

Mexico
Middle
School

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Here's How You Can Improve Your Student's Attendance:

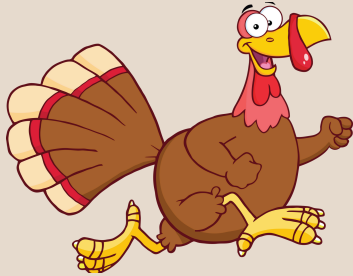
- Talk with your student about the importance of attending school regularly.
- Avoid scheduling family trips during school hours.
- Help your student stay healthy by eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep and exercise.
- Discuss with your student what is happening at school.
- Support school rules and consequences.
- Show your student why education is important.
- Set a good example for your student.

MEXICO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Schools are responsible for your student's learning. Schools, however, cannot do their job if your student is absent. Learning builds day by day. A student who misses a day of school, misses a day of learning.

NOVEMBER

events



November 8th
Turkey Trot

November 11th
Veterans Day
No school

November 15th
No ASAP
Picture Retake Day



November 15th
MMS Musical - Wizard of Oz
7pm @ MS Aud

November 16th
MMS Musical - Wizard of Oz
2pm & 7pm @ MS Aud

November 18th
IV/V Winter Sports begin

November 19th
10:45am Dismissal
Parent Teacher Conferences
Evening Conferences 5-6:30pm

November 20th
10:45am Dismissal
Parent Teacher Conferences

November 27th
10:45am Dismissal

November 28th - 29th
Thanksgiving Break



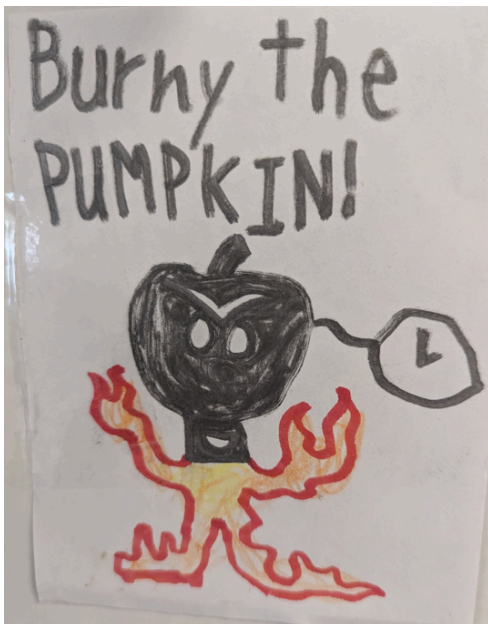


POSITIVE PUMPKINS 2024 WINNERS



Staff Favorites:

**Oliver Battles, Trent Skiff,
Jasper Greene-Ward and
Ruthie McAuslan**



Oliver Battles



Trent Skiff



Ruthie McAuslan



POSITIVE PUMPKINS 2024 WINNERS



Student Favorites:

Jain Flora, Jasper
Greene-Ward,
Elizabeth Hunter



Jain Flora

Beet Juice



Elizabeth Hunter



Jasper Greene-Ward

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 A Modified Volleyball & Boys Basketball Start	29 B	30 C 7/8 Band/Chorus Fall Concert MS Aud 7pm No ASAP	31 D HAPPY HALLOWEEN No ASAP	1 Staff Development Day	2
3 🕒	4 A	5 B ★ VOTE	6 C	7 D BOE Mtg	8 A 🦃 Turkey Trot	9
Bus Safety Drills						
10	11 Veterans Day 🇺🇸	12 B	13 C	14 D	15 A Picture Retakes MMS Musical MS Aud 7pm No ASAP	16 All County Band Auditions @ CSq MMS Musical MS Aud 2pm & 7pm
17	18 B JV/V Winter Sports Start	19 C 10:45am Dismissal MMS Evening Conferences 5-6:30pm	20 D 10:45am Dismissal P/T Conferences	21 A BOE Mtg	22 B NYSSMA Area All-State @ Whitesboro	23
24	25 C	26 D	27 A 10:45am Dismissal	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	29 🦔	30

**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER
14**

6:00 PM
MEXICO MIDDLE SCHOOL
CAFETERIA

Special Education **SUPPORT COMMUNITY**

Join us for our first meeting and build collaborative relationships with parents, teachers and community agencies!



