



# MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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September 2024

## Important Dates

### August 29

Meet the Teacher  
Elementary  
Appointment only  
3-6 p.m.

Meet the Teacher  
Middle/High School  
5-6 p.m.

**September 3**  
First Day of School  
Full Day

**October 9**  
Picture Day

**November 7**  
Half Day of School  
Parent Teacher  
Conferences

**November 8**  
No School for Students  
Staff Professional  
Development

**November 27-29**  
No School  
Thanksgiving Recess

**December 2**  
School Resumes

**December 20**  
Full Day of School  
Winter Recess Begins  
at Dismissal

**December 21 -  
January 5**  
No School  
Winter Recess

**January 6**  
School Resumes



*Tina Frollo*  
*Superintendent*

## Welcome!

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! I am honored to be your superintendent and look forward to a fantastic school year. Most of you know me because I have worked at Mancelona Public Schools for the past 11 years. I had the privilege of being the middle school principal during my first four years. The next six years I enjoyed our elementary students, staff and families. Last year I worked in Central Office as the district's Director of Curriculum and Learning. Now, I am very excited to work in this new role as superintendent.

There has been a lot of construction in and around our school buildings. We are thankful to our community for supporting the bond allowing all this work to happen. Over the past two years, classrooms and hallways in all buildings received updated flooring and cabinetry, new heating units and updated fire panels. There are new secure entrances in each building, including at the Early Childhood Center in Mancelona Middle School. The parking lots at the elementary and middle schools have also been improved.

For athletics, you will notice the new field house which provides locker rooms, public restrooms and the concession stand. Mancelona fans will be able to park at the elementary school and enter by the new ticket booth and sidewalk on the west end of the football field. Throughout the fall, work will continue at the middle school in the fifth/sixth grade wing, which means sixth graders will have alternate classroom areas until 2025. It will be worth the wait!

Building principals have been working with their teams to ensure a great start to the school year. We welcome Mr. Jake Murray to the Mancelona family as the new principal at Mancelona Middle School. Additionally, I have been meeting with our teams who support the business office, early childhood, transportation, maintenance, technology, food service, and custodial work to make this an amazing year.

If you would like to speak with me, please email me at [tfrollo@mancelonaschools.org](mailto:tfrollo@mancelonaschools.org) or call (231) 587-9764. I'm eager to build even stronger connections between our school district, families and the community. Thank you for choosing to be Ironmen!

## Preschool & Childcare

Mancelona Early Childhood Programs have several opportunities for FREE and low cost experiences for infants through 12 years of age. There are tuition-based classrooms for all ages, Great Start Readiness for 4-year olds, Strong Beginnings for 3-year olds, and a Head Start/ Early Head Start program.

There are also early childhood employment opportunities available to adults who are interested in this career path! To inquire about employment in these classrooms or enrollment for children, call (231) 587-9021 or [lharvey@mancelonaschools.org](mailto:lharvey@mancelonaschools.org).

## FREE School Meals

All Mancelona Public Schools students enrolled in grades K-12 are eligible to receive a breakfast and lunch at school for no charge during the 2024-25 school year. A Household Information Report must be completed. To find the form, go to [Mancelona.familyportal.cloud](https://mancelona.familyportal.cloud) and click on "Apply for Benefits" and then "Education Benefits Form." If you have questions, contact Lindsey Newland at (231) 587-9764 or [lnewland@mancelonaschools.org](mailto:lnewland@mancelonaschools.org).

# Greetings from the Mancelona Principals

## Mancelona Elementary School

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! I am excited to start my second year as the proud principal of Mancelona Elementary School. The elementary staff and I are eagerly awaiting the new academic year with your children. Our work together this year will center around the motto ***Faster, Higher, Stronger, Together.***



***Bernadette Pletcher***  
***Elementary***  
***Principal***

To make this vision possible we need your investment in making certain that your child attends school each day and that they are healthy and well. Prioritizing attendance is the best way to build a foundation of success beyond the classroom. Being present at school and stretching academic limits cultivates perseverance and positive work habits.

Additionally, I hope that you will support a healthy working relationship with your child's teacher that puts students' needs first. Remember that children learn from you and how you interact with others.

We hope that you will join us for Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, August 29, 3-6 p.m. A sign up will be available online so that parents may schedule quality time with their child's new teacher. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 3, beginning at 8:10 a.m.

Again, welcome to the new school year and remember; Polite, Responsible Ironkids do their BEST each day! Let's make this a great year together. Go Ironmen!

