

MHS Smoke Signals

January 2017
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Congratulations Senior Student of the Month Taylor Recuero!!!



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 MASCOUTAH SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLINE:

www.msd19.org

VISIT MASCOUTAH HIGH SCHOOL ONLINE:

www.mhs.msd19.org

TRIBE TALK

MHS TribeTalk: View students in action
[@http://vimeo.com/user22266462/videos](http://vimeo.com/user22266462/videos)
for the daily announcements.

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

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.

WINTER ACTIVITIES

The boys basketball teams, the girls basketball teams, wrestlers, and the bowling teams have begun their seasons. The Boys Basketball Team will play in the Mater Dei Tournament Dec. 27-30 and Nashville Tournament Jan. 16-21. The Girls Basketball Team will compete in the Mascoutah Tournament Dec. 27-29 and the Carbondale Tournament Jan. 16-21. The bowlers will be at the Panther Tournament Dec. 30. Varsity Wrestlers MVC Duals will be held at Waterloo on Jan. 28th. Cheer will compete Jan. 28th for IHSA Sectional. Dance team will compete in the Sectional Meet at MHS Jan. 21st. Winterguard meet will be Jan. 28th at MHS. Make plans now to follow the teams. See the high school website for the complete schedules.

Student Absences

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

PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCES

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

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.**

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

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 13	Donkey Basketball 6:30pm
January 16	Martin Luther King Day-No School
January 17	STAR 360 Testing Gr. 9 - 11
January 24	Running Start Info. Meeting 7pm
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
March 13	Teacher Inservice Day-No School
March 17	National Honor Society Induction 7pm
March 17	Report Cards Sent Home
March 23-25	Spring Musical
March 24	FFA Fish Fry
April 3-7	ISA Test-Course Based: Biology
April 5	SAT Test-Juniors
Early April	PSAT 10-Sophomores
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

PBIS (Mascoutah Pride)

PBIS (Mascoutah PRIDE) continues to reward students. 1st quarter advisories had the No Tardy Party, 2nd quarter reward for no office referrals was the Mascoutah's Got Talent, 3rd quarter is the Community Challenge, and 4th quarter reward is the Carnival. For more information go to the MHS website and look for the tab Mascoutah PRIDE/PBIS on the left. Check out the PBIS page at the end of this document.

Parent Portal Information

The Parent Portal allows you to keep track of your student's attendance, discipline, and grades. Parents may pick up their user name any time the office is open. The office is open daily from 8am until 4pm. Help us Go Green.

Testing Information

- Star 360 universal screening is scheduled for January 17-20. This screener assesses reading and math competency.
- Illinois Science Assessment will be taken in Biology classes during the week of April 3.
- SAT has replaced PARCC as the state assessment for the 2016-17 school year. All juniors will be taking the SAT on Wednesday, April 5. Make-up test will be on April 25.
 - For more information on the new SAT format, visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>





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.

MHS Word of the Month

EMPATHY(em-puh-thee)- The intellectual identification with or vicarious experiencing of the feelings, thoughts, or attitudes of another. To put yourself into someone else's shoes.



"Anyone who has experienced a certain amount of loss in their life has empathy for those who have experienced loss."
~ Anderson Cooper

PBIS Mascoutah PRIDE Fun Facts

- 24 acts performed at the Mascoutah's Got Talent. Students supported students.
- Collection for underprivileged students was a success. We collected many items. Thank you students.

WAY TO GO MASCOUTAH INDIANS

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

Information from Your School Counselors

Welcome Ms. Ora Lockett

The Counseling Office would like to welcome Ms. Ora Lockett. She will be working with us through Lindenwood University during 2nd semester. She will be working with students individually and in groups, and we are excited to have her for the 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

SLU 1818 Registration

SLU 1818 Registration for the spring semester will be on **January 11th and 12th and needs to be completed by February 3**. The courses students can register for are **AP Chemistry, AP Lit/Comp, AP US History, & AP European History**. Please see Ms. Frey with questions.

College Visits:

Colleges will begin sending representatives to meet with students starting again in **February**. Please see your counselor and/or watch the announcements for upcoming visits!

Financial Aid Night:

ISAC will host a hands-on financial aid night (FAFSA Completion Night) on **January 12th, 2015 at 7 pm in the High School Library**. Please see your school counselor for more information!

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.

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. See the last few pages of this newsletter for some of the current scholarships listed on the website.

Scholarships

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

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. You may be eligible for

Here's how the Golden Apple application process works for [aspiring Scholars](#):

- Applicants complete an [online application](#) with two references and [essays](#). ACT scores and transcripts can be mailed to Golden Apple or (preferably) uploaded into the application.
- **Priority Application Deadline: December 1** (Decision notification date for priority applicants is January 2017)
- **Regular Application Deadline: February 15** (Decision notification date for this deadline is February/March 2017)
- Golden Apple educators will review online applications, choose the finalists to be interviewed and select the new group of Scholars in February/March 2017.
- **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](#)

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](#)

Hugh J White Tuskegee Airmen Chapter Scholarship

Deadline: January 26, 2017

Requirements: 3.0 GPA, essay, financial need, transcript submission

The application is attached below.

[Hugh J White Tuskegee Airmen Chapter Scholarship 2017.pdf](#)

Monsanto Fund America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders

Feb. 1, 2017 Deadline

\$1500 scholarship in an ag-related field of Study

Students need two farmer endorsements to complete their application.

Seniors and College Students can apply. Visit the follow link for more information.

[Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship](#)

Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers

\$2000 December 15 Deadline. This scholarship is for students pursuing an education in a field of study that will open opportunities to work in crushed stone, sand, gravel, and industrial mineral mining in IL. The application and other information is attached below.

[Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers 2017.pdf](#)

Aspiring Nurse Scholarship

\$1000 Scholarship Deadline: June 30, 2017 This scholarship is for aspiring nurses who best demonstrate a track record of academic excellence, particularly in Math and Science as well as have a passion for the nursing profession/overall field of healthcare.

Click the link below, then click on the banner on the right hand side of the page. www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com

Farm Credit Agriculture Scholarships

\$2000 Deadline: February 27, 2017

24 scholarships in the amount of \$2000 each will be available to high school seniors who plan to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall and have an agriculture career aspirations. Selection criteria includes academic achievement, participation and leadership within a school or community organizations, and a commitment to pursuing an agriculture related career. University of IL College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) is offering a full \$2000 scholarship match to Farm Credit Scholars.

Click the link below to apply.

www.farmcreditIL.com

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.

See Ms. Frey in the Counseling Office for the application.

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 extra curricular activities, letter of recommendation, essay

Click the link below for the application

[2017 Your Home Team Scholarship Application.pdf](#)