



## Principal's Pen

Dear parents,

It's hard to believe it's March! The school year has flown by and we're gearing up for our first graduation ceremony.

How many schools get to have commencement exercises for both kindergarten students and seniors? We are certainly blessed.

I'd like to urge you to participate in our community wide seminar at 6:30 on March 6th. MHMS students participate in seminars at all grade levels on a regular basis. We feel it is of utmost importance for parents to experience a seminar first hand. You'll be glad you did. Look for information in the Hawk Talk and on the website for registration details.

Sincerely,  
Brad Schreiner

## PTO General Membership Meeting Community-Wide Seminar Tuesday, March 6th, 6:30 p.m.

**This is a perfect opportunity to experience this unique aspect of our students' day-to-day routine. Invite friends, neighbors, or grandparents who want to know more about Merrol Hyde's seminars!**



## Bend and stretch...reach for the sky...

stand on tippy toes way up high! That's exactly what Mrs. Duncan's kindergarten class did recently when Mary Adams from Hendersonville Hospital came to visit. As part of "E" week, the students learned about exercise, and Mrs. Mary conducted a special Yoga class for the students. Afterwards, the children wrote about the class:

*Park Bresnahan* wrote, "Win we had yoga too day, it stretched mi musules out. Yoga is vare relaxing and it is ese."

"Yoga class can be hard. You just need to git yuse to yoga. But I love it," said *Marisa James*.

*Paris Jones* added, "Mrs. Mary tot as to bande (bend) done (down)."



## Join MHMS ABC

The Athletic Booster Club's mission is to "encourage parent, family and community participation in MHMS athletic events, to foster sportsmanship and ethical conduct, and to raise funds to enhance and expand MHMS athletic programs that are available to each individual student". If you are interested in joining this group of dedicated parents, coaches, and administrators, please join us for our monthly meetings.

The final three meetings of this school year are **March 20th** at 5:00, **April 11th** at 4:00, and **May 21st** at 4:00. Please mark your calendars. Items on the agenda this school year have included the purchasing of team uniforms, sports recognition receptions, sports posters, and sports cooperative agreements. Please consider joining us and making a difference in your child's physical education and athletic programs. We would LOVE to have you, as your opinions are important to us! We hope to see you March 20th at 5:00.

Please email [MHMSABC@comcast.net](mailto:MHMSABC@comcast.net) or check the Athletic Booster Club page in the Parents section of the web site to reach current board members with any questions!

## Online Auction to Benefit MHMS Instrumental Music Program

Please be watching your e-mail boxes about the 10th of March, for the beginning of the MHMS-IMBA Online Auction. This e-auction benefits the instrumental music department of MHMS. So far, there are nearly 60 great items valued from \$25 to hundreds of dollars. There are resort stays, a General Jackson cruise, spa treatments, home furnishings, musical items, golf, zoo, Hermitage and other passes, cooking, scrapbooking items, dinners and dinner theater, legal services, physicals, and more, more, more! But you must open the e-mail attachment when it arrives to view the beautiful color e-brochure that features ALL the auction items. If you want to be sure you are going to receive the e-mail, please request it at [bjoclark@comcast.net](mailto:bjoclark@comcast.net). Give your full name, e-mail address, child's grade and your phone number. The E-Auction will end at 10 PM, Saturday, March 24th following the close of the 3rd Annual Battle of the Bands which will begin at noon that day in the auditorium. For more information about the Battle of the Bands, contact [Kmedica@bellsouth.net](mailto:Kmedica@bellsouth.net)



## New York Trip

10th Graders going on the New York trip must attend the meeting with the Thomas Tours representative on April 23 at 7:00pm.

Please have medical forms and rules sheet turned in to Coach Curcio by March 15th. Any questions please see Coach Curcio.

## Cheerleader & Dance Try-Outs

Cheerleading tryouts are March 26-29.

A parent meeting will be held Monday, March 12 at 6:00. For more information check the MHMS cheerleading website.

**Want to dance? Want to be a part of Hawk Basketball Half-Time Entertainment?**

Try-out for the Merrol Hyde Motion Dance Team! Clinic try-outs will be the week of March 19, 3:15-5:00 pm with auditions on Friday, March 23.

There will be a meeting for interested dancers and their parents on Thursday, March 8 at 6 pm.

Auditions are open to rising 7-12 graders.

All trying out must have a physical form on file before the clinic begins.



## Choral Music Dept. News

Auditions were held recently for Mid State Choir. Over 1,400 high school students and 800 middle school students auditioned from all over Middle TN. MHMS had 8 students who won a spot in the prestigious mid-state choirs:

- ◆ Freshman - Bethany Reynard
- ◆ Sophomores - Crystal Diep and Holly Yearout
- ◆ Senior - Tori Highfill
- ◆ 7th grader - Janie Sanford
- ◆ 8th graders -Katharine Griffin, Christina Ramsay, and Christie Thiessen.  
Congratulations to these very talented young ladies!

Choral students in grades 7 - 12 went to Trevecca University to see the stage performance of the musical comedy, NUNSENSE, on February 16. The actors held a question and answer session with the students after the performance.

