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New High School Outdoor Athletic Facility



The high school celebrated an exciting milestone of the Artesian Initiative on Friday, August 28, 2026, with the opening of the new outdoor athletic facility; with the official name pending School Board approval.

The state-of-the-art complex replaces the school's previous building and provides expanded, modern spaces designed to better serve student-athletes, coaches, visiting teams, and game officials.

A significant addition to the complex is the increased locker room space, which allows the school to comfortably accommodate the visiting teams. This complex also includes a dedicated outdoor athletic trainer room, providing access and support for the student-athletes during outdoor practices and events.

Head football coach Brian Dugger stated, "This is a big deal. This



is not normal. This complex is up there with the best of the best in the state," during the initial viewing of the complex with the Varsity football team.



The opening of the facility marks an important investment in the high school athletic program and the students. Beyond improved facilities, the complex reflects the District's commitment to creating opportunities for student-athletes and enhancing experiences for teams, coaches, officials, and fans.

Martinsville Open Enrollment

2026-2027 Enrollment All new students, preschool, kindergarten, and transfer students are welcome to enroll. Families can visit the Central Education Center or school with any questions.

Please visit our website at: msdofmartinsville.org/enrollment or call 765-342-6641 with any questions.





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Safety Tips



The District is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for students and staff. STOPit is an anonymous reporting tool that allows students and families to share concerns related to school safety, bullying, threats, harassment, or other issues that may impact the school community. STOPit provides a confidential way to report a concern and helps school staff respond to situations that may otherwise go unreported. Families are encouraged to talk with their students about the importance of speaking up when they see or experience something concerning.

If you see something, say something. Your report could help make a difference in keeping the students and school community safe.

The STOPit reporting system can be located on the District's website.

Connecting with Superintendent Bowlen



One of the most rewarding parts of my role is visiting classrooms and seeing students engaged in learning. Even in these first few weeks, our students are already making progress, asking great questions, challenging themselves, and demonstrating the curiosity and determination that make our schools special. I am incredibly proud of our students and grateful to our teachers and staff for the care and dedication they bring to their work each day.

September also marks an exciting milestone for our district as we continue to invest in facilities that will serve our students and community for years to come. Last Friday night, we celebrated the opening of our new outdoor athletic facility as our high school football team took the field for the home opener. This was an exciting opportunity to come together as a community, support our students, and celebrate a facility that will benefit our student-athletes and programs for generations.

And this is just the beginning. Construction continues on several other major projects throughout the district. Artesian Springs is taking shape, and it is exciting to see the progress being made both outside and inside the building. Walking through the space and seeing classrooms and learning areas begin to come together makes the future feel very real.

Later this month, we will also celebrate the groundbreaking of our new natatorium. This project represents another important investment in opportunities for our students, families, and community, and we look forward to watching it take shape in the months ahead.

There is a great deal of momentum across our district right now. While new buildings and facilities are exciting, our greatest investment will always be in our students; their learning, their experiences, and their opportunities to grow. I am grateful to our staff, families, students, and community for continuing to work together to make our district a place where every student can thrive.

Thank you for helping us make this such a strong start to the school year. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the months ahead.



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Upcoming Events

September 7 - Labor Day (No School)

October 8 - ½ Day Instruction

October 12-16 - Fall Break (No School)



Legislative Updates

The MSD Martinsville School Police Department has released essential legislative updates affecting school campuses regarding the possession of firearms, imitation weapons, and tobacco products, as detailed in the flyer on page 7.

Under Indiana Code 35-47-9-2, knowingly or intentionally possessing a firearm on school property, on a school bus, or at a school function is a Level 6 felony. This ban strictly applies to public and private K-12 schools, preschools, and school-leased properties. Additionally, it is a Class B misdemeanor for a person to knowingly or intentionally possess an imitation firearm in or on school property or on a school bus. An imitation firearm is defined as an object or device that is



substantially similar in color and appearance to a real firearm, causing a reasonable person to think it is real. Possession of an imitation firearm on these grounds carries a potential jail sentence of up to 180 days and a fine of up to \$1,000.00, even if the item cannot discharge real ammunition. Amendments to Indiana law under SEA 144, effective July 1, 2026, reinforce restrictions on tobacco and vaping products for individuals under 21 years of age.