## Mancelona Middle School

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! My name is Jake Murray, and I am thrilled to be principal of Mancelona Middle School. Growing up in Antrim County, I am honored to take on this role and serve the students and families of the Mancelona community. Both of my sons have attended Mancelona Schools, and as a proud parent, I have had the pleasure of knowing many of its wonderful families. I am eager to meet each family and more community members along the way as we work together to build upon the great programming and traditions of our school.



***Jake Murray***  
***Middle School***  
***Principal***

Mancelona Middle School now features brand new lockers, a redesigned parking lot, a secure main entrance, and beautiful new flooring throughout the building. It is a truly stunning place for our students to learn and grow. I cannot wait for everyone to see the remarkable transformation.

My goal is to build strong connections with our students, parents, and the entire Mancelona community. I firmly believe that when we work together, amazing things can happen! This commitment to a positive attitude and a consistent effort are the major keys to students reaching their full potential. Communication is the foundation of any great school-community relationship. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our teachers, staff, and me with questions or concerns throughout the year. We are here to support you and your child's educational journey.

At the heart of our school's mission is the belief that we are a caring and respectful learning community which holds high expectations for all to achieve their personal best. Through our dedicated system of support, we are creating lifelong learners who will have a positive impact on the world.

I look forward to meeting many of you at Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, August 29. I am excited for the start of this school year on September 3, and I cannot wait to see all that our students will accomplish! Let's make it the best year yet! Go Ironmen!

## School Hours

### Full Day Schedules                      Doors Open

**Elem.** 8:10 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.      8:05 a.m.

**Middle** 8:20 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.      8:10 a.m.

**High** 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.      8:00 a.m.

### 1/2 Day Dismissal Times

**Elem.**                                      11:20 a.m.

**Middle**                                    11:30 a.m.

**High**                                        11:25 a.m.

## School Pictures

Picture day for all MPS students is  
**October 9**

Make-up picture day is November 21

**\* See page 3 \***  
**for High School Principal**  
**Trent Naumcheff's letter**

# Greetings from Mancelona High School Principal

Mancelona High School students will notice a fresh new look and feel to the inside the building when they return for the 2024-25 school year. Thanks to the bond work, all classrooms have new flooring and paint, and all the hallways and trim have been painted. The library has new carpet, we have a complete computer lab with all new furnishings, and we have a new STEM and lecture room. Every corner of the building has been improved!



*Trent Naumcheff  
High School  
Principal*

Outdoors, you will soon see construction of new dugouts for baseball and softball. These will go well with the concession stands and restrooms that were completed at the end of last season. Bushard Field has a new field house with locker rooms, concessions and bathrooms. The freshly paved elementary parking lot will lead our home fans into the new home entrance on that side of the stadium.

All of this work in and around our buildings will only enhance our academics. At MHS, we continue to offer Baker College classes and the opportunity to attend Career Tech. In addition to the core academic subjects, we offer a wide range of electives, including wood shop which has been a great addition. A power mechanics class will join the other electives such as speech/drama, web design, journalism, history courses with a variety of themes, a business class to run our school store, and even work-based learning where kids can earn credits for working their jobs outside of school.

The challenges and stress of being an adolescent are greatly reduced by the variety we offer and the caring way our staff members work with students. We strive to give the students the tools they need to succeed while at MHS and beyond. Go Ironmen!

## School Bus Routes

BUS Number	Route Start Time	ROUTE DETAILS (Subject to change)
<b>A</b> Loretta 24-1 18-2	6:25 a.m.	Alden Hwy. to Crystal Springs, Chapman, Franklin, McPherson, W. Elder, Bebb, Lake of the Woods, M88, Johnson, E. Elder, Downey St., W. Limits
<b>B</b> Marie 18-1	7:00 a.m.	Downey St., Green St., Robbins St., Brown St., Wabash, Park Ave., Elder, Nothstine, Leonard Rd., S. Johnson Rd., Bailey, M88, Schuss Mt., Simpson, Cedar River, Kresnak
<b>D</b> Manuel 19-1	6:50 a.m.	Westwood, Wheeler Lake, Priest, Plum Valley, Cemetery, Chandler, Cumberland Dr., US 131 South, Lake St., Phlum, Sunset Trail, N. Twin Lake, Covert.
<b>F</b> Mackenzie 23-1	6:35 a.m.	Valley Rd., Satterly Lake, Scholl, Minzey, Wetzel, Miracle Dr., Scotch Pine, Conrad, Doerr, M66, Green River, Cedar River, Eddy School, N. Maple
<b>H</b> Laura 24-2	6:35 a.m.	Mancelona Rd., C38, Cinderhill Rd., Scholl, Bocook, Whispering Pines, Larkspur, Ashcroft, Heatherston, Willowbrook, Springside, Montrose, Skytrail, Pineview, Wyckerly <b>In Town: Townview, Washington, Roberts</b>
<b>I</b> Brian 19-2	Starts after 7:00 and varies	<b>In Town Stops only:</b> Maple St., Division St., N. Limits, Monroe St., Robbins Daycare, Shorts Daycare, Catholic Church, Riverdale, Sunnyside
<b>J</b> 20-1	6:30 a.m.	C38, Soderquest, Ellie Lane, Windmill Point, Musser, 571 Darragh, Starvation Lake, Barnhart <b>In Town: Asbury, Lake St., Palmer Park, Franklin, E. Limits, Pierce</b>