**CHILDREN ARE
WELCOME!**

Light Refreshments Provided

Next Meeting- 3/13/25-
Middle School Cafeteria



**DOOR
PRIZES!**

FROM THE MMS LIBRARY



Check it out... Books have been flying off the shelves, well not really flying but they are going out. SORA, the e-book/audiobook app, is up and running. A great place to find and read your online books.

Mrs. Julian's pick for November is a historical fiction entitled, *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Bradley. Ada and her young brother live with their abusive mother in London during World War II. Ada is crippled and is not allowed to leave her upstairs apartment until children start being evacuated from London because of the war. Ada and her brother are evacuated to the English countryside. Will life be better, will Ada get the help she needs for her disability, and will her mean mother force them back to London. **Check it out...**



Library Statistics... Since September, there have been 703 books checked out from the library. 5th grade students are on top for number of books checked out. The top book checked out was *Diper Overlode* by Jeff Kinney.



Quote of the day by J.K. Rowlings
Anything is possible if you've got enough nerve.

LUNCH

time



Menu Subject to Change

NOVEMBER 2024

Elementary has daily choice of main menu, chicken patty or pbj. MS/HS has choice of main menu, chicken patty or pizza. Fresh and canned fruit available.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Grilled Cheese
Tomato Soup
Broccoli
Fruit
Milk

4

Bosco Stick
w/ Dipping sauce
Baked Beans
Fruit
Milk

5

Chili
Corn Bread
Carrots
Fruit
Milk

6

Mashed Potato Boats
Popcorn Chicken w/ Gravy
Cheese & Corn
Fruit
Milk

7

Pizza
Green Beans
Fruit
Milk

8

No School
Veteran's Day

11

Mini Corn Dogs
Carrots
Fruit
Milk

12

Mini Pancakes
Sausage Patty
Hash Brown Rounds
Fruit
Milk

13

Cheesy Rotini w/ Meatballs
Texas Toast
Salad
Fruit & Milk

14

Pizza
Green Beans
Fruit
Milk

15

Hamburger on a Bun
Baked Beans
Fruit
Milk

18

$\frac{1}{2}$ Day PK-8
Pretzel with Cheese Sauce
Broccoli
Fruit
Milk

19

$\frac{1}{2}$ Day PK-8
Hot Dog in a Bun
Corn
Fruit
Milk

20

Chicken and Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Dinner roll
Carrots
Fruit & Milk

21

Pizza
Green Beans
Fruit
Milk

22

Macaroni and Cheese
Dinner Roll
Broccoli
Fruit & Milk

25

Popcorn Chicken
Seasoned Rice
Carrots
Fruit

26

$\frac{1}{2}$ Day PK-12
Pizza
Green Beans
Fruit
Milk

27

No School
Thanksgiving Holiday

28

No School
Thanksgiving Holiday

29

Mexico School District is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Mexico school district participates in the Community Eligibility Provision for the 2024-2025 school year. All enrolled students in our school district, regardless of income level, are eligible to receive a healthy school breakfast and school lunch at no charge each day. If you have any questions concerning the school nutritional program, please contact Brenda Thomas at 315-963-8400 x 5071

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Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

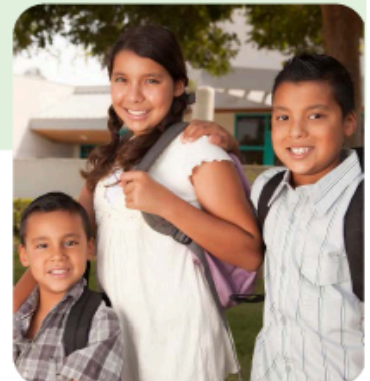
- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-urgent related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy. If you are concerned about a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Support your students if you notice signs of anxiety, and if needed, seek advice from your school or health provider

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents, or community agencies if you need support.





Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

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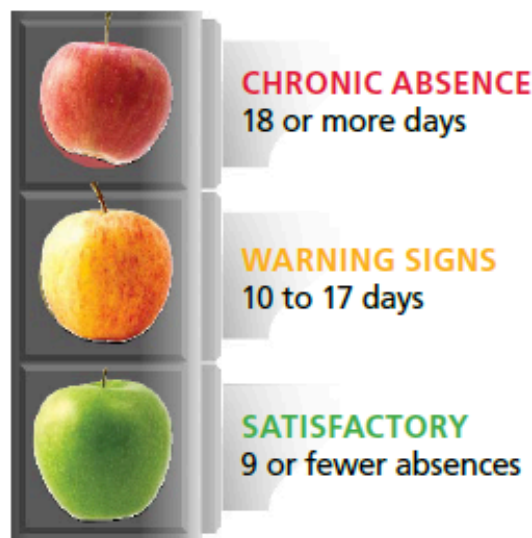
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

