

## Mercer High School



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**MONDAY** 

**TUESDAY** 

WEDNESDAY

**THURSDAY** 

**FRIDAY** 

All lunches include a variety of fresh fruit, chilled fruit cup and choice of milk (Skim, 1%, Fat Free Chocolate) Thrive Garden Bar

Daily: Romaine or Spinach Salad

Monday: Carrot Sticks

Tuesday: Chilled Corn Salad

Wednesday: Broccoli Dippers

Thursday: Bean Salad & Carrots

Friday: Celery Sticks

Menu Subject to Change

Popcorn Chicken Bowl w/Mashed Potato, Corn and Roll Hot Ham & Cheese Sliders Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Sub Cheese Pizza

Parmesan Green Beans

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Mozzarella Sticks with Sauce Cheeseburgers Cheese Pizza Turkey & Cheese Sub Crispy Chicken Caesar Salad

Sweet Potato Wedges

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Grilled Pretzel Melt
Dippers:Chicken Bites, Pretzel
Nuggets, Fries
Cheese Pizza
Crispy Chicken Caesar Salad
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich

Fries

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Chicken Parm. Sub Pasta w/Meatsauce Cheese Pizza Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Chicken Caesar Salad

Caesar Side Salad

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Stuffed Breadsticks
with Marinara Sauce
Mini Cheeseburger Sliders
Cheese Pizza
Ham & Cheese Sub
Garden Salad w/Cheese

Citrus Glazed Carrots

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Dippers: Boneless Chicken Bites, Pretzel Bites, Tater Tots Cheese Pizza Chicken Patty Sandwich Ham & Cheese Sub Garden Salad W/Cheese

Fries

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Orange Chicken Take- Out over Rice Philly Cheesesteak Cheese Pizza Ham & Cheese Sub Garden Salad /w Cheese

Steamed Broccoli

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Chicken Fajitas with soft Tortilla &Toppings Cheeseburgers Pepperoni Pizza Ham & Cheese Sub Garden Salad w/Cheese

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Roasted Chickpeas

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Meatball Parm. Sub Buffalo Chicken Flatbread Pepperoni Pizza Ham & Cheese Sub Garden Salad w/Cheese

Steamed Green Beans

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Grilled Cheese with Tomato Soup Pretzel Cheeseburger Cheese Pizza Tuna Sub Chicken Caesar Salad

Roasted Parmesan Carrot sticks

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Chicken Dipper, Celery sticks, Tortilla Scoops Hot Roasted Turkey Sub Cheese Pizza Tuna Sub Chicken Caesar Salad

Potato Wedges

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Mac & Chicken Alfredo with Garlic Bread Chicken Quesadilla Cheese Pizza Tuna Sub Chicken Caesar Salad

Roasted Broccoli

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Chicken Taquitos
Chicken Patty Sandwich
Cheese Pizza
Tuna Sub
Chicken Caesar Salad

Southwest Black Beans

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Hot Dog w/ Chili Cheese Chicken Tenders/roll Pepperoni Pizza Tuna Sub Chicken Caesar Salad

Italian Roasted Zucchini

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Breakfast For Lunch
French Toast Sticks with Sausage
Links

Bacon Cheeseburger Cheese Pizza Turkey Club Sandwich Fiesta Salad w/chips

Steamed Carrot Coins

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Thanksgiving Meal Roasted Turkey with Gravy, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Corn

Cranberry and Applesauce

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Crispy Chicken BLT Cheeseburger Cheese Pizza Turkey Club Sandwich Chicken Caesar Salad

Garlic Sautéed Spinach

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Happy Thanksgiving! School Closed 29

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

#### The Role of Nutrition and Stress

Nutrition and stress often go hand-in-hand, with some people tending to overeat when stressed and others limiting their food intake due to an upset stomach or indigestion. Certain foods increase the physical stress on your body by making digestion more difficult, or by denying the brain essential nutrients. With a sensible diet, it's possible to reduce the effects of stress, avoid some common problems and protect your health. Nutrients such as Vitamins B and C, calcium, magnesium and zinc can be depleted by stress. To help your body better manage stress and avoid nutrient depletion, you should always aim to eat breakfast, plan

meals in advance, pack healthy snacks, minimize caffeine from tea, coffee and sodas and fill up on hydrating water. For added calcium, consume yogurts, smoothies and even calcium-fortified orange juice. B vitamins can be obtained by eating wholesome grains and vitamin C, and magnesium can be found in many fruits and vegetables. Giving your body nutrition it needs is a positive step you can take every day toward combating stress. With the correct nutrition, you are better prepared to face the challenges of the day.

# **Refresh Your Mind Every Monday**

Not all stress is the same. Some of the stress that we face in life can be more detrimental to our well-being, and some types of stress can actually be healthy for us. Good stress, or eustress, can be beneficial and is actually necessary for our overall wellbeing. This is the type of "positive" stress that keeps us excited about life. The excitement of a roller-coaster ride, a scary movie or a fun challenge are all examples of eustress. On the other hand, bad stress, or distress, can be detrimental to our health if it becomes chronic and sustained over time. Persistent stress has been shown to cause cardiovascular risks, digestive disorders and decreased immune response as well as sleep loss and mood disorders.

Realizing the magnitude of stress in our country, a team of researchers who created The Mondays Campaign developed a new initiative called DeStress Monday. This program helps people put a positive start on each week while reducing stress throughout the week. DeStress Monday provides helpful, evidence-based stress reduction tools and resources distributed through their website, social media and weekly newsletters. Have a happy week and check out these free destressing resources for yourself, your friends and colleagues at: <a href="https://www.destressmonday.org/#">https://www.destressmonday.org/#</a>.

Our foodservice facility prepares and serves some products which may contain ingredients identified as food allergens. For more information on food allergies, go to http://www.foodallergy.org/.

### Fresh Pick Recipe

#### LEMONY SMASHED POTATOES

- 12 new potatoes (small)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, sliced
- 1 cup nonfat sour cream
- 1 1/2 tablespoon chives, chopped small
- sea salt and pepper
- Boil potatoes in pan of water until tender and drain.
- 2. Grease a large baking sheet with 1/2 tablespoon of the olive oil.
- Place the potatoes on the baking sheet. Smash each potato with your hand until they break slightly open.
- Mix the remaining oil with the lemon juice. Drizzle mixture over the potatoes. Salt and pepper the potatoes.
- Bake in 450 degree oven for 25 minutes or until the potatoes are a bit crispy and golden.
- Remove potatoes from the oven and sprinkle with the parsley.
- 7. Mix the chives with the sour cream and serve on the side.

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