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## College Credit Options

Mancelona High School students can earn college credit through Baker College dual enrollment (direct credit) and courses are taken at MHS.

North Ed Career Tech Early College students can also begin earning college credits during junior year. To learn more about these options, contact high school counselor, Mrs. Dingman at [mdingman@mancelonaschools.org](mailto:mdingman@mancelonaschools.org).

## Mancelona Fight Song

(Students are to stand)

Brave men of Mancelona  
Strong men and true  
Hail to the Ironmen  
Our song we raise to you.

Brave men of Mancelona  
Into the fray  
When true hearts strive together  
Victory crowns the day.

**Go Mancy Go!  
Fight Mancy Fight!**




## Summer Programs

Through a partnership with Mancelona Public Schools, Communities In Schools of Northwest Michigan hosted summer programs for students with a focus on boosting academic skills. Elementary students practiced reading and math skills and enjoyed fun STEM activities. For middle school students, it was all about the Olympics! They learned about the history of the Olympics and earned medals for their academic achievements throughout the four weeks of programs.

Middle school students also enjoyed making easy, healthy and yummy snacks through the guidance of MSU Extension. From popsicle breaks to paper plane contests, tie dying fun and water games, the kids had a blast getting creative and staying active. Incoming ninth grade students had an opportunity to earn credit for core classes so they can be on-track as they enter high school.

Overall, students showed increased skill levels in reading and math, and all students enjoyed breakfast and lunch provided by Chartwells.

CIS staff will be working in the schools every day to insure students have what they need to succeed. CIS thanks Mancelona Public Schools and the community for the continued partnerships to be "All In for Kids."



**Communities In Schools® Northwest Michigan**

# Stuff the Bus!


Help Kids Be Successful & Achieve in School!

<p><b>School Supplies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlighters</li> <li>• Sticky notes</li> <li>• Expo markers</li> <li>• Kids scissors</li> <li>• Over the ear headphones</li> <li>• Pocket folders</li> <li>• Pencils</li> <li>• Colored pencils</li> <li>• Single subject notebooks</li> <li>• Disinfecting wipes</li> <li>• Backpacks</li> <li>• 3 or 5 Subject Notebooks</li> </ul>	<p><b>Basic Needs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boy's Underwear sizes 5-8</li> <li>• Girl's Underwear sizes 5-8</li> <li>• Girl's pants sizes 5-8</li> <li>• Boy's pants sizes 5-8</li> <li>• Deodorant</li> <li>• Shampoo and conditioner</li> <li>• Soap and body wash</li> <li>• Kleenex</li> <li>• Socks of any size</li> <li>• Women's leggings size s-xl</li> </ul>
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All donated materials must be safe for young children and use only non-toxic materials. (No broken, used or worn supplies, please.)

If you are interested in making a monetary donation for the campaign, please visit <https://communitiesinschoolsfornorthwestmichigan.kindful.com/>

Supplies and monetary donations may be delivered or mailed to:  
 CIS of Northwest Michigan 205 Grove Street, Mancelona 49659  
 info@cisnwm.org 231-587-4367



## Important Annual Notices

Mancelona Public Schools makes several public notices at the beginning of the school year. Please carefully review the next few pages of the newsletter to ensure you have all the information you need for a successful year. You may also find additional information at the school website, [Mancelonaschools.org](http://Mancelonaschools.org).

