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# Schedule at a Glance



## Homecoming Registration Required to Attend Events

You may register for Homecoming events by mail or online. **Advance registration is required** to assist in planning and cost management. Many events require that your **MHS Alumni Association dues are paid and valid Sept. 1, 2024–Aug. 31, 2025.**

**MHSAA Dues:** Graduates from the Classes of 2019-2024 and lifetime members of MHSAA are not required to pay dues. All other graduates may pay annual membership dues with their Homecoming registration. For details about lifetime membership and dues, please contact the MHSAA Office, 717.520.2045.

## Happy Birthday Mr. Hershey!

This year we will celebrate the life of our founder throughout the weekend, as his birthday is Sept. 13.



### REGISTER FOR HOMECOMING ONLINE

To confirm your access to MHS Homecoming 2024 events, register by **Aug. 28, 2024.** Register for Homecoming online at <https://www.mhsalum.org/2024-homecoming-registration/> or use the registration form in this brochure.



### Thursday, Sept. 12

**6:30–10 p.m.** Cuba in Hershey Lounge Party, Dearden Alumni Campus

### Friday, Sept. 13

**7 a.m.** MHSAA Golf Tournament and Picnic, Deer Valley Golf Course  
**9 a.m.–4 p.m.** Event Check-In, Tickets/MHSAA Voting, Copenhagen Gym  
 Open Houses: Memorial Hall, Catherine Hall, Fisher Hall, Dearden House, and Kinderhaus  
**9 a.m.–3 p.m.** Open House, Founders Hall  
**12:30 p.m.** MHSAA Picnic, Deer Valley Golf Course  
**2:15 p.m.** Spartan Hall of Fame Induction, Founders Hall Auditorium  
**7–11 p.m.** Milton's Birthday Bash, Hershey Lodge



### Saturday, Sept. 14

**8–9:30 a.m.** Continental Breakfast, MHS Ice Rink  
**8 a.m.–Noon** Event Check-In, Tickets/MHSAA Voting, Copenhagen Gym  
**9 a.m.–1 p.m.** Open House, Dearden House  
**9 a.m.–3 p.m.** Open House, Founders Hall  
**9–11 a.m.** Open House, Catherine Hershey Schools for Early Learning  
**9:30 a.m.** MHSAA Annual Business Meeting, Heritage Room, Founders Hall  
**11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.** Pre-Game Picnic, MHS Ice Rink  
**1:30 p.m.** Homecoming Football Game vs. Big Spring High School, Henry Hershey Field  
**5 p.m.** MHS Lifer Photo, Hershey Lodge  
**5:30 p.m.** MHS Homecoming Banquet, Hershey Lodge  
 Following the banquet: Reunion Celebrations for classes ending in 4s and 9s and Honorary Member Reception, Young Alumni Room



### Sunday, Sept. 15

**8 a.m.** Graveside Memorial Service, Hershey Cemetery  
 One mile north of Hershey on Route 743 (Laudermilch Road)  
**9–9:45 a.m.** Chapel Service, Founders Hall Auditorium  
**10 a.m.** Memorial Grove Service, Alumni Memorial Grove, near Founders Hall  
**11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.** Sunday Brunch, Founders Hall Dining Room



# Schedule of Events

## Thursday, Sept. 12

### 6:30–10 p.m. Cuba in Hershey Lounge Party

*Dearden Alumni Campus, 109 McCorkel Rd., Hershey*  
**Advance registration required.**

Join us for a relaxed evening with a chill vibe, cozy atmosphere, and great company in the Purcell Friendship Garden. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverage tickets are included. We will have a separate cigar lounge. You can BYOC or add the Milton S. Hershey Cigar Package to your ticket. MHSAA dues must be paid and valid Sept. 1, 2024—Aug. 31, 2025. Please bring your I.D. for verification of age by the bartender.

## Friday, Sept. 13

### 7 a.m. Homecoming Golf Tournament Check-In

*Deer Valley Golf Course, 101 Stouidt Rd., Hummelstown*

Limited to 144 golfers. Participation is open to alumni, honorary alumni, and their families and friends.

Traditional golf prizes will be awarded. Shotgun start at 7:50 a.m. The registration fee is \$80 per golfer. The fee includes continental breakfast, golf, cart, picnic luncheon, and prizes. The cost will be \$85 at the door, paid by check or cash.

Tee sponsorships are available for \$50 to help offset tournament costs.

If you have questions or require special considerations related to golf or the picnic, contact Nick Stone '98, 717.421.1998.

