

MHS Smoke Signals

November 2017
Vol. IV

Congratulations Senior Student of the Month TIANNA GREEN!!!



FALL DRAMA - "To Kill A Mockingbird"

This year, Mascoutah High School stages the classic, *To Kill A Mockingbird*. Scout and her brother, Jem are being raised by their widowed father, Atticus, and a strong-willed housekeeper, Calpurnia. Wide-eyed Scout is fascinated with the people of her small southern town, but there's a rumble of thunder just under the calm surface of life here. As tensions rise within the community, the bewildered girl turns to her father. Atticus, a lawyer, explains that these tensions stem from his legal defense of a young Negro wrongfully accused of a grave crime. When Scout asks why he is taking on such a hopeless fight, he replies, "Because if I didn't, I couldn't hold my head up." This play explores the racial tensions of the early 20th-century South and applauds the strength of those who fight injustice. Because of the sensitive nature of the subject matter of this play, parental discretion is advised – this play may not be appropriate for young children. Show times are Friday, November 17th at 7:00pm, and Saturday, November 18th at 7:00pm. Advanced tickets will be on sale in the High School Commons, November 7th through 17th 2:35 to 3:00. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students.

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

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 increases in the coming weeks to months. The CDC recommends that everyone aged 6 months and older get a flu vaccine every year. The vaccine protects against the three or four 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. **Students not present for final exams will receive a zero (F) for 20% of their grade.** Finals will be December 18th, 19th, 20th, & 21st. Please plan accordingly. On Tuesday, December 19 & Wednesday, December 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.

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
Sunday,
May 27, 2018 @ 2 pm**

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 21, 2017**

POLICY for SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Elective Course Changes for second semester must be completed by Tuesday, November 21st 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 3	Senior Pictures for Yearbook Deadline
November 3	Jazz Concert 7:00 pm
November 10	No School - Veteran's Day
November 16-18	Fall Play
November 21	Blood Drive
November 22-24	No School-Thanksgiving Break
December 1	Senior Early Graduation Mtg
December 11	Chorus Concert 7pm
December 15	Mascoutah's Got Talent
December 18	Band Christmas Concert
December 19-21	Final Exams
Dec. 22-Jan. 2	Holiday Vacation
January 3	Classes Resume
January 15	Martin Luther King Day-No School
January 16-19	STAR 360 Testing
Mar 1-Apr. 30	ISA Testing
April 10	SAT Test
May 12	Prom
May 27	Graduation 2pm

Student Absences

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



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.

AP Dual Credit (1818):

Ms. Frey visited AP classrooms in September to register students for dual credit through the 1818 program at St. Louis University. **Students enrolled in AP US History, AP European History, AP Language/Comp, or AP Chemistry and have a 2.5 GPA or higher are eligible to enroll in dual credit through the 1818 SLU program. Next semester, SLU will also offer dual credit for the PreCalculus/Trig class to seniors as well as for the AP Analytic Geometry (Calculus 1) class.** If your child registered for a class, expect the bill to come in the mail by mid October. You will pay SLU directly for this dual credit opportunity. Your payment is due by December 1. Any student not paid by December 1 will be dropped for nonpayment.

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.

Freshman-Tuesday, November 28

Sophomores-Monday, December 4

Juniors-Tuesday, December 5

Students will explore two major websites including CareerCruising.com 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.

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

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!

College Visits:

November 1 (Wednesday) 9:00 am	Missouri Southern State University
November 7 (Tuesday) 9:00 am	SIU-Edwardsville
November 7 (Tuesday) 1:30 pm	Western Illinois University

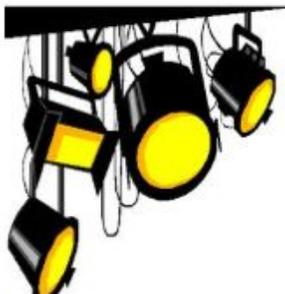


MASCOUTAH HIGH SCHOOL



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 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

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 recognizes student birthdays weekly. Birthdays are announced in the cafeteria during lunch and student receives a treat/snack coupon.
- 93.03% of students had one or less tardies during first quarter this year surpassing last year's 92.49%
- Seniors led the way with 96.60% with one or less tardies. **GREAT JOB SENIORS.**
- Students continue to receive arrowheads for doing the right thing. Weekly drawings are held for prizes.

WAY TO GO MASCOUTAH INDIANS