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Smoke Signals Newsletter

Travis Rohrig, Principal

Trina Schutte, Dean of Students

School website: https://www.milan.k12.in.us/o/mes
Link to Milan Spirit Store:
http://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/indiana/milan/milan-high-school

MILAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Weekly Breakfast and Lunch Menu
Link to the folder of cafeteria menus: https://bit.ly/3h9v1ju

Tuesday 8	Wednesday 9	Thursday 10	Friday 11	Monday 14
Breakfast Bar Sausage Link Cheeseburger Baked Beans Corn Fruit	Cereal Buttered Toast Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potato Carrots Roll Fruit	Mini Pancakes Sausage Link Pizza Crunchers Tossed Salad Cucumber Slices Applesauce Cookie	**REMOTE LEARNING DAY** **LUNCH AND BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN**	Muffin Sausage Link Steak Hoagie Potato Wedges Green Beans Fruit
Tuesday 15	**Wednesday 16**	**Thursday 17**	**Friday 18**	**Monday 21**
Egg Buttered Toast Soft Taco Refried Beans Corn Applesauce	Pop Tart Sausage Link Warm Biscuit Sausage Gravy Sausage Patty Hashbrown V-Juice Fruit	Cereal String Cheese Chicken & Gravy Mashed Potato Carrots Roll Fruit	Pop Tart Sausage Link Pizza Tossed Salad Cherry Tomatoes Fruit	Mini Loaf Sausage Link Ham & Cheese on Bun French Fries Mini Carrots & Ranch Fruit

IF YOUR CHILD HAS A TRANSPORTATION CHANGE, **PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE**. DO ***NOT*** RELY ON JUST SENDING A MESSAGE OR EMAIL TO THE TEACHER. WE CAN NOT GUARANTEE THAT THE TEACHER WILL SEE THE MESSAGE BEFORE DISMISSAL.

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Important Dates

⭐ School Smiles - Sept 8
⭐ School Smiles - Sept 9
⭐ Evening K-4 Parent Conferences - Sept 10
⭐ eLearn Day/Conferences - Sept 11
⭐ G3/4 Girls Bball Camp 1-2pm MES gym - Sept 13
⭐ Early Dismissal/PLC (extended), MCT Kindergarten Vision Screenings - Sept 16
⭐ G3/4 Girls Bball Camp 1-2pm MES gym - Sept 20
⭐ September Birthday Celebration - Sept 24
⭐ G3/4 Girls Bball Camp 1-2pm MES gym - Sept 27
⭐ Fall Break begins - No School - Oct 2

bloomz	We apologize for any connection issues from Bloomz. If you have Bloomz connection issues, email Travis Rohrig at travis.rohrig@milan.k12.in.us for assistance. Mr. Rohrig will work with you to get things corrected or organized for you. Several of you have done so already, and that has been super helpful!

	The deadline for parents to sign up to be volunteers or chaperones for field trips is October 1st. If you would like to volunteer or chaperone, you will need to fill out and complete our Volunteer and Chaperone Form. You can access it here.

	PLEASE help our bus drivers! If your child has a note to ride the bus to a different location (ex Grandma's, babysitter, etc) PLEASE include the address so we do not have them on the wrong bus!

Yearbooks are in!!!

There were several yearbooks ordered, so they will be passed out this coming week.

Also, we have a few extra yearbooks for sale. The price is $20 and they are first come, first served.

These yearbooks are quite impressive!!





Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school!
Dates: SEPT. 10, 2026 (3-7PM) & SEPT. 11, 2026 (8-3PM) at the MES LIBRARY
School homepage: https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/milanelementaryschool
This is a great opportunity to build your child's home library with new books that will get them excited
about reading, while also earning funds for our school.
The easiest way to let your child shop the Fair independently is by creating a Book Fair eWallet through
our school homepage. It's easy to set up and easy for family and friends to add funds.

DRESS CODE UPDATE

As the weather stays warm, I wanted to have a few reminders about our dress code.

- Shoes need to have a back on them.

OK	NOT OK
	 
Any other sandals with a back on them. This is a safety measure.	 Any other sandal or shoe that does not have a back on them.

- Pants with holes should have something under them or no holes above the middle of the middle finger.
- Shorts length should be to the middle of the middle finger.



This is a great guide for short length.

Not allowable

Holes higher than allowable shorts.



CARES Central

TEACH SKILLS, OFFER SUPPORT, WATCH THEM GROW

CARES TUTORING UPDATE

WE WILL NOT HAVE CARES TUTORING THIS THURSDAY, SEPT 10th.

We began **on Monday 08/31**, and will follow every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday unless otherwise noted.

If you are interested in your child participating in CARES, contact Sara Hill at sara.hill@milan.k12.in.us .