### 12:30 p.m. MHSAA Picnic

*Deer Valley Golf Course, 101 Stouidt Rd., Hummelstown*  
**Advance registration required.**

Open to all alumni, family, friends, MHS retirees, and MHS employees. The picnic menu will include hamburgers, hot sausages, a condiment bar, salad, baked beans, grilled peppers and onions, rolls, brownies, and a non-alcoholic beverage. The cost is \$25 per person.

### 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Event Check-In/Tickets/MHSAA Voting

*Copenhaver Gym, 655 Brook Dr., Hershey*

Sign your class roster, check-in and pick up pre-ordered tickets for Homecoming events and vote for MHSAA Board of Directors. The ballot is included in this brochure or you may vote online using the QR code. Only dues-paying members may vote. Please note that members of the Classes of 2019–2024 are not required to pay dues. They may vote and register for the Homecoming Banquet as part of their young alumni membership. All other alumni may pay membership dues as part of Homecoming registration. For details, see the registration form.

### 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Open House: Dearden House

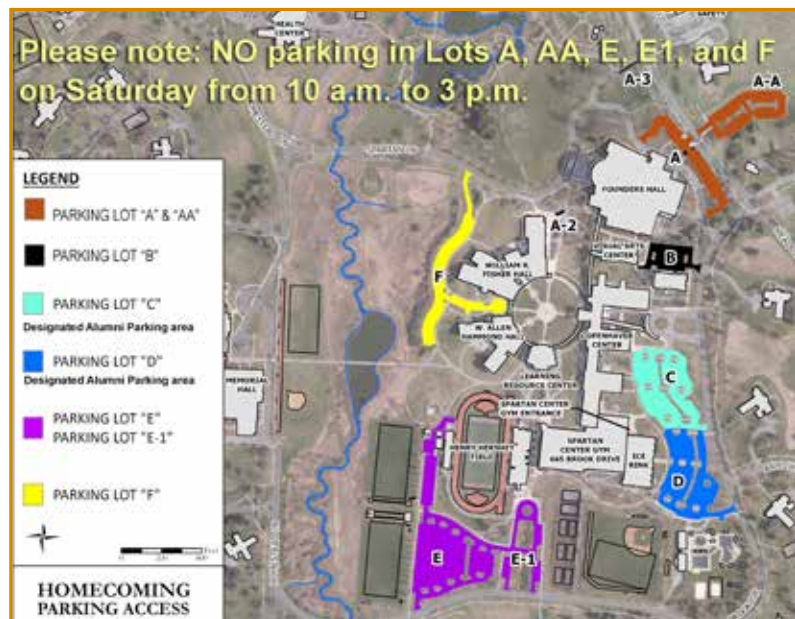
*Dearden House, 109 McCorkel Rd., Hershey*

Tour Dearden House for a glimpse of MHS residential life in the 1950s and 1960s. The restored and renovated home includes life-size displays, artifacts, interactive videos, and Camelot Room displays in a museum layout. Visit Purcell Friendship Garden to see the Class Ring Sculpture and find the listing of your class and your name in granite.

### 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Open House: Founders Hall

*Founders Hall, 801 Spartan Ln., Hershey*

Visit Founders Hall Rotunda which has undergone significant upgrades that create a stunning, interactive experience. The self-guided tour features six exhibits: The Deed of Trust, Life at MHS Pillars, Spartan Memories, Milton's Legacy, Vision in Action, and Alumni of the Year.



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## 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Open House: Kinderhaus

*Kinderhaus, 635 Meadow Ln., Hershey*

Visit the MHS Heritage Center at Kinderhaus to see exhibits, films, and publications from the school's archives.

If you would like to view photos from your time at the school in the archives reading room, please make an appointment by contacting MHS School History, 717.520.3152.

## 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Open House: Memorial Hall, Catherine Hall, Fisher Hall

**Advance registration required.**

Tours will be available from each school building. Guided tours will be offered at Memorial Hall and Catherine Hall (formerly Old Senior Hall). Tours of Fisher Hall (formerly Senior Hall North) will be self-guided. Alumni and their guests must present a valid driver's license or passport at the main office of each school building to obtain a visitor's pass. At Catherine Hall, drive in front of the building and follow the road to the parking lot near the main entrance.

## 2:15 p.m. Spartan Hall of Fame Induction

*Founders Hall Auditorium, 801 Spartan Ln., Hershey*

**RSVP requested.**

MHS will honor the 2024 Spartan Hall of Fame inductees.

