



YOUR GUIDE TO
BACK TO SCHOOL

2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR
MOUNDS PARK ACADEMY



SAVE THE DATES

The full calendar is always available at moundsparkacademy.org/families/



Thursday, August 22 | New Family Orientation & Back To School Night

Monday, August 26 | First Day of School for New Students PreK-9

+ Returning in PreK, K, 5, 9

Tuesday, August 27 | First Day of School for Returning Students

+ New 10-12

Tuesday, August 27 | Parents Association First Day of School Coffee

NEW FAMILIES *

* *New families are considered those with students who are just joining our school PLUS all returning families with a student in grades PreK, K, 5, or 9 this fall.*

PREK PARENT ORIENTATION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 10-11 AM or 6:30-7:30 PM

Led by the PreK faculty, this is an opportunity for parents to come to campus to learn the ins and outs of life in PreK and how you can best support PreK readiness at home to ensure a smooth transition for your child. Learn more about the daily schedule and procedures, the parent/teacher partnership, health and safety protocols, and all the particulars that are PreK-specific. Attendance is required for all PreK parents, new and returning, and a makeup Zoom session will be offered on Wednesday, August 14 at 11 AM.

PREK-12 NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION & BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 4-7:15 PM

NEW LOWER SCHOOL FAMILIES (ALL GRADES PREK, K + NEW GRADES 1-4)

- 4-4:30 PM Meet homeroom teachers, put away school supplies, and locate lockers/cubbies.
- 4:30-5:20 PM Students in grades K-4 separate for an activity with physical education faculty while parents meet with Ms. Le Varge, Lower School director, in the Nicholson for a Lower School orientation. PreK families may choose to have their child stay in the classroom or with them.
- 5:20-6:15 PM Enjoy dinner in the Family Commons or Gallery and meet Dr. Hudson, head of school, and the leadership team.
- 6:15-6:30 PM All-School Welcome Back Assembly in the Lansing Sports Center.
- 6:30-7:15 PM Additional time to visit homeroom and specialist teachers and classrooms and get organized if needed.

NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES (ALL GRADE 5 + NEW GRADES 6-8)

- 4-4:30 PM Walk the schedule, meet teachers, put away school supplies, and practice lockers.
- 4:30-5:30 PM Students and parents meet with Paul Errickson, Middle School director, in the Recital Hall for Middle School orientation.
- 5:30-6:15 PM Enjoy dinner in the Family Commons or Gallery and meet Dr. Hudson, head of school, and the leadership team.
- 6:15-6:30 PM All-School Welcome Back Assembly in the Lansing Sports Center.
- 6:30-7:15 PM Additional time to walk your schedule, visit teachers and classrooms and get organized if needed.

NEW UPPER SCHOOL FAMILIES (ALL GRADE 9 + NEW GRADES 10-12)

- 4-4:30 PM Students and parents stay together to walk the schedule, meet teachers, and locate lockers.
- 4:30-5:30 PM Students and parents meet with Mr. Segal, Upper School director, in the Upper School Commons for Upper School orientation.
- 5:30-6:15 PM Enjoy dinner in the Family Commons or Gallery and meet Dr. Hudson, head of school, and the leadership team.
- 6:15-6:30 PM All-School Welcome Back Assembly in the Lansing Sports Center.
- 6:30-7:15 PM Additional time to walk the schedule, visit teachers and classrooms and get organized if needed.

 **PREK-9 NEW STUDENT FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** 
MONDAY, AUGUST 26
No transportation available.

ALL NEW + RETURNING PREK STUDENTS + PARENTS

- 10:30-12:40 PM First day of school programming for PreK will be an opportunity for parents and children to attend school together! This special way to start the school year allows students to acclimate with their grownups by their side. The day will include time in the classroom getting to know the teachers, learning the classroom routines, and enjoying free play time. We'll also enjoy lunch together in the Family Commons and learn how to navigate the lunch space. Families are welcome to linger together on the playground after 12:40 PM.

