes, schedules, emergency routes, and activity bus routes on the Snoqualmie Valley District website (www.svsd410.org). On the Home page click on the Bus Routes button. Your student's bus schedule can also be found by signing on to your Family Access account. You can contact the transportation department directly at 425-831-8020.

School Closure of Delay Information

If there is a change in bus schedule due to adverse weather or other emergency situation, the best way to get up to date information is to check the Snoqualmie Valley School District website or call the 24-hour hotline 425-831-8494. You may also get information by listening to Puget Sound area radio and television stations and on the website www.schoolreport.org. Decisions are usually made by 5:00 a.m. Limited transportation is announced by areas. You will need to know what area of the school district you are located in. You can find that out by checking on the Snoqualmie Valley School District website.

MSHS Food Service

Mount Si's Food Service provides a wide variety of food options in the Main Commons and Wildcat Court, and provides accountability and ease of payment. Students can deposit money into their lunch account or pay cash for their food purchases. **No charges can be made that will cause a negative balance in their lunch account.** The status of each student's lunch account may be checked online using your Skyward Family/Student Access account. It will show what items have been purchased and the current balance.

To make a purchase the student needs to:

- bring your selected food items to the cashier
- enter a 0 and your six digit ID number
- pay with cash or charge to your lunch account

Lunch/Breakfast RULES:

- Eating should be confined to the Commons and designated hallways.
- Do not throw food.
- Students are expected to pick up their own trays and/or litter following lunch.
- Place trash and recyclable items in the proper receptacles.

Breakfast Service

Breakfast is served from 7:00 – 7:40. It includes an entrée and three sides. The entrées include items like breakfast sandwiches, breakfast pizzas, French toast, and cereal. The side items include items like fruit, juice, milk and hash browns. The Wildcat Wake Up station sells coffee, bottled drinks, smoothies and other food items.

Lunch Service

For the basic meal price a student may choose from a selection of entrées and then add any three sides. The selection of entrées includes a daily hot lunch entrée; an item from the taco station, pizza station, or stir fry station; a large soup; and a deli sandwich. The side items include things like fruit, vegetables, small soup, salad, milk, etc. The student can purchase individual entrees at the ala carte price. The ala carte price does not include any sides. Readymade salads and the deli sandwiches are sold at the basic meal price.

Wildcat Café

The Wildcat Café is a separate program offering food services to students. The café is student run and is part of the CTE department's Culinary Arts program. The Culinary Arts program trains and prepares students for careers in the food service industry. The Café usually opens mid-October, depending on student progress. It is not affiliated with the Skyward Family/Student Access Account system. It does, however, accept cash and checks. The Café offers a variety of freshly made entrée items and beverages.

DECA Cafe is a separate program located in the new Wildcat Court where you can purchase beverages, snacks, vegetarian items and a few items from the Wildcat Cafe. DECA Cafe is opened during all three lunches and some weeks after school and other weeks before school. In 2010/11 breakfast items will be offered. DECA Cafe accepts checks and cash. It is not affiliated with the Skyward Family/Student Access Account system.

Wildcat Den, located in the Wildcat Court, offers school supplies, MSHS clothing items and MSHS spirit items. The Wildcat Den will also have club, boosters and other MSHS fundraising items for parents and community to purchase. Wildcat Den can accept credit cards cash, and checks. Wildcat Den is opened all three lunches and after school and by appointments- email berge@svsd410.org to set up a time to come and shop.

Skyward Family and Student Access

Skyward Family and Student Access is a web-based tool that allows family members and students to access student information over the Internet via a secured web connection. Parents and students can access Student Information, Gradebook (only for middle and high school), Attendance, Class Schedules, Food Service, and Bus Schedule. Students receive their own password for Student Access. Student Access allows the student to see only their information. Parents/Guardians receive a password allowing them Family Access. Family Access allows them to use one account to see information for all the students in their family. You are strongly encouraged to keep your family and student information current and up-to-date.

Parents Family Access password and login information is distributed through the Counseling Office or during school activities such as Open House, Curriculum Night and Conferences. To protect and ensure the security of student and family information, parents will need to show photo ID to obtain their Family Access passwords. Students receive their password and login information through the Library.

