



Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,
 Thanks to all who made the Fall Fest such a great evening for MHMS families and friends! To the teachers and coaches who supervised the Kid Zones and Teen Zones, to the many faculty members and parents who donated items and services, to those of you who came and brought friends and neighbors to have dinner and bid on items—Thank you! We certainly want to thank Laurie Shannon, Parris Powers, Kecia Wright, David LaPointe, Paula Cowden and Leslie Heinrich and their helpers. The night would not have been possible without your time and efforts.
 Sincerely,
 Brad Schreiner

REMINDER

No school for students on Tuesday, November 4th.
 The teachers will be at school in professional development activities, but students will not be present.

ATTENTION PARENTS

We respectfully request that you refrain from talking on your cell phones in our dismissal line. Many times we need to alert you to an open door, a backpack that may be hanging out, or we may need to give you specific directions regarding your child or the line in general. If you are on your phone, you are placing your child and the adults who are supervising in an unsafe situation. And besides, you haven't seen your child for 7 hours—why not be ready to ask him/her about the school day instead of being on the phone? Thank you for adhering to this request from Mrs. Schreiner and Mrs. Hunter.

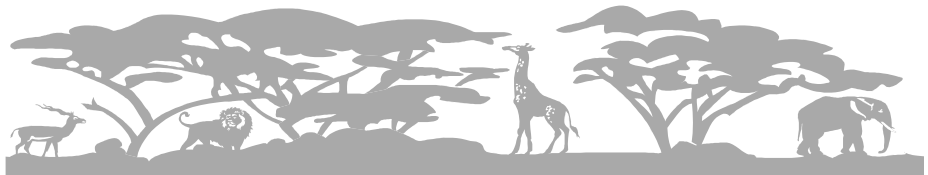
Veteran's Day Remembrance Concert



Tuesday, November 11th
 6:30 pm

Please join the MHMS High School Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the MHMS String Ensemble for a brief period of patriotic music to honor all Veterans. This event will follow the **PTO meeting** which commences at 6:30 PM. Besides the musical program, there will be guests, a stirring video presentation, and more. Please bring your relative or friend who has served in any branch of the military during war or peace times, so that they might be shown the honor they so richly deserve. Don't hesitate to bring a flag to wave!

Let's Go on a Safari for Fun Books!!!



Elementary Book Fair

November 17th through November 21st
 7:30 am to 3:30 pm
 in the Elementary Library

Join us for fun, food & festivity at our
 Thursday Evening Family Night!

Upper School Book Fair located in the cafeteria

POINSETTIA SALE

The holidays are fast approaching and it's that time of year to place your order for beautiful poinsettias. The Choral Department will be selling beautiful, top quality poinsettias November 3-14. This fundraiser will benefit Merrol Hyde's choir as they travel to Asheville, NC to perform at the Biltmore Estate's Candlelight Christmas Tour. Three colors will be available: Red, White, and Pink. The price is one plant for \$9.00 or two for \$16.00. Order forms will be sent home with students, or you can contact Chris Ronan at 822-9480 or 476-9480. Poinsettias will be available for pick-up on December 2 from 1:15-4:00 @ the school.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

FBLA is doing great so far this year! We have become the largest club at MHMS this year with 104 paid members. Our freshly designed t-shirts have gone to the printers and we can't wait to show our pride when we wear them. On October 4th, 37 students and 7 adults traveled to Holiday World in Santa Claus, Indiana, where we had a blast riding rides and viewing the park. We finished the day out with a traditional meal at Cracker Barrel in Franklin, KY. Study materials have been given out for competition. Our first competition is Feb 24th and study sessions will begin in January. Don't get behind on studying. We want to blow the competition away. Thanks!

BEEN PULLING for RMHC?

If you've been saving pull-tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Nashville, please turn them in, no matter how many or how few, by Wednesday, November 12, 2008. Every tab counts and your participation is greatly appreciated! Pull-tabs will continue to be accepted after that date. However, in the future, instead of being contributed to RMHC, the pull-tabs will be contributed to the March of Dimes. This way the whole school can 'pull together' (sorry-couldn't resist) in a united effort in support of one charity versus two. MHMS's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club, led by Ms. Cindy Storey, is conducting the March of Dimes pull-tab drive for a state competition in the spring. For further information about the RMHC Pull-Tab Collection, contact Monique Trotter at 264-9927.

HS SCIENCE at MHMS

Ecology—Ecology students are conducting animal capture and release surveys to study populations of organisms. They recently visited a pond to collect samples corresponding to their limnology studies in class.

Biology- Biology classes are studying Genetics and will be conducting blood typing antigen coagulation testing. We have lots of genetics chapters to cover and would love a guest speaker in a related career area to visit our classrooms. Contact Mr. Craighead or Mrs. Lloyd if you have some contacts.

Biology II—Students are conducting individualized Coached Projects to conclude by December 8th. We are also working on Planaria Regeneration Lab investigations to correspond with our current Invertebrate studies.

Also Science Olympiad and BEST Robotics teams are working hard to prepare for their respective competitions. The team is competing against 16 other schools in Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama in the "Just Plane Crazy" contest at Lipscomb University on November 8th. The team is comprised of students in the 7th through 11th grades.

Physics -Students are having an egg drop contest on November 11th. The object is to have the lightest weight device capable of dropping an egg for more than 30 feet without breaking or cracking the egg.



Guitar Club

The Guitar Club performed 2 shows on October 14th. With two original songs debuted: Holly Yearout with "Found" and Jordan Larsen with "Who Knows." 13 performers participated in the concert and another is being planned for the Spring Semester. Acoustics meet Monday mornings at 7:15 and Electrics meet Friday mornings at 7:00, both in Mr. Marsh's room. The club is open to all 6th-12th graders. Join the fun!

Theatre I Presents:
COMMERCIALS
A One-Act Play
By Conrad E. Davidson
Night Performance:
Thursday, November 20th
7:00 P.M.
Admission \$2.00

Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Thurman

Middle School News

Parents may view the middle school newsletter by going to the Parent page of the MHMS website and clicking on the monthly newsletter they wish to read. The newsletter provides busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting. You may request copies of Motivation Methods that Work, Super Study Skills, Understanding your Middle Schooler, Standardized Test Secrets, and The Real World: Math and Science from The Counseling Office.

High School

Important Dates to Remember

- Nov. 5 SAT Deadline for Dec. 6 Test
- Nov. 7 ACT Deadline for Dec. 13
- Nov. 11 Juniors tour Lipscomb
- Dec. 2-5 Gateway tests for Algebra I, English 10, Biology
- Dec. 2-5 End of Course tests in English 9, US History
- Dec. 6 ACT
- Dec. 13 SAT
- Dec. 26 SAT Deadline for Jan. 24
- Jan. 1 Parents may begin FAFSA

Mrs. Howard

Middle School Guidance

Red Ribbon week was celebrated by the elementary and middle school this year by wearing or bringing a special item each day. All students at MHMS received red ribbons to wear all week long to show their support for a drug free life. In 6th grade guidance classes, we have continued to talk about living above the line, treating others with respect, and most recently, we have begun to learn about the effects of alcohol on the young adolescent brain.

Elementary Guidance

Elementary students also dressed up as well for Red Ribbon week. Students in the "Just Say No" club made announcements and passed out ribbons. These students also made posters, written essays, and even composed raps. They are working hard to encourage others to stay drug free. In other elementary guidance news, students in grades K-5 have been learning about their marvelous brains and how to keep their brains safe. Ask your child about these lessons; you just might learn a thing or two! And always remember to buckle up!