



### *Principal's Pen*

Dear Parents,

Thank you for a wonderful start to the 2005-2006 school year! Except for some minor glitches, our first few days have been just great! We appreciate your support as we "fine tune" things like schedules, the car rider lines, etc. If you have a high school student, please ask him/her about our "Connect" groups. This advisory program will allow your freshman, sophomore, or junior to have another adult positive role model to discuss academic and school/social issues. These groups of six will meet periodically throughout the school year. Clubs and extra curricular activities are all gearing up. Please feel free to come in anytime to check out the two large calendars (located in the commons area) that track our academics and activities. Sincerely,

Brad Schreiner

### Please Mark Your Calendars!!

The 3rd Annual Country Fair & BBQ is Saturday, October 15th 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We need every family's participation in preparing for and hosting this great event! How can you help??? These are just some of the needs:

- **Business Sponsors** - Do you know a business owner who could help with a tax deductible contribution? Contact Tim Clinard at 394-2230.
- **Auction Donations** - If you can help solicit local businesses for items or sponsorships, please contact Darla Hall ([darlahall@insightcounts.com](mailto:darlahall@insightcounts.com)) or Katrina Gay ([kgay@nami.org](mailto:kgay@nami.org))
- **Vendor Booths** - If you know a local business owner who would like to showcase their products, please contact Beth Pickle ([ImagebyBP@aol.com](mailto:ImagebyBP@aol.com))

Thank you for your help!!! Please let us know if you are willing to help in other areas as well. We really do need your help to make the Country Fair & BBQ a great success!

*Melissa O'Brien and Dana Hargis, Event Organizers*

### **Spotlight on MHMS Staff**

#### **Mike Marsh**

Mr. Marsh teaches Algebra I and Geometry at MHMS. He is co-sponsor of the Math Team. He has 13 years of teaching experience including time spent teaching at a college. He received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Tennessee and a Masters of Engineering from the University of South Carolina. In addition to his experience as a teacher he also served as a Design Engineer and a Quality Engineer. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family. He currently resides in White House.



#### **Stephanie Lynch**

is teaching first grade this year at MHMS. Previously she has taught three years at Clyde Riggs Elementary in Portland. She taught one year in 3rd grade and two years in 5th grade. While attending White House High School Stephanie worked at a day care center where she developed a love for younger children. Therefore, she is so excited to get started working with 1st grade students. After graduating from White House she went to Western Kentucky University where she received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She enjoys exercising, shopping, going to movies, and being involved at he church. Stephanie and her husband Brian reside in White House.

### **DON'T FORGET!**

PTO Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 4th  
@ 6:30 p.m.

### **5th and 6th Grade Patriotic Program**



Join us for a night that showcases the wonderful talents of our students!

## Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement:

MHMS Juniors have two new academic options this year. They may participate in Advanced Placement classes or Dual Enrollment classes. Advanced Placement is offered through the College Board (SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, etc.) We are offering an Advanced Placement U.S. History and English this year. Coach Lewis and Ms. Helm attended special training over the summer for teaching AP courses. These courses offer a rigorous curriculum with the opportunity to take the AP test at the end of the course. The test costs \$82 and with the appropriate score allowing the student to earn 3 hours of college credit.

Next year we plan to offer additional classes such as English, Spanish IV, Latin IV or French IV, Biology, Chemistry, European History, or Government and Economics based upon the students' interest and requests. Ms. Helm's Junior English class is preparing the students to take the AP English class next year (2006-07).

Dual Enrollment is offered through Vol. State. This year our Juniors are the only Juniors in Sumner County participating in this program. Most of the other high schools participate in the Dual Enrollment program with only Seniors allowed to take the classes. Vol. State sends professors to our campus to teach the courses and the students will earn 3 hours of college credit and their High School credit for the same class. We are offering English 1010 and 1020, Psychology, and Multi-media. These credits are accepted at almost all colleges and universities. Additional courses will be offered next year so that both our Junior and Senior classes will have more options available to them.

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## Guidance Events

Schedule changes based upon student requests are ended for this year. Class changes based on student performance may occur at anytime throughout the school year.

## HAWK UNIFORM CONSIGNMENT SALE

Drop off is Thursday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 7-8 am in the school cafeteria. ALL items must have a 3 x 5 card with the following information **safety pinned** on it:

- Name, cell and home phone numbers
- Price of item (no reductions will be taken)
- Size of article of clothing



Sale date is Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 7-9 am in the school cafeteria.