Skyward Family and Student Access is accessed using the Mount Si website and clicking on Family Access or Online Grades. There is a Family Access Tutorial available on the Snoqualmie Valley District website.

MSHS SharePoint Sites

Each faculty member has a SharePoint site. The SharePoint site is a place where the teachers have the option to display various kinds of information about themselves and their classes. The sites can be used to post assignments, announcements, schedules, calendars and other resources. Each teacher's site is unique depending on what and how much information they put on it.

The SharePoint sites are accessed under the Students or Parents tabs on the Mount Si website. When you click on the SharePoint's Sites link it will take you to the Staff Directory. Click on the teacher's name and it will take you to their site.

MSHS Fees and Fines

ASB Card: \$45

Pay to Play Participation Fee: \$125.00

Technology Fee: \$10 All students are required to pay a technology fee before receiving access to school computers.

Parking Fee: \$30 per semester (for Juniors and Seniors only who drive to school)

Yearbook: \$62

P.E. Locks: \$5 Students buy a lock to use during their entire high school career.

Note: Individual course fees will be communicated to students through the teacher, the course syllabus and the course catalog. Students can pay course fees at the finance window.

All student fees and fines must be paid during the school year in which they are incurred. Students may not participate in any school activity until all fines from previous years have been paid. This includes participating in school-sponsored athletics and purchasing tickets for school-sponsored dances. Books reported lost cannot be returned for credit against a fine beyond the school year in which they were checked out. Parents will be notified of past-due fines. The district is required to make every effort to collect delinquent fees and fines. Consequently, fees and fines that remain unpaid after the end of the school year may be turned over to an attorney and/or collection agency.

Seniors must have all fines/fees paid one week before graduation. Seniors with unpaid fees/fines will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Getting Messages to your student

Due to the large number of students it is difficult to deliver messages. In order to continue providing the delivery of message everyone is strongly encouraged to use discretion when asking to have a message delivered. Only have a message delivered when absolutely necessary.

Curriculum Highlights

Mount Si High School offers a diverse curriculum which is designed to provide students the opportunity for a well-balanced, enriching educational experience. Course selection is a cooperative venture and should be considered in consultation with parents/guardians, teachers, the career specialist, and counselors. Correct course selection is essential to the success of the student's total program. It is important to take courses that prepare the student for his/her general plans: four year college, community college, technical college apprenticeships, military, or employment. A High School and Beyond Plan is initiated during the student's sophomore year and updated each subsequent year. Students should be realistic about their ability level and interest. Courses should be taken that are challenging, rewarding and motivating. Graduation requirements can be found in the Course Catalog on the Mount Si website.

College Prep – Advanced Placement Classes

Mount Si High School provides a strong curriculum for preparing students for advancement to college or university. Your student should discuss their hopes and dreams for their post high school education with their counselor, so they can make a four year plan that is tailored for their success.

Mount Si offers a selection of Advanced Placement (AP) courses for college bound students. Advanced Placement courses involve college-level work. The curriculum for these courses is determined at a national level and prepares students for AP exams that are given in the spring. Many colleges and universities honor Advanced Placement test scores by granting college credit when students enroll. Taking an Advanced Placement course is considered an indicator of the breadth and rigor of work a student can handle. When deciding to include AP courses in their schedule, students should carefully evaluate their academic work load and the balancing of school with extracurricular activities and employment opportunities. Check with your counselor/career specialist and/or check the course catalog for a list of Advanced Placement courses offered.

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

CTE classes can satisfy the one occupational education (occ ed) or the elective credits required for graduation. Some classes offer equivalency credit for math, science, fine arts, or other courses. Check with your counselor/career specialist or check the course catalog for a list of CTE classes and their cross crediting options. Many CTE classes offer free college credit.

WaNIC/NEVAC Classes

We have a new Skills Center on the eastside! WaNIC – The Washington Network for Innovative Careers, formerly known as NEVAC - provides advanced-level Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs based on rigorous academic and industry standards. Over 35 different advanced training programs in seven school districts offer state-of-the-art technologies, preparation for post-high school education, and employment in high-skill, high-demand careers. Students can explore specific career choices and earn college credits and industry certifications, too. The cost is free, except for the Cosmetology program or class fees, but the student needs to provide their own transportation to/from the other high school.

