

MHS Smoke Signals

November 2018
Vol. IV

**Congratulations
Senior Student
of the Month
Casmir Cozzi!!!**



School and District Report Cards

Illinois School Report Card can be found by clicking on the banner found on the district website: www.msd19.org

FALL DRAMA - A royal wedding brings together a group of star-crossed lovers, an inept band of actors, some quarrelsome fairies and their mischievous servant, Puck. This romantic comedy by William Shakespeare is a dream come true with comedy, drama, singing, and dancing. This play is directed by senior Julie Koharik and stars Emma Breckel as Helena, Kaitlyn Harris as Titania, Emily Knedel as Puck and Callista Moss as Egeus. Mascoutah High School's Drama Club will be presenting William Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* at 7:00 on Friday, November 16th and Saturday, November 17th. Tickets will be available online at Mascoutah.Ludus.com after November 2nd. General admission tickets will also be available at the door. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults, \$5 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 for 2nd quarter during the day and no suspensions. Permission slips and more details will be sent home at a later date.

District #19 Budget

The Mascoutah Community Unit School District Fiscal Year 2019 budget was adopted by the Board of Education at its September 2018 meeting. The adopted budget is available on the District's website, msd19.org, or a physical copy can be viewed at the Administrative Service Center, 421 W Harnett Street, Mascoutah, IL 62258."

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 19, 2019 @ 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
Friday, November 30, 2018**

POLICY for SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Elective Course Changes for second semester begin November 1st, but must be completed by Tuesday, November 20th before Thanksgiving Break.

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

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| November 2 | Senior Pictures for Yearbook Deadline |
| November 2 | Jazz Concert 7:00 pm |
| November 7 | Josten Class Ring Distribution |
| November 12 | No School - Veterans' Day |
| November 16-17 | Fall Play |
| November 21-23 | No School-Thanksgiving Break |
| November 30 | Blood Drive |
| December 3 | Senior Early Graduation Mtg |
| December 13 | Chorus Concert 7pm |
| December 14 | Mascoutah's Got Talent |
| December 17 | Band Christmas Concert |
| December 18-21 | Final Exams |
| Dec. 22-Jan. 6 | Holiday Vacation |
| January 7 | Classes Resume |
| January 21 | Martin Luther King Day-No School |
| January 14-18 | STAR 360 Testing |
| Mar 1-Apr. 30 | ISA Testing |
| April 9 | SAT Test |
| April 27 | Prom |
| May 19 | 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

Information from Your School Counselors

Schedule Changes:

The schedule change period for second semester is between **Nov. 1-Nov. 20**. Here is the process you need to follow if you want a schedule change.

1. **Pick up a green schedule change form from the counseling office.**
2. **Get it signed by a parent (and teacher if you are wanting a level change).**
3. **Drop the form off for your counselors to review.**
4. **Your counselor will call you down if she needs to see you.**

****Do not request a change in lunch nor teacher change as these requests will not be honored.****

SAT:

If you missed registering for the October test, you have until **October 5th** to register for the **November 3rd test date**. Please visit www.collegeboard.org for more information.

ACT:

If you missed registering for the October test, you have until **November 2nd** to register for the **December 8th test date**. Please visit ACT.org for more information.

SAT & The Khan Academy:

All juniors will take the SAT test free of charge in April. 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.

Scholarships:

Please visit the Counseling Office on our website (www.mhs.ms19.org) to see view new scholarships as they come in. Go to "About our School," "Counseling Office" and then click on "Scholarship Resources."

Career Cruising:

The Counselors will be meeting with the freshman, sophomore and junior classes for Career Cruising presentations, starting with the sophomores on **November 27th**, followed by the freshman on **November 28th** and the Juniors on **November 29th**.

College Visits:

November 5th - Marines (during lunch hours)

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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.

Erin's Law:

Erin's law is legally mandated in the state of Illinois with the goal to educate children in public schools, grades Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade, on sexual abuse prevention through age appropriate curriculum giving children the tools to speak up and tell if anyone has ever touched them inappropriately rather than keep it a secret. Erin's law mandates educating children on safe touch, unsafe touch, safe secrets, and unsafe secrets, how to get away and tell today. The same way we teach children on bully intervention, stranger danger, internet safety, and DARE yet we fail to give them a voice if someone is violating them. Unfortunately without being educated most children will be repeatedly abused for years because often the only message they get comes from their abuser threatening them into silence. Erin's mission is to shatter the silence and stigma around sexual abuse and educate children and empower them with their voice. Erin's Law also requires educators to be trained on the prevention of child sexual abuse. Erin's Law has been passed in 7 states with 10 more introducing it. Erin Merryn is on a national crusade going state to state passing Erin's Law with the mission to get all 50 states teaching it. In November, the students at MHS will receive education on the prevention of sexual abuse as required by Erin's law. Some of the things they will learn will be different types of sexual assault, warning signs, how to intervene or seek help if they are a bystander, and resources and steps to take after being abused. Parents are encouraged to talk to their students about what they learned and ways they can keep themselves safe. If there are any questions or concerns or a need for resources, please contact Monica Lynch or Brandi Garlich, School Social Workers, at 618-566-8523.




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 10th Annual Mascoutah's Got Talent!

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*

Friday, October 14
Registration deadline
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.
- 91% of students had one or less tardies during first quarter.
- Juniors led the way with 92.50% with one or less tardies. **GREAT JOB JUNIORS.**
- Students continue to receive arrowheads for doing the right thing. Weekly drawings are held for prizes.

WAY TO GO MASCOUTAH INDIANS