



MHS Smoke Signals

August 2017
Vol. 1

A NOTE FROM MR. WOODROME

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! It has been a very active summer at MHS. Returning students will notice a lot of changes since leaving for summer break. Construction workers have been hard at work to ensure the new 2nd floor classrooms are ready to go for students returning on August 16 and the new athletic field house should be completed in September. I am excited to welcome students to school in my new role as principal and look forward to everyone meeting our new Assistant Principal, Ms. Amy Wysocki. Please take a few minutes each month to read through **Smoke Signals** to stay informed. It is used by the administration and counseling offices to share important information with you. If you ever have any questions, do not hesitate reaching out to one of the administrators or school counselors. Here's to a great year!

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, August 17, 2017
6:30pm – 9:00pm

Meet in the Auditorium.

Please bring your student's
schedule with you.

*Wishing the students of MHS a
successful school year!!!*

Mr. Brandon Woodrome, Principal
Mr. Jeff Junker, Asst. Principal
Ms. Amy Wysocki, Asst. Principal
Mr. Scott Battas, Athletic/Activities Director

School Telephone: 618-566-8523
Office Hours: 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

School Physicals

A school physical, including proof of immunizations, is required for all students entering Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 6th and 9th grades. Students in grades 6 and 12 must show proof of immunization against meningococcal disease.

Previously enrolled students entering Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 6th, 9th and 12th grades must meet the above requirements *on the first day of school.* This includes any students that enrolled for the 2017-2018 school year prior to June 1, 2017. **Failure to provide a school physical with proof of immunizations will result in exclusion from school until the appropriate health records are provided.**

PLAN AHEAD

- **Fall Finals** will be December 19, 20, and 21.
- **Spring Finals** will be the last 3 days of the semester - May 22, 23 and 24 assuming no snow days are used **OR** May 30, 31 and June 1 if all snow days are used.

Students not present for final exams will receive a zero (F) for 20% of their grade.

Testing Schedule

NEW FACULTY AT MHS

We are excited to have the following educators join the Mascoutah Indian Tribe for the 2017-18 school year.

- **Ms. Sarah Gordon: Special Education/Rtl** - An MHS alum, Ms. Gordon comes to us from UMSL where she was the director of their SUCCEED program. Prior to that she taught at Centralia High School.
- **Ms. Leah Haskett: English** - Ms. Haskett is a recent graduate of Oklahoma State University. Some of you may remember Ms. Haskett as a long term sub in the English department during the 2016-17 school year.
- **Ms. Katie Hofmann: English** - Ms. Hofmann was with us as a part time Rtl instructor last year and has been hired as a full time teacher. Prior to her time at MHS, Ms. Hofmann taught high school in South Bend, IN.
- **Col. Steven Hopkins, USAF, Retired:** JROTC Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI) - Recently retired from the US Air Force, Col. Hopkins served his country as a pilot. You may recognize Col. Hopkins as an assistant bowling coach or on the sidelines of football games assisting with football managers.
- **Mr. Zach Rhines:** Vocal Music - A Belleville native, Mr. Rhines comes to us from Ranch High School in Las Vegas, NV, where he served as Director of Vocal Studies and was the vocal director of the school's musicals.
- **Ms. Chelsey Sterrett:** English/Family Consumer Science - An Okawville native, Ms. Sterrett served as a professional counselor before receiving her teaching certificate. Several years ago Ms. Sterrett served as district as an Instructional Aide.
- **Mr. Jay Voss: Social Studies** - Ms. Voss comes to us from Belleville East where he served as a Teacher's Assistant. Prior to his career in education, Mr. Voss played professional baseball, including time in the St. Louis Cardinals' organization.
- **Ms. Jessica Ward: Science** - A resident of Mascoutah, Ms. Ward comes to MHS from Civic Memorial in Bethalto. Currently, Ms. Ward is working on her MAED in Curriculum and Design.
- **Ms. Amy Wysocki: Assistant Principal** - Ms. Wysocki is a Mascoutah High School alumni who spent time as an English teacher prior to becoming an administrator. Before returning to her alma mater, Ms. Wysocki served as an administrator with Triad School District in Troy, IL and Civic Memorial High School in Bethalto, IL.

