

MHS Smoke Signals

November 2016
Vol. 4

Congratulations Senior Student of the Month **MELANIE COZZI!!!**



FALL DRAMA - "Cyrano"

This year, Mascoutah High School stages the classic comedy, *Cyrano*. The play is set in 1640, Paris, France and follows the title character, Cyrano de Bergerac, a brilliant poet and swordsman who finds himself deeply in love with the beautiful, intellectual Roxanne. Despite Cyrano's brilliance and charisma, his shockingly large nose keeps him from telling Roxanne of his feelings. The handsome, but tongue-tied Christian, confides in Cyrano that he is also enamored with Roxanne, so Cyrano, feeling he can express all his thoughts and feelings secretly, agrees to help the young man woo Roxanne. This play is filled with comedy, sword fights, romance, and tragedy. Show times are Thursday, November 17th at 11:30 am, Friday, November 18th at 7:00pm, and Saturday, November 19th at 7:00pm. Advanced tickets will be on sale in the High School Commons, from 2:35 to 3:00 from November 7th through 17th. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students.

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

School Telephone: 618-566-8523

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

FROM THE SCHOOL HEALTH ROOM:

It's time to get your flu vaccine! Influenza (the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions are at high risk for serious flu complications. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year.

Flu season usually begins in October, and flu activity is expected to increase in the coming weeks to months. CDC recommends that everyone aged 6 months and older get a flu vaccine every year. The vaccine protects against the three flu viruses that research indicates will cause the most illness during the upcoming season.

FINAL EXAMS

Make sure you do not book vacations during examination periods. **This year students who are not present for final exams will receive a zero (F) for 20% of their grade.** Finals will be December 16th, 19th, & 20th. School will end May 24 if no snow days are used or will end June 2 if all snow days are used. Finals will be the last 3 days of the semester. Please plan accordingly.

Student Absences

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

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility checks are performed weekly on Mondays at 10:00 am. When there is a holiday, eligibility will be checked the first day school is back in session. This means that before long holiday vacations, a student could be ineligible during the duration of the vacation. Weekly eligibility grades are cumulative for each semester.

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

Save the Date....



**Graduation will be held
Saturday,
May 27, 2017 @ 10am**

If you are male and getting ready to turn 18, you MUST register with the Selective Service within 30 days after you turn 18. It is the Law for men 18-25 to be registered. This helps you stay eligible for Federal Student Loans, Job Training Benefits, and other Federal Jobs.

**Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, November 22, 2016**

POLICY for SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Elective Course Changes for second semester must be completed by Tuesday, November 22nd before Thanksgiving Vacation.

Pick up a schedule change form in the counseling office before meeting with your counselor.

There will be no elective changes at the beginning of second semester.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 4	Senior Pictures for Yearbook Deadline
November 11	No School - Veteran's Day
November 17-19	Fall Play "Cyrano"
November 22	BETA Blood Drive
November 23-25	No School-Thanksgiving Break
December 5	Chorus Concert 7pm
December 12	Band Concert 7pm
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 16	Martin Luther King Day-No School
January 17	STAR 360 Testing Gr. 9 - 11
Mar 1-Apr 28	ISA Test-Course Based: Biology
April 5	SAT Test
April 8	ACT Test (not offered during the school day)
May 20	Prom
May 27	Graduation 10am

VISIT OUR NEW WEB PAGE:

www.mhs.msd19.org

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



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 turn in the yellow "Request for Schedule Change" form to their school counselor on **Monday, November 21st** if they have a schedule change request for second semester.

November College Visits:

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

Tuesday, November 1 - 9:00 am - University of Illinois - Springfield

Wednesday, November 9 - 10:00 am - St. Louis University (SLU)

Wednesday, November 9 - 1:30 pm - Western Illinois University

Thursday, November 10 - 12:45 pm - Mississippi State University

Thursday, November 17 - 11:00 am - St. Louis College of Pharmacy

ACT:

If you missed registering for the October test, you have until **November 4th** to register for the **December 10th 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.

Sophomore Registration Meetings:

Sophomores:

November 21st (during advisories) - Group Meeting; Handout Registration Sheets

November 29th & December 1st & 2nd - 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.

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](#)

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](#)

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 want to take a college entrance exam at least once before their senior year. All juniors will be taking the SAT in April.

PARCC Test Results:

The State of Illinois recently released test results for **Spring 2016 PARCC test**. Individual student results were made available during parent/teacher conference on **October 26 and 27**. Remaining reports will be mailed out. To better understand the test results, please follow the links below. The links provide information by grade level that speaks to the skills a student possesses at each level by subject and grade. Please note, Illinois is replacing the PARCC test with the SAT for high school students during the 2016-2017 school year.

- PARCC Spring 2016 Score Report Interpretation Guide for Parents
 - <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/assessment/pdfs/parcc/2016/parcc-spring-16-score-interpretation-guide-parents.pdf>
- PARCC 2016 Score Wrappers
 - Grade 8:
<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/assessment/pdfs/parcc/2016/score-wrappers/2016grade8.pdf>
 - Grade 9 ELA and Alg I:
<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/assessment/pdfs/parcc/2016/score-wrappers/2016grade9Algebra1.pdf>



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 November is Mascoutah's Got Talent. 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

Cooperation (koh-op-uh-rey-shuhn) – An act or instance of working or acting together for a common purpose or benefit; joint action.



"Great discoveries and improvements invariably involve the cooperation of many minds." ~ Alexander Graham Bell

PBIS Mascoutah PRIDE Fun Facts

- *PBIS Be Positive Day* was on Tuesday, September 20th. Baskets for students and teachers were raffled.
- PBIS recognizes student birthdays weekly. Announced in the cafeteria during lunch and receive coupon.
- At 96.88%, PBIS is striving to surpass the 92.49% of students with one or less tardies during first quarter last year.
- Students continue to receive arrowheads for doing the right thing. Weekly drawings are then held for prizes.