School Smiles Mobile Dentist will be back at Milan Elementary.

The Mobile Dentist will be returning to our building on September 8th and 9th.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Nurse Helen Hixson.



It's time to get ready for **Milan Football Homecoming 2026!** 🏈🖤💛

The Indians will take on the **Edinburgh Lancers**, and we'd love to see our community showing their Milan pride!

Shirt options:

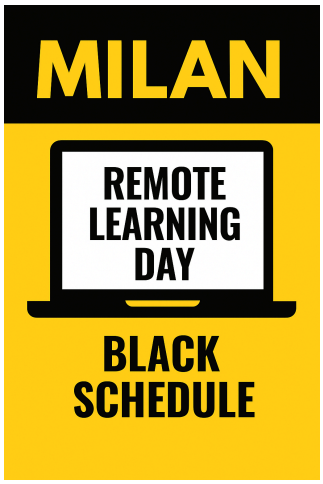
- Short Sleeve — $20
- Long Sleeve — $22
- Crewneck — $27
- Youth & Adult Sizes Available

📅 **Orders are due Tuesday, September 8.**

LINK TO ORDER







Parent Teacher Conferences/Remote Learning Day

We will be having a planned e-Learning day on 9/11. We will be using this day for Parent Teacher Conferences.

Your teacher might have you sign up for a conference on Wednesday 9/9 or Thursday 9/10.

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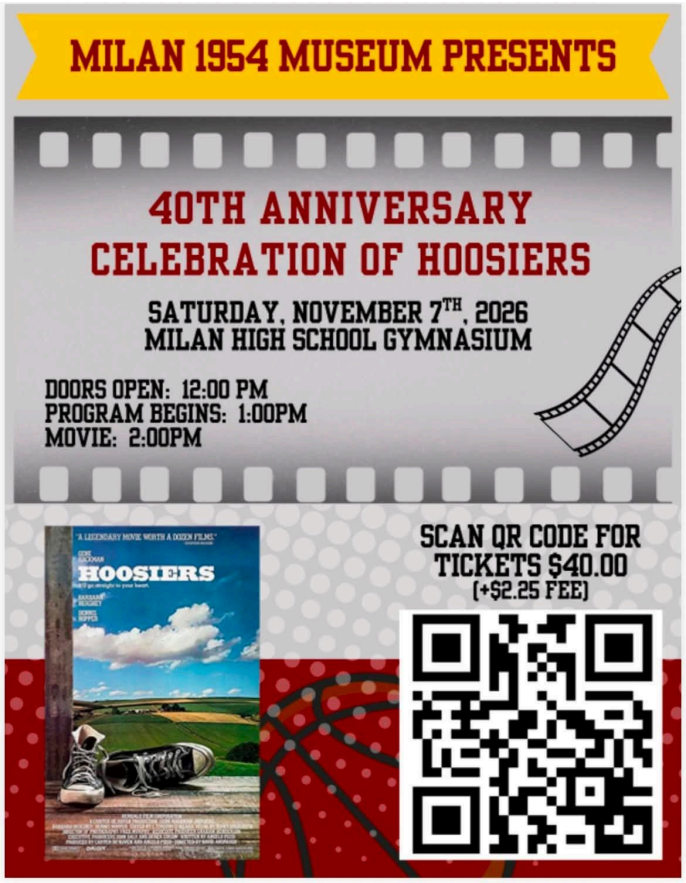
PTO NEWS

	COMING SOON!!!! START ASKING YOUR REPEAT SOAPY JOE BUYERS. WE WILL LOOK TO SELL SOAP AGAIN THIS FALL. STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!	

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Milan Elementary School is pleased to share information about local clubs, organizations, and community activities that may be of interest to our students and families. Please note that the inclusion of an organization or event in this newsletter does not indicate that Milan Elementary School is affiliated with, sponsors, or endorses the organization or activity. We share these announcements simply to help keep our school community informed and connected to opportunities in the greater Milan community.



You can also purchase tickets at this LINK.



This league is in Versailles for anybody interested. You can register HERE.

Fall Basketball Camp registration is now open! There are dates for 1st & 2nd and 3rd & 4th.
1st & 2nd: Sept 28th & 29th
3rd & 4th: Sept 21st& 22nd



CAMP IS FREE! Please complete the flyer that was sent home to reserve your spot.

If you have questions, contact joe.kirkhoff@milan.k12.in.us

COMING SOON!!!

Sponsored by Samaritan's Hope Chest.



Friday, September 11, *4-630 p.m.*

Saturday, September 12, *9:00-11:00 a.m.*

St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
7124 N State Road 101, Milan, 47031

EVERYTHING IS FREE!!!!

Lots of great things available: clothing, household items, décor, toys, and all kinds of miscellaneous!

We do ask that shopping be done for personal use only and not for resale.



