



Moorhead Junior High

Semester Exam Schedule

Students will take major exams the last week of the fall semester. It is very important for students to be present for these major tests. So that your child can do his/her best, please plan any vacations or healthcare appointments around exam dates. Finals count ten percent of the semester grade for junior high courses and fifteen percent for high school classes. Any missed exam should be made up with the specific instructor the week of January 8 through 11. Dates for final exams are listed below.

First Semester Exam Schedule

12/17/18 – 1st, 2nd, 3rd Period Finals

12/18/18 – 5th, 6th, 7th Period Finals

12/19/18 - 4th Period Final and early release day at 12:50pm

For planning purposes, second semester exams are May 28, 2019 – May 30, 2019.

Early Release on December 19th (12:50 p.m.)

Our campus will have early release on Wednesday, December 19th, at 12:50 p.m. Buses will depart at approximately 1:05 p.m. on this date. Please plan for the potential of heavier traffic at the pick-up lines.

Winter Dance!

The Moorhead Junior High Winter Dance will be held Friday, December 14, 2018 from 1:15pm – 3:45pm. Tickets are 7.00 dollars in advance and 10.00 the day of the dance. Tickets go on sale during lunches on December 10th. Please buy your pre-sale ticket early! We have a limited number of tickets available. Snacks will be sold at the dance for 1.00 dollar.

PTO is looking for anyone who can lend them some Christmas inflatables to use as decorations for the dance. Please email moorheadjrpto@yahoo.com.

December Events

Dec. 3 – Band Concert at Caney Creek High School

Dec. 5 – Rudolph/Reindeer day

Dec. 6 – Sports Jersey Day – “Train the Bulldogs”

Dec. 7 – Santa Hat Day

Dec. 10 – Nerd Day “Outsmart the Grizzlies”

Dec. 11 – Choir Concert at Caney Creek High School

Dec. 12 - Crazy Christmas sweater (or t shirt) day

Dec. 13 – Orchestra Concert at Caney Creek High School

Dec. 14 - Winter Dance / Festive Pajama Day

Dec. 17 – 19 Final exams

First Day of School!

Tuesday, January 8th is the first day of school for the second semester!

2019-2020 School Calendar

CISD welcomes parent input on the school calendar options for next school year.

Please go to: <https://www.conroeisd.net/about/school-calendar-process/>

Children In Santa's Dreams

The Conroe ISD Police Department would like to invite you to help us make a child's dream come true. On Monday, November 12th, 2018 the CISD Police Department will start collecting "NEW" unwrapped gifts for boys and girls of all ages. These gifts will be wrapped and given to families who, without our support, may not otherwise have a wonderful Christmas.

All gifts may be dropped off in the collection bin located in the Moorhead front office. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Sergeant Julie Thompson at (936) 709-8921 or via email at jmthompson@conroeisd.net.

Panther Hoodies

Panther Hoodies are on sale now just in time for the holidays! Order yours now before Friday, December 7th to guarantee that you will receive yours before Winter break! Sizes small – XL are \$25.00, and 2X – 5X are \$30.00.

Order online today at: <https://conroeisd.schoolcashionline.com/>

You can also bring cash or check to Mrs. McGrath in the front office.



2018 -2019 PTO Meetings

Each year our PTO hosts a number of meetings for parents where we address important issues for our parents, guardians, and students. Our next meeting is January 7, 2019 at 1:30pm.

Yearbook Ordering Information

It's time to purchase your yearbook for the 2018-2019 school year! Yearbooks are on sale for \$45 and will go up to \$55 on March 1, 2019. Order on the school website or in the front office. Supplies are limited.

Grocery Giveaway

The Ark Church is hosting a Grocery Giveaway on Saturday, December 8, from 9:00am to 11:00am to anyone in need here in Montgomery County.

NJHS/COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS FOOD DRIVE

11/26/18 through 12/14/18

Bring items to cafeteria stage from 8:00 - 8:30 AM.

Bring 5 items in one donation = reward coupon for 1 of your classes!