PSAT - 10th grade October 11, 2017
SAT - 11th Grade April 10, 2018
ISA - Course-Based: Biology March 1 - April 30, 2018
ACT - October 28, 2017 and April 14, 2018 (not offered during the school day)
ASVAB - October 19, 2017 Interested Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 10	Freshman Orientation -FMP Day 7:55-12:00 pm
August 10	New Student Orientation 1:30 - 3:00
August 16	Classes Begin- Dismissal @ 10:55
August 17	Picture Day
August 17	Open House 6:30 - 9:00
August 18	Purple/White Football Game
Sept. 4	Labor Day - No School
Sept. 8	Josten's Class Ring Meeting with Juniors during Advisory
Sept. 25-29	Homecoming Week
Sept. 27	Homecoming Parade & Bonfire
Sept. 30	Homecoming Dance
Oct. 6	Teacher In-Service - No School
Oct. 9	Columbus Day - No School
Oct. 13	End of 1st Quarter
Oct. 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-8pm (Students are in attendance)
Oct. 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-8pm (No School)
Oct. 20	No School

MHS PICTURE DAY

Picture Day will be held Thursday, August 17. All students will have their photograph taken regardless of purchasing a picture pack. Order forms were mailed to returning students and additional order forms are located in the Main and Guidance Offices.
All Students will have their ID cards printed at this photo session.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mascoutah High School was recently recognized by US News and World Report as one of the nation's best high schools?
Click on the logo to learn more!



PARENTS MAY VIEW THE SMOKE SIGNALS AND DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE MASCOUTAH HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE:

mhs.ms19.org

FOR INFORMATION CALL: 618-566-8523

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VISIT MASCOUTAH SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLINE AT:

www.mhs.ms19.org

FOLLOW MASCOUTAH HIGH SCHOOL ON TWITTER:

MHS Principal: @M19_MHS
MHS Athletics: @MHS19_Athletics

ONE TEAM, ONE TRIBE, ONE FAMILY

Ways to HELP Your Teen Enter High School:

- Point out the positives about high school, such as choosing your own courses, meeting new people, and having more challenging classes.
- Keep communication lines open so your teen knows he or she has your love and understanding.
- Ask questions about the school day, the friends your child is making, the things they are interested in.
- If academic or social problems arise that you can't help with, suggest your teen talk to school counselors, social workers, or teachers.
- Set and enforce limits. Involve your teen in coming up with family rules and assigning consequences if rules are broken.
- Balance discipline and structure with a sensitivity to your teen's need for privacy and independence.
- Keep alert to distractions so that new activities, relationships, and experiences don't interfere with your teen's academic record.
- Help your student get involved in school activities. This is a commitment for both parent and student.
- Work with your teen to find his or her strengths. This can lead your teen to joining appropriate clubs and sports that will bring new friends, confidence, and skills.
- BE FAIR-----BE FIRM-----BE CONSISTENT.
- DO NOT defend your student when they are wrong.

Mascoutah High School Counseling Office
Andrea Barriger -- Last Names A-Hi & 504 Coordinator
Nancy Frey -- Last Names Ho-R & Running Start Coordinator
Christine Renth -- Last Names S-Z & Students with IEP
Monica Lynch -- School Social Worker

Information from Your School Counselors

Schedule Changes:

Schedule changes can still be made for the 2017-2018 school year. Students have **up to five days** after registration/schedule pick-up in July to make changes. A "Request for Schedule Change" form must be filled out and signed by a parent/guardian in order to honor the change.

ACT:

If you missed registering for the June test, you have until **August 4th** to register for the **September 9th test date**. Please visit ACT.org for more information.

Scholarships:

Please explore all tabs for scholarship opportunities including 'Scholarship Resources on the Web' link. This link will take you to many scholarship search engines that will allow you to search for nationwide scholarships.