Classes at Mount Si:

Culinary Arts, Criminal Justice, Audio Engineering, Sports Medicine, Auto Technology, Sports and Entertainment Marketing/Management, Carpentry/Construction Technology, Welding, Architectural Design, Engineering Design, Environmental Science, Horticulture, Media Production Technology, Animation Foundations.

Classes at other high schools that our 11th and 12th grade students can travel to:

American Sign Language, Biotechnology, Coaching Academy, Cosmetology, Event Planning/Hospitality/Tourism, Floriculture, Fire and Life Safety Training, Graphics Production, Interior Design, International Entrepreneurship, Radio/TV Broadcasting, Robotics, Teaching Academy, Technical Theatre Production, Cisco, and various computer classes on game design, game programming, 2D/3D Animation, and JAVA programming. Class descriptions are at: www.wanic.org.

Contact the Career Specialist or guidance counselors for more information.

Tech Prep Program Offers Free College Credit

Many CTE classes offer FREE college credit through the statewide Tech Prep program. To earn college credit, a student must register for the class at www.collegecareersnetwork.org sometime during the school year and earn a grade of “B” or higher. Contact the career specialist for more information.

National Center for Construction Education and Research

The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) is an education foundation that develops curriculum for craft training programs with portable credentials. Students who complete the program will receive credentials and documentation of their training through NCCER’s National Registry. Mount Si provides the National Craft Assessment and Certification Program core curriculum and Carpentry I program. Check with your counselor/career specialist or check the course catalog for more information.

Running Start

Under the Running Start legislation, eleventh and twelfth grade students may apply to enroll in courses or programs in a community or technical college without charge. Both high school and college credits may be obtained. Evidence of successful completion of each course will be included in the student's high school records and transcripts. Transportation to and from the college, books, class fees, and the parking pass are the responsibility of the student.

UW in the High School (UWHS) class at the high school

www.mountsihighschool.com, click on Info tab at top, then click on Course Catalog

ASTRONOMY (101) – UW in the High School (UWHS)

1 semester class; earn 5 quarter college credits and .5 MSHS credit Must be in grades 11 or 12

PREREQUISITE: Must have a solid B+ average in all previous science coursework, and a combined semester average of C- or better in Algebra, and an interest in exploring this course material in depth. Instructor permission may be required. **COST:** Total cost for this course at MSHS is \$320. There is also a \$35 registration fee for processing a UW student ID number and a university transcript. The total cost of \$355 total is approximately one-third the cost assessed for the identical course on the University of Washington campus.

Culminating Project (eFolio)

A culminating project is required for graduation. To satisfy this state requirement, students give a presentation to a panel of adults during their senior year. The culminating project is based on the school's electronic portfolio system, known as eFolio. Students use eFolio to display their competencies in a wide variety of academic disciplines by collecting examples of their work which demonstrate understanding of subject matter and concepts. It is important for your student to collect examples of excellent work throughout their four years of high school. These examples become the artifacts used by the student to make a presentation demonstrating their mastery of skills in three areas of competency.

Where you can get information about MSHS

Class websites Class websites are accessed using SharePoint. SharePoint can be found on the Mount Si website under the Info tab. Click on Teacher Classroom Sharepoint Web Sites.

Course Catalog is available on the Mount Si website, under the Info tab. Each March an updated version for the next school year will be posted on the website.

Making College Decisions This packet can be found in the counseling office.

Money Matters This packet addressing work study, scholarships, loans, and grants is found in the counseling office.

Monthly Newsletters The newsletters are emailed to anyone who signs up on the Mount Si website to receive them. If you wish to have a paper copy mailed to your home contact the school main office.

Mount Si Website <http://www.mountsihighschool.com>

Student Planner All students receive their own planner during Wildcat Days. A copy can also be found on the Mount Si website, under the Info tab. Replacement copies are available for a fee in the Main Office.

District Calendar A district calendar can be found on the district website for all schools. Updated calendar information may be accessed on the Mount Si website under the Info tab.

To contact Staff at Mount Si High School Staff members are listed alphabetically, with their room number, schedules, email address and office phone number on the Mount Si website, under the Staff Directory tab.

Wildcat Days Information can be found on the Mount Si website in mid July.

Main Office

I Need Help With...