## 7–11 p.m. Milton's Birthday Bash

*Hershey Lodge, 325 University Dr., Hershey*

**Advance registration required.**

Open to everyone. Join us for a birthday party in honor of Milton S. Hershey. From 7 to 9 p.m., enjoy soft music, heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and spin the wheel. At 9 p.m., the lights go down and DJ Paul Rowe '94 (aka Don Pablo) will crank up the dance music.

You can have cake and eat it too! Immediately before the 9 o'clock hour, we will sing "Happy Birthday" and enjoy birthday cake to honor our Founder, Milton S. Hershey.

Admission Prices: 7 p.m. \$25 general admission, \$20 lifetime members. Those entering after 8:45 p.m., admission is \$10.

**To register, your MHSAA dues must be paid and valid Sept. 1, 2024–Aug. 31, 2025.**

# Saturday, Sept. 14

## 8–9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

*MHS Ice Rink, 655 Brooke Dr., Hershey*

**Advance registration required.**

## 8 a.m.–Noon Check-In/Tickets/MHSAA Voting

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## 9:30 a.m. MHSAA Annual Business Meeting

*Heritage Room, Founders Hall, 801 Spartan Ln., Hershey*

**RSVP requested.**

## 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Open House: Dearden House

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## 9–11 a.m. Open for Tours: Catherine Hershey Schools for Early Learning

*CHS Hershey, 150 Homestead Rd., Hershey*

**Advance registration required.**



MHS Alumni are invited to tour the newly opened Catherine Hershey School, Hershey location. This guided tour of the 50,827-square-foot center will highlight the state-of-the-art classrooms, family success center, gross motor rooms, and the innovation studio.



**Timed reservations are required with limited capacity. Please register at [chslearn.org/homecoming](https://chslearn.org/homecoming) or by scanning the QR code to secure your spot.**

## 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Homecoming Pre-Game Picnic

*MHS Ice Rink, 655 Brooke Dr., Hershey*

**Advance registration required.**

## 1:30 p.m. Homecoming Game Kickoff

*Henry Hershey Field, 635 Brooke Dr., Hershey*

The MHS Spartans will play Big Spring High School in the annual Homecoming Football Game. Come out and show your Spartan pride!

## 5 p.m. MHS Lifer Photo

*The Great American Hall, Hershey Lodge, 325 University Dr., Hershey*

Alumni enrolled at MHS during first grade or earlier are invited to gather for a group photo before the banquet. Please check in at the event registration desk by 5 p.m. and enter the Great American Hall.

## 5:30 p.m. MHS Annual Homecoming Banquet

*The Great American Hall, Hershey Lodge, 325 University Dr., Hershey*  
**Advance registration required.**

### Adults only. Attire for the banquet is MHS Sunday best.

Arrive at 5:30 to take part in a special photo mural that will be shown during the banquet to celebrate Milton Hershey's birthday.

Doors close at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for the time-honored tradition of the Homecoming Banquet. MHS will honor Alumnus of the Year, Douglas I. Oliver '93, and MHS President Pete Gurt '85 will offer remarks regarding our home and school.

The MHS Alumni Association will induct honorary members during the program. In addition, winners of the MHSAA Homecoming Raffle will be drawn and announced.

Reunion classes will be seated at reserved tables and recognized during the program.

If you require an allergen-free meal, please mark it on the registration form.

**Tickets required:** Members of the MHS Alumni Association and widows of alumni are eligible to request up to two complimentary banquet tickets. Graduates and former students may pay membership dues with their Homecoming registration.

**Reminder:** If you register for tickets, they can be picked up at Check-In on Friday or Saturday at Copenhaver Gym, or at the banquet check in area near the Great American Hall at Hershey Lodge, 4:30-6:15 p.m. on Saturday.

### Following the Homecoming Banquet

#### Honorary Alumni

Congratulate newly inducted Honorary alumni, reminisce, and enjoy light refreshments. Room assignments will be posted at the MHS Homecoming check-in area near the banquet room and on electronic signs at Hershey Lodge.

#### Class Reunion Celebrations

*Confection Hall Lobby Area, Hershey Lodge*

Did you graduate in a year ending in 4 or 9? Several reunion classes are planning post-banquet receptions. Room assignments will be posted at the MHS Homecoming check-in area near the banquet room and on electronic signs at Hershey Lodge.

## Sunday, Sept. 15

### 8 a.m. Graveside Memorial Service

*Hershey Cemetery, one mile north of Hershey on Route 743 (Laudermilch Road)*

**RSVP requested.**

Join us as we pay tribute to MHS founders Milton and Catherine Hershey. The service will include scripture, music, and featured speakers.

### 9 a.m. Chapel

*Founders Hall, 801 Spartan Ln., Hershey*

Please join us for Chapel in the Founders Hall Auditorium. Seating is open, but limited.