ALL NEW GRADES K-4 STUDENTS + RETURNING KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

- 7:30-10:30 AM Panther Club available at no cost for grades K-4. Sign up by August 23 at mpa.link/newstudentfirstday.
- 10:30-12:40 PM Programming will include time in the homeroom classrooms, visiting specialist teachers, recess, and lunch.
- 12:40-6 PM Panther Club available at no cost for grades K-4, not PreK. Sign up by August 23 at mpa.link/newstudentfirstday.

ALL NEW GRADES 5-8 STUDENTS + RETURNING FIFTH-GRADE STUDENTS

- 8 AM-3 PM Programming will include Advisory time, technology onboarding, social activities, Makerspace activity, Library visit, building tours, recess, and more.
- 3-6 PM Panther Den available for grades 5-8. Sign up by August 23 at mpa.link/newstudentfirstday.

ALL NEW + RETURNING NINTH-GRADE STUDENTS

- 8 AM-3 PM Programming will include homeroom time, technology onboarding, social activities, building tours, lunch and an afternoon off-campus experience.

Note: The first day of school for new students in grades 10-12 is Tuesday, August 27. Email admission@moundsparkacademy.org if an additional building walk through would be helpful.



RETURNING + NEW FAMILIES

Returning families are considered those with students returning to MPA for grades 1-4, 6-8, and 10-12. If your student is returning in another grade, they are considered new.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 6-7:15 PM

ALL LOWER SCHOOL FAMILIES | GRADES PREK-4

Students and parents should stay together throughout the evening.

- 6-6:15 PM Drop off your supplies in your homeroom and proceed to the Lansing Center.
- 6:15-6:30 PM All-School Welcome Back Assembly in the Lansing Center.
- 6:30-7:15 PM Visit homeroom and specialist teachers and classrooms and get organized.

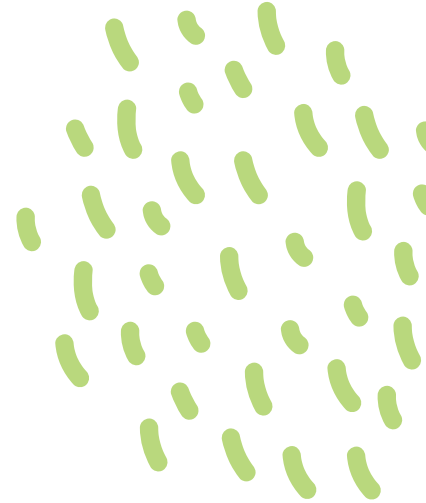
ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES | GRADES 5-8

Students and parents should stay together throughout the evening.

- 6-6:15 PM Drop off your supplies in front of your locker and proceed to the Lansing Center.
- 6:15-6:30 PM All-School Welcome Back Assembly in the Lansing Center.
- 6:30-7:15 PM Walk your schedule, visit teachers and classrooms and get organized.

ALL UPPER SCHOOL FAMILIES | GRADES 9-12

- 6-6:15 PM Proceed to the Lansing Center.
- 6:15-6:30 PM All-School Welcome Back Assembly in the Lansing Center.
- 6:30-7:15 PM Walk your schedule, visit teachers and classrooms, locate your locker, and get organized.



ALL FAMILIES: OUTDOOR SCHOOL PHOTOS!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 3:45-6 PM + 6:30-7:30 PM
AT BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT, BY SLOW ROAD PHOTO
(UPDATED LOCATION: INDOOR TRACK)

Hello, Mounds Park Academy Families!

We are so delighted to be joining you for Picture Day again this year. Get ready for the BEST PICTURE DAY EVER!