Donation drop-off: Tuesday-Thursday, September 8-10 3-7:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for help with sorting during drop-off days.

(This is an excellent opportunity for anyone needing community service hours.)

2026 VERSAILLES PUMPKIN SHOW

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PRE-SALE WRISTBANDS AVAILABLE NOW!

SKIP THE LINES AND SAVE TIME BY PURCHASING YOUR RIDE WRISTBANDS ONLINE!

ONLINE PRE-SALE

$20 PER WRISTBAND

Available

SEPTEMBER 1

THROUGH

MIDNIGHT SEPTEMBER 22

ALL WRISTBANDS INCLUDE THE ACTIVATION FEES.

How It Works

After purchasing online, simply bring your QR Code to the redemption kiosk during ride hours to exchange it for that evening's wristband.

QR CODE REDEMPTION HOURS

WEDNESDAY: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
THURSDAY: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM*
FRIDAY: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

**Buddy Night excluded.*

ON-SITE WRISTBAND PRICES

WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

$27

PER WRISTBAND

THURSDAY

★ *Buddy Night* ★

2 FOR $32

ON-SITE PURCHASE ONLY

Buddy Night wristbands are not available through the online pre-sale.

SATURDAY

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

$22

PER WRISTBAND

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

$27

PER WRISTBAND

RIDE MORE. WAIT LESS. BUY EARLY!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND WATCH FOR THE ONLINE PURCHASE LINK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1!

2026 Versailles PUMPKIN SHOW

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Here are some best practices and reminders for attendance.

- If you have attendance questions, call our Attendance Secretary, Mrs. Jodie Hooker.
- If your child is not going to be at school, **CALL IN TO MRS. HOOKER**. If you only send a message to your teacher, it will not count as a parent call in absence.
- You get six parent call-ins a year. Even if your child is not going to be there and you have used all of your parent call-ins, still call in to let us know that your child will not be there.
- Tardies add up! Three tardies count as an absence!
- If you live outside the district, attendance could be a reason for having a transfer revoked.
- Attendance is a factor for attending field trips!

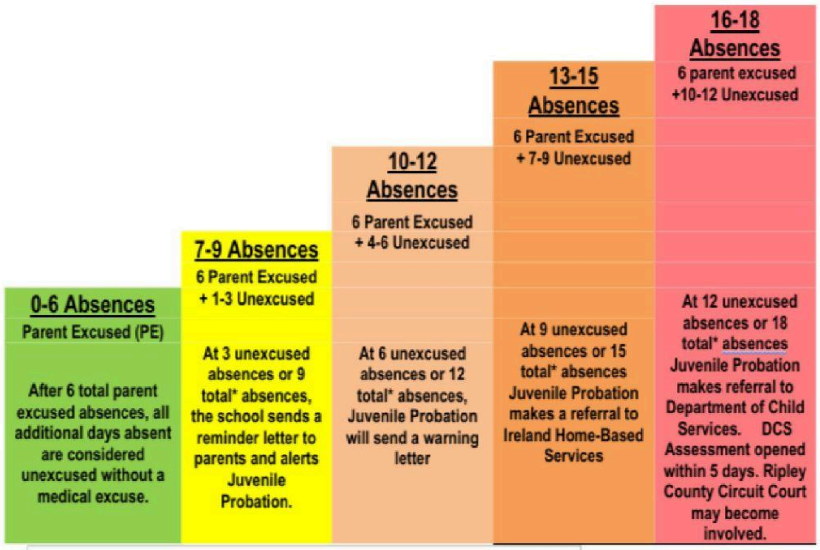
ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT MES!!!

Every MES student is able to have six parent call-in (PCI) days for unexcused absences this school year. In order to use a PCI day, the parent must call in to the office. After these six days have been used, parents will be notified on their 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 12th unexcused absences. It is a best practice to still call in to the office when your child is going to be absent.

Note:
STUDENTS WHO ARE OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER STUDENTS ARE AT RISK OF HAVING THEIR TRANSFER REVOKED DUE TO POOR ATTENDANCE.
STUDENTS WHO HAVE 12 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES MAY LOSE ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND FIELD TRIPS. THIS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE PRINCIPAL'S DISCRETION.

Best Practices for Attendance:

- ★ If your child is not going to be at school, call the office and let them know. If you do not call the office, it will not be considered a PCI.
- ★ If your child is at an appointment, make sure you bring in an excuse slip.
- ★ Know the attendance policy. You can read the student handbook on the school website.
- ★ Try not to be late to school, as three tardies count as one unexcused absence.



Attendance Reminder:

The graph to the left shows the method that is used for unexcused absences for students.

Please note that students who have previously reached the 100% threshold in previous school years will be subject to a lower threshold of unexcused absences