

# MHS Smoke Signals

October 2018  
Vol. III

## Congratulations Senior Student of the Month Ashley Szabo!!!



### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held  
October 24 (school in session) - 5-8 pm  
October 25 (no school) – 12 pm-8 pm  
Sign up for conferences will be on the  
website (*bottom of page*) starting 10/2.  
Parents should select the link and follow  
the instructions to sign up with your  
child's teachers. The program will send  
you a confirmation with the date and  
time. If you have any questions please  
contact Beth Mueller 566-8523 ext. 5197.  
The sign ups will be closed at the end of  
the school day on 10/22/2018.

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! I am confident the month will fly by as we have many events on the calendar. Please take some time to make note of everything. For starters, homecoming week is scheduled for the first week of October with the dance concluding festivities on October 6. It is always impressive to see all of the purple and white around town and the support on local business marquees. Wrapping up the busy month are Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for October 24 and 25.

### HOMEcoming INFORMATION

Monday: Powder Puff game 6:30  
Wednesday: Parade and Bon Fire  
(6:00-8:30)  
Friday: Football (7:00)  
Saturday: Dance (7:00-10:00)  
Homecoming Spirit Days  
Monday is Meme/Vine Day  
Tuesday is Throwback Tuesday:  
12th 90's, 11th 80's, 10th 70's, 9th 60's,  
& Faculty 50's.  
Wednesday is Groups & Pairs  
Thursday is traditional Purple & White

VISIT OUR WEB PAGE: [www.mhs.ms19.org](http://www.mhs.ms19.org)  
PARENTS MAY VIEW THE SMOKE SIGNALS AND DAILY  
ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE  
FOLLOW ON TWITTER: @M19\_MHS



## LOST and FOUND

We have many items in our lost and found. Please take the time to check if any these items belong to you or your student.

### Student Absences

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

### Picture Retake Day!!!

October 16th 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. 16th or had it taken on the 1st picture day.

### 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 May 31, 2019.

**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

October 12  
December 21  
March 15  
May 22

### Report Cards

October 19  
January 4  
March 22  
May 30 or date  
pending due to snow days

## 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.**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1-4	Homecoming Week
October 3	Homecoming Parade & Bonfire
October 5	No School - Teacher In-Service
October 6	Homecoming Dance
October 8	No School - Columbus Day
October 9	College Week
October 10	PSAT/NMSQT
October 10	FAFSA Completion Night
October 12	Senior Graduation Announcement Assembly
October 12	End of the 1st Quarter
October 16	Chorus Concert 7:00pm
October 17	Seniors Announcement Orders
October 20	Boys Basketball Trivia Night
October 20	Band Bowling Fundraiser
October 24	Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-8pm (Students are in attendance)
October 25	Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-8pm (No School)
October 26	No School
October 27	ACT @ MHS
November 2	Jazz Concert 7:00 pm
November 12	No School - Veteran's Day
November 21-23	No School-Thanksgiving Break
November 30	Blood Drive
December 18-21	Final Exams



**Saturday, October 6th, 2018 7-10PM**  
**LOCATION: MHS Gymnasium**

**TICKETS WILL BE SOLD *IN THE AUDITORIUM LOBBY:***

**Wednesday, September 26 - 7:25 - 7:50 am**

**Thursday, September 27 - 7:25 - 7:50 am**

**Friday, September 28 - 7:25 - 7:50 am**

**Monday, October 1 - 2:35 - 3:15 pm**

**Tuesday, October 2 - 7:25 - 7:50 am**

**Wednesday, October 3 - 2:35 - 3:15 pm**

**Thursday, October 4 - 2:35 - 3:30 pm**

**\* Thursday, October 4 will be the last time to buy a homecoming ticket. You MAY NOT buy them at the door. \***

## **HOLLYWOOD HOMECOMING PROCEDURES/RULES**

- **Students must present a MHS ID for each ticket they wish to purchase. You can buy as many as you want, as long as you have each MHS student's ID for which you intend to buy.**
- Out of school date forms must be turned in to the main office with all signatures **BEFORE** purchasing tickets.
- You are not allowed to give away or sell tickets after they have been purchased.
- **Ticket prices are \$10** and must be paid at the time of purchase.
- Any checks should be made payable to "M.H.S."
- No student may attend the Homecoming dance if he/she is not in attendance five (5) full periods on Thursday, October 4, 2018.
- **Students must arrive at the Homecoming dance by 8:00 p.m. to be admitted.**
- All students and their dates must abide by MHS rules as stated in the student handbook. This includes appropriate behavior, attire, etc.
- Homecoming Coronation will be at 9:00 p.m.

***NO JEANS. NO CASUAL HATS (baseball caps, beanies, stocking hats, etc.) Dress hats will be allowed.***

## 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 months 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 SAT & 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 19th at 6:00 pm**. Additionally, FAFSA Completion Night will be held at MHS in the Library on **October 10th at 6:00 pm**. Please make contact with the School Counseling Office for more information about the Oct. 10th Completion Night {(618) 566-8523 and choose option #2 for Guidance}

#### 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](http://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](http://ACT.org) for more information.

#### PSAT Test:

The PSAT will be given to those students who signed up by Friday, September 28th on **Wednesday, October 10th during 1st through 4th hours (7:45 am-11:35 am)**. The cost of the test is \$30. 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:

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](http://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 25th**. Students should sign-up in the counseling office. **There is no cost for the test. Please see Mrs. Renth with questions (renthc@msd19.org).**

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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.

#### 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:

Tuesday, October 2	9:30 am	MacMurray College
Tuesday, October 2	1:30 pm	Westminster College
Tuesday, October 2	2:00 pm	SIU Edwardsville
Tuesday, October 9	8:30 am	Fontbonne University
Wednesday, October 10	9:00 am	Univer of IL - Urbana
Wednesday, October 10	1:30 pm	Missouri Western St Joseph
Monday, October 15	9:00 am	Southeast MO State Univ.
Monday, October 15	1:00 pm	St. Louis University
Tuesday, October 16	9:00 am	Harris Stowe State Univ.
Tuesday, October 16	Lunch Periods	SWIC
Tuesday, October 16	2:00 pm	Univ. of Southern Indiana
Friday, October 19	9:30 am	Western IL University
Monday, October 22	1:40 pm	Monmouth College
Wednesday, October 24	8:45 am	Millikin University
Tuesday, October 30	1:00 pm	Ranken University

#### College Week October 9th-12th:

**Tuesday:** *Where did you go to college day?* Teachers, Principals & Staff will have their college sign on their door for students to see where they attended college.

**Thursday:** *College Shirt Day!* Wear your college shirt or represent your particular military branch.

**Friday:** *College Giveaway Day!* Counselors will be in all lunches to giveaway college memorabilia to those seniors who have completed their senior survey.



### College Fairs:

**-St. Louis Performing and Visual Arts College Fair** Webster University, Grant Gymnasium on October 8, 2018 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**-Mater Dei High School in Breese, IL will host a College Night/ College Fair** on October 3rd, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:00pm. FAFSA and Financial Aid Presentations are scheduled for 6:30 pm and 7:15 pm.

**-A national college fair** will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2018 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. at St. Louis University - Simon Recreation Center. You can go to <https://www.nacacnet.org> for more information.

**-Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville will host a College Fair** on October 23, 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
<b>M</b> 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
<b>H</b> 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
<b>S</b> 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 LARDIES 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.
- Students continue to receive arrowheads for doing the right thing. Weekly drawings are then held for prizes.

**WAY TO GO MASCOUTAH INDIANS**