

MHS Smoke Signals

October 2017
Vol. III

Congratulations Senior Student of the Month Bailey Albright!!!



Parent-Teacher Conferences

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October 18 (school in session) - 5-8 pm

October 19 (no school) – 12 pm-8 pm

Please call Mrs. Mueller at
618-566-8523 ext. 5197

to schedule your student's conference.

VISIT OUR WEB PAGE:
www.mhs.ms19.org

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

FOLLOW ON TWITTER: @M19_MHS

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

It is hard to believe October is already here! We have had a wonderful 1st quarter of the school year.

Homecoming week has been fun and our students continue to shine in sports, music and other extra-curricular activities. The support of our community is always appreciated. It is great to see all of the purple and white around town and the words of encouragement for our students - particularly via the local business marqueees. Thank you for your enthusiasm... it does not go unnoticed!

Important Yearbook Price Change:
The cost of yearbooks is currently \$55, but will increase to \$65 after October 20th.

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



STEM Grant

Exciting news to share: Our district was recently awarded a 5 year DoDEA Grant to support and expand STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) curriculum at the high school and middle school. The money will be used to fund "Project Lead The Way (PLTW)" curriculum. We, at the high school, are currently in the planning stages with the target of implementing STEM opportunities during the 2018-2019 school year! More to come about this great opportunity!

-Mr. Woodrome

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION

All students must have a MHS Student ID and lanyard upon entering the building. Students without proper identification must obtain a new student ID for a replacement cost of \$5 or replacement lanyard for \$1.

PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCES

Please plan ahead for absences caused by vacations and other family trips. In order for a student to be excused from classes, a parental note must be submitted to the Attendance Office at least 3 school days prior to the absence.

Pre-arranged absences are not allowed during semester examinations or to extend Christmas vacation. **DO NOT** schedule vacations or trips until after the last possible attendance day which is June 1, 2018. **Please note this date includes snow days.**

COLLEGE VISITS

Students and their parents are encouraged to visit colleges during the second semester of their junior year and the first semester of their senior year. We suggest that these visits be confined to our school holidays, since colleges seldom dismiss for Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Lincoln's Birthday or Pulaski Day.

PARENT PORTAL

The Parent Portal allows you to check on your student's grades daily. If you need information contact the main office.

REPORT CARDS TO BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS

End of Quarter	Report Cards
October 13	October 20
December 21	January 5
March 9	March 16
May 24	May 30 or date pending due to snow days

Picture Retake Day!!!

October 17th is picture retake day. If your student needs his/her picture retaken, please have them bring their photo packet with them and return it to the photographer. If your student did not order pictures or did not have their picture taken, please stop by the main office to pick up a picture form. To be included in the yearbook, students need to have their picture taken on Oct. 17th or had it taken on the 1st picture day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 6	No School - Teacher In-Service
October 9	No School - Columbus Day
October 10	College Week
October 11	PSAT
October 12	FAFSA Completion Night
October 13	Senior Graduation Announcement Assembly
October 13	End of the 1st Quarter
October 16	Chorus Concert 7:00pm
October 18	Seniors Announcement Orders
October 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-8pm (Students are in attendance)
Oct. 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-8pm (No School)
Oct. 20	No School
November 3	Jazz Concert 7:00 pm
November 10	No School - Veteran's Day
November 21	Blood Drive
November 22-24	No School-Thanksgiving Break
December 19-21	Final Exams

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

Senior Meetings:

All counselors will be meeting individually with seniors during the month of September and October. It will be at this time that we will discuss their responses to their senior survey, along with graduation credits, the ACT, college applications, scholarships, college representative visits, college fairs, financial aid, and letters of recommendation. Please expect a letter home in October that lists your student's current classes needed to fulfill graduation requirements, as well as an updated number of current graduation credits.