Under amended Indiana Code 35-46-1-10.5, anyone under 21 years old who buys, purchases, accepts for personal use, or physically possesses a tobacco product or vapor device, including e-cigarettes and e-liquids, commits a Class C infraction. This restriction also applies to the use of fake IDs to purchase tobacco. Under amended Indiana Code 35-46-1-10, selling, distributing, or providing tobacco products or vapor devices to a person under 21 years of age is classified as a Class B infraction.

Community members with questions are encouraged to contact Deputy Chief Doug Rather.

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MSD OF MARTINSVILLE 2026-27 DISTRICT CALENDAR

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Facebook/Twitter/Instagram
MSD of Martinsville

WEBSITE:

msdofmartinsville.org

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No School
 Teacher Day—No Students

AUGUST	3, 4, 5	Teacher Work Days
	6	First Day of School
SEPTEMBER	7	Labor Day (No School)
OCTOBER	2	1 st Nine Weeks Ends (41 days)
	8	½ Day Instruction Parent-Teacher Conferences, Grade PK-4
	12-16	Fall Break (No School)
	19	School Resumes
NOVEMBER	25-27	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
DECEMBER	18	2 nd Nine Weeks End/First Semester Ends (47 days)
	21-31	Winter Break (No School)
JANUARY	1	Winter Break (No School)
	4	School Resumes
	18	MLK Jr. Day (No School)
FEBRUARY	15	Presidents' Day (No School)
MARCH	12	3 rd Nine Weeks Ends (48 days)
	22-26	Spring Break (No School)
APRIL		
MAY	20	Last Day for Students 4 th Nine Weeks/2 nd Semester Ends (44 days)
	21	Teacher Work Day
	21	Graduation

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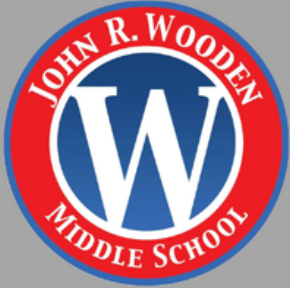
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½ Day Instruction



W.E.L.L. Wednesday Schedule 2026-27



John R. Wooden Middle School

8:25-2:25



Bell Intermediate Academy

8:35-2:35



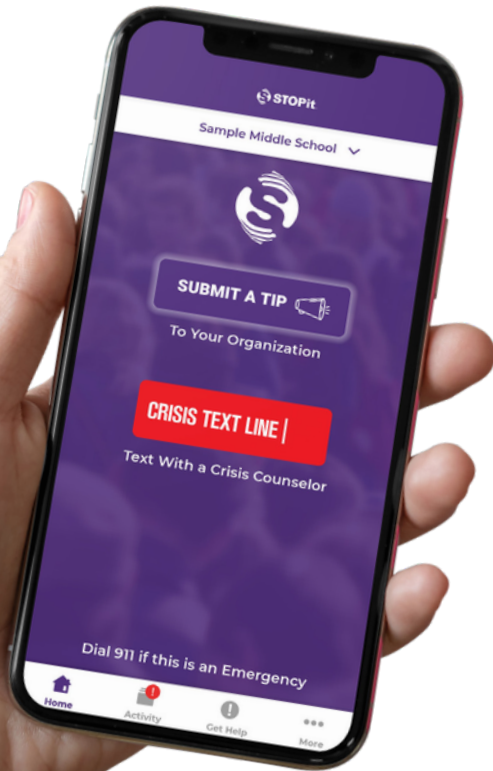
Martinsville High School

8:40-2:40

Elementary Schools

9:40-3:40





Empowering you with safety technologies for healthier learning environment.

STOPit provides you with: An anonymous, comfortable way for you to share information so that you can provide or get help as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Use the STOPit mobile app to anonymously report incidents to your school. Reporting is completely anonymous. You can include text, images or video. It only takes a few minutes

What can you report?

- Bullying
- Cyberbullying
- Harassment
- Violence, threats, or weapons possession
- Alcohol or drug related issues
- Discrimination

How STOPit Works?