Who Do I Ask?

Off Campus Lunch Passes.....	Mrs. Castle
Purchasing ASB cards, Yearbooks, Student Fees/Fines, Purchases.....	Finance Window
Lost and Found Items.....	Main Office
Athletic Eligibility Forms and Final Clearance.....	Mr. Hart
Student Insurance.....	Mrs. Meyers
ASB Activity Purchase Orders Signed.....	Mrs. Keri Wheeler
Assemblies/Dances, School Events, Scheduling.....	Mrs. Castle
School Calendar, Facilities Scheduling, Dance Guest Passes.....	Mrs. Meyers
Athletics, Athletic Scheduling, Use of School Facilities.....	Mr. Hart
Reduced Price Lunch Applications.....	Mrs. Keri Wheeler/Ms. Deb Baker-Jagla
Fundraising Applications/Information and Event Scheduling.....	Mrs. Castle
Buses and Transportation.....	Mrs. Meyers
Theft reports.....	Security
Guest Passes (required of all visitors).....	Any Administrator
Parking.....	Mrs. Castle

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ASB Activities/Elections.....	Mr. Kinnune/Mrs. Castle
Activity and Fundraisers Approval.....	Mrs. Castle

Attendance Office

I Need Help With...

Who Do I Ask?

Attendance Records & Appeal Requests.....	Mrs. Durham/Mrs. McDaniels
Pre-arranged Absences, Illness, Early Dismissal.....	Mrs. Durham/Mrs. McDaniels
First Aid, Health Room.....	Attendance Office
Suspension & Final Grade Appeals.....	Mrs. Wilson
Lockers.....	Attendance Office

Counseling Center

I Need Help With...

Who Do I Ask?

Records, Progress Reports, Report Cards, Transcripts, Withdrawal/Entry.....	Mrs. Kirschner/Mrs. Seydell
Scheduling, Registration, Credit Check.....	Counselors
Graduation Requirements, Educational Information.....	Counselors
Personal Concerns/Counseling.....	Counselors
College/VTI Programs/Running Start.....	Counselors
Scheduling Appointments (to see counselors)	Mrs. Nelson

Conflict Resolution	Mr. Galagan
Career/ Information/.....	Career Center
Career Speakers/College/Post High School Programs	Career Center
Job Postings / Job Board.....	Career Center
Military.....	Career Center
Camp Counselors.....	Career Center
Tutors.....	Counseling Sec. (Carol Nelson) Ext #8168
Running Start.....	Counselors Ext #8150
Foreign Exchange students and programs	Thomas Tilton Ext #8114
Diversity and Respect Team.....	Thomas Tilton Ext #8114
NCAA Eligibility.....	Joe Galagan Ext #8113
Natural Helpers.....	Joe Galagan Ext #8113
Advanced Placement Classes and Credits.....	Joe Galagan Ext #8113
WaNIC (formerly NEVAC) / Tech Prep programs.....	Career Specialist (Amy Anderson) Ext #8116
SAT/ACT Registration/Information.....	Counseling Sec. (Carol Nelson) Ext #8168
College Visits / Presentations.....	Career Specialist (Amy Anderson) Ext#8116
Financial Assistance for fees.....	Jessica Easthope Ext #8112
School/scholarship letters of recommendation.....	Counselors Ext #8150
Questions about colleges	Career Specialist (Amy Anderson) Ext #8116 & Counselors Ext #8150
Scholarships.....	Counseling Secretary (Carol Nelson)
Graduation.....	Counseling Secretary (Carol Nelson)
College Applications.....	Counseling Secretary (Carol Nelson)

HOW TO CONTACT THE COUNSELING CENTER

TITLE	NAME	STUDENT ASSIGNMENT	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
Counselors:	Joe Galagan	Last Names A – F	831-8113	galaganj@svsd410.org
	Jessica Easthope	Last Names G - M	831-8112	easthopej@svsd410.org
	Thomas Tilton	Last Names N - R	831-8114	tiltont@svsd410.org
	Elaine Maimon	Last Names S - Z	831-8428	maimone@svsd410.org
Career Specialist:	Amy Anderson		831-8116	andersonae@svsd410.org
Secretary:	Carol Nelson		831-8168	nelsoncj@svsd410.org
Registrars:	Lee Kirschner		831-8104	kirschnerw@svsd410.org
	Lyn Seydell		831-8095	seydelll@svsd410.org