Dried or canned pasta/noodles

Pasta sauce (cans ONLY)

Tomatoes (diced, crushed, whole, or sauce)

Dried beans (pinto, black, navy beans)

Seasoned beans (Pork & Beans, Ranch Style Beans)

Rice

Chili

Cereal

Oatmeal

Cereal bars

Pancake mix

Cornbread mix

Syrup (in plastic container, not glass)

Condensed milk

Nuts

Popcorn

Peanut butter

Jam and jelly

Dried spices (garlic, onion, paprika, cumin, Italian seasoning, cinnamon, pepper, salt)

Soups (chicken noodle, tomato, broccoli & cheese, potato)

Salsa

Vegetables (corn, green beans, carrots, peas, potatoes, mushrooms)

Canned olives and jalapenos

Project Lit at Moorhead

Moorhead Junior High is now a Project Lit community. We are the only Project Lit community in Conroe ISD! We are one of 500 chapters in over 40 states. We will be hosting our community event in February. More information to come!

What is Project Lit? Project LIT is a national, grassroots literacy movement, a team of dedicated teachers and students who work together to:

Empower our students as READERS and LEADERS in our schools and communities

Engage with passionate students, educators, authors, and community members to support and inspire one another and to promote a love of reading

Host monthly or quarterly Project LIT Book Clubs to discuss any title from our 17-18 or 18-19 book list

Read, discuss, and celebrate books that make our students feel seen, heard, affirmed, and valued

Develop authentic reading identities by increasing access to high-quality books, building community, and fostering a sense of belonging

Improve literacy attitudes and outcomes, one book and one conversation at a time

Advocate for policies & practices that challenge the status quo and help our students become lifelong leaders

Amplify voices and stories of students and educators of color

Rewrite the narrative about which texts and authors are deemed worthy of academic study.

Champion young people and books that reflect our students' lived realities, communities, and identities

At its simplest form, Project LIT Community chapter leaders work with students to organize Project LIT Book Club events and engage in service & project-based learning centered around literacy.

Moorhead Book Fair

Moorhead is hosting The Southwest Book Fair from December 7 – 14 in the Moorhead Library. Stop by during school hours to purchase a book! This might be the perfect Holiday shopping opportunity!

Congratulations to our November and December Students of the month!

November

Melissa Bonilla
Madison Sweeten
Gabriel Pacheco
Jaden Lutz

December

Aracely Rostro
Delany Murphy
Ezequiel Romero
Jose Luis Pena

Our Super Staff for the month of November are:

Mrs. Ceaser and Ms. Dougherty!

*Super Staff members were selected by the Moorhead Student Council and Students of the Month were selected by our teachers.

UIL Academic Meet

Our first UIL Academic meet is scheduled for January 30th and will be held at McCullough Jr. High. Last year we had a great showing at our students placed in many events! Please encourage your child to get involved in UIL academic events. Please see Mrs. Maxwell, Ms. Collins, Ms. Sutton, Mrs. Clark, or Mr. Janek to get involved in an event.

Bus Safety and Student Transportation Behavior Expectations

Now that school is underway, I want to take a moment to address a very important issue regarding bus safety and behavioral expectations of students. Our students, and by default your children, are the most important thing and the reason as a school we exist.

Many of you count on bus transportation to successfully transport your child to and from campus each day. The drivers do a great job and are some of the most patient and caring people among us. As a campus we are serious and committed to making the ride to and from school a great one for each child. Our campus is not in charge of transportation.

However, we do work collaboratively with transportation, students, drivers, and parents/ guardians to make the trip the best it can be. Being on the bus is a different environment for students and one most handle wonderfully. However, for some, this is more of a challenge. The first week of school we communicated with each student, in person, what is expected on the buses. The safety and civility of all in this higher risk area is a top priority. Because we want all to enjoy an uneventful and happy ride home, please take a moment to stress the following with your child:

*Any unsafe behavior can be reported at any time to an administrator. Please encourage your child to not wait to report a concern or assume another student will report it.

*Concerns about actions on a bus can always be submitted anonymously to 1-888- KIDCHAT or Anonymous Alerts.

*Students can board or depart buses only at their designated bus stop.

*Drivers may assign seats on the school bus. In this case students are required to sit in these designated areas.

*Departing through the back bus door is only permissible during an emergency.

*For additional student safety, most buses have one or more video cameras operating.

*The bus stop is considered school property. Any inappropriate action occurring at a school bus stop is the same as if it occurs on campus.