## Pest Management Advisory

Mancelona Public Schools (MPS) contracts with JEB Pest Control, LLC, Boyne City, MI to conduct pest management. Michigan law requires schools and day care centers that apply pesticides on school or day care property to provide an annual advisory to parents or guardians of students attending the facility.

MPS uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM uses all suitable techniques with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce to an existing population to an acceptable level. These techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require pesticides to be used.

As required by Michigan law, MPS provides advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such

as insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school grounds or building during the school year. Notification is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students and staff, but will be notified after the fact.

Advance notification of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation will be given by posting at each building's main entrance.

Parents and guardians of children attending MPS are entitled to receive advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least three days before the pesticide application, if so requested. You may request to be added to MPS advance notification list by calling MPS central office at (231) 587-9764. Additionally, parents and guardians of children attending MPS may review the school's IPM program and records upon request.

## Grievance Procedures

Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, Title IX of the Education Act of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973: If any person believes that the Mancelona Public School, or any part of the school organization has inadequately applied the principles or regulations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Act of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, they may bring forward a complaint, which will be referred to as grievance, to the union grievance procedure, if applicable, or to the local Civil Rights Compliance Officer at the following address: Jeffery DiRosa, Superintendent, Mancelona Public School, 112 St. Johns Ave., Mancelona, Michigan 49659, phone 231-587-9764.

**Mancelona Public School Certified and Noncertified Employees:** The master agreement between the local employment group and Mancelona Board of Education prescribes specific grievance procedures. Employees covered under the terms of these agreements should use said procedures for filing complaints.

**Other Employees, Parents, Students, Community Members:** Any person not represented under the above-named contracts who believes he or she has a valid basis for grievance should file a grievance with the Civil Rights Compliance Officer, who shall investigate and respond to the complaint. He/she may initiate formal procedure according to the following steps:

- A completed Civil Rights Grievance Form, obtained at the district's business office and signed by the complainant, shall be submitted to the district's Civil Rights Compliance Officer within five (5) business days of the receipt of the response to the original complaint. The Compliance Officer shall further investigate the complaint within ten (10) business days.
- If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the Compliance Officer, he or she may submit a signed statement of the appeal to the Secretary of the Board of Education within five (5) business days of receipt of the written response in Step One. In an attempt to resolve the grievance, the board of education shall hold a hearing of the concerned parties within forty (40) business days from the receipt of the statement of appeal. A copy of the disposition of the board relative to the complaint shall be sent to each concerned party within ten (10) business days of said hearing.
- In the event that the grievance is not satisfactorily settled by the board of education, further appeal may be made to the Office of Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington DC 20201. The local grievance officer, upon request, will provide a copy of the district's grievance procedure and investigate all complaints in accordance with the procedure.

## Asbestos Management Plan

Mancelona Public Schools contracts with DeLisle Associates, LTD., Portage, MI to maintain the Asbestos Management Plan (AMP). In June 2022, they completed a three-year reinspection as required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. Contained in the School Bond that just passed, one of the items is removal/abatement of all remaining asbestos throughout the district. In doing so, this should be the last three-year reinspecton. The AMP has been approved by the Michigan Department of Health. The AMP contains information regarding the location of asbestos-containing materials (ACM), if any, in all Mancelona Public School buildings, the condition of the ACM, and a plan for dealing with it. District personnel conduct biannual inspections of the ACM. A complete set of plans for all buildings is available for review in the Superintendent's office during normal business hours.

## Student Substance Abuse Policy

Matters pertaining to the Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989. Public Law 101-226 The Mancelona Public School District believes that the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession of alcohol is wrong and harmful. Therefore, age-appropriate, developmentally-based drug and alcohol education and prevention programs (which address the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol use and which provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol) will be a part of the curriculum for all students in the programs operated or served by the school district from early childhood level through grade 12.

1. The Mancelona Public School District prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on school premises or as part of any of its activities. **COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CONDUCT IS MANDATORY.**
2. Disciplinary action (consistent with local, state and federal law) up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution, will be imposed upon students who violate this standard.
3. Description of actions: Discipline will be applied appropriately to the offense and offender following the Mancelona Suspension and Expulsion Policy guidelines. Additionally, discipline may include: a.) Completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program at parent's or legal guardian's expense. b.) Referral for prosecution. Parents are encouraged to seek appropriate family counseling agencies as necessary. Cost of the programs shall be borne by the parent.
4. Mancelona Public School will review its drug prevention program at least biannually to: a.) determine the program's effectiveness and implement changes to the program if needed b.) ensure that disciplinary actions are consistently enforced.

