

MHS Smoke Signals

December 2017
Vol. V

Congratulations Senior Student of the Month McKenna Lanter!!!



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. User id's and pin numbers are available in both the Main office and Counseling 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.

www.mhs.msds19.org

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

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

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

School will be dismissed Thursday, December 21st at 10:55am to commence the holiday vacation.

Classes will resume Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

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

SEMESTER EXAMS

Semester exams will be held **December 18, 19, 20, & 21**. 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.** Parents, please communicate with your students about exams and attendance. Seniors may be exempt from exams.

EXAM SCHEDULE

- ❖ December 18th - 1st and 7th
- ❖ December 19th - 2nd and 4th
- ❖ December 20th - 5th and 6th
- ❖ December 21st - 3rd

On Tuesday, Dec. 19 & Wednesday, Dec. 20, students will take two exams. Students will be given the opportunity to go home or stay at school. Students must earn this opportunity by having 3 or less tardies during the day and no suspensions. Permission slips will be sent home at a later date.

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.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 11	Chorus Concert 7pm
December 15	Mascoutah's Got Talent
December 15-16	Wrestling Tournament
December 18	Band Christmas Concert 7pm
December 18	Finals Study Night 6-8:30pm @ Mascoutah Public Library
December 18-21	Final Exams
December 21	End of 1st Semester-1/21 Day of Student Attendance
Dec. 22-Jan. 2	Holiday Vacation
Dec.27-29	Girls Basketball Tournament
January 3	Classes Resume
January 5	Report Cards Sent Home
January 15	Martin Luther King Day-No School
January 16-19	STAR 360 Testing Gr. 9 - 11
February 5	Summer School Registration for current High School students
February 15	SIP Day ½ Day Student Attendance
February 12	Freshman Orientation 7pm
February 16	No School
February 19	President's Day - No School
February 13	Summer School Registration for Incoming Freshman
Mar 1-Apr 28	ISA Testing
March 23-24	Spring Musical
March 26	Teacher Inservice Day-No School
Mar 27-Apr 2	Spring Break
April 10	SAT Test-Juniors
May 12	Prom
May 27	Graduation 2pm
June 1 - June 29	Tentative Summer School Dates

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.





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 9th Annual Mascoutah's Got Talent!

2nd Quarter Reward
December 15th

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: Mon., Dec. 18th 6:00PM - 8:30PM

CHECK-LIST

- Bring books, binders, and notes
- Bring finals study guides
- Bring note cards or flash cards
- Organize a study group
- Wear MHS ID
- Sign up by Dec. 14th

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- You **MUST** sign up in the library by Thursday, Dec. 14th, at 3:00 to attend
- Teachers will be available for questions
- You **MUST** wear your MHS ID
- Once you leave, you cannot re-enter
- Limited cell phone usage
- Food, drinks, and door prizes provided

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

Brandi Garlich -- Social Worker

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. Keep checking for scholarships! More will be added as the year continues. The Foundation for Mascoutah Schools Scholarships will be available mid January. To help you plan, these scholarships will be on the website for viewing in December. Each has its own requirements so look carefully for eligibility. Other scholarships posted recently include Tuskegee Airman, Turkey Hill Grange, SWIC Foundation, and several American Legion Scholarships. Go to the MHS website, About Our School, Counseling Office, and Scholarship Resources to find these and more scholarships.

AP Dual Credit (1818):

Ms. Frey will visit AP classrooms in January to register students for dual credit through the 1818 program at St. Louis University for the Spring semester. **Students enrolled in AP US History, AP European History, AP Language/Comp, and AP Chemistry and have a 2.5 GPA or higher are eligible to enroll in dual credit through the 1818 SLU program. Two new classes offered in this coming semester for dual credit are PreCalculus/Trig to seniors as well as AP Analytic Geometry (Calculus 1).** Each credit hour is offered at \$65.

Schedule Changes:

All requests for second semester schedule changes are due to the counseling office by **Tuesday, November 21**. Students must turn in the official schedule change form signed by a parent and teacher, if appropriate. Any forms or requests after this date will not be accepted.

College and Career Planning

Counselors will be meeting with Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors to discuss college and career planning on the following dates during their advisories.

Sophomores-Monday, December 4

Juniors-Tuesday, December 5

Freshman-Friday, December 11

Students will explore college and career websites including CareerCruising.com, IL Career Information System and Collegeboard.org.

Pre-Registration for 2018-2019 School Year

Students will be meeting with their counselor during the second semester to pick their classes for the 2018-2019 school year. More information will be coming out next month. Stay tuned...

Senior College Application Deadlines

November 1st and December 1st are priority deadlines for admissions and scholarships at some colleges and universities. As your senior is completing applications, beware of deadlines. Colleges are very strict about deadlines. Also make sure you are requesting your transcript in Parchment, this process may take up to 5 days. FAFSA opened up on October 1, but can still be completed. Go to FAFSA.gov to see if you are eligible for federal financial aid.

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.

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Information from Your School Counselors

Early Graduates:

Students that are planning to graduate mid-year will be receiving information during the coming weeks. Please check with your students as there is a sheet that must be signed by the parent prior to their last day.

Educational Info

There was an interesting article in Time Magazine's November 6, 2017's issue. It concerns the rise in teen depression and possible link to mobile device use. The article does state there is no doubt there are many factors in the rise of teen depression, but it does raise some interesting questions.

<http://time.com/4974863/kids-smartphones-depression/>

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.

Lifesavers

MHS now has a Lifesavers program with trained high school students. Encourage your student to reach out to a lifesaver if he or she is in needs to talk. A lifesaver is available after school in the Library until 3:15. This is a link from problems to solutions. When in Doubt-Talk it out!