



HAWK TALK



Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe we're just a few weeks away from the semester break. First term classes will be over before we know it! As we look toward the New Year, I'd like to invite all parents of eighth grade students to a special meeting in January designed to inform students and parents about high school at MHMS. This special meeting will feature student speakers from our high school as well as an overview of "classes, clubs, and credits." Watch for more information about date and time from your students as well as the website.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas. Your students are special to us, and we at MHMS wish you a restful holiday time.

Sincerely,

Brad Schreiner



PTO General Membership Meeting Tuesday, Dec. 5th, 6:30 p.m.

Featuring the High School Concert Choir

A great big Congratulations to the Concert Choir for their performance at the Biltmore Estate's Candlelight Tour!



Choral Department News

Auditions were held on Nov. 17-18 at St. Cecelia Academy to select the 2007 Mid State/All State Choir. Over 1,500 singers from all over Middle TN competed for the honor. Congratulations to four MHMS students who were selected.

Bethany Reynard - Freshman Honors

Tori Highfill, Crystal Diep, and Holly Yearout - Mid State Choir

The Choral Department will present "Holiday Lights and Music," on Thursday, Dec. 14 for the student body during the day and again that evening for parents, friends, and the public. Four choirs will be represented: 5th and 6th grade, 7th and 8th grade, High School Show Choir, and the High School Concert Choir. The Concert Choir will reprise some of the songs performed at the Biltmore. The performances will definitely get everyone in the Christmas Spirit! Tickets are: Students-\$3.00 and Adults \$5.00



Get into the SPIRIT OF THE SEASON... Instrumental Music Christmas Concert Thursday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m.



Our talented instrumental music students invite you to the annual MHMS Instrumental Music Christmas Concert. The concert is, as always, free to the public, and we would love to have you and your family as special guests!

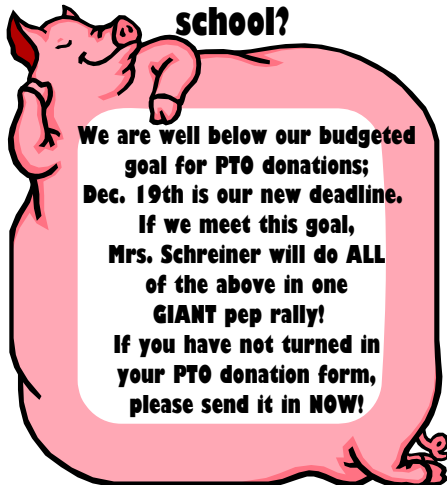
Highlights of this year's concert include: The first performance of the Beginning Band (including a "musical surprise"), the String Ensemble, the Middle/High School Band, and the MHMS Jazz Ensemble.

While admission to the concert is free, Mr. Clark requests that each family represented bring one new, unwrapped toy to be donated to local needy families' children. This sharing of the Christmas spirit will lift your spirit.

We invite you to share the joy of the season with us!



**Mrs. Schreiner
Wants to kiss a pig?
Get pies thrown at her?
Wear her pajamas to
school?**



We are well below our budgeted goal for PTO donations; Dec. 19th is our new deadline. If we meet this goal, Mrs. Schreiner will do ALL of the above in one GIANT pep rally! If you have not turned in your PTO donation form, please send it in NOW!

Box Tops For Education & Campbell Soup Labels

Parents: When submitting coupons, please CLIP and send in UPC labels only. The front panel product labels from Campbell's Soup will not be accepted as submissions for redemption by the manufacturer - so please send ONLY the UPC labels. Clipping labels down to size will reduce the amount of postage necessary to mail the coupons in for redemption (not to mention reducing the size of the calluses on the hands of your PTO rep who has to cut them down when you do not!)

Thanks for your continuing support!

STUDENT DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

The student directory is currently being delivered to PTO members. If you have not yet joined the PTO, the cost of the directory is \$10. If you are a PTO member and need an additional copy, the cost is \$3. To order a student directory email Renee Spindler at rspsindler@bellsouth.net.





PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The MHMS Hawk Swim Team would like to invite you to join us for a Pancake Breakfast with Santa. This fundraiser is sponsored by: MHMS Hawk Swim Team & Chili's of Gallatin and all proceeds will benefit the swim team.

