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IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Break

Nov. 3 & 4

PTO Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 12th

7:00 p.m.

Resource Room

Fall Musical

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November 20 - 22

at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Matinee

Nov. 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 27 & 28

A MESSAGE FROM PTO

Special thanks to Dr. Hendrix for attending our October meeting and answering our many questions. There is a lot going on now in the School Town of Munster, and Dr. Hendrix provided a lot of information. We appreciate him taking the time to come to our meeting.

Munster has joined the Fix It Coalition of high performing, underfunded school districts that are addressing this issue with our legislators. An important effort happening right now is the letter writing campaign being led by school board member Melissa Higgason. The first meeting for this was held October 15 with several guest speakers including the CFO for the Zionsville School System and the superintendent for the West Lafayette School System. These are two of the school systems in the Fix It Coalition that are facing financial situations similar to the one we are facing in Munster. We are hoping that many Munster residents will write letters to various legislators expressing our dissatisfaction with the current funding formula and asking for change. Everyone can get involved. If you are interested there is a facebook page with a wealth of information; look for "School Funding Formula letter writing event".

Val Pflum will be the guest speaker at the November 12th PTO meeting at 7 pm (this is not the first Wednesday of the month due to a scheduling conflict). Ms. Pflum is the National Honor Society sponsor and she will provide information about the organization and how students need to plan ahead if they aspire to be inducted into the NHS at the end of their Junior year.

American Education Week begins November 16th, and PTO will provide teachers and staff with a brunch that week as a token of appreciation for their commitment and dedication to students and MHS. Thank you to the many people who have offered to donate their time and provide food. You are appreciated!

No PTO meeting in December. PTO meetings resume on January 7th at 7 pm.

Debby Flahaven
PTO President



GUIDANCE NEWS

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

FREE WORKSHOP: The Legacy Foundation has teamed up with The National Center for College Costs to provide insight into various ways to make YOUR numbers work financially for you. This FREE information is beneficial for parents of students who are sophomores, juniors or seniors as you try to decide how you will pay for your children to attend college. Some people pay hundreds of dollars to get help with this issue. The cost of working with YOU is being paid for by the Legacy Foundation---so don't miss your chance!!

The College Cost Estimator can be completed on-line at www.indianacollegecosts.org.

WORKSHOP

Once you have submitted the **College Cost Estimator (CCE)**, you are then invited to participate in a workshop to be held on: Saturday, December 13th at 10:00 a.m. at Merrillville High School. The workshop will be held in the Freshmen lecture hall. Please enter through Entrance "J". This workshop will provide you with a list of financial aid providers that is personalized to meet your needs. All students who apply for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship must attend this workshop.

LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY

SCHOLARSHIP: Any **senior**, with at least a 2.5 GPA and a SAT score of 1200/ ACT score of 17, who would like to apply for the need- and merit-based Lilly Scholarship must first complete an online College Cost Estimator (CCE). Instructions for filling out the online CCE are available in Guidance. After you complete the CCE, print out your confirmation page with your confirmation number and bring it to Mrs. White in Guidance **by Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014.**

Late submissions will not be accepted. Students will be given the actual scholarship application after they submit the CCE confirmation page.

ASVAB Career Exploration Test

Unsure what career direction you want to take? The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test (ASVAB) provides high quality, cost-free career exploration and planning materials to high schools throughout the nation. This assessment will be given at MHS on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, beginning promptly at 7:45 a.m. in the Resource Room, located directly across the hall from the LGI. All students are invited to test as long as they are 16 years old by the November 5th testing date. The ASVAB test measures general academic ability and will help you explore careers that are in line with your interests and skills. There is no cost to take the ASVAB. There is also **NO** military obligation connected with taking the test, although students who are interested in joining one of the branches of the military after graduation should consider taking this assessment.

To sign up to take the ASVAB, please visit the Guidance Department. The deadline to sign up is Monday, November 3rd at 3:00 p.m.

ATHLETIC INJURIES

Injuries are an unfortunate part of athletics we could all do without. However, when they do occur, it is imperative that your child's coach and the athletic trainer be informed as soon as possible. Some athletes will try to hide injuries, fearing that they may miss playing time. Concealing their existence while continuing to play risks further and possibly disabling injury. Informing the athletic trainer first allows for an early start to treatment which will hasten a complete and safe recovery. Our experienced training staff is best able to determine the severity of an injury and if immediate care by a physician is necessary. Far more often than not, your athlete will be able to continue playing with tape and/or padding. Suffering silently for a few days, and then going directly to the doctor when the pain gets worse, virtually assures a prolonged period of being sidelined. Furthermore, any time your child sees a physician, whether sent by the athletic trainer or not, ***a note from that physician clearing a return to play is required.*** Again, please encourage your athlete to report any injury immediately. Here's hoping for a healthy and successful athletic season for your student-athlete.