FAFSA:

The FAFSA filing date has moved up to **October 1st**. The Counseling Office at MHS had a Financial Aid night in the high school auditorium on **September 20th at 6: 30 pm**. Additionally, FAFSA Completion Night will be held at MHS in the Library on **October 12th at 6:30 pm**. Please make contact with the School Counseling Office for more information about the Oct. 12th Completion Night {(618) 566-8523 and choose option #2 for Guidance}

ACT:

If you missed registering for the September test, you have until **September 22nd** to register for the **October 28th test date**. Please remember, Mascoutah High School is a testing center for the October test date. Please visit ACT.org for more information.

PSAT Test:

On **Friday, September 8th**, the counselors will be visiting all tenth grade honors English classes, as well all junior English classes, to handout information regarding the PSAT. **The deadline to sign-up for the PSAT is Friday, September 29th**. The cost of the test is **\$30**. The PSAT will be given to those students who sign up on **Wednesday, October 11th during 1st through 4th hours (7:45 am-11:35 am)**. More information to come. For Juniors, this test is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarships. Other grades are welcome to take the test for practice, but the National Merit Scholarships are reserved for juniors only.

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.

ASVAB Test:

The ASVAB test will be given on **October 19th**. Students should sign-up in the counseling office. **There is no cost for the test. Please see Mrs. Renth with questions.**

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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.

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 need to register for the ACT or the SAT on their own this year. Information was given to them at their registration meeting on January 28 including testing dates, timelines, and prices. Juniors will want to take a college entrance exam at least once before their senior year.

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.

College Visits:

October 3 (Tuesday) 8:00 am	Illinois College
October 3 (Tuesday) 9:00 am	University of Missouri (MIZZOU)
October 3 (Tuesday) 9:40 am	Eastern Illinois University
October 3 (Tuesday) 1:00 pm	University of Springfield
October 4 (Wednesday) 9:00 am	Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC)
October 4 (Wednesday) 2:00 pm	Univ. of IL Urbana Champaign
October 10 (Tuesday) 9:00 am	Millikin University
October 11 (Wednesday) 9:00 am	Murray State University
October 13 (Friday) 1:00 pm	MacMurray College
October 23 (Monday) 9:30 am	Rockford University
October 23 (Monday) 1:30 pm	Monmouth College
October 25 (Wednesday) 1:30	University of Southern Indiana
October 31 (Tuesday) 10:00 am	St. Louis College of Pharmacy

College Fairs:

-**St. Louis Performing and Visual Arts College Fair** Webster University, Grant Gymnasium on October 7, 2017 from 1pm - 3pm

-**Mater Dei High School in Breese, IL will host a College Night/ College Fair** on October 11 from 6:30 to 8:00pm. FAFSA and Financial Aid Presentations are scheduled for 6:30pm and 7:15pm.

-A **national college** fair will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2017 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. at St. Louis University - Simon Recreational Center. You can go to <https://www.nacacnet.org> for more information.

-**Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville will host a College Fair** on October 24,2017 from 6-7:30pm.

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.



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 October is still the student tardy challenge. Students must get to class on time to help their advisory team. The flyer is


Mascoutah PRIDE 1st Quarter Reward:


NO TARDIES PARTY



Encourage your Advisory classmates to be on time to all of their classes!

Top Advisory Rewards

1st Place: PIZZA!!! 

2nd Place: DONUTS!! 

3rd Place: Double Lunch!

4th Place: ??????????

MHS Word of the Month

Responsibility (ri-spon-suh-bil-i-tee – The state, fact, or position of being accountable to somebody or for something.



"Today, more than ever before, life must be characterized by a sense of universal **responsibility**, not only nation to nation and human to human, but also human to other forms of life."
~ Dalai Lama

PBIS Mascoutah PRIDE Fun Facts

- PBIS recognizes student birthdays weekly. Announced in the cafeteria during lunch and receive coupon.
- As of Oct. 17th, 97.25% of our students had one or less tardies.
- Seniors are leading the way with a whopping 99.24%. Great leadership..
- Students continue to receive arrowheads for doing the right thing. Weekly drawings are then held for prizes.

WAY TO GO MASCOUTAH INDIANS