Pick up unsold items immediately following the sale. Any items not picked up by 3:00 pm in the conference room will be considered a donation to the Samaritan Center of Hendersonville or to MHMS.

Acceptable to sell: gently used uniform clothing and school athletic wear.

Not acceptable: Shoes, out of uniform type clothing, jeans, etc.

**Questions? Call Leslie Loven @ 822-9933  
or Cari Golden-Teal @ 826-9248**

## ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!

PTO works to meet Student and School Needs. MHMS PTO Board members take their role seriously to build a strong sense of community and provide a strong foundation of support to MHMS. We encourage all families to join and support your children and school. The PTO needs your help! We all have gifts and talents we can share! If you are willing to serve on a committee, please contact [mhmspto@comcast.net](mailto:mhmspto@comcast.net)

### PTO Officers for 2005-2006

#### Co-Presidents-

James and Belinda McClure

#### V.P. Middle and High School-

Melissa O'Brien

#### V.P. Elementary-

Chrissy Lassiter

#### Secretary-Michael Hurdle

#### Treasurer-Netha Schrimpf



**You won't want to miss  
ANY PTO meetings  
this year:**

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Tentative Dates and times—  
subject to change

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October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005-6:30 p.m.  
November 1, 2005-6:30 p.m.  
December 6, 2005- 6:30 p.m.  
January 10, 2006-6:30 p.m.  
February 7, 2006-6:30 p.m.  
March 7, 2006-6:30 p.m.  
April 4, 2006-6:30 p.m.  
May 2, 2006-6:30 p.m.

Scheduled Events/Entertainment include: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Patriotic Program, High School Play, IMBA Concert, Internet Safety, Elementary Music and Art Performance, Kindergarten Performance, Kindergarten through 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Exhibit and the Famous Kindergarten "Q" and "U" Wedding.

## Library Happenings...

Elementary Library volunteers contributed many hours this summer to redecorate (watch out for flying tape dispensers and broomsticks, or cool off under the canopy!), simplify paperback check-out, improve software utilization, and add new books and AV materials to our resources. Thanks to Home Depot for donating new wooden blinds to be installed soon. The committee applied for a grant from Dollar General, and is planning the Book Fair, as well as a new program for friends and relatives to donate books in honor of a student's birthday or a special occasion.

### Testing Information:

7<sup>th</sup> Graders will be bringing home the Duke Talent Search Applications soon. Be looking for them. Your child has the opportunity to take the ACT or SAT as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader and possibly receive state or national recognition for this. They may be selected to participate in some summer enrichment programs if their scores fall into certain categories.

10<sup>th</sup> Graders will take the PLAN (pre-ACT) on Oct. 25. More information to follow later.

10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Graders will take the PSAT/NMSQT on Oct. 12. The cost will be \$12. All 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Graders will participate in this. More information to follow later.

## **MHMS GRANT WRITERS NEEDED**

We are assembling a team of parents to help research, write and secure grants for building our school programs. We will work in partnership with MHMS teachers to prepare and submit grant proposals. No previous experience is needed. We will conduct a Grant Writing 101 workshop to help us get started. Several parents have already expressed interest in serving on this committee. If you would like to join us please email Darla Hall at darla-hall@InsightCounts.com

### Golf Team

This year MHMS has both a boys and girls golf team. Their first match was called due to lightning. Watch for an update after they have played in several matches. Upcoming dates:

September 1	White House High
September 6	Westmoreland High
September 8	Pope John Paul II/ Station Camp High
September 13	Portland High
September 15	Friendship Christian
September 19	District Tournament
September 26	Region Tournament

### 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies

Mrs. Howard's Middle School Social Studies Classes are well underway offering several ways to enrich the Social Studies student. The Geography Club recently held a kick-off meeting. Students met the current officers, signed up for membership in the Club and learned what that membership actually involves. The club's main focus is the 2005/2006 National Geography Bee.

The YMCA's Model UN program is another enrichment activity available to the middle school student that loves Social Studies. Mrs. Kim Howard is the advisor for this program and prepares the students for the one-day Tennessee Middle School State Convention. Model UN participants will be placed in small groups to research and study the culture, government, and politics of countries around the world; debating and problem solving as they write Resolutions to take to convention in December. Sixth and eighth graders will be offered Model UN as a club activity. If a sixth or eighth grader signs up for Model UN they will be committing to the YMCA standards provided by Mrs. Howard. Model UN for seventh grade students will be a part of their regular classroom activities, although attending the state convention will be a personal choice.

Model UN is also available to the high school students as a club activity. Their main focus is preparation for the four-day Tennessee State Convention that will be held in November. In order to attend the convention, the students will complete a service project, position paper, Resolution, research notebook, and speech. Sign up day is September 7<sup>th</sup> in Mrs. Howard's room immediately after school.

## FABULOUS MAMMOTH PECANS!

The instrumental music students are once again pre-selling their fabulous pecans.

Fresh, this year's crop,  
Mammoth Halves or Deluxe Pieces

\$8.75 and \$8.50 per pound.

[bjoclark@comcast.net](mailto:bjoclark@comcast.net)

### Parent Input Requested

Parents, we need your input on two different topics. MHMS students and teachers are working on a school wide honor code and a theme for school wide seminars. In the very near future, these items will be posted on the website for student and parent feedback. Feel free to let us know what you think.

*Brad Schreiner  
Betsy Hunter*



## MHMS Cheerleaders



The middle school cheerleaders practiced throughout the summer and are looking forward to cheering their teams on to victory. They are working with their new coach, Stephanie Lynch, and making great progress. These 7th and 8th grade girls are taking gymnastics once a week to improve various skills and are eager to perform before crowds and to raise Hawk spirit. They invite everyone to come to the Tuesday night football games and help them as they cheer our players on and represent our school.

### **Parent-to-Parent A Brisk Walk in the Morning**

How exciting it is that both my girls have reached the middle/high school level this year. We have also found a car pool that is saving both gas and time. However, I have been disappointed by the flow of the dreaded "Morning Drop-Off Line". Please bear with me as I step on my soap box.

The upper level sidewalk has room for at least 8-10 cars at a time. Two entrances make entering the school quick and easy. Since MHMS is not a comprehensive size school, the walk to any locker from both doors can't possibly take more than 2 minutes. Why then do some stop directly in front of the first door, backing up traffic into the street and potentially causing others to drive around (dangerous) to get to open spaces farther up the hill?? I'm sure that all our precious ones don't want to walk any farther than needed. I also hope that with their academic gifts they can one day earn enough money to take advantage of valet parking. But, school is not a country club and they are not 1<sup>st</sup> graders anymore!! Parents, lets get together on this (rain or shine) and let everyone, esp. the kids, know that this is how it works. Remember, we are the examples for our future courteous drivers. Besides, what's so bad about a brisk walk in the morning?

Susan Smith

### **Gift Cards Available...**

Need an item for your Country Fair Basket?

How about a Land's End gift card to buy your uniforms

or

A Kroger Card to buy fuel?

Gift cards are easily available through the SCRIP Program!!

For more information, contact Beth Welch @ 822-9360



Thanks for your support this year!

### **New Elementary Guidance Counselor**

Carla Gray, is the new part-time guidance counselor at MHMS. She is very pleased to be a part of the MHMS faculty and looks forward to getting to know all the students and hopefully many parents, as well. As the guidance counselor, Carla's primary focus will be elementary students; however, she will be available for middle and high school students as well. In addition to counseling, Carla is a co-sponsor of Student Council. Please feel free to contact her with any questions or comments you might have. Your input is invaluable. Carla's hours will be Mon. through Fri., 7:45am to 11:30am and she can be reached via the phone or email.

### **Art Supplies Requested**

Sonya Coley, MHMS art teacher has requested donations needed for her art classes. Requested items include :

- ⇒ foam plates
- ⇒ aluminum foil
- ⇒ old newspapers
- ⇒ old magazines
- ⇒ paper towels
- ⇒ plastic wrap
- ⇒ old, broken or any crayons

### **Support MHMS When You Shop**

Do you have a Target Visa or Target Guest card? Go to Target.com and designate MHMS as your school.

Through the Take Charge of Education program, Target donates an amount equal to 1% of REDcard (SM) (Target Visa and Target Card) purchases made at Target and Target.com, and 1/2% of Target Visa purchases made elsewhere, to the eligible K-12 school of your choice.

Need more information? Please call the Target Education Hotline at 1-800-316-6142, from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. (CST), Monday – Friday.

### **Don't Forget About The MHMS Website!**

The school website is a wonderful tool for students and parents. You can access information such as upcoming events, sports schedules, faculty bios, monthly lunch menus and clubs. The list goes on and on!  
Check it out today!

[www.sumnerschools.org/mhm](http://www.sumnerschools.org/mhm)