RED SPORTS BANQUET

The Fall **Red Sports Banquet** (Football, Cheerleaders, Dance Team and Volleyball) will be held in the food court at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 5th**. 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



MUNSTER ORCHESTRA

The Munster High School Orchestra will perform in the Winter Orchestra Concert on Wednesday December 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in the MHS Auditorium. Please support the Munster High School Orchestra by being an Orchestra Patron! The Patron donation form is included in this newsletter, should you decide to help support the arts at Munster!



FOOD COURT NEWS

Special Thanksgiving Holiday Meal -The MHS Food Court will celebrate Thanksgiving on Friday, November 21st by offering a wonderful Thanksgiving Meal featuring sliced turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green bean medley, dinner roll, fresh fruit choices, fresh garden side salad, fresh veggies and a special dessert choice.

Sports Banquet Athletic Parents - Please mark potluck dishes that are not disposable with masking tape and write your name on the tape. If your dish is in a disposable container it does not need to be marked. All empty dishes are left on a cart in the Food Court for parents to collect as they leave the awards program. Serving utensils will be provided by Food Services.

Friendly Reminders:

- 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.
- If a student purchases a second lunch the price is \$ 2.50.



BOOSTER CLUB NEWS:

32ND ANNUAL GRAND MUSTANG RAFFLE

Membership drive

Mailings have gone out for membership. Thank you to all that have joined! 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. !

Grand Mustang Raffle

Please be sure to purchase your Grand Mustang Raffle Tickets, available from all Booster Club Directors for \$10 each. Buy a chance to win one (or more) of five \$500 prizes and help fund the Booster Club's scholarships for the class of 2015. Sales go until our first home boys basketball game in December. There will be five drawings during the winter. The proceeds of this fundraiser go directly to funding the Grand Mustang Scholarships that the Booster Club awards to seniors each year before graduation.

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!

Facebook

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



MUNSTER THEATRE COMPANY

The Munster Theatre Company (the Performing Arts Department of Munster High School) is pleased to present the musical inspired by Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic novel, **THE SECRET GARDEN**, with book/lyrics by Marsha Norman and music by Lucy Simon.

The Artistic Staff includes: **Larry A Brechner** Producer/Director; **Carol Lynn Brechner** as the Producer/Director/Choreographer; **William Woods** Music/Orchestra Pit Director; and **Laurel Demkovich** as Student Director/Choreographer, and **Lane Terry & Claire LeMonnier** as Assistant Student Directors.

Orphaned in India after a cholera epidemic kills her parents Albert (**Billy McDunn**) and Rose (**Anna Bilse**), 11 year-old Mary Lennox (**Chloe Jancosek**) returns to Yorkshire to live with her embittered, reclusive, hunch-backed widower uncle Archibald (**Casey Terry**) and his invalid son Colin (**Ani Arzumanian**). The management of Archibald's manor house is largely left to his brother, Dr. Neville Craven (**Thomas Speranza**), housekeeper Mrs Medlock (**Rachel Jamrose**), headmistress Mrs Winthrop (**Alex Raycroft**) and chambermaid, Martha (**Allison Hemingway**). Archibald is still overcome by grief over the death of his wife Lily (**Peyton Tinder**), Rose's sister and Mary's aunt, who appears along with many of the people from Mary's past as "dreamers" throughout the musical.

Encouraged by Martha to get outside, Mary discovers Ben Weatherstaff (**Rohan Chatterjee**), the old gardener and Dickon (**Drew Adams**) Martha's brother who befriends Mary in his outdoor world. Archibald meets Mary for the first time and along with Neville, they see a strong resemblance to Lily in Mary, especially when she asks for "a bit of earth" to plant her own garden. They discover the estate's many wonders that include Lily's neglected magic garden, locked since her death. The garden beckons the children inside and they decide to secretly restore it to its former glory.

Mary discovers the bedridden Colin, and after a testy first meeting, encourages him to join her in the outdoors. As Lily's garden is restored, Colin likewise seems to be restored to health. With its haunting melodