

January 1, 2025

## **Happy New Year**

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season filled with joy, laughter, and precious moments with family and friends. As we step into 2025, let's carry that holiday spirit with us into the new semester!

Coming back to school after the fun of the holidays can be a bit tricky for everyone—students, staff, and parents alike. Getting back into our school routine can feel challenging. But it's important to regain our momentum and jump back into learning! It's a time for new opportunities, exciting challenges, and the chance to create lasting memories together.

## **Stay Prepared This Winter**

Let's also keep in mind that winter weather can bring snow days! It's a good idea for students to stay on top of their assignments so they are ready for any unexpected school closures. Being proactive about schoolwork can help ease any stress that might come from missing classes.

We will use a variety of methods to communicate school closing messages for inclement weather, including:

- ☐ One Call Alerts
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Local Media (TV & Radio)

## **Stay Connected With Us**

We have various social media platforms where you can stay updated with the latest news, events, and activities at our school.

Follow us to be part of our community!

**Meadowbrook High School Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/meadowbrookhighschool/>

**Meadowbrook High School Website:** [rollinghills.k12.oh.us/meadowbrook-high](https://rollinghills.k12.oh.us/meadowbrook-high)

**District Website:** [rollinghills.k12.oh.us](https://rollinghills.k12.oh.us)

**Meadowbrook Athletics Website:** [meadowbrookathletics.com](https://meadowbrookathletics.com)

**Meadowbrook Athletics Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/p/Meadowbrook-Athletics-100057212570262/>

## 👋 Meet our Staff

I invite you to get to know our dedicated team at Meadowbrook High School! Please go to the Meadowbrook High School Facebook [Link](#). Once there, scroll through the posts to see highlights of our amazing staff.

Our Media Marketing class, led by Mr. Grant Gaydos, has been actively showcasing the incredible work and contributions of our staff and student events held throughout the building!

***Mr. Gaydos also teaches the following courses: Business Foundations, Communications, and Management, Finance***



***Ms. Jesse has recently joined Mr. Gaydos to support the business pathway and also will be launching a new pathway in the near future.***

## 📢 Exciting News: Introducing Our New Information Technology Career Pathway!



This pathway is designed to equip our students with essential skills and knowledge in the ever-evolving tech landscape.

The Information Technology pathway will offer students:

- Hands-On Learning: Engaging in practical projects that mirror real-world IT scenarios.

- Skill Development: Training in the design, development, support, and management of hardware, software, multimedia, and systems integration services.
- Career Readiness: Preparing students for technical and professional-level careers.

*We believe this pathway will provide our students with valuable skills that are highly sought after in today's job market. Our aim is to equip them with the skills and experiences necessary for success beyond high school. The implementation of this plan relies on the dedicated efforts of our team, and we are excited to embark on this journey together!*

### **Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!**

The weeks surrounding winter break often see more empty seats in classrooms. Every hour of every school day is a unique opportunity for students to learn, connect, and grow. When students miss too many days of school, they fall behind and struggle to keep up with their classmates. Whatever the reason for the absence, the result for the student is the same — learning time is lost. Children and adolescents will get sick at times and may need to stay at home, but we want to work with you to help minimize the number of days your student misses school.

### **Missed Days Add Up Quickly!**

- Just a few missed days a month adds up to several school weeks missed in a year.
- Both excused and unexcused absences can make it more difficult for students to keep up, especially in math and reading.

*Thank you*

**A big thank you to:**

 **Students who show up every day and the parents/caregivers supporting them.**

If you or your child need attendance support, please reach out to our school secretary, guidance, and attendance support staff.

### **Let's engage together for student success**



*Every day presents a new opportunity for growth and success. Every day is a chance to do our best! Please support us in encouraging each student to: take charge of their learning, show up to school every day, step up to help and support one another, and grow through every challenge! #ColtUp*

Please take the time to nominate a deserving Meadowbrook High School student and/ or staff member.

The #ColtUp awards serve as a testament to the commitment made to do whatever it takes to ensure success and make a difference in our learning community.

**#ColtUp —“Show Up, Step Up, Grow Up; Be the Best You Can Be!”**



**Staff Nomination Form;**



**Student Nomination Form;**

When nominating be sure to note some of the following characteristics we are seeking in our candidates:

The "**Show Up**" component emphasizes the importance of daily attendance, presence, and clear communication - essential for academic success.

"**Step Up**" challenges all members to take on additional responsibilities, leadership roles, and opportunities to support their peers and the broader school community, such as volunteering and participating in extracurriculars.

Finally, "**Grow Up**" encourages everyone to continuously strive for personal and academic improvement (growth), take ownership of their learning, seek feedback to enhance their performance, and advocate for positive change.

By "**Colt[ing] Up**," individuals actively engage in their personal growth, embrace the learning process, and participate in school-sponsored events and activities, ultimately preparing them for lifelong success.



### **Every Voice Matters**

While my schedule can be busy, I am committed to addressing your concerns and hearing your feedback as efficiently as possible. Whether it's a celebration, suggestion, concern, or question, your input is important to me.



Please tell me about it: [Share here](#) Or if you prefer, here:

**Upcoming Events:**

**January 2 & 3:** Staff Professional Development

**January 6th:** Students 1st day back after holiday break

**January 10th:** Report cards are sent home

**January 20th:** NO SCHOOL in observance of Martin Luther King

**February 10:** 2-Hour Delay

**February 17th:** NO SCHOOL in observance of President's Day

**Go Colts!**



***Building a Better Future Together***

Yours in education,  
Ms. Murphy