- 1 Submit a tip via mobile app, website or 24/7 phone hotline
- 2 Incident Response Center monitors and reviews your submission
- 3 School Administrators receive and act on tip submission



View Student Training Video



Download STOPit today!



MSD MARTINSVILLE SCHOOL POLICE



NEW LAW UPDATE



FIREARMS AND IMITATION FIREARM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

- Indiana Code 35-47-9-2), knowingly or intentionally possessing a firearm on school property, on a school bus, or at a school function is a Level 6 felony. This ban applies to public and private K-12 schools, preschools, and school-leased properties.
- A Class B misdemeanor for a person to knowingly or intentionally possess an **imitation firearm**: (1) in or on school property; or (2) on a school bus.
- Imitation Firearm: Defined as an object or device that is substantially similar in color and appearance to a real firearm, such that a reasonable person would think it is real.
- Prohibited Areas: Applies directly to school property, school functions, and school buses.
- Criminal Penalties: Possession on these grounds is classified as a Class B misdemeanor, which carries a potential jail sentence of up to 180 days and a fine up to \$1,000.00, even if the item cannot discharge real ammunition.

POSSESSION OF TOBACCO BY A MINOR

- Under Indiana law (Indiana Code 35-46-1-10.5), anyone under 21 years old who buys, accepts for personal use, or physically possesses a tobacco product, including e-cigarettes and vapes, commits a Class C infraction. This restriction also applies to using fake ID's to purchase tobacco.

Tobacco and Vape Devices

- Indiana Code 35-46-1-10 Amended effective July 1, 2026 (SEA 144)
- Selling, distributing, or **providing tobacco products** or vapor devices (e-liquids and vapes) to a person under 21 years of age is a Class B infraction
- Indiana Code 35-46-1-10.5 Amended effective July 1, 2026 (SEA 144)
- A person under 21 years of age that purchases, possesses, or accepts a tobacco product or vapor device, commits a Class C infraction.

Questions? Contact Doug Rather, Deputy Chief

doug.rather@msdmartinsville.org

Zonar - Bus Notification App

Zonar is the system used to track school buses and provide families with real-time updates. Through the Zonar system, families can receive notifications about their student's bus status, including:

- Proximity Alerts: Receive notifications when the bus is nearing your designated bus stop, helping you be ready to pick up your child on time.
- Arrival and Departure Notifications: Get alerts when your child's bus arrives at or departs from the school, ensuring you know when your child has safely arrived or is heading home.

How to Access Zonar

1. Download the free Zonar MyView app.
2. Enter the school access code: 5925.
3. Enter the Skyward student identification number.
4. Select the bus number you want to track.
5. Create alert zones to receive notifications when the bus enters those areas.
6. Enable push notifications in the app settings to receive updates about the bus route.



School Abbreviations

Martinsville High School - MHS
Wooden Middle School - JRW
Bell Intermediate Academy - BIA
Brooklyn STEM - BSA
Centerton Elementary - CES

Green Twp Elementary - GTE
Paragon Elementary - PES
Poston Road Elementary - PRE
Smith Fine Arts Academy - SFA
South Elementary - SES



MSD of Martinsville Cell Phone & Personal Device Policy

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INDIANA STATE LAW (SEA 78) | EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

POLICY INFORMATION

RESTRICTED ACCESS

NO ACCESS: FULL SCHOOL DAY (BELL-TO-BELL)

All personal communication devices **MUST** be powered off and inaccessible for the entire school day.



STORAGE

All students will be expected to store cell phones in a locker for the entire school day.



PROHIBITED DEVICE LIST

The ban includes cell phones, smartwatches, headphones, earbuds, tablets, personal laptops, smart glasses, and gaming devices.



EXCEPTIONS

Access will still be granted for students with documented medical needs, requirements in an IEP, or 504 Plan.



APPROVED CELL PHONE USE

Students will be able to use cell phones on school buses, after school activities.



SCHOOL DAY COMMUNICATION

SCHOOL OFFICES

Families can contact the school front office.



STUDENTSQUARE

The District will explore StudentSquare, a ParentSquare feature for students in grades 9-12.