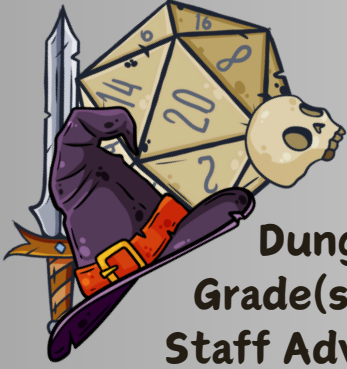
- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

MMS 10th Block Clubs & Activities



Dungeons & Dragons

Grade(s) Open to: 7 & 8

Staff Advisor: Mrs. Barry

Meets: Once a month in room 36

Status: Room for 2 or 3 more



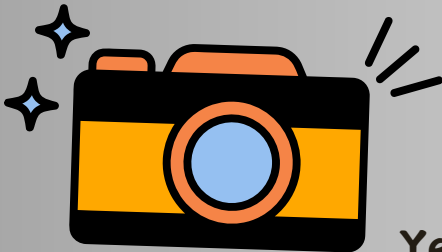
Risk Club

Grade(s) Open to: 5 - 8

Staff Advisor: Mrs. Kennedy

Meets: Tuesdays in room 53

Status: Open Enrollment



Yearbook Club

Grade(s) Open to: Currently 7 & 8

Staff Advisor: Mr. Aitken

Meets: Thursdays in room 61

Status: Open Enrollment



Badminton Club

Grade(s) Open to: 5 - 8

Staff Advisor: Mrs. Earley

Meets: Fridays in the Gym

Status: At capacity

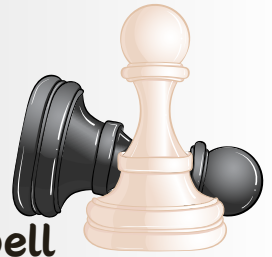
Chess Club

Grade(s) Open to: 5 - 8

Staff Advisor: Mr. Campbell

Meets: Tuesdays beginning on 12/3
in room 31

Status: Signups outside of room 31



**YOUR VOTE
MATTERS**

Student Council

Grade(s) Open to: Class

Representatives from all grades,

Officers grades 7 & 8

Staff Advisor: Mrs. Furlong

Meets: TBD

Status: Voting begins soon

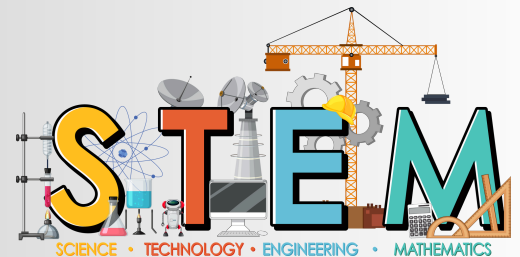
Student Leadership Team

Grade(s) Open to: 5 - 8

Staff Advisor: Mrs. Litwin-Snyder

Meets: Twice a month in room 14

Status: At capacity



STEM Club

Grade(s) Open to: 5 - 8

Staff Advisor: Mr. Connolly

Meets: Tuesdays and Thursdays in
room 66

Status: open enrollment

November

ASAP

November ASAP

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				No School 1 Staff Development Day
Cereal Bar Milk 4	Assorted Grahams Milk 5	Yogurt Milk 6	Muffin/Muffin Top Milk 7	Super Donut Milk 8
No School Veteran's Day 11	Assorted Grahams Milk 12	Yogurt Milk 13	Muffin/Muffin Top Milk 14	No ASAP Super Donut 15
Cereal Bar Milk 18	$\frac{1}{2}$ Day No SACC or ASAP 19	$\frac{1}{2}$ Day No SACC or ASAP 20	Muffin/Muffin Top Milk 21	Super Donut Milk 22
Cereal Bar Milk 25	Assorted Grahams Milk 26	$\frac{1}{2}$ Day No SACC or ASAP 27	No School Thanksgiving Holiday 28	No School Thanksgiving Holiday 29

SACC program is a fun club reinforcing positive values in a caring atmosphere, with activities intentionally designed to help kids make friends and grow stronger in mind, body, and spirit.

ASAP-After School Activities Program offering structured tutoring, socializing and enrichment opportunities for our Middle and High School students.



