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IMPORTANT DATES

Winter Break

No School

Dec. 21–Jan. 4

School Resumes

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2015

Second Semester Begins

Tuesday, Jan. 5

PTO Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 6

7:00 p.m. Resource Room

No School

Monday, January 18

A MESSAGE FROM PTO

Please Join Us

Please consider joining the Munster High School PTO. It is not too late to join. Membership fees are only \$20, and you will not be asked to participate in fundraising during the year. We would love to have you join the PTO and to see you at our monthly meetings.

October/November Events

In October, your dues allowed us to provide our high school teachers with dinner prior to Parent-Teacher Conferences, and there were snacks in the Field House for our parents as they met with teachers. In November, we were able to celebrate American Education Week by providing our teachers with a buffet lunch in the teacher dining room.

During the November meeting, Val Pflum presented information about National Honor Society. In addition to academic success, Ms. Pflum explained that students are also expected to participate in academic clubs, co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

Students are also expected to complete community service hours and to volunteer their time. It is important for students interested in National Honor Society to begin tracking their service hours early in their high school careers.

December Events

There is no December meeting, but on Saturday, December 5th, the School Town of Munster *All-Stars* will play the Harlem Wizards at Munster High School. The game is sponsored by the elementary PTOs. The last school day before winter break is Friday, December 18th. School will resume on Tuesday, January 4, 2016. The game starts at 7:00 p.m.

Please embrace the holiday season by attending holiday concerts at the high school.

Choral Concert (MHS/WWMS)	Tuesday	December 8
All Orchestra Concert	Thursday	December 10
Band Concert	Monday	December 14

January Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the LGI Room. Please join us. This is a great way to stay abreast with what is happening at Munster High. There will be more information released about January's speaker.

Have a safe and peaceful holiday season with your family and friends. Hope to see you in January.

Debby Flahaven

PTO President

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GUIDANCE NEWS



SCHEDULING

Student scheduling for next school year (2016-17) will begin in January with current freshmen. At the end of January and into February, current sophomores, juniors and 8th graders will meet with counselors to discuss their class requests for next year. Students will be asked to take information home and discuss options with their parent/guardian before meeting with their counselor. Please take the time to seriously consider classes and to make good, mindful choices.

CAREERS

In December, counselors met with sophomore students for a class period, to begin talking about career exploration/planning. Students were introduced to the website: <http://incis.intocareers.org>. Each student took a career interest assessment and then did some research on a career area of particular interest to them

AREA CAREER CENTER

Sophomore students expressing an interest in finding out more about the Area Career Center of Hammond (ACC) attended a presentation on November 24th given by ACC Career Counselor, Cindy Lewis. Students are able to attend the ACC beginning their junior year. Those wishing to attend should make their intentions known to their counselor during their scheduling appointment. Students will be asked to fill out an enrollment application, as attending the ACC is based on grades/GPA, attendance, discipline records and space available in the program. The ACC offers 16 career-focused programs, many of which offer college credit opportunities.

LILLY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS:

The Legacy Foundation's Lilly Endowment Scholarship is due into the Guidance Office by Tuesday, December 8th. Only those students who have turned in their College Cost Estimator Confirmation page can complete this application. Selected students will need to be available for an in-house staff interview on Tuesday, December 15th after school. One candidate will move forward and complete the online application form.



FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Munster High School will host a financial aid meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., to be held in the high school auditorium. A local college financial aid representative will be in attendance to explain the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process and to answer questions. Parents of seniors are especially encouraged to attend.

SAVE THE DATE!

All 8th grade parents mark your calendar for Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the MHS Auditorium. The high school counselors will meet with you to discuss high school diploma requirements and appropriate course selections for all freshmen entering Munster High School in August 2016.

LOST & FOUND

Please have your student check the Lost & Found in the Main Office, Food Court, Auditorium, Athletics and Media Center for lost books, keys, eyeglasses and clothing. Any unclaimed items will be donated during winter break

ATHLETIC NEWS



The fall sports have finished up and the winter sports are now beginning. Please make sure that all of your physicals are turned in and all forms have been signed.



CONGRATULATIONS

Girls Golf:

NCC Conference Championship

Boys Soccer:

NCC Conference Championship
Sectional Championship

Boys Tennis:

NCC Conference Championship
Sectional Championship
Regional Championship

Volleyball:

NCC Conference Championship

Girls Cross Country:

NCC Championship

Girls Soccer:

NCC Championship
Sectional Championship
Regional Championship

Dance:

First Place UDA Competition

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR TEAMS AND ATHLETES



SCHOLAR ATHLETES

(Criteria nine week GPA of 3.66 or higher)

The scholar athletes for the fall sports are determined from the first 9 weeks grading period which includes boys & girls cross country, cheerleading, dance team, football, girls golf, boys & girls soccer, boys tennis and volleyball.

The following students listed below are scholar athletes for the fall season:

Boys Cross Country

Theo Burgwald

Ian Frantal

Matthew Georgas

Isaac Gutierrez

Jack Jones

Tyler Keslin

Matt Nahnsen

Nick Peirick

Nick Szala

Boys Soccer

Michael Jonelis

Evan Dubose

Kiriako Tsoukalas

Brett Kaufmann

JR Bales

Clay Arnold

Reed Watkins

Justin Lukowski

Micah Flahaven

Khavand Peddi

William Teske

Max Paredes

Sean Adams

Boys Tennis

Gary Chen

Joey Baeza

Trey Deluna

Arlo Detmer

Jonathan Dinh

Jonathan Harris

Jenson Huang

Shreyas Iyer

Austin Klawitter

Steven Nowaczyk

Adam Richter

Zack Schmidt

Cllin Sharpe

Easan Venkat

Frank Wolf

Alex Yao

Ajeyo De

Cheerleading JV/Varsity

Tessa Bales

Katie Dedelow

Jillian Dixon

Brittney Lee

Hannah Zarembo

Vanessa Koultourides

Adeyah Shine

Nicole Tsoukalas

Dance/JV/Varsity

Sofia Balac

Skyler Gronkiewicz

Stephanie Vjestica

Melissa Fronczek

Emma Harvath

Mary Kate Pruzin

Jolie Goldberg

Gabie Ingoglia

Caia Trykall

Monica Fronczek

Rhea Khatra

Kate Radde

Lane Terry

Alina Arzumanian

Carolina Garza

Savanah Sharpe

Alexandra Vjestica

Jill Cuvala

Lauren Kozy

Alyssa Strege

Football

Calvin Leick

Patrick Marsh

Sean Wagner

Logan Armagast

Andrew Jumonville

Zeke Clark

Jacob Strbjak

JP Cieslak

Milan Obradovic

Andgad Sidhu

Vince Ivetich

Joey Yoniles

Colin Gaither

Adam Reinsma

Connor Nussaum

Robert Wentz

Freshman Football

Nick Cieslak
Jonah Clark
Scott Farmer
Luke Forszt
Kosta Fotopoulos
Zach Grunewald
Trevor Maul
William McComis
Tim Radtke
Javaughn Richards

Girls Cross Country

Margret Anderson
Maya Montoya
Mackenzie Peirick
Emily Wierman
Jillian Ylo
Kyrie Brown
Megan Dato
Mallory Grim
Nicole Katalinic
Arianna Lagunas
Alondra Lopez
Kyra Marriott
Melanie Mooney
Isabel Nieves
Katelyn Stanko
Aileen Wagner
Hansa Vavilala
Nicole Crow
Olivia Eldert
Kaylee Galvan
Sarah Johnson
Moiria Boyle
Laila Khani
Audrey Stooksbury
Hailey Thill

Girls Golf

Maya Radjenovich
Emma Ladd
Haleigh Gronwold
Gabi Ingoglia
Emma Harvath
Nicole Howard
Sara Ladd

Girls Soccer

Genesis Tienstra
Bella Dyrhaug
Sveda Majety

Emma Hand
Sara Mavity
Olivia Kindt
Lexie Lyons
Anastasia Cipowski-Smith
Jaycee Helmer
Abigail Nita
Jackie Webber
Olivia Foley
Georgia Pappas
Samantha Barraza
Kayleigh Yaeger
Alania Lany
Jenny Watterson

Volleyball

Maddie Foley
Alyssa Chronowski
Abby Chronowski
Mega Dafiaghgor
Marijke VanDyke
Arielle Crowe
Allison Hajdudch
Lauren Adams
Brooke Dills
Taylor Dvorscak
Karina Monjaras
Kalie Miles
Katie Dodgson
Rebecca Dodgson
Maddie Meyer
Sydney Pastor
Madison Steapleton
Cali Grzybowski

Athletic Trainers Scholar Athlete

Meagan Thornburg
Mary Ellen Gilhooly
Ella McComis



NCC ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE

We are proud to announce the following are All-Conference Scholar Athletes:

- 1) The athlete must have an accumulative GPA of 3.2 on 4.0 or equivalent based on last completed semester
- 2) Minimum SAT of 1530 or ACT 22
- 3) Rank in the top 25% of their senior class



Girls Cross Country

Margret Anderson
Maya Montoya
Mackenzie Peirick
Claire Svoboda
Emily Wierman
Jillian Ylo

Boys Cross Country

Theo Burgwald
Tyler Keslin

Girls Soccer

Lexie Lyons
Haley Collison

Boys Soccer

Clay Arnold
Brad Sikora
Brett Kaufman
David Ortega

Volleyball

Lauren Adams
Arielle Crowe
Allison Hajdich
Mega Dafiaghhor

Boys Tennis

Collin Sharpe
Steven Nowaczyk
Austin Klawitter
Arlo Detmer
Trey Deluna
Jenson Huang

Cheerleading

Khalehla Strong

Dance

Jackie Dye

Football

Logan Armagast
Calvin Leick
Patrick Marsh
Aaron Welch
Sean Wagner



MUNSTER ORCHESTRA NEWS

The Munster High School Symphony Orchestra has their annual Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 10th, 2015. Join us for an evening of music presented by all Munster Orchestras.

MUNSTER EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

Give that special educator an apple! Make a contribution to the Munster Education Foundation and an individual of your choice, affiliated with the Munster schools, will be honored. He/she will receive a specially designed card with your name, your special greetings, and a gold apple pin. **The suggested donation is \$15.00 or more.** **To nominate a staff member, please go to www.munstereducationfoundation.org and download the nomination form.** The Munster Education Foundation provides many grants towards education initiatives each year with your contributions. Thank you for your support!

NEWS FROM THE FOOD COURT

Helpful Reminders:

Special High School Menu

On the last serving day before the holiday break, December 18th, the MHS Café will be offering students our popular “homemade” pizza.

Did You Know?

✂ **We sell Yogurt Daily in our Food Court? Check out our different Yogurt Flavors we offer. Flavors in December Peppermint and Orange Dreamsicle, along with vanilla and chocolate** ✂

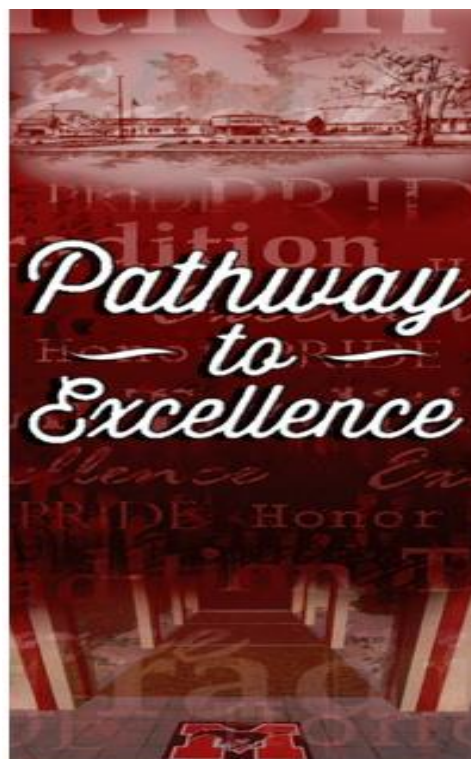
Breakfast is offered daily at MHS. Student breakfast is \$ 1.30 and includes an entrée, fruit, juice and milk. Start your day the right way! Many choices

Meal Account Reminder:

Parents are reminded students can go through money on their lunch accounts very quickly if they are purchasing extra items or lunch for a friend. Lunch account spending is between you and your students. A regular lunch is \$2.45 and a second lunch is \$2.70. It is the student’s responsibility to monitor their account as charging is not permitted at the high school level. For account balance information parents may visit the ParentPortal and click the green “\$”. Remember that the Power School balance is always a day behind.

- ❖ Menus can be found at www.MunsterCafe.com.
- ❖ The lunch lines move quicker when students have their student I.D. card to scan when purchasing their meal.
- ❖ At the High School level there is no charging allowed. It is the student's responsibility to keep an eye on their meal account balances.