### 10 a.m. Memorial Grove Service

*Alumni Memorial Grove near Founders Hall*

**RSVP requested.**

MHSAA will host its annual service to memorialize alumni who passed away since last Homecoming. All graduates and their guests are encouraged to join us for this solemn and moving remembrance.

### 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday Brunch

*Founders Hall Dining Room, 801 Spartan Ln., Hershey*

**Advance registration required.**

Join us for the traditional Sunday brunch which concludes Homecoming Weekend. Proceeds to benefit the Homestead Chapter of MHSAA. Tickets cost \$10 per adult. The cost for children's meals is \$5 per child ages 3-12.

### 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Open House: Founders Hall

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# Spartan Hall of Fame Inductees

## 2024 Visual and Performing Arts Inductees

Allen Duff '54 \*  
Rodney Gingerich '84  
Paul Davis '94  
Melissa Carter '04  
Alexandra M. Zimbleman '04

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## 2024 Athletic Inductees

Roger Smith '85  
Mark Pershpalaj '89  
Trina Poole '90  
Zainabu Conteh '98  
Jamarr Staples '99

Milton Hershey School created the Spartan Hall of Fame to recognize noteworthy accomplishments of members of the MHS family in the areas of athletics and visual and performing arts. This award recognizes recipients' achievements while at MHS in hopes of inspiring current and future MHS students.

MHS will honor the 2024 Spartan Hall of Fame inductees during a ceremony on Friday, Sept. 13 beginning at 2:15 p.m. at Founders Hall Auditorium. Guests are welcome to attend. **RSVP requested.**

\*Deceased

# Information & Special Announcements

## MHSAA Voting Online or by Mail

Vote for MHSAA Board of Directors using the ballot included with this brochure, or online at <https://www.mhsalum.org/mhsaa-2024-director-ballot/>



Lifetime, honorary, young alumni, and regular annual members may vote. You may pay membership dues as part of Homecoming registration. Young alumni members from the Classes of 2019-2024, lifetime members who have paid in full, and honorary members are not required to pay dues. For details about lifetime membership and dues, please contact the MHSAA Office, 717.520.2045.

## Reunion Classes, Prepare to Celebrate!

Class Agents and other class volunteers are busy making plans for individual reunion celebrations in addition to the weekend events listed in this brochure. If you graduated in a year ending in 4 or 9, please contact your Class Agent or reunion planning volunteer for details. For a list of Class Agents, or if you would like to volunteer to be a Class Agent, email Josi Rhoads '17 at [rhoadsjo@mhs-pa.org](mailto:rhoadsjo@mhs-pa.org).

## Win up to \$10,000 Cash with MHSAA Homecoming Fundraiser

The winners will be drawn during the Homecoming Banquet on Saturday, Sept. 14, and results will be posted online. You do not need to be present at the banquet to win. Tickets cost \$100 each. The top prize is \$10,000. There also will be two \$1,500-winners and four \$500-winners. **Only 300 tickets will be sold.**



## MHSAA Homecoming Auction - Open Sept. 10 to Sept 14.

Featuring HIS, MHS, and Hershey memorabilia. Funds raised from the auction will support our mission and programs, including the Cancer Care Fund, Helping Hands Fund, Regional Events, lifetime membership for MHS Lifers, costs for alumni in need, and more. Auction items must be picked up at the MHSAA office in the Dearden House at the conclusion of the auction. Items that are not picked up by 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, will be forfeited.



## Lodging in the Hershey Area

MHSAA has been in contact with local hotels to obtain room blocks for Homecoming Sept. 12-15, 2024. Please make your reservations early the RV show is in town as well. For a list of lodging facilities, visit the MHSAA Facebook page, or scan the QR Code. If you have no access to the Internet, phone the MHS Alumni Association Office, 717.520.2045.



## Parking at MHS

Check-in will take place at Copenhaver Gym. Parking will be available in Lots C and D. Golf cart shuttles will be available for those not able to walk a distance to the entrance.

## Accommodations Needed for Persons with Disabilities?

Milton Hershey School provides reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities at special events sponsored by the school. Questions about the accessibility of programs and events and requests for accommodations at school-sponsored events should be directed to Central Monitoring 717.520.3390 at least 72 hours (three days) prior to the event. Please note that the school does not provide wheelchairs or other mobility devices.

## Questions?

Milton Hershey School Alumni Association: 800.292.4647 or 717.520.2045  
Milton Hershey School Alumni Relations Office: 888-MHS-ALUM (647.2586) or 717.520.2030.

