

MHS Smoke Signals

January 2018
Vol. VI

Congratulations Senior Student of the Month KAELI GOODWIN!!!



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>

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

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. 15-19. The Girls Basketball Team will compete in the Mascoutah Tournament Dec. 27-29 and the Carbondale Tournament Jan. 15-20. The bowlers will be at the Panther Tournament Dec. 30 & Jan. 6. Varsity Wrestlers MVC Duals will be held at Jerseyville on Jan. 27th. Cheer will compete Jan. 27th for IHSA Sectional. Dance team will compete in the Sectional Meet at MHS Jan. 20th. Winterguard meet will be Jan. 27th 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 cellphones in the halls or in the classrooms without teacher permission. Cell phones and earbuds must be placed in the locker at the start of school at 7:55am. We appreciate your support.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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
January 31	Running Start Informational Meeting 6:30 pm
February 5	Summer School Registration for current High School students
February 12	Freshman Orientation 7pm
February 13	Summer School Registration for Incoming Freshmen
February 15	SIP Day- ½ Day Student Attendance (Practice ACT/SAT)
February 16	No School
February 19	President's Day - No School
Mar 1-Apr 28	ISA Test-Course Based: Biology
March 23-24	Spring Musical
March 26	Teacher Inservice Day-No School
Mar 27-Apr 2	Spring Break
March 16	Report Cards Sent Home
April 5	College & Scholarship Night for Junior Parents 6:30
April 10	SAT Test-Juniors
April 10	PSAT- Freshmen & Sophomores
May 12	Prom
May 27	Graduation 2pm
June 1 - June 29	Tentative 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.

5Essentials

2018 Illinois Parent Survey window will close on Jan. 31, 2018. Your opinions matter; please take time to complete.

Link for parents to take the survey:

<http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

Testing Information

- Star 360 universal screening is scheduled for January 16-19. This screener assesses reading and math competency.
- Illinois Science Assessment will be taken in Biology classes during the week of April 9.
- All juniors will be taking the SAT on Tuesday, April 10. Make-up test will be on April 24. Tentatively, all freshmen and sophomores will be taking the PSAT on those dates as well.
 - For more information on the SAT/PSAT 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

- 21 acts performed at the Mascoutah's Got Talent.
- Students supported students.
- 3rd Quarter Reward will be Community/Teacher Challenge

WAY TO GO MASCOUTAH INDIANS

3rd Quarter
COMMUNITY/TEACHER CHALLENGE
PBIS STUDENT REWARDS

MASCOUTAH PRIDE

No Discipline!

All students with no discipline will be entered into a drawing!

Tablet

Television

iPod

Gas Cards

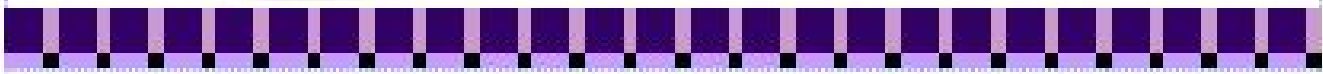
Fast Food Gift Cards

Mini Fridge

Head Phones

& SO much More!

***Pictures & items listed are subject to change.



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.

College and Career Planning

Counselors met with Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors in December to discuss college and career planning. Students explored the college and career website CareerCruising.com and looked at their high school 4 year plan. The presentation used can be found on the counseling website. Follow these directions to see the presentation. MHS website, About Our School, Counseling Office, Registration Information, go to the correct grade level tab.

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

As your senior is completing applications, beware of deadlines. Colleges are very strict about deadlines. Sometimes the scholarship deadline is also the application deadline, but not always. 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.

Running Start

The parent meeting for students eligible for the Running Start Meeting will be held on January 31, 2018 at 6:30 in the MHS Auditorium. Students must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA at the end of semester 1 and must also have completed Geometry and Algebra 2 by the end of this school year. Eligible sophomores will receive a letter in January inviting them to the meeting. Eligible Juniors must let Ms. Frey know their interest so she can invite them to the meeting. If you have any questions, ask Ms. Frey.

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Information from Your School Counselors

Moving?

If you are moving during holidays or at the end of the school year, please reach out to the registrar and let her know at least 2 weeks prior to your departure. This allows time for students grades to be posted and records to be prepared.

Transcripts

All Seniors have the ability to request their transcripts for colleges online via Parchment. Transcripts are sent electronically to the colleges and take approximately 3-5 days to process. Ordering is free until July 31, 2018. Questions regarding moving & transcripts can be directed to the registrar.

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!