## Access and Privacy Rights

All parents and guardians of students under 18 years of age and all students 18 years of age and over have the right, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, to examine the official records, files and data of the school district directly relating to the student. They also have the right to challenge any of the contents of said records to insure their accuracy and fairness. Procedures for such examination and challenge, including hearings on a challenge, shall be established by the Board of Education and may be available upon request.

No records, files or data directly relating to the student will be made available to anyone without the consent and notification of the student or the parents and guardian of the student under 18, except:

- 1) to the teachers and officials of this school district who have a legitimate interest in such information, or
- 2) there has been a federal request for submission of a student's records in connection with the student's request for financial aid.

The student or parent will be notified if officials from a school to which a student intends to enroll, desires access to student records or if a court has ordered access to such records. For other investigation of student records, parental or student consent is needed.

# MI Immunization Requirements

A child enrolling in public, private, parochial or denominational school in Michigan for the first time shall submit one of the following: 1.) statement signed by a physician that child has been tested for and immunized or protected against diseases specified by the director of public health, 2.) statement signed by parent/guardian that child has not been immunized because of religious convictions or other objections, 3.) request signed by parent/guardian that local health department gives the needed protective immunization.

**In addition, a statement that vision and hearing tests were passed is required unless parent indicates in writing that child cannot submit to the tests because of religious convictions.**

Michigan law prohibits a principal or teacher from admitting new students without record of having at least one dose of each: measles, mumps, rubella, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis. Records for all entering kindergarten students and students enrolled from outside the district will be reviewed to ensure immunizations are up-to-date. Notice will be sent to parents/guardians if there is no immunization record upon school entry or if records are incomplete. Students not in compliance with immunization requirements will be excluded from school until documentation of immunization is presented. Michigan law requires that all students be immunized against the diseases listed in the chart below. Immunizations can be obtained from a physician or health department.

Below is the most recent list of vaccines required for school entry in Michigan. This list is also available online at: [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/School\\_Req\\_for\\_Schools\\_BW\\_557032\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/School_Req_for_Schools_BW_557032_7.pdf)

## SCHOOLS VACCINES REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY IN MICHIGAN

Whenever children are brought into group settings, there is a chance for diseases to spread. Students must follow state vaccine laws in order to attend school. These laws are the minimum standard to help prevent disease outbreaks in school settings. The best way to protect students in your care from other serious diseases is to promote the recommended vaccination schedule at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines). Encourage parents to follow CDC's recommended schedule; by doing so, school requirements will be met.

	All Kindergarteners and 4-6 year old transfer students	All 7th Graders and 7-18 year old transfer students
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP, DTaP, Tdap)	4 doses DTP or DTaP 1 dose must be at or after 4 years of age	4 doses diphtheria and tetanus or 3 doses if 1st dose given at or after 1 year of age 1 dose Tdap at 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher
Polio	4 doses 3 doses if dose 3 was given at or after 4 years of age	
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)*	2 doses at or after 12 months of age	
Hepatitis B*	3 doses	
Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY)	None	1 dose at 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher
Varicella (Chickenpox)*	2 doses at or after 12 months of age or Current lab immunity or History of varicella disease	

During disease outbreaks, incompletely vaccinated students may be excluded from school. Parents and guardians choosing to decline vaccines must obtain a certified non-medical waiver from a local health department. Read more about waivers at [www.Michigan.gov/immunize](http://www.Michigan.gov/immunize).  
\*If the student has not received these vaccines, documented immunity is required.  
All doses of vaccines must be valid (correct spacing and ages) for school entry purposes.



Updated December 11, 2019

# Title I Notification

Mancelona Elementary and Middle Schools receive funds from the Title I, Part A program, a federal supplemental program designed to help children reach high academic standards. In receiving funds from this program the district has a requirement to inform you, as parents of children attending a Title I school, of information available regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). Info will be provided upon request and in a timely manner of the following:

- Whether your child's teacher has met Michigan qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether your child's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which Michigan qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of your child's teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of the certification or degree.
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

You may request additional information on the level of achievement of your child in each of Michigan's assessments. You will receive timely notice if your child is assigned or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks, by a teacher who is not highly qualified. A highly qualified teacher is defined as a teacher that meets Michigan's qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level of subject area in which the teacher is providing instruction.