### Upcoming events:

The 5th and 6th grade choir is working on the musical drama, GO WEST, which will be performed for parents and the student body on March 15th.

The Concert and Show Choirs will be presenting - BROADWAY CAFE, a musical revue of some of the most famous Broadway Musicals. Songs will be featured from such musicals as: WEST SIDE STORY, THE LION KING, WICKED, PHANTOM OF THE OPERA, THE MUSIC MAN, THE PAJAMA GAME, CHICAGO, and more!  
Performances will be on March 22 and 23.

## Counselor's Corner

**AP Exam Fees** - Now due: \$83 check to MHMS Please send checks to Guidance Office. \$83 per class. If taking 2 AP classes then \$176

**ACT** - Next ACT test date is Apr. 12. Registration deadline is Mar. 9. Paper applications in Guidance Office or register on-line at [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

**SAT** - March 10 (registration closed); May 5 - registration deadline April 3. Paper applications in Guidance Office or online at [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com)

**ACT Prep Course** - Sue Cooper will teach an ACT prep course meeting on 4 Monday nights from 6-8p.m. beginning March 12. This course will focus on test taking skills. Approximate cost of course is \$495. More information soon.

**Jr. College Visits** - MTSU on March 14. Cost \$4. TN Tech on April 12. Cost \$16 (have to take a charter bus) Permission letters coming home soon.

**Report Cards** - End of the 9 weeks is March 9. Report cards go home March 19.

**Foreign Language Exams** - All High School students will take Foreign Language Exams the week of March 12 - 16. More information coming home from your child's teacher.

**High School Registration Forms** - All rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students (2007-08) will be bringing home registration forms in the next 2 weeks. Please look for them and sign and return. Registration is done on a first returned, first in class basis. If your child does not return a form, they may not get their first choice of classes for next year.

**Just Say No Club** - Next meeting will be March 12 at 2:45 - 3:30. Please pick up your child out front at 3:30.



## Hawkish Science



MHMS will compete in Science Olympiad at VSCC on March 3rd. Fifteen students representing MHMS, are working hard to prepare for the multiple event competitions covering the spectrum of scientific disciplines. Thank you to all of the parents and teachers who have worked hard to keep everyone on track and the students who have given their spare time to enrich their knowledge and skills in science—Go Hawks!

HELP--We can always use more help in preparing students for Science Olympiad events, which can change each year. We want to add Middle School event competitions next year. If you are willing to help 1-2 afternoons a week next year, please contact Mrs. Lloyd [loydc@k12tn.net](mailto:loydc@k12tn.net) or Mrs. Mitchell [mitchellj2@k12tn.net](mailto:mitchellj2@k12tn.net) for more information.

VSCC will host their annual Science and Math EXPO on March 29th for K-12 students. This may offer extra credit opportunities to students in some science and math classes - prepare to discuss what you experience. This is a very interactive demo type expo.

VolState students are working with MHMS Science classes for the 2nd consecutive year to bring students of Professor James Neilan's Chemistry class to interactively demonstrate a variety of scientific concepts to 6th-8th grade science classes.

We will participate in Arbor Day with other grade levels to plant trees and sponsor poster contests. March 2nd is Tennessee's official ARBOR DAY, but we will celebrate through April and Earth Day.

Mrs. Lloyd's 8th graders are very creatively working on Rube Goldberg Coached Projects, due in May. We will video tape each group's final 10+ step 5x6x6 contraption, each with a different final task of their choosing. The regional, state and national competitions are available for high school and college students only. For more information check <http://www.rube-goldberg.com/>. 8th graders may also make HOW2 TECH competition videos for a Sumner County 6th-8th grade competition earning science Extra Credit. The Middle School watched a video "commercial" introducing the competition.

MHMS Astronomy Club will attend Public Star Parties scheduled February 24th, March 24th and April 21st, at Lock 4 Park Gallatin from sunset until 11pm. We plan to attend the Cumberland Astronomical Society Astronomy in the Parks Society Dyer Observatory (Vanderbilt) Fall Creek Falls State Park March 16th-18th. Programs are entry level to professional level. There is no registration fee. The only cost for the event will be lodging and food. Make your own reservation with Fall Creek Falls Inn or you may camp in the park. (1-800-250-8610) <http://personal.bna.bellsouth.net/s/p/spsmith/default.htm> Chaperones NEEDED, please contact Mrs. Lloyd at [loydc@k12tn.net](mailto:loydc@k12tn.net)



## Shakespeare Idol

On Friday, February 23, MHMS had its first ever "Shakespeare Idol" competition. Students in grades 10-12 recited Shakespearean monologues in front of the entire high school and a panel of judges, vying for a spot at the regional competition at TPAC on March 3. This competition is hosted by the Nashville branch of the English Speaking Union, and our winner, Brendan Tramel, will be competing for a trip to New York City this Saturday, March 4! You can watch her at TPAC's Johnson Hall at 10:00. Our runner-up was Kaleb Moran, and Taylor Hilton won 3rd place.

Congratulations to all participants!