MySchoolBucks.com is an online payment option for parents to deposit money in your students meal account from the comfort of your home. A credit card or debit card may be used. There is a small fee for this service and it can take up to 24 hours to reach your students meal account.



Show your pride by honoring the past, celebrating the present, or acknowledging the future!



Munster High School will be designing the main entryway to reflect the accomplishments and commitments to the school. You can show your support by purchasing a personalized, engraved 4x8 or 8x8 brick.

Bricks are available for the following individuals and businesses:

- *Munster student/family
- *Munster graduate
- *Community member
- *Business owner

Some symbols are shown below. Other customized symbols may be available.



DONATIONS

4x8

Minimum donation of \$100

8x8

Minimum donation of \$250

Add up to 4 lines of text and symbols

By purchasing a brick and joining the Pathway to Excellence, you will be supporting future projects for the School Town of Munster.



Join the Pathway to Excellence Program





Mustang Toy Roundup



For over 30 consecutive years, the players and coaches of the Munster football teams have decided to help as many children as possible during the holiday season. Our goal is to put a smile on the face of as many children as possible by giving them a toy for the holidays. Last year we had a great response and were able to care for more than 800 families. We currently have a list of over 500 local children in the Hammond-Munster-Dyer area who probably will not receive a toy for the holidays. Our team is asking teams, clubs, homerooms, players, students, parents, friends and neighbors who are interested in helping those less fortunate to share their good fortune and holiday cheer with a needy child. Unfortunately, children don't understand what unemployment, sickness or divorce have to do with toys and gifts for the holidays. We hope you and others will help put a smile on the face of another child as you and your family enjoys the holidays.

We are asking that interested parties send a new unwrapped toy valued at \$10.00 or more. Our largest age group of children is between two and ten years of age. Those of you that would rather have a player shop for you may send a check made out to:

*MUSTANG FOOTBALL - TOYS and send it to
Leroy Marsh at Munster High School
8808 Columbia Ave., Munster, IN. 46321.*

Toys can be given to a Munster football player or coach. Toys also can be dropped off at the Munster High School Athletic Office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Players receiving toys should give them to Coach Marsh, Coach Shinkan, Coach Kalwasinski at the High School or Coach Gelardin, Coach Vance, or Coach Grunewald at Wilbur Wright. All toys must be collected no later than Friday, December 11th so that we may distribute the toys to the children. Elementary schools may call the MHS Athletic Dept. to arrange pick-up.

We truly thank you for your generosity and concern for others less fortunate. We believe that the joy that you bring to others by giving far exceeds the feeling you get by receiving. We thank all of you that have helped us in the past and we wish you all the best in 2016. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Holiday Cheer to all.



*God bless you and your family,
Leroy Marsh and the Football Mustangs*

Cash ___ Check No _____

JOIN MHS PTO 2015 – 2016

PLEASE PRINT

Last Name: _____ Mother: _____

Last Name: _____ Father: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Primary Phone: _____

MHS Student Name(s):

Grade(s) in 2015-16

Please return this form with your \$20 family dues (payable) to:

Munster High School PTO
8808 Columbia Avenue
Munster, IN 46321

PTO supports our educators, student-related activities, and the flow of
Information through the MUSTANG MEMO.

PLEASE CONSIDER AND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP.

THANK YOU!



Honor an Educator

For Holiday Giving!

Munster Education Foundation can make your gift giving easier!

Give that special educator an apple!



Make a contribution to the Munster Education Foundation, and an individual of your choice, affiliated with the Munster schools, will be honored. He/she will receive a specially designed card, with your name, your special greetings, and a gold apple pin.

Complete the form below and send your check payable to:
Munster Education Foundation, P.O. Box 3046, Munster, IN 46321
All donors will receive an acknowledgement with receipt for a tax-deductible gift.

Forms and donations must be in the Foundation box or delivered by hand to the Administration building by Friday, December 11th in order for honoree to receive gift before Winter Break

www.munstereducationfoundation.org

Please submit one form per honoree



NAME of Person Being Honored _____

School/Building/Bus # _____

Donor Name _____ Phone _____
(Name, as you want it to appear on gift card)

Address _____

Email Address _____ Donation Amount Enclosed _____

Include your special message on a separate piece of paper! It will be enclosed with the gift card & apple pin.



Suggested donation: \$15.00 or more