The Snoqualmie Valley School District website and the Mount Si High School website are the two online sources of information. There are three main documents containing helpful information, the Student Handbook, the Parent Handbook and the Course Catalog. All three of these handbooks can be found on the Mount Si website under the Info tab. Students receive their handbook in their Student Planner during Wildcat Days. Extra Student Planners can be purchased through the Main Office. The Parent Handbook, produced by the MSHS PTSA and the Course Catalog are distributed during Freshman Orientation in March. The Course Catalog is available for other students on the Mount Si website in March. Additional helpful documents can be found on the Mount Si website under the Info tab. The following topical index will help direct you to the appropriate place for information.

Snoqualmie Valley School District Website <http://www.svsd410.org>
Mount Si Website <http://www.mountsihighschool.com>

Topical Index for Information

Information needed:

4-Year Program - Plan Yours & Example
Absences
Academic Advancement Policy
ACT - SAT Comparative Features
ACT Test information
Advanced Placement Classes/Credits
Advanced Academic Studies Information
Alcohol Policy
Alma Mater Fight Song
Alumni Bio
ASB Associated Student Body
ASB Cards
ASB Committee Chairs
ASB Officers
Assemblies
Athletic Clearance/Physical Form
Athletic Code
Athletic Eligibility Clearance/tryouts & practices
Athletic Eligibility Requirements
Athletic Fees
Attendance Appeal Requests
Attendance Policy & Procedures
Attendance Records
Bell Schedules
Bibliography Guidelines
Boosters
Building Map
Bus Routes
Buses & Transportation
Calendar of Events
Campus Boundaries
Campus Security
Cheerleaders
Class Fees
Class Officers/Board of Directors
Class Registration Information and Procedures
Class schedule questions
Closed Campus
Clubs & Advisors
College - Getting into information
College - Helpful MSHS websites
College - Teacher Recommendation Info
College Cost Comparisons
College Credit Earned in High School
College Questions
College Information
College Tours - Questions to Ask
College Tours - Virtual Tours
College Visits

Where to get the information:

Course Catalog
Student Handbook, absences policy & procedures
Course Catalog
Making College Decisions-Counseling Office
Making College Decisions-Counseling Office
Course Catalog & Counseling Office
Course Catalog & Counseling Office
Student Handbook (Controlled Substances)
Student Handbook, Info tab
MSHS website
MSHS website & monthly newsletters
Student Handbook
Student Handbook
Student Handbook
Student Handbook
MSHS website - activities/physical consent form
Student Handbook
Wildcat Day Letter - MSHS website
Wildcat Day Letter - MSHS website
Wildcat Day Letter - MSHS website
Attendance Office
Student Handbook
Attendance Office
Student Handbook
Student Handbook
MSHS website (Sports tab, Football , Booster Club)
Counseling Center
District Website
District Website
MSHS Website & Student Handbook
Student Handbook
Student Handbook
Student Handbook
Course Catalog
Student Handbook
Course Catalog
Counseling office Registrar and/or counselor
Student Handbook
Student Handbook
Making College Decisions-Counseling Office
Making College Decisions-Counseling Office
Making College Decisions-Counseling Office
Making College Decisions-Counseling Office
Course Catalog
Career Center & Counselors
MSHS website, seniors tab
Making College Decisions-Counseling Office
Making College Decisions-Counseling Office
Career Center & Counselors

Information needed:

College Visitation Programs for Seniors
 Colleges' Core Course Requirements for Entrance
 Community Service (not a HS Grad. Req. but suggested for college appls.)
 Computer Use
 Controlled Substances
 Counseling Appointments
 Courses requiring fees
 Credit and Grade Values
 Dance Guest Passes
 Dance Team
 Dancing Guidelines
 Detention
 Discipline
 District Calendar
 Dress Code
 Drivers Ed. Class
 Driving Directions
 Dropping Classes
 Dropping Out of School
 Drugs
 Early Dismissals
 efolio
 Electronic Devices
 Emergency - School Plan - Crisis Response
 Emergency Health Information Form
 Essay Writing Tips for College
 Evacuation Plan
 Event Scheduling
 Expulsion
 Extended Learning
 Family Access (parents login and password)
 Federal and State Programs
 Fees
 Fighting Policy
 Final Grade Appeals
 Finance Window Hours
 Financial Aid for College FAQ's
 Financial Assistance for school fees
 Fine Arts Courses
 Fines
 First Aid
 Food Services
 Foreign Exchange Students/programs
 Free/Reduced Lunch
 Freshman Lock-In
 Fundraising Applications/Info