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9TH ANNUAL MMS TURKEY TROT 2024 WINNERS

5th Grade Boys

- 1.Castiel Brown-10:18**
- 2.Henry Madden-10:49**
- 3.Devin Lynch-11:06**

5th Grade Girls

- 1.Nora Bryant-11:06**
- 2.Evelyn Rombough-11:38**
- 3.Elizabeth Hunter-12:02**

6th Grade Boys

- 1.Khleon Johnson-10:06**
- 2.Ben Moroz-11:12**
- 3.Alex Barton-12:05**

6th Grade Girls

- 1.Breanne Porter-11:37**
- 2.Hannah Huber-13:53**
- 3.Aliyah Gibbs-14:16**

7th Grade Boys

- 1.Conway Turnbull-9:41**
- 2.Ethan Silverio-9:43**
- 3.Logan Davis-9:45**

7th Grade Girls

- 1.Addison Law-10:02**
- 2.Kemry Johnson-10:04**
- 3.Paisley Bryant-10:36**

8th Grade Boys

- 1.Steven Tripp-9:17**
- 2.Kole Platek-9:25**
- 3.Owen Larrabee-10:04**

8th Grade Girls

- 1.Sophie Madden-11:00**
- 2.Ella Willis-12:08**
- 3.Sadie Nesbitt-13:14**

9TH ANNUAL MMS TURKEY TROT TOP 25



1. Steven Tripp-9:17
2. Kole Platek-9:25
3. Conway Turnbull-9:41
4. Ethan Silverio-9:43
5. Logan Davis
6. Oscar Madden
7. Addison Law
8. Kemry Johnson
9. Owen Larrabee
10. Kleon Johnson

11. Castiel Brown
12. Colton Clark
13. Brandon Furlong
14. Kolton Pultorak
15. Trevor Haynes
16. Noel Sullivan
17. Paisley Bryant
18. Charley Burlingame
19. Braedyn Taylor
20. Easton Forsyth
21. Max Galaway
22. Everett Newkirk
23. Brightyn Inman
24. Henry Madden
25. Cole Clark



MMS TURKEY TROT RECORDS

Male Course Record:

Collin Fitzgerald-8:16 (2023)

Female Course Record:

Aubrey Herrington-9:21 (2022)

Grade Level Records:

5th Grade Male: Castiel Brown-10:18 (2024)

5th Grade Female: Nora Bryant 11:04 (2024)

6th Grade Male: Kleon Johnson-10:06 (2024)

6th Grade Female: Ellie Bryant 11:06 (2023)

7th Grade Male: Collin Fitzgerald-9:05 (2022)

7th Grade Female: Addison Law-10:02 (2024)

8th Grade Male: Collin Fitzgerald-8:16 (2023)

8th Grade Female: Aubrey Herrington-9:21 (2022)

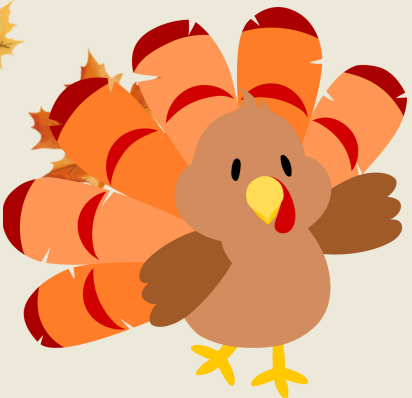
Hall of Fame:

Avery Mack- 4 Wins

Conway Turnbull- 3 Wins

Sophie Madden- 3 Wins

Aubrey Herrington- 3 Wins



WHATS HAPPENING @ MMS

**ASAP ACTIVE kids enjoying
a summer like day in
November!**



**Mrs. Earley and Mr. Brescia's P.E.
classes had a lot of fun learning
volleyball skills last month**



**Holy cow, check out our
5th grade staff having an
udderly amazing time on
Halloween!**



**8th grade AVID buddies
during Halloween Spirit Week**



HALLOWEEN

8th grade Spanish 1 students have spent the past few weeks creating ofrendas (altars) to mimic cultural practices in Latin America for Day of the Dead.

Ofrendas (otherwise known as altars) are a common practice in Mexican culture to celebrate Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) which takes place primarily on November 1st & 2nd. The purpose of Dia de los Muertos is to honor their deceased relatives. It is a celebratory and joyful day, focusing on the life they lived rather than mourning their loss. It is typical for families provide an ofrenda (the word literally meaning "offering") to their spirits in hopes that they will come back and visit them.