College and Career Planning:

If your student needs help choosing the right career path or college, then ACT Profile www.actprofile.org can help! ACT Profile is an interactive site where students are able to take three inventories (*interest, ability, and values*) that lead them to college and career clusters that they are able to further explore and gain relevant information from. The counselors encourage students to utilize their accounts and remember their logins and passwords, as this is the tool that will be used to help all grade-levels plan for their futures. Another great source for exploration of college and career planning is www.collegeboard.org. College Board association is made up of over 6,000 of the world's leading educational institutions and is dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in education. Juniors will need to register for the ACT or the SAT on their own this year. Information was given to them at their registration meeting on January 28 including testing dates, timelines, and prices. Juniors will want to take a college entrance exam at least once before their senior year.

Adopted 3/21/17
2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR
MASCOUTAH COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19
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2017

August 14-15.....	In-service Days
August 16.....	Classes Begin (1/2 Day Student Attendance)
September 4.....	Labor Day
October 6.....	Teacher In-service Day (No Student Attendance)
October 9.....	Columbus Day
October 19-20.....	No Student Attendance
<small>{Parent/Teacher Conferences 10/18, 5-8pm & 10/19, 12-8 pm}</small>	
November 10.....	Veterans Day
November 22-24 (Inclusive).....	Thanksgiving Break
December 21.....	SIP Day (½ Day Student Attendance)
December 22-January 2 (Inclusive).....	Winter Break

2018

January 3.....	Classes Resume
January 15.....	Martin Luther King Day
February 15.....	SIP Day (½ Day Student Attendance/Parent Conf. 5-8 pm)
February 16.....	No School/School Offices Closed
February 19.....	President's Day
March 26.....	Teacher In-service Day (No Student Attendance)
March 27-April 2 (Inclusive).....	Spring Break
May 24.....	School Ends (1/2 Day Student Attendance/No Snow Days Used)
May 28.....	Memorial Day
May 25 - June 1.....	Make-up Days**

MONTH	ATTENDANCE DAYS	WORKSHOP IN-SERVICE
August	12	2
September	20	
October	18	1
November	18	
December	15	
January	20	
February	18	
March	17	1
April	20	
May	18	

**Five inclement weather days are included in the calendar. School will end May 24 if inclement weather days are not used. For each day used, school will be extended as follows:

1. May 25
2. May 29
3. May 30
4. May 31
5. June 1

GRADING PERIODS					
1 st	October 13	40 days	3 rd	March 9	45 days
2 nd	December 21	43 days	4 th	May 24	48 days



MASCOUTAH HIGH SCHOOL




EXPECTATIONS	Halway	Bath room	Perimeter	Cafeteria	Assemblies	Classroom
M odel Positive Behavior	Respect other people's space	Use good personal hygiene	Follow all traffic and safety rules	Clear your area of trash and tray	Show school spirit while respecting peers and presenters	Make academically successful choices
H onor Yourself & Others	Use appropriate language	Keep area clean	Respect others' space and property	Respect other students' place in line	Stand for National Anthem and school song	Respect those speaking in class
S upport School Rules	Leave personal items in locker	Use in a timely manner	Arrive on time	Use your own I.D.	Sit in designated area	Be responsible for knowing all rules

At MHS we have PBIS. Positive Behavior Interventions & Support. We call it Mascoutah Pride. Information can be found on the website by clicking on the tab on the left labeled Mascoutah Pride/PBIS. Highlighted for August is the student tardy challenge. Students must get to class on time to help their advisory team. The flyer is below.


Mascoutah PRIDE 1st Quarter Reward:


NO TARDIES PARTY



Encourage your Advisory classmates to be on time to all of their classes!

Top Advisory Rewards

1st Place: PIZZA!!! 

2nd Place: DONUTS!! 

3rd Place: Double Lunch!

4th Place: ??????????

MHS Word of the Month



PBIS Mascoutah PRIDE Fun Facts

- PBIS FMP Day highlights 9th graders chance to meet other students prior to school.
- Only 7.47% of students had more than one tardy during first quarter last year. Looking to top this.
- PBIS survived 4th quarter carnival last year with many activities. Students enjoyed the day of fun.

WAY TO GO MASCOUTAH INDIANS