



YOUR GUIDE TO
BACK TO SCHOOL

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR
MOUNDS PARK ACADEMY

SAVE THE DATES

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



Thursday, August 21 | Back To School Open House

Monday, August 25 | Orientation for New Students PreK-9
+ Returning in PreK, K, 5, 9

Monday, August 25 | New Parent Orientation

Tuesday, August 26 | First Day of School for Returning Students
+ New 10-12

Tuesday, August 26 | Parents Association First Day of School Coffee

EVENTS FOR NEW FAMILIES *

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

PREK PARENT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 | 9-10 AM or 6-7 PM

LIBRARY

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 school 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 13 at 8 AM.

PREK-12 NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

MONDAY, AUGUST 25 | 8-11 AM

FAMILY COMMONS

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| 8-8:30 AM | Refreshments and connection with Dr. Lori-Anne Brogdon, head of school |
| 8:30-9:30 AM | Division Breakout Sessions (highly recommended for returning families with a student in grade PreK, K, 5, or 9 too). Important information from division leadership and Schoology training. Bring your phone and laptop if Schoology access help is needed. |
| 9:30-11 AM | PreK-12 New Parent Orientation Topics (optional for returning families with a student in grade PreK, K, 5, or 9). This will include topics such as safety/security, Allergy Aware Guidelines, communications, and more. |

PREK-9 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

No transportation available.

ALL NEW + RETURNING PREK STUDENTS

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| 8-11 AM | Programming will include time in the homeroom classroom getting to know the teachers, learning the classroom routines, and enjoying free play time. Families are welcome to linger together on the playground after 11 AM. Uniforms are not required this day. |
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ALL NEW GRADES K-4 STUDENTS + RETURNING K STUDENTS

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| 8-11 AM | Programming will include time in the homeroom classroom, getting to know the teachers, learning the classroom routines, as well as visiting specialist teachers and other key campus locations. Uniforms are not required this day. |
| 11-6 PM | Panther Club is available at no cost for grades K-4. Please send a lunch that follows MPA's peanut and tree nut guidelines: mpa.link/allergies . Sign up required by August 18 at mpa.link/newstudentfirstday . |

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

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| 8 AM-3 PM | Programming will include Advisory time, technology onboarding, social activities, Makerspace activities, Library visits, building tours, recess, lunch, and more. |
| 3-6 PM | Panther Den is available at no cost for grades 5-8. Sign up by August 18 at mpa.link/newstudentfirstday . |

ALL NEW + RETURNING NINTH-GRADE STUDENTS

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| 8 AM-12 PM | Programming will include community building, technology onboarding, activities, building tours, lunch, and more. |
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Note: The first day of school for new students in grades 10-12 is Tuesday, August 26.

Email admission@moundsparkacademy.org if an additional building walk through would be helpful.

EVENTS FOR ALL FAMILIES

BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 | 3:30-6 PM

Come when you can, stay as you please!



LOWER SCHOOL STUDENTS

Lower School students are invited to bring their school supplies, settle into their homeroom classrooms, and visit their specialist teachers. This is a great opportunity to get familiar with the school environment, meet teachers, and start the year with confidence and excitement.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Middle School students are encouraged to bring their school supplies, organize their lockers, and walk through their class schedules. This is a great opportunity to meet teachers, get oriented with the building, and feel prepared for the year ahead.

UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS

Upper School students are encouraged to walk through their schedules, meet their teachers, locate their lockers, and get organized for the year ahead. This is a great opportunity to settle in, ask questions, and start the school year with clarity and confidence.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

To further enhance the safety and security of our campus, we will use the Raptor VisitorSafe kiosk to create your 2025-26 reusable nametag. Please bring an ID to create yours during the Back To School Open House. All parents and guardians accessing the building will need to do this as we transition back this year. Other opportunities will be provided as well.

Please note: Due to feedback from families, school photos will not be taken at the Back To School Open House. School photos will be during the school day on September 4 and retakes will be on October 1, both of which will be non-uniform days in Lower School. Sibling photos will not be available. Slow Road continues to be our vendor.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL COFFEE

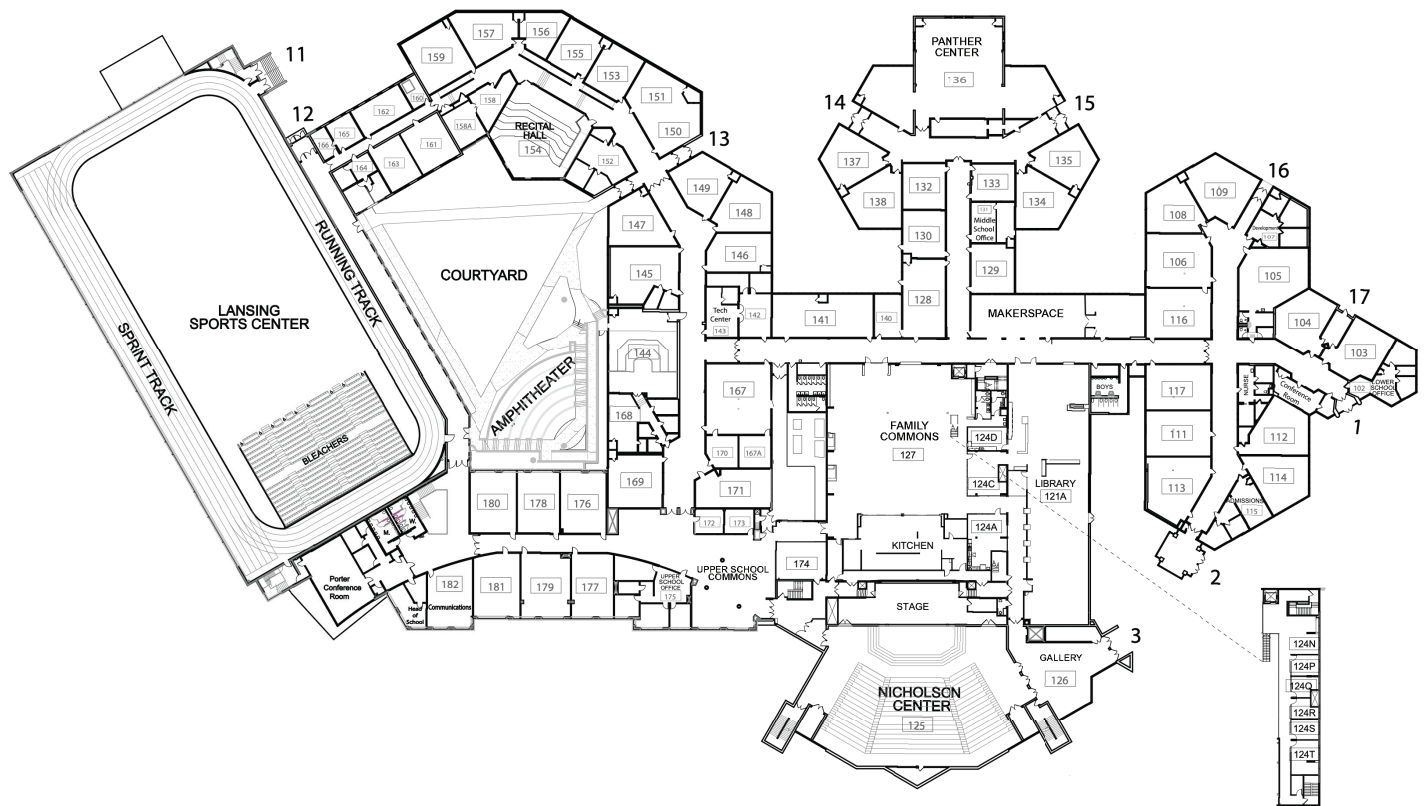
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 | 8-9:30 AM
SOUTH ENTRANCE

You're invited! Please join us for a First Day of School Coffee gathering hosted by the MPA Parents Association. After you drop off your child, stop by for a warm welcome, a hot cup of coffee, and a chance to connect with fellow parents as we kick off a new school year together. Whether you're a returning family or brand new to the community, we can't wait to see you there!



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PARENTS ASSOCIATION

UPPER LEVEL



LOWER LEVEL