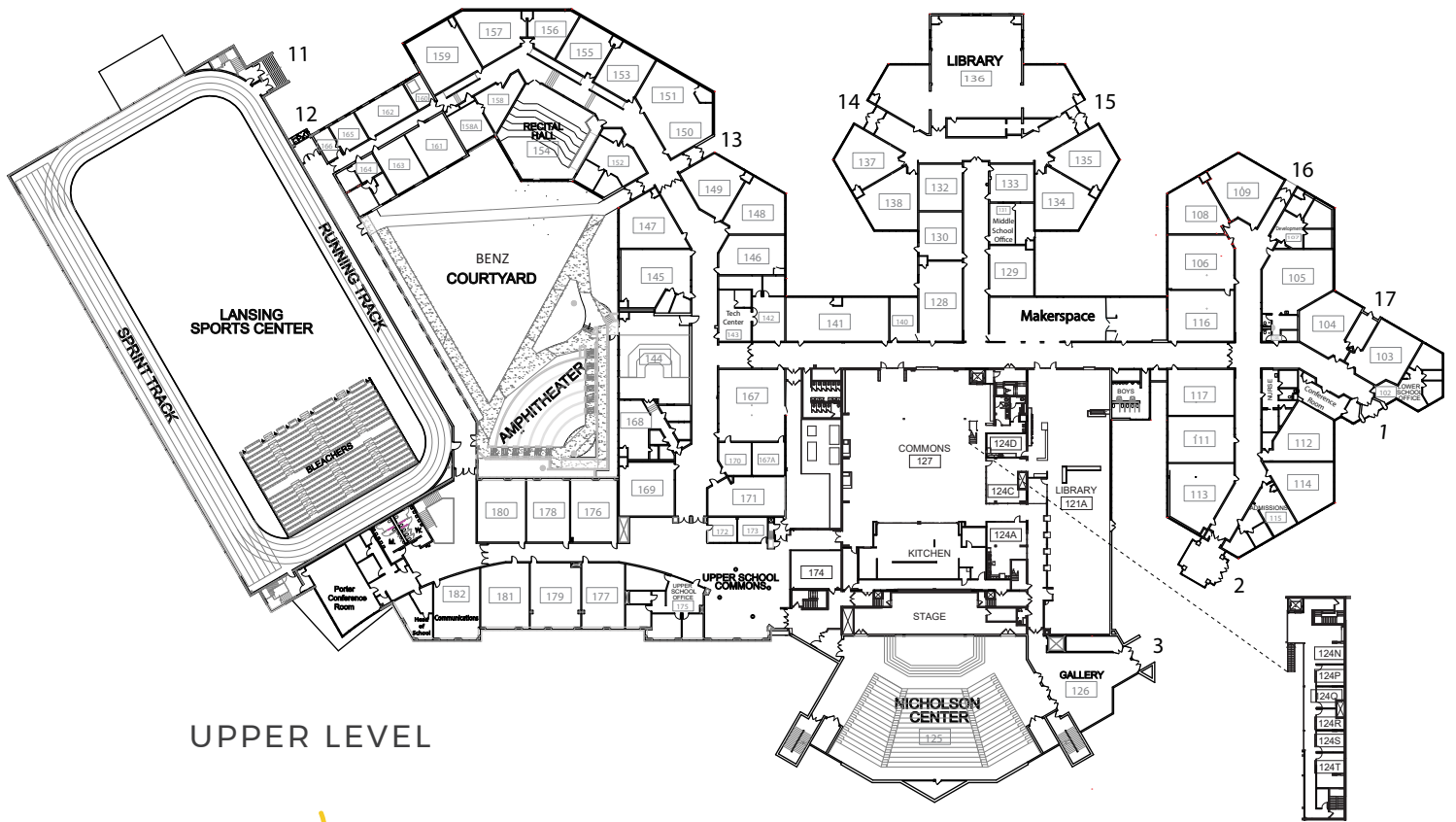
- School pictures will be happening during the Back To School Night on August 22. Visit mpa.link/schoolphotos to sign up for your arrival window based on the schedule you will follow. If the line is too long, just come back later!
- If you are unable to attend Back To School Night for pictures or would prefer to have them taken on a school day, the second Picture Day will be Friday, September 6. Retake Day will be Tuesday, October 1.
- Lower School students do not wear uniforms for Picture Day.
- Be sure to add hello@slowroadphoto.com to your email contacts to ensure you receive all the communications and info from us. You will hear from us directly via email on August 15.
- Please feel free to check out the resources available on our website, including our Parents' Guide at mpa.link/parentguide.
- If you have any questions regarding Picture Day or image ordering and delivery, please don't hesitate to reach out to us directly at hello@slowroadphoto.com.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your family!

