



MHS Smoke Signals

September 2017
Vol. II

A NOTE FROM MR. WOODROME

2017-2018 is off to a great start! Fall is always an exciting time of the year here at MHS. Sports and other co-curriculars are in full swing and homecoming week is just around the corner.

Homecoming will be celebrated from Monday, September 25 - Saturday, September 30.

- The annual parade and bonfire will be held on Wednesday, September 27
- The parade begins at 6:00 pm starting at MMS and proceeds down Harnett to MHS.
- The bonfire begins at the conclusion of the parade and ends at 8:30 pm.

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.msdsd19.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

MHS HOMECOMING INFO.....

Student Council will once again be hosting the Mascoutah High School Homecoming Dance. This year's dance will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the MHS gym. Our theme this year is "Once Upon a Dream." Tickets are \$10 and will go on sale Wednesday, September 20-Thursdays, September 28.

Wednesday, Sept. 20 -- 7:25-7:50am
Thursday, Sept. 21 -- 7:25-7:50am
Friday, Sept. 22 -- 7:25-7:50am
Monday, Sept. 25 -- 2:35-3:15pm
Tuesday, Sept. 26 -- 2:35-3:15pm
Wednesday, Sept. 27 -- 2:35-3:15pm
Thursday, Sept. 28 -- 2:35-3:30pm

Any student wishing to bring an out of school date must have the out of school date form completed **before** purchasing a ticket. Students must be in attendance five (5) full periods on Friday, September 29. All students must arrive to the dance by 8:00 pm. Homecoming court coronation will begin at 9:00 pm. Parents wishing to watch coronation may come at 8:45 pm. Please remember this is a formal dance, so jeans and casual hats are **not allowed**.

*"The only place where success
comes before work is in the
dictionary."
Vince Lombardi*

PBIS Word of the Month: Respect

Definition: Esteem for or a sense of the worth or excellence of a person, a personal quality or ability, or something considered as a manifestation of a personal quality or ability.

Quote: "If once you forfeit the confidence of your fellow-citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem." -Abraham Lincoln

IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Student IDs are issued once yearly at no cost to the student. The purpose of the student ID is to provide a safe, secure, and educationally sound learning environment. The ID will act as the student's identification, library card, and cafeteria card. **All students MUST display their ID around his/her neck and on the outside of his/her clothing at ALL times during the day while on school property.** If you have misplaced/forgotten, lost, or defaced your ID, there will be \$5 charge for a new ID. Students will not be able to **'borrow'** a school ID.

Substitute Teacher Training Opportunity

Are you a substitute teacher for District 19 or have you ever considered becoming one? If so, you may be interested in the Substitute Training scheduled for September 20 from 3:30-4:30 at the district office building (ASC). For more information, call the ASC at 566-7414.

Patriotism Day: On September 18, MHS is hosting our second annual "Patriotism Day." We will be hosting a voter registration drive for all eligible students, everyone will be encouraged to wear red, white and blue themed clothing, and we will pay special recognition to Constitution Day (September 17) and the Air Force Birthday (September 18). More information will be shared with students at school.

Testing Schedule

PSAT - 10th grade October 11, 2017
SAT - 11th Grade April 10, 2018
ISA - Course-Based: Biology March 1 - April 30, 2018
ACT - October 28, 2017 and April 14, 2018 (not offered during the school day)
ASVAB - October 19, 2017 Interested Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 4	Labor Day - No School
September 8	Junior Class Ring Assembly With Juniors during Advisory
September 13	Jr Class Ring Orders are due
September 15	D/F Notices sent home
September 20	Financial Aid Night
September 25-29	Homecoming Week
September 27	Homecoming Parade & Bonfire
September 30	Homecoming Dance
October 6	No School
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 5:30pm
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 5:30 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
Writing Center

Mondays and Wednesdays

2:35-3:00PM

Library Fishbowl

Receive free help with any writing assignment for any class!

Meet with an English teacher to receive help with:

- ★ **Brainstorming**
- ★ **Thesis writing**
- ★ **Essay drafts**
- ★ **Citations**
- ★ **Scholarship essays**
- ★ **Other academic writing**

Schedule an appointment:

http://mhs.ms19.org/Staff/english/m_h_s_writing_center/

Writing Center will open on Sept. 6!

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Christine Renth -- Last Names S-Z & Students with IEP
Monica Lynch -- School Social Worker
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Information from Your School Counselors

Senior Meetings:

All counselors will be meeting individually with seniors during the month of September or 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 is having 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**.

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.

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.

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.

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PSAT Test:

On **Friday, September 8th**, the counselors will be visiting all tenth grade honors English classes, as well as 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.

AP Dual Credit (1818):

Ms. Frey visited AP classrooms on Wednesday, August 30 and Thursday, August 31st to speak to students about dual credit offered through the 1818 program at St. Louis University. **Students enrolled in AP US History, AP European History, AP Literature/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.** Ms. Frey will be back in the AP classrooms to register students for dual credit on September 6th and 7th. Please contact Ms. Frey with any questions regarding the program or the enrollment process.

The counselors at MHS want to say WELCOME to the 2017-2018 school year! Please be sure to contact your student's counselor if you have any questions or concerns regarding your student. Here's to a wonderful start of another exciting new school year! We wish all of our students much success!

*Mrs. Barriger
Ms. Frey
Mrs. Renth
Mrs. Lynch
Mrs. Garlich*



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 September is the student tardy challenge. Students must get to class on time to help their advisory team. The flier is below.


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: ??????????

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- 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