

MHS Smoke Signals

December 2016
Vol. 5

Congratulations Senior Student of the Month Will Knowles!!!



ACCESS STUDENT INFORMATION ONLINE

Mascoutah CUSD #19 student information is available on the school website. Parents and students are able to access student information regarding student attendance, demographic information, discipline referrals, and grades. Student identification and pin numbers are available in the Main Office from 7:15am until 4:00pm.

Student Absences

PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CALLING THE SCHOOL (566-8523) BEFORE 9:30AM IF THEIR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT.

Mrs. Sandra Jougard, Principal
Mr. Jeff Junker, Asst. Principal
Mr. Brandon Woodrome, Asst. Principal

School Telephone: 618-566-8523

Office Hours: 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

School will be dismissed Tuesday, December 20th, at 2:35pm to commence the holiday vacation.

Classes will resume Wednesday, January 4, 2017.

**NO PRE-ARRANGED
ABSENCES FOR THE
IMMEDIATE PERIOD BEFORE OR
AFTER THE HOLIDAY BREAK**

SEMESTER EXAMS

Semester exams will be held **December 16, 19, & 20**. **Please do not schedule appointments or trips during exams.** Students must take exams at the scheduled class time. **This year students who are not present for final exams will receive a zero (F) for 20% of their grade.** Information regarding senior exam exemptions has been posted.

EXAM SCHEDULE

- ❖ December 16th - 7th @ 12:35-2:35
- ❖ December 19th - 1st and 2nd
- ❖ December 20th - 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th



PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCES

Notice must be made in writing to the Main Office 3 school days prior to absence.

COLLEGE VISITS

Students and their parents are encouraged to visit colleges during the second semester of their junior year and first semester of their senior year. **We suggest that these visits be made during school holidays.**

SCHOOL MESSAGING SYSTEM

Mascoutah Schools notify parents through phone calls, text alerts, and emails about important issues and information.

Please keep the Counseling Office updated with changes to your contact information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 5	Band Concert 7pm
December 12	Chorus Concert 7pm
December 14	Mascoutah's Got Talent @ 12:30
December 14	Finals Study Night 6-8:30pm @ Mascoutah Public Library
December 16-17	Wrestling Tournament
December 16-20	Final Exams
December 20	End of 1st Semester-Full Day of Student Attendance
Dec. 21-Jan. 2	Holiday Vacation
Dec.27-29	Girls Basketball Tournament
January 3	Teacher Inservice - No School
January 4	Classes Resume
January 6	Report Cards Sent Home
January 16	Martin Luther King Day-No School
January 17	STAR 360 Testing Gr. 9 - 11
February 6	Summer School Registration for current High School students
February 10	SIP Day ½ Day Student Attendance
February 16	Freshman Orientation 7pm
February 20	President's Day - No School
February 21	Summer School Registration for Incoming Freshman
Mar 1-Apr 28	ISA Test-Course Based: Biology
March 13	Teacher Inservice Day-No School
March 23-25	Spring Musical
April 5	SAT Test-Juniors
April 8	ACT Test (not offered during the school day)
April 13-17	Spring Break
May 20	Prom
May 26	Graduation Practice
May 27	Graduation 10am
June 1 - June 30	Summer School Dates

Parents, please communicate with your students about exams and attendance. Seniors may be exempt from exams.

Students who scored a 4 or 5 on their Math or English PARCC test will receive an exemption. Permission slips will be sent home and need to be returned by Dec. 2.

Reminder about Cell phones/Ear Buds:

Students are not to use cell phones in the halls or in the classrooms without teacher permission. Cell phones and ear buds must be placed in the locker at the start of school at 7:55am.

Attention 11th Grade Parents

Now is the time to start scheduling an appointment for your child's required immunizations. Prior to enrollment in the 12th grade, students must submit proof of meningococcal vaccination after their 16th birthday. Please take the time to schedule an appointment with your healthcare provider so your child can be immunized prior to the new school year.

LATE START PROCEDURES

In inclement weather situations a "Late Start" option may be implemented.

Late Start procedures are as follows:

1. Notification is provided through mass email, parent all-call, TV, radio, and school websites.
2. Busses will run **1 hour** later than the normal schedule for regular bus routes.
3. School classes will begin at:
MHS - 8:55 MMS - 9:15
MES, SES, & WES - 9:25

VISIT OUR NEW WEB PAGE:

www.mhs.msdsd19.org

**PARENTS MAY VIEW THE SMOKE
SIGNALS AND DAILY
ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE
SCHOOL WEBSITE**



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 December is the student talent show. Students must remain discipline free. The flyer is below.