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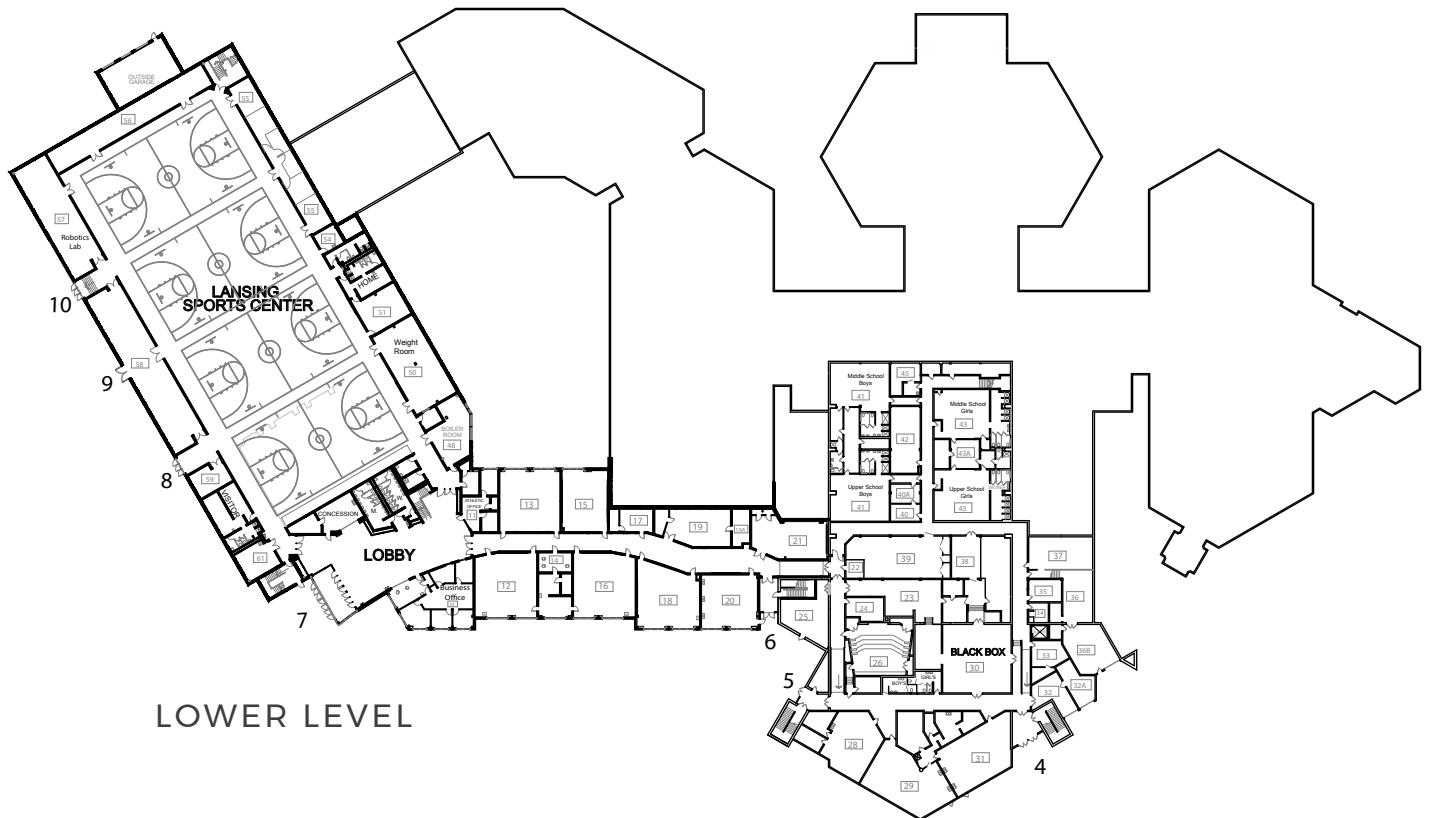


UPPER LEVEL



MPA SCHOOL SONG

Our voices raised within these walls are loyal, brave, and true.
 We stand together strong and proud. Our flag is white and blue (Rah, Rah!)
 The spirit that we share with all will never cease to be
 and mem'ries cherished will not fade, Mounds Park Academy! (MPA!)



LOWER LEVEL