*Consequences will be assigned for failure to follow bus guidelines and meet safety expectations. These consequences include normal campus discipline, temporary removal from the bus, and permanent loss of transportation privileges.

Bus Accidents and Breakdowns: What to Know in Advance of a Delay

Our buses do a great job each day of driving our students safely to and from home and school. With the miles driven comes the inevitability of minor bus wrecks or breakdowns. It is a rarity, but it does happen. Most students have phones now to keep you updated. Please note in advance we will attempt to send you email updates if we can based on the situations and if we have updated information. The preferred method of getting the child home after an incident is by the bus or a replacement bus. Please be aware if you do appear on the scene we cannot release students to parents or guardians until we get the go ahead from the police who are working the accident. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Required Immunizations for Incoming Seventh Graders

If you are a parent or guardian of an incoming seventh grader of 2019-2020, please be aware Texas state law requires all students to have paperwork indicating receipt of the following immunizations before they can begin the first day of school: TDAP / MCV

A Note from Nurse Toni

It's FLU season, please encourage your student to wash their hands several times a day, cover their cough/sneeze, and if they are running a fever of 100.0 or higher please keep them home.

Also, please continue to turn in the hearing, spinal, and vision referral letters that were sent home in September and October. A physician needs to fill this form out and then the form needs to be returned to the clinic.

Reminder: Students are NOT allowed to carry any type of medication on them nor may they bring any to school, this includes over the counter medication. All items need to be checked in to the clinic by a parent or guardian.

Electronics and Phones - Expectations, Pros, Cons, Rules, and Considerations for Parents/Guardians to Know

Students are allowed to bring electronics to school as long as they are off at all times except lunch. Use of phones during each child's 30 minute lunch is the only time phones are permitted to be on. Your assistance in helping your child understand that vibrate is not off is appreciated. For student safety and privacy, electronics are never allowed to be out or on while in the locker room or bathroom. School and felony legal consequences will potentially occur when a phone/camera is used in areas of which there is a legal expectation of privacy. It is highly recommended that parents consider whether their child is mature enough to keep up with these very expensive devices. These items are brought at the student's own risk. Note in advance that if a student's use of electronics, including phones, violates policy, the device will be taken up and consequences for the inappropriate use will be assigned. The phone may need to be picked up by a parent or guardian depending on the infraction and overall number of violations and may not be returned to the student on the same day. Please do not ask your child to have his/her phone on during class so that you can text or call them, potentially disrupting instruction of children. If you need to get information to your child, please call 936-709-2400, as we deliver messages directly to students throughout the school day. Experience also shows that your child having a phone is incredibly valuable when trying to locate them after the end of the school day.

Finally, please **consider protecting your child** from the dangers of the internet on their phone with one of these apps or one like them!

Net Nanny www.netnanny.com

SecureTeen www.secureteen.com

TeenSafe www.teensafe.com

Covenant Eyes www.covenanteyes.com

Free Parent and Student Access Center

Parents and guardians have free access to Parent Access Center via www.conroeisd.net. This portal gives complete access to student grades, attendance, tardies, discipline, STAAR scores, and other information. This tool can also give parents and guardians the opportunity to set thresholds where you will be emailed scores of each assignment. Students also have the same access via **Student Access Center**.

Free Homework Help Available for Students

Moorhead offers many different varieties of tutoring and homework assistance for students. Taking advantage of these programs provides invaluable and free help for students. Please note, programs include:

- Free teacher tutoring at 8:15 a.m. daily
- Student Success Center homework help Monday through Thursday from 4:05 p.m. until 5:05 p.m. in the library.

KIDCHAT Anonymous Tipline 1-888-KIDCHAT / Anonymous Alerts

Our campus and district have an anonymous tipline that can be accessed 24 hours a day by contacting 1-888-KIDCHAT. Information can be communicated at this site regarding activity that is illegal or inappropriate occurring both in the community and on a school campus. Students play a key role in helping keep the school and community safe. Reports are followed up upon by school administrators and/or police. In some cases, informants may qualify for a monetary reward for information leading to felony arrests.

Students can also use Anonymous Alerts to anonymously submit alerts about suspicious activity, safety threats, bullying, or any other campus safety concerns.

<http://www.conroeisd.net/about/safety-information/>