



# MUSTANG MEMO

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**IMPORTANT  
DATES**

**PTO MEETING**  
**Wednesday, October 1**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Resource Room**

**PARENT TEACHER  
CONFERENCES**  
**Tuesday, October 14th**  
**4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

## **A MESSAGE FROM PTO**

### **PTO NEWS and THANKS**

Another year has started and already we have an incredible group of volunteers. It is so important, especially at the high school level, that parents stay involved. Plus, high school is not like elementary school where you have a constant stream of information coming home. Volunteering is a really good way to find out what is going on at MHS.

First, I want to thank all the volunteers who worked at registration. MHS Open House ran smoothly thanks to Valerie Pflum, who organized the National Honor Society student volunteers. The students gave up their evening to work the PTO sign-up and refreshment tables and help guide parents to classrooms. Thank you to them as well.

### **FIRST MEETING**

Our first meeting went very well, and had a lot of information shared about many different topics at MHS.

### **NEXT MEETING**

At our October 1<sup>st</sup> PTO meeting Dr. Hendrix, our new superintendent, will be our guest speaker after a brief business meeting. He will speak about the current financial status of our school system. This is a good chance to meet him and ask any questions you may have.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Thank you to the many families that have already joined PTO. If we missed you at registration or Open House, please consider joining. Our annual membership fee is only \$20.00 and that money provides many resources for teachers and students. Even if you cannot attend the meeting or volunteer, please fill out the membership form included in this Mustang Memo and mail or send it to the high school. I look forward to seeing you at our next PTO meeting on October 1, at 7:00PM in the LGI.

Debby Flahaven

PTO President

## **GUIDANCE NEWS**

### **Senior Meetings**

At the end of August and beginning of September, the counselors met individually with senior students to review their transcripts, graduation requirements, and to talk about their post-secondary plans. These were great meetings as the counselors and seniors got to touch base about career and college plans.

### **Freshmen Meetings**

In the middle of September, the counselors met with freshmen, in small groups, to welcome them to the school and introduce them to their respective counselors. During the meeting, the counselors reviewed diploma requirements, showed the students how to calculate a GPA, and talked about goals for the school year. Each freshman student who attended the meeting took home a "Mustang Manual".

### **DUAL CREDITS AT MHS**

Students in grades 9-12, enrolled in any of the PLTW (Project Lead the Way) Engineering courses, will again be eligible to receive college credit from Ivy Tech Gary FREE OF CHARGE. In addition, students enrolled in Business Law and Ethics, Marketing, and Advanced Business will also be able to take advantage of this dual credit opportunity. These credits are part of the Core Transfer Library and are guaranteed to transfer to any public university in the state of Indiana. PLTW- Introduction to Engineering, Principles of Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture and Digital Electronics will receive 3 college credits for 2 semesters of content at MHS. Juniors and Seniors enrolled in Business Law and Ethics, Marketing, and Advanced Business will receive 3 credits for the semester. Concurrent Credit/ Dual Credit courses will also continue to be available through Purdue University North Central (PNC) for the 2014-2015 school year for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The State of Indiana recognizes certain courses as "priority courses", and offers a reduced rate of \$25.00 per credit hour. Priority courses at Munster High School are: AP Biology, Advanced French IV, Advanced French V, Advanced Spanish IV, AP Spanish V, Composition, AP English Language & Composition, AP English Literature & Composition, Honors Physics, Pre-Calculus, Honors Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus BC, AP Calculus AB, AP Government, AP Government-We The People, AP US History, AP Psychology AP Economics, and AP Chemistry. Non-priority courses will be available for a tuition rate of \$101.55 per credit hour. Non-priority courses at Munster High School are Competitive Speech and AP Art History.

Munster High School has again partnered with Vincennes University for the 2014-2015 school year to offer college credit to juniors and seniors. Courses that are available for concurrent credit through Vincennes are Information, Communications, and Technology II and

Web Page Design. They are both three college credits for \$75.00.

Any questions, please contact Mrs. Jacqueline White, Home-School Facilitator, at [jlwhite@munster.us](mailto:jlwhite@munster.us)



### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

MHS Parent / Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Progress Reports will be available for pick-up at the Parent / Teacher conferences. Since student grades are available online, report cards will only be mailed in January (end of first semester) and June (end of second semester.) Progress Reports will not be mailed at the end of the first or third nine week grading periods. Progress Reports that are not picked up at the Parent / Teacher conferences will be available for pick up in the Guidance Office, beginning October 15, 2014. Parents who have not created their own account in Power School and need help, can contact the Guidance Office at 219-836-3209. If you do not have access to a computer at home or work you may use the computers located in the Guidance Office to access your student's grades. Computer access is also available through the Munster Public Library.

## **ATHLETIC NEWS**



### **FALL SPORTS BANQUET**

The Fall **White** Sports Banquet will be held in the Food Court at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 29** for (Boys and Girls Cross Country, Girls Golf, Boys & Girls Soccer and Boys Tennis).

The Fall **Red** Sports Banquet (Football, Cheerleaders and Dance Team and Volleyball) will be held in the food court at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**. Three (3) tickets will be **given to each athlete** for the athlete and their parents. Additional tickets may be purchased in the Athletic Office for \$5 per additional person. The Athletic Department will provide the main dish and beverage. The following athletes should bring a covered side dish to serve ten people.

Seniors & Freshman.....Vegetables  
Juniors.....Salads  
Sophomores.....Desserts

### **ATHLETIC SCHEDULES**



This is a reminder the athletic schedules are online. The athletic department has switched their scheduling program and is no longer using the [highschoolsports.net](http://highschoolsports.net) site. You can access the athletic schedule by going to the School Town of Munster web page and clicking on the High School Sports Schedule tab.



## MHS BOOSTER CLUB

### Membership drive

Mailings have gone out for membership. An annual tax-deductible contribution of \$20 or more includes you as a member. Meetings are held monthly and members are welcome to attend though not required. **We are also looking for new directors to add to our roster. If you are interested, please contact any Board Member for details.**

### Website

Remember to check out our website for Officer and Director listings, and all other information and contacts related to your MHS Booster Club @

[www.munsterboosterclub.org](http://www.munsterboosterclub.org)!

### Facebook

Be sure to "like" our page, MUNSTER BOOSTER CLUB, to view pictures from our events and to receive updates.



Munster SADD Club (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and State Farm Insurance will be sponsoring a movement to promote safe driving habits. Students, teachers, and community members will have the opportunity to log on to a website and pledge to be safe drivers. If the school is able to have enough people register, there is a chance to win \$100,000 for the school's use. The students of Munster High School will work to get the word out about safe driving and the program. Jeff Tucker, a State Farm agent from Munster, will be helping in this endeavor as well. Log on to [celebratemydrive.com](http://celebratemydrive.com) to get more information. The drive will begin on October 15<sup>th</sup> and will last until October 24<sup>th</sup>. All that will be needed from participants is a valid email address. Please look for more information from SADD and State Farm as the date approaches. Thank you in advance for your support!



## MUNSTER ORCHESTRA NEWS

- The Munster Orchestras begin their concert season with their fall concert titled "Home Suite Home" on Thursday, October 16th, at 7pm in the MHS Auditorium. Both High School Orchestras as well as the WWMS Orchestras will perform folksongs from various countries and suite style pieces. Come on out to support the Munster Fine Arts program!



## NEWS FROM THE MUSTANG FOOD COURT

### Helpful Reminders:

- Menus can be found at [www.MunsterCafe.com](http://www.MunsterCafe.com).
- Start the Day Right! Breakfast is served every day. Students can make a breakfast meal or there are many ala carte options.
- At the High School level there is no charging allowed. Students need to keep an eye on their meal account balances. It is their responsibility now.
- 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.
- If a student purchases a second lunch the price is \$ 2.50.
- It is a good idea to have your student check out the lunch menu before they leave for school so they know before they get to the cafeteria which lunch line they will be lining up in. Less time in line means more time to eat.

Cash \_\_\_\_ Check No \_\_\_\_\_

**JOIN MHS PTO 2014 – 2015**

**PLEASE PRINT**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father: \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Grade(s) in 2014-15**

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

**Munster High School PTO**

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**THANK YOU!**