The 8th Annual Mascoutah's Got Talent!

2nd Quarter Reward
TBA

Choose to be discipline free...

Students without office referrals resulting in:

- After school detention (Discipline & 3rd Tardy)
- *Saturday Detention
- *In-School Directed Study
- *Out-of-School Suspension *may participate*




Registration deadline is **TBA** in the main office.

MHS Word of the Month

SERVICE (Sur-vis) – An act of helpful activity: help: aid



"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." ~ Muhammad Ali

PBIS Mascoutah PRIDE Fun Facts

- Red Ribbon week many advisories showed their artistic talent by making posters. A lot of creativity.
- Students enjoyed pizza, doughnuts, candy, and double lunches for rewards for no tardies 1st quarter.

WAY TO GO MASCOUTAH INDIANS

Finals Study Night at Mascoutah Public Library

When? *Wednesday, Dec. 14th*
What Time? *6:00 - 8:30 PM*

Details:

- You **MUST** sign-up in the MHS Library by December 12th at 3:00 to attend Finals Study Night!
- Teachers will be available to answer questions in many subject areas.
- You **MUST** wear your MHS ID!
- Once you leave, you cannot re-enter!
- Limited cell phone usage.



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

Information from Your School Counselors

Schedule Changes:

Students must have turned in the yellow "Request for Schedule Change" form to their school counselor before **Tuesday, November 22nd** if they had a schedule change request for second semester.

December College Visits:

The following universities will be visiting MHS during the month of December. Please obtain a pass from your school counselor in order to meet with any of the universities.

-NONE; please check the website for new updates on college visits beginning next semester.

ACT:

If you missed registering for the December test, you have until **January 13th** to register for the **February 11th test date**. Please visit ACT.org for more information.

SAT & The Khan Academy:

This year all juniors will take the SAT test free of charge. In preparation for the test, students are strongly urged to visit the **Khan Academy** {www.khanacademy.org} website to prepare for the test. Through the Khan Academy, students are able to create their own personal account, answer questions that will in turn generate a unique educational roadmap specific to their needs, and begin working in the areas of English, writing and math to help improve their skill sets before starting practice tests. All students who are planning to take the SAT are encouraged to utilize this free test prep site to help prepare for the test. **Additionally, students who are needing help in certain subject areas (math, science, English & social studies) can create accounts and begin working on improving skills. This service is free just like the test prep, so sign up now and explore all of the subject areas the Khan Academy offers.**

2016-2017 Registration Dates:

Freshman:

January 19th (during advisories) - Group Meeting; Handout Registration Sheets

January 24th-27th - Counselors Pick-up Completed Registration Sheets

Sophomores:

November 29th (during advisories) - Group Meeting; Handout Registration Sheets

December 1st-2nd - Counselors Pick-up Completed Registration Sheets

Juniors:

February 9th (during advisories) - Group Meeting; Handout Registration Sheets

February 15th-17th - Counselors Pick-up Completed Registration Sheets

Scholarships:

Please explore all tabs on the msd19.org website 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.

Again, once you log on to the msd19.org website, you will need to click on “About our School,” then click on the “Counseling Office” and select the ‘Scholarship Resources’ tab. From there you will be able to search for community scholarships, general scholarships, and scholarships that are online. Currently, there are active scholarships under the ‘Community/MHS’ and ‘General Scholarships’ tabs. Foundations scholarships will not be active until mid January.

Footlocker Scholar Athletes *Deadline: December 16, 2016* Footlocker Scholar Athletes Program awards seniors across the nation for being exemplary leaders on their sports teams, in their classroom, and in their communities. The college scholarship is intended to help student athletes pursue their dreams of attending and excelling at 4 year universities. Must have a 3.0 GPA, plan on attending a 4 year university, be a US Citizen. been involved in sports in high school

<http://www.footlockerscholarathletes.com>

Stokes Educational Scholarship Program This scholarship is open to high school seniors (particularly minority students interested in computer science). At least a 25 on ACT or 1200 on SAT along with at least a 3.0 GPA. Must apply online. Click the information below for website to get to the application and more information.

[Click here for information Stokes Intelligence Careers Scholarship 2017.pdf](#)

Greenhouse Scholars Greenhouse scholars is a unique scholarship program for low income college students. They are seeking low income students that are academically driven, exceptional leaders, and compel to help their communities.

[Greenhouse Scholars Link](#)

Here are the scholarships currently posted on the website:

Vantage Credit Union

January 6, 2017 deadline

Click the link below for more information or there are some brochures in the Counseling Office

[Vantage Credit Union 2017.pdf](#)

Check out these scholarships on the website studentscholarships.org

Caption Scholarship (Nov. 30 deadline)

10 Words or Less (Dec. 1 deadline)

Points Scholarship (Dec. 15 deadline)

Global Lift Equipment (June 15 deadline)

Life Parts Express Scholarship (June 30 deadline)

Golden Apple Scholarship

This scholarship is designed for future educators.

CBAI Foundation for Community Banking Annual Scholarship Program Deadline Feb. 1, 2017 5pm

This is an essay writing contest for all high school seniors regardless of financial need. The prize awarded is \$1000 per year for up to 4 years, and additional \$1000 for 12 others and 13 second place winners of \$500.

Click below for the paperwork to fill out this application. See Ms. Frey if you have questions.

[CBAI Foundations of Community Banking 2017.pdf](#)

Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship [Elks Scholarship link](#) [Elks Most Valuable Student 2017.pdf](#)

Home Builders Association Professional Women in Building Submit application between Jan. 1-March 31, 2017. If you are a female student interested in a construction related career path including, construction management, construction technology, civil engineering, architecture, design, and any other trade is eligible to apply.

Kid's Chance Inc Deadline: December 1, 2016. This scholarship was founded with the goal of awarding academic college scholarships to deserving children of workers seriously injured or killed on the job. [Kids Chance IL link](#)

Your Home Team Scholarship April 14, 2017 deadline. Requirements: Must be a resident of St. Clair County, graduating from high school, 3.0 GPA, involved in extracurricular activities, letter of recommendation, essay [2017 Your Home Team Scholarship Application.pdf](#)

The Best of CO-OP Scholarship available if you attend these universities: Clarkson University, Drexel University, Johnson-Wales, Merrimack College, Rochester Institute of Technology, State university of New York Oswego, U of Toledo, U of Cincinnati, U of Massachusetts Lowell, Wentworth Institute of Technology [Co-op Scholarship](#)

Scott Spouse's Club Deadline March 1, 2017 postmark. This scholarship rewards outstanding academic achievement and school/community involvement to eligible US military members' dependents and spouses, of any rank. The application and additional information can be obtained at the link or attachment below. Please read all guidelines, policies, procedures, and requirements before applying and use the provided checklist to guide you through the application process.

<http://www.ScottSpouseClub.com> [Scott Spouses Club 2017.pdf](#)

Freshman, Sophomores + Juniors College and Career Planning:

Counselors met with the sophomores to discuss college and career planning during their advisory class on **Monday, November 14th**. The students created profiles through Career Cruising {careercruising.com} where they were able to answer 39 interest inventory questions that led them to colleges and careers that they are able to further explore on their own time. Counselors encouraged students to utilize their accounts and remember their logins and passwords, as this is the tool that will be used to help both grade-levels plan for their futures. Counselors will meet with the freshman on **January 13th** and the juniors on **February 3rd**.

TAG:

Teens and Grief (TAG) Program will be offered again this year at MHS . The program is run by the Heartlinks Grief Center at Family Hospice and is supported by the high school counselors and social worker. Students are referred to the program by counselors, social worker, teachers, staff and other students or by self-referral. Students with a recent loss are welcome as are students with a loss from the past that they are continuing to cope with and understand.

Grief for young people is an ongoing, developmental issue, not something that is resolved in a few months or a year. The group will be comprised of teens with different kinds of losses, encompassing different time frames but working together they will find support and an increased ability to cope with their life changing experiences.

The group is completely voluntary and runs at varying times during the school day so students do not regularly miss the same class. TAG is an opportunity for students to receive grief support and grief education in a peer support framework. Trained staff from the Heartlinks Center lead the group. There is no charge for the program that is paid for, in part, by PBIS funds and your tax dollars.

As a part of the group process, participants will fill out brief personal information and assessment forms on their grief and loss history. These documents will be used as teaching tools and reference points for students as they move through the grief process. The Heartlinks Grief Center, as a part of Family Hospice, is subject to the Federal Healthcare Privacy and Portability Act (HIPPA). Just like the forms you regularly receive from your physicians, dentists and other health care providers, privacy policy information is available; just call me, Diana Cuddeback at 277-1800, for more information. All records are kept private.

If you would like your student to participate in this group, please contact Monica Lynch in the Counseling Department. If you have concerns or questions, please contact Diana Cuddeback at 277-1800 or speak to Monica Lynch in the Guidance Department at MHS. Unfortunately, the students of Mascoutah High have experienced many losses in their lives; the TAG program through the Heartlinks Grief Center at Family Hospice seeks to be a resource to assist them in the process of growing through their grief.