When: Saturday, December 16th from 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Where: Chili's at 600 Village Green Blvd., Gallatin

Cost: \$5.00 per ticket

This is a great event for the whole family. Come visit Santa and have a tasty breakfast with your friends. See any member of the swim team for tickets.



MHMS 6th grade language arts students were featured on NewsChannel5's "School Patrol" report on Nov. 22. The class was learning about correct usage of commas by participating in an original rap.



Veterans Day Seminar

On November 8, as a pre-seminar activity for the Veteran's Day seminar, members of the 6th and 7th grades and the journalism class at Merrol Hyde Magnet School watched as the Hendersonville High School ROTC and Color Guard performed a re-enactment of the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima. The 1943 Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph, perhaps the most famous war photo of all time, became the text for the next day's Socratic seminar, as experienced by the journalism class and 6th and 7th grades.



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Remember to use the Amazon.com link on the MHMS web site for your online holiday shopping. MHMS Athletic Booster Club will receive 3-10% of the amount of the purchase. This is a great way to earn money for MHMS.

Counselor's Corner

Elementary: December *Just Say No* Meeting will be Dec. 11 @ 2:45 – 3:30 in Mrs. Skeith's Room.

Seniors and Parents: Any information that needs to be sent to colleges by the first of January must be in the Guidance Office by Dec. 15.

Juniors and Parents: All Juniors need to take the ACT or SAT at least once during this school year. The next dates are:

ACT – Feb. 10 – register by Jan. 5

SAT – Jan. 27 – register by Dec. 26

Sophomores and Parents: Sophomores interested in Dual Enrollment for their Jr. year must take the ACT on Feb. 10 or Apr. 14 and send their scores to Vol. State.

Gateway and End of Course Testing: All affected students must have two # 2 pencils the day of the test

Dec. 5 – Gateway Algebra I – transfer students who have not previously taken the test

Dec. 6 – Gateway Biology – transfer students who have not previously taken the test and all currently in Mrs. Lloyd's class

Dec. 6 – End of Course Physical Science – all currently enrolled in Mr. Jung's class

Dec. 7 – Gateway English 10 – transfer students who have not previously taken the test

Dec. 7 – End of Course U.S. History – all currently enrolled in Mr. Duncan's class

HAWK UNIFORM CONSIGNMENT SALE

**Drop off is Thursday, Dec. 14th 7-8 am in the MHMS cafeteria.
Sale date is Friday, Dec. 15th 7-8:30 am in the MHMS cafeteria.**

1. ALL items should be on hangers with the following information **safety pinned** to each item:

- Your name
- Phone number where you can be reached during the sale
- Item name
- Item size
- Item sale price



2. MHMS Dress Code approved items only (Pants, tops, sweaters, skirts, jumpers, skorts, sports uniforms, etc.). No shoes.

3. All items not picked up by 9:00 am Friday, Dec. 15th will be donated to charity.

4. Checks or exact change only

5. This is not a MHMS fundraiser! The checks are processed through the PTO and written the day of the sale, so you will receive your money immediately.

Contacts: Leslie Loven, 812-1225 or Cari Golden-Teal, 587-2373

Order Your MHMS Yearbook Today

Instead of having a yearbook ordering day in January, our new yearbook company, Lifetouch, is handling all of the sales on-line or through the mail. You should have received a letter from Lifetouch outlining the cost of the yearbook and providing an order form. The yearbook is going to be 128 pages filled with student memories of the 2006-7 school year. The cost is just \$51.00, plus \$2.00 shipping and handling, and \$4.27 tax for a total of \$57.72. The options to add personalization and icons are included on the order and are provided on-line. If you or your student orders on-line at www.ybpay.com, your student's name will be included in a drawing by Lifetouch for an iPod nano.

Scrip Gift Card Competition Ends Dec. 5



Parents place Scrip gift card orders by Dec. 5. For each weekly order (regardless of quantity or value of gift cards) each MHMS student in the family will receive one entry in the drawing for **\$100**.

For a complete list of Scrip Card Retailers visit www.glscrip.com

For more information, contact Beth Welch @ 822-9360
Keep using Kroger cards to purchase groceries and gas!!!