# Nondiscrimination Statement

Mancelona Public School will receive and use federal funds and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) donated foods. No person, because of race, color, national origin, sex or age shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in our United States Department of Agriculture donated food and child nutrition programs. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington D.C. 20250.

# Directory Information

The law permits that student information known as "directory information" be provided to various requestors unless parents or an 18 year old student specifically requests that their directory information be withheld from release.

Directory information shall be defined as follows: name, field of study, participation in school activities, dates of school attendance, honors and awards, photo and video use. Any requests for non-release of student information must be in writing to the Office of Superintendent, 112 St. Johns Ave., Mancelona, MI 49659. Such requests must be renewed annually by September 15.

# Lawn Care Treatments

Mancelona Public Schools contracts with TruGreen of Williamsburg, MI to maintain sports fields and front of schools, including trees and shrubs. If you would like to be notified by TruGreen of upcoming fertilizer and weed control applications, please contact MPS Facility Maintenance Director Ed McCarty at [emccarty@mancelonaschools.org](mailto:emccarty@mancelonaschools.org). TruGreen normally notifies individuals two days in advance of application.

# September 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST 26	27	28 Staff Professional Development	29 Staff Professional Development  Meet the Teacher, Elem by appt 3-6p MS/HS 5-6p	SEPTEMBER 30	31
2 <b>No School</b> Labor Day	3 First Day of School Full Day	4	5	6	7
9	10 Board of Ed Mtg 4:30p	11	12	13	14
16	17	18	19	20	21
23	24	25	26	27	28

Dates and times subject to change  
Visit [www.MancelonaSchools.org](http://www.MancelonaSchools.org) for school calendars, information and events



## Mancelona Public School Board of Education Meeting Dates

All meetings are held in the Middle School Media Center, 112 St. John Street, Mancelona. Regular meetings begin at 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

September 10, 2024  
October 8, 2024  
November 12, 2024  
December 10, 2024  
January 14, 2025

Any person with a disability who needs accommodation for participation in a meeting should contact the Superintendent's Office at (231) 587-9764 at least five days in advance of the meeting to request assistance.

## School Wellness Program

The School Wellness Program (SWP) is funded by MDHHS and offered to schools by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

The SWP provides a full-time nurse and mental health provider to serve students in grades PreK-12, with a goal of reducing missed school time and improving mental and physical health to promote academic success. The SWP works in conjunction with school districts to enhance (not replace) health services already available through the school. As the SWP is separate from the school, consent is required for services and FERPA and HIPAA guidelines must be considered when coordinating care for students. In addition to direct services, SWP staff are also required to administer an annual health questionnaire to all students receiving services and to implement at least one evidenced-based intervention, available to the school population, that targets an identified need.

## Board of Education Members

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Amy Derrer, Vice President  
Kim Musselman, Secretary  
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Gerald Clark, Trustee  
Jim MacQuarrie, Trustee  
Tom Ross, Trustee

## Administration

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Trent Naumcheff (231) 587-8551  
  
Middle School Principal  
Jake Murray (231) 587-9869  
  
Elementary Principal  
Bernadette Pletcher (231) 587-8661  
  
[www.MancelonaSchools.org](http://www.MancelonaSchools.org)



**MPS 2024-2025 Calendar**

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Dec. 20	Full Day Winter Recess Begins at Dismissal
Jan. 6	School Resumes
Jan. 24	Full Day End of First Semester
Feb. 17	No School Mid-Winter Break*
March 6	1/2 Day for Students Parent Teacher Conferences
March 7	No School for Students Full Day for Staff/PD
March 20	Full Day Spring Recess Begins at Dismissal
March 31	School Resumes
April 18	Full Day
May 26	No School Memorial Day
June 12	Full Day Last Day of School

## Ironmen Athletics Info

[Mancelonaschools.org](http://Mancelonaschools.org)

Click on "Athletics" for events, changes/cancellations, practice schedules, policies, and athlete forms

[Mancelona Ironmen Athletics Facebook](#)

Events, changes/cancellations, weekly schedules and more!

**Lend a Hand**

Ironmen Athletics welcomes helpers at events and volunteer coaches. Email Ben at [btarbutton@mancelonaschools.org](mailto:btarbutton@mancelonaschools.org)

## Mancelona Athletic Event Tickets

**In-Person  
at the Gate**

Students: FREE  
MPS Staff: FREE  
Sr. Citizens: FREE  
Adults: \$5 HS | \$4 MS

**NFHS Network  
Subscription**

Monthly \$11.99  
Annual \$79.99



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