On the three-tiered altar, you will find a photograph of the deceased loved one, candles, calaveras (skulls), food, drink, and other items that were loved by the person in their lifetime. You will also find other brightly colored decorations like papel picado (decorative tissue paper banners.)



Registering for ParentSquare from the App

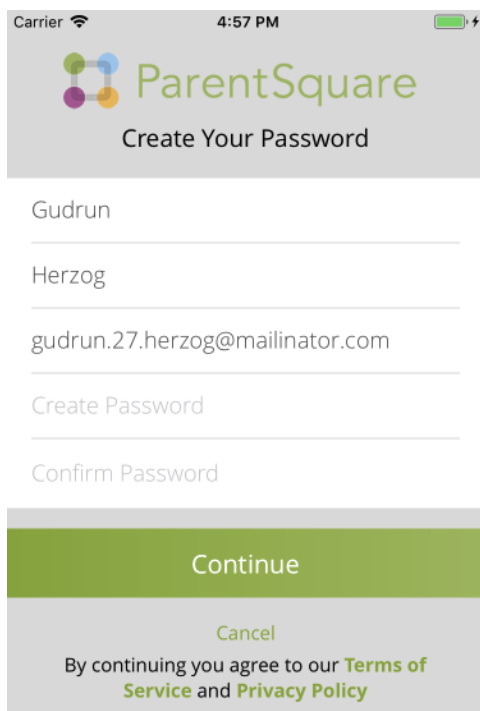
ParentSquare makes it easy to register for ParentSquare from the app. Simply download the app on your Apple or Android device and follow the steps below:

1. Open the ParentSquare App.
2. Enter your email or cell phone number.
3. Tap Continue.



Note: Please be sure to register with the same email that you have used for SchoolTool's Parent Porital Access. If your email is not recognized by ParentSquare, you can "Request Access" or call your school office and ask them to update your contact information.

4. Create your password and confirm your password.

A screenshot of the ParentSquare app's registration screen. At the top, the status bar shows "Carrier", signal strength, "4:57 PM", and battery level. Below the status bar is the ParentSquare logo (four colored circles) and the text "ParentSquare" in green. Underneath is the heading "Create Your Password". The form has five input fields: "Gudrun", "Herzog", "gudrun.27.herzog@mailinator.com", "Create Password", and "Confirm Password". At the bottom, there is a green "Continue" button and a gray "Cancel" button. Below the "Cancel" button, it says "By continuing you agree to our Terms of Service and Privacy Policy".

5. Enter your registration code sent by Email or Text and tap Verify.

Note: If your registration link has expired, a new one will need to be sent to you. Please contact your school's admin and ask for a new link to be sent to you.



DOWNLOADING THE SCHOOLTOOL MOBILE APP

Below you will find instructions on how to download the SchoolTool Mobile App from the App Store (iOS Devices) or the Google Play Store (Android Devices). Best of all - it's FREE!

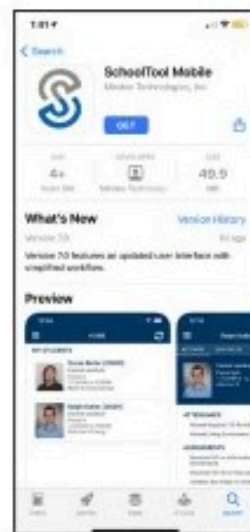
The SchoolTool Mobile App lets you view your child's grades, assignments and more right at your fingertips. Push Notifications can also be set up to ensure you receive the latest updates for your child(ren) as soon as they are posted to the SchoolTool portal.

Searching for the App

Go to the marketplace on your mobile device / tablet where you download apps and search "SchoolTool." If you are using an iOS device, go to the App Store. If you are using an Android device, go to the Google Play Store.

Downloading the App

Once you have found it on your marketplace, click "Install" or "Download." The app will now be available on your device.



Choosing Your Notifications

By downloading the SchoolTool App, you will be able to choose specific notifications that you would like to receive, including:

- When an Assignment is Graded
- Daily Attendance
- Marking Period Grades are Posted

All of your settings will automatically be saved. You have not successfully set up your notifications for the SchoolTool App.

Please note that, to get all of the full features and experience of SchoolTool, you will want to use the desktop version.

NOTIFICATIONS

Receive Push Notifications



Assignment Graded



Marking Period Graded



Direct Notifications



Daily Attendance



Upon entering the SchoolTool Mobile App, it will request a URL for your school district. Mexico's URL is:

<https://cnyric05.schooltool.com/Mexico/>