## Free Admission to The Hershey Story Museum, Story of Bill Dearden '40 Exhibit

63 West Chocolate Ave., Hershey

*We are deeply grateful to The Hershey Story Museum for generously offering free admission to MHS alumni for this exhibit.*

**MHS alumni and one guest** are invited to experience a new special exhibit at The Hershey Story Museum exploring the life of William "Bill" Dearden '40—the first and only graduate to run The Hershey Company.

Present the pass below for free admission to The Hershey Story Museum, before Dec. 31, 2024, compliments of The Hershey Company.



# Homecoming Registration



Register and pay online at [mhsalum.org](http://mhsalum.org) or mail a completed form with payment to:  
**Milton Hershey School Alumni Association, 109 McCorkel Rd., Hershey, PA 17033.**

**Reservation deadline: Aug. 28, 2024**

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year or Affiliation with MHS: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name or Name at Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if the address or other contact information above has changed within the last year.

## Thursday, Sept. 12

	# Attending	Total Due
<b>Cuba in Hershey Lounge Party</b> <i>Advanced registration required.</i>	x \$25 =	\$
The Milton S. Hershey Cigar Package	x \$50 =	\$

## Friday, Sept. 13

	# Attending	Total Due
<b>Open Houses</b> <i>Please indicate the number of attendees for each building you plan to visit:</i> _____ Memorial Hall    _____ Catherine Hall    _____ Fisher Hall    _____ Founders Hall		N/C
<b>Annual MHSAA Homecoming Golf Tournament, including Picnic</b>	x \$80 =	\$
Others in my foursome: _____		
<b>Tee Sponsorship</b> Name for Sign _____	x \$50 =	\$
<b>MHSAA Picnic</b> <i>(For those not golfing) Advanced registration required.</i>	x \$25 =	\$
<b>Spartan Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at Founders Hall Auditorium</b> <i>RSVP Requested</i>		N/C
<b>Milton's Birthday Bash at Hershey Lodge</b>		
Tickets for admission at 7 p.m. Regular or Affiliate Members	x \$25 =	\$
Tickets for admission at 7 p.m. Lifetime Members	x \$20 =	\$
Tickets for admission after 8:45 p.m.	x \$10 =	\$

## Saturday, Sept. 14

	# Attending	Total Due
<b>Continental Breakfast</b> <i>Advanced registration required.</i>		N/C
<b>MHSAA Annual Business Meeting</b> <i>Advanced registration required.</i>		N/C

# Homecoming Registration



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Saturday, Sept. 14

# Attending

Total Due

**Pre-Game Homecoming Picnic**  
Advanced registration required.

N/C

**Catherine Hershey Schools for Early Learning**

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**Homecoming Banquet**

Please indicate your affiliation to MHS. **All members, including lifetime members, must indicate the number of tickets needed below or you will not receive banquet tickets, they are not automatically given.** All members are limited to 2 banquet tickets. Adults only.

Regular Member (Limit 2): \_\_\_\_\_  
(If dues are not current, please pay below)

Affiliate Member (Limit 2): \_\_\_\_\_  
(If dues are not current, please pay below)

Young Alumni Member (Limit 2): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Classes of 2019-2024)

Lifetime Member (Limit 2): \_\_\_\_\_

Honorary Member (Limit 2): \_\_\_\_\_

Widow/Widower of a Graduate (Limit 2): \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the number of dietary restricted meals you and/or your guest need for the Homecoming Banquet:

Member meal:  Vegetarian/Vegan  No Seafood  No Peanuts/Tree Nuts  Gluten Free  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Guest meal:  Vegetarian/Vegan  No Seafood  No Peanuts/Tree Nuts  Gluten Free  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, Sept. 15

# Attending

Total Due

**Graveside Memorial Service at Hershey Cemetery**  
RSVP requested.

N/C

**Memorial Grove Service**  
RSVP requested.

N/C

**Sunday Brunch**  
Advanced registration required.

Adults: x \$10 = \$

Children 3-12: x \$5 = \$

**Pay my annual dues to MHSAA**  
(Valid Sept. 1, 2024–Aug. 31, 2025)

x \$30 = \$

**MHSAA Fundraising Programs**  
MHSAA Homecoming Raffle ticket

x \$100 = \$

I'd like to make a contribution to MHSAA:

\$

I'd like to make a contribution to MHSAA Cancer Care Fund:

\$

I'd like to make a contribution to MHSAA Helping Hands Fund:

\$

**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED:**

\$

PAYMENT METHOD:  Check  Mastercard  Visa

Please make checks payable to **Milton Hershey School Alumni Association.**

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card # and Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_