Where to get the information:

Making College Decisions-Counseling Office
 Course Catalog
 Counseling office & www.snoqualmievalleycommunitynetwork.org
 Student Handbook
 Student Handbook
 Counseling Center
 Course Catalog
 Course Catalog
 Student Handbook (Traditions/Special Events)
 Student Handbook
 Student Handbook (Traditions/Special Events)
 Student Handbook
 Student Handbook
 District Website
 Student Handbook
 Course Catalog
 MSHS Website
 Student Handbook
 Course Catalog
 Student Handbook (Controlled Substances)
 Student Handbook/ Attend. Office
 MSHS website/Academics tab
 Student Handbook
 Main Office
 MSHS website
 Making College Decisions-Counseling Office
 Main Office
 Main Office
 Student Handbook (Detentions)
 MSHS website
 Counseling Center
 Money Matters packet in Counseling office
 Student Handbook & Course Catalog
 Student Handbook
 Main Office
 Wildcat Day Letter - MSHS website
 Money Matters packet in Counseling office
 Counseling Office
 Course Catalog
 Student Handbook
 Attendance Office
 Student Handbook and MSHS website
 Counseling Office
 Wildcat Day Letter - MSHS website
 Student Handbook (Traditions/Special Events)
 Main Office

Where to get the information:

Information needed:

Grad Night	MSHS website
Grades	Registrar - Counseling Office
Graduation	Counseling Sec. - Counseling Office
Graduation Requirements	Course Catalog & Student Handbook
Graduation Requirements	Making College Decisions-Counseling Office
Graduation Tickets	Main Office
Graduation/ diploma verification	Registrar - Counseling Office
Guest Passes (required for all visitors)	Main Office
Guidelines for Work Experience Credit	Course Catalog
Hall Rules	Student Handbook
Harassment	Student Handbook
Hazing	Student Handbook
Health Courses	Course Catalog
Health Room	Attendance Office
Home Study	Student Handbook (Attendance)
Homecoming & Spirit Week	Student Handbook (Traditions/Special Events)
Homework	Talk to: 1.Teacher 2.counselor 3. administration
Honor Classes	Course Catalog
Humor Awareness	Student Handbook
Illness	Attendance Office
Inclement Weather	Student Handbook & District Website
Injuries	Student Handbook
In-School Suspension	Student Handbook (Detentions)
Internet Safety Policy	MSHS website
Introduction to Financial Aid	Money Matters packet in Counseling office
Job Board	Career Center - Counseling Office
Job Postings for students	Career Center - Counseling Office
Language Arts Courses	Course Catalog
Last Blast	Student Handbook (Traditions/Special Events)
Lettering in a Sport	Contact your coach for guidelines
Letters of Recommendation school & scholarship	Counselors
Library	Student Handbook
LIT Learning Improvement Team	MSHS website & monthly newsletters
Loans for College	Money Matters packet in Counseling office
Lockers	Attendance Office
Long Term Suspension	Student Handbook
Lost & Found	Main Office
Lunch Menu	MSHS website
Lunch Passes	Main Office
Lunch Rules	Student Handbook
Make Up Work	Student Handbook (Detentions)
Mathematics Courses	Course Catalog
Meal Prices	Student Handbook
Messages for your students	Student Handbook
Military Options/Recruiters	Career Center - Counseling Office
Mission Statement	MSHS website
Mount Si Sports Clearance	MSHS website
MSHS calendar	MSHS website
MSHS Logos	MSHS website
NCAA Eligibility	Counseling Office

Information needed:

New Student registration
 Newsletter
 Occupational Electives Courses
 Online Grades
 Outside Credits and Distant Learning Policy
 P.T.S.A.
 PAG Parent Advisory Group
 Parent teacher conferences (held in November)
 Parking
 Parking Fee
 Parking Permit Form
 Philosophy of Mount Si HS
 Physical Education Courses
 Physical Education Limitations
 Physical Forms
 Plagiarism & Cheating
 Planned Absences
 Posters/Advertisements
 Progress reports
 Prom
 Questions or concerns about grades
 Recommended Sanctions for Rule Violations
 Reduced Lunch Applications
 Repeating Classes
 Report Cards
 Required Course Options and Course Desc.
 Restrooms
 Rule Violation - Recommended Sanctions
 Running Start
 SAT Information
 SAT Test information
 SAT/ACT Registration/Information
 Scholarships
 School Closure Information
 School Events
 School Improvement Plan
 School Safety
 Science Courses
 Skills Center Courses
 Senior Awards Night
 Senior Calendar
 SharePoint Sites
 Social Studies Courses
 Special Services Courses
 Student Government
 Student ID Cards
 Student Insurance Forms
 Student Login and password
 Student Pictures
 Student Records

Where to get the information:

Counseling Sec. - Counseling Office
 MSHS website
 Course Catalog
 MSHS website - Teacher SharePoint sites
 Course Catalog
 MSHS Website (Parent tab)
 MSHS website & monthly newsletters
 Newsletter sent home to parents
 Student Handbook
 Student Handbook
 MSHS website
 Student Handbook
 Course Catalog
 Student Handbook
 MSHS website
 Student Handbook
 Student Handbook (Attendance)
 Student Handbook
 Counseling Center
 Student Handbook (Traditions/Special Events)
 Talk to: 1. Teacher 2. counselor 3. administration
 Student Handbook
 Attendance Office
 Course Catalog
 Student Handbook & Counseling Office
 Course Catalog
 Student Handbook
 Student Handbook
 Counselors
 Counseling office
 Making College Decisions-Counseling Office
 Counseling Sec. - Counseling Office
 Counseling Sec. - Counseling Office
 District website
 MSHS website
 MSHS website
 Wildcat Day Letter - MSHS website
 Course Catalog
 Course Catalog
 Student Handbook (Traditions/Special Events)
 MSHS Website/Counseling Center
 MSHS website
 Course Catalog
 Course Catalog
 Student Handbook
 Student Handbook
 Main Office
 MSHS Library
 Wildcat Day Letter - MSHS website
 Registrar - Counseling Office

Information needed:

Student Responsibilities
 Student Rights
 Student Withdrawals
 Suspensions
 Tardies
 Tech Prep
 Telephones
 Tests SAT, PSAT, AP
 The Financial Aid Process, FAFSA Phone #'s
 Theft reports
 Tobacco use or possession
 Tolo
 Traditions/ Special Events
 Traffic Safety Class
 Transportation
 Transcripts
 Tutoring
 Tutors
 Vandalism
 Vehicle Operation
 Vehicle Registration
 Visitors & Guests
 Voter Registration
 WaNIC (formerly NEVAC) Classes
 WASL/HSPE Information
 WBC Wildcat Booster Club
 Weapons
 Weather Net
 Wildcat Days Letter
 Withdrawing from classes
 Withdrawing from MSHS
 Work Study
 World Languages Courses
 Yearbook cost & info

Where to get the information:

Student Handbook
 Student Handbook
 Registrar - Counseling Office
 Student Handbook (Detentions)
 Student Handbook (Attendance)
 Making College Decisions-Counseling Office
 Student Handbook
 Counseling office & MSHS website
 Money Matters packet in Counseling office
 School Security Main Office
 Student Handbook (Controlled Substances)
 Student Handbook (Traditions/Special Events)
 Student Handbook
 Course Catalog
 Student Handbook
 Registrar - Counseling Office
 Student Handbook/Counseling Office
 Counseling Sec. - Counseling Office
 Student Handbook
 Student Handbook
 Student Handbook
 Student Handbook
 Counseling Center
 Course Catalog
 Counselors
 MSHS website (Sports, Football Tabs)
 Student Handbook
 MSHS website
 MSHS website
 Course Catalog
 Counseling Center/Registrar/Course Catalog
 Money Matters packet in Counseling office
 Course Catalog
 Wildcat Day Letter - MSHS website