



Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

The deadline for 2007-2008 applications has passed and we have over 400 applicants! If you have friends or relatives who are interested in MHMS, our next tour dates are February 14 and March 15. The public drawing for students who meet the selection criteria is April 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Many wonderful service opportunities have taken place over the last few months by several classrooms, clubs, and organizations. Thank you for your generosity and example in your donations of money and time to these worthy causes.

We're excited to name Jennifer Weedman as our MHMS Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Weedman supervises our middle and high school library and serves as our School Technology Specialist. She is very deserving of this honor—voted by her fellow teachers.

We're always looking for substitutes for our classrooms. Parents make great subs! If you are not employed full time, you may want to fill out an application to substitute. It's a great way to be connected at your child's school. Sincerely,

Brad Schreiner



Because the PTO is well below the budgeted goal for PTO donations we would like to hold a Spring Fundraiser.

Please contact Melissa O'Brien 822-7815 to volunteer to help with this fundraiser. Your support of MHMS so important funding will not have to be cut to our school programs such as library and technology..

PTO General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 6th, 6:30 p.m.

Internet Safety

Parents of 4th–12th graders are encouraged to attend.
Come learn how to keep you family safe on the internet, before you face the problem in your home.



7th Grade Writers Recognized

For the fourth straight year, 7th graders at Merrol Hyde Magnet School have "swept" the woman's club short story contest. Taking 3rd place was Tanner Cole, 2nd place, Emily Marsh, and 1st place, Niki Garrett.

Congratulations to 7th graders, Emily Brooks and Matthew Pickel, and 6th grader, Christian Kissinger for being winners in the Patriot's Pen writing contest sponsored by the VFW.

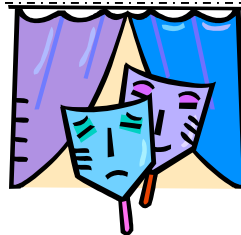
Congratulations to all of these young writers and their proud MHMS Language Arts teacher, Mrs. Debbie Watts, who was selected "Teacher of the Year" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars District 4. Debbie and her students, Emily Brooks, Matt Pickel, and Christian Kissinger, whose essays won the Patriot's Pen writing contest, will be entered at the state and national level for monetary awards.

Hawk Bowlers Score

The Merrol Hyde Bowling team is nearing its completion of the 2006-2007 season. Two of the team members have made All-District. Alan Wong earned the second highest district average of the season at 198. Alan competed on the Individual Team in the State Competition, moved on to the quarter finals and placed 29th overall in the state.. Megan Sanford also made All-District with the 15th highest average of 141. The girls bowling team beat Beech High School in tournament competition and advanced to the finals where they placed 4th in the district. The boys team placed 6th in the district. Seniors Ashley Roddy and Sara Denton bowled highs of 143 and 146 respectively.

The bowling team will miss all their seniors next year including Alan Wong, Collin Gundry, Taylor Leath and Braxton Wilson.

We wish them all good luck in the future.

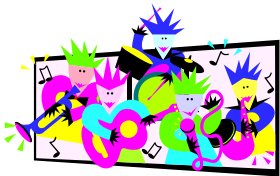


Sophomore Taylor Hilton and senior Kaleb Moran were recently chosen to play in the Nashville Shakespeare Festival's student version of Julius Caesar. They will be performing at the Darkhorse Theater in Nashville February 15-17.

Relay for Life

The National Honor Society, along with Serteen, are gearing up for another successful participation in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" on Friday, May 11 from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am.

Please join in our efforts to raise \$1000.00 to benefit this organization. Be on the lookout for opportunities to participate in our various fundraisers.



MHMS Sponsors Third Annual Battle of the Bands

The MHMS Instrumental Music Department's Battle of the Bands



will take place on March 24. The music begins at noon, but the doors will open around ten o'clock to guests who want to grab a bite to eat at the concession stand or just "hang out". BOTB is open to bands (all styles) in the Nashville area. Band members must be middle school age through college age. Judges will be industry professionals from the Nashville music community. The proceeds from this event will go to fund the school's instrumental music department. Concert sound and lighting provided.

FIRST PRIZE

A professional recording session complete with producer and engineer

RUNNER UP PRIZES

Gift Certificates from Sam Ash

Go to MHMSrocks.com to download an application to participate in Battle of the Bands. For more information contact Karen Medica at 615-264-1132 or kmedica@bellsouth.net. A limited number of bands will be accepted, so contact Karen today!

E-Auction to Benefit the MHMS Instrumental Music Program

Our second annual MHMS-IMBA E-Auction will take place March 17-24. This is one of the events taking place around the 3rd Annual Battle of the Bands which will be the grand finale of the exciting week. The E-Auction will close at 10 PM the night of the 24th. Last year's auction was a phenomenal success with many great items going on the auction block and bringing very good prices.

We cannot do this without you. We need items to be donated. If you have a business or know someone who does, please help us to obtain at least one nice item for the auction. The e-brochure reaches many hundreds of people in our local area. It costs the donor nothing to enter a donation. Donors receive a color photo or logo and several lines about the item and/or the business, and a donor letter for tax purposes. The donor can submit what he wants printed. This is great advertising for only the cost of one donated auction item. It's a deal, so please tell your business owner/manager friends about the e-auction. We can use meals, trips, hotel stays, furniture, clothing items, accessories, sporting goods, gift certificates, spa treatments, office supplies/equipment, musical instruments, you name it, and we'll try to use it. Please reply to bjoclark@comcast.net as soon as possible. We need to have all items in by the first week of March in order to prepare the e-brochure.

The funds generated by the Battle of the Bands events will enable Mr. Clark to continue building the instrumental music program at Merrol Hyde by adding those bigger and much more expensive instruments that students simply cannot purchase. These instruments must be school owned, and the program must raise the money to purchase them. Your auction donations can help make this a reality.

Congratulations to Andrew Carr, Shaina Choi and David Heaton for making the All Mid-State Band!!

Congratulations to Alaina Kiskaddon, Grace Choi and Ruth Choi for making All Mid-State Orchestra!

Special congratulations to Grace Choi who finished so high in her audition that she will again participate in All State Orchestra this spring!

These students were selected by audition, and only the top 5-10% of those auditioning actually make these prestigious groups. They represent the ultimate in pure musical talent at MHMS, and they are working very hard to move to even higher ability levels.

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For a complete list of available gift cards visit:
www.glscrip.com



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

Counselor's Corner

ACT testing—Next test date is Feb. 10 (you should already be registered) and April 14 – register by March 9

SAT testing—Next test date March 10 – register by Feb. 2

Dual Enrollment—We had a meeting about Dual Enrollment on Jan. 11. If you missed the meeting and are interested, please come by the Guidance Office for the information packet. Any Sophomore or Junior not presently enrolled in Dual Enrollment must take the ACT and have the scores sent to Vol. State before they are officially accepted and enrolled.

Scholarships—All Seniors should be applying for scholarships now. Please check the Scholarship book in the Guidance office, listen to announcements and check the scholarship section of the Guidance part of the school website.

TCAP Writing Assessment—5th, 8th, and 11th grades will be on Feb. 6. Please have your child to school on time with 2 #2 pencils that day. It is helpful for them to have had a good night's sleep and a good breakfast.

TCAP—Grades 2 – 8 will be tested the week of April 16 – 20. Please do not plan any trips or doctor appointments during this time.

ORDER YOUR MHMS YEARBOOK TODAY

Lifetouch, is handling all yearbook sales on-line or through the mail. The yearbook will be 128 pages filled with student memories of the 2006-7 school year. The cost is \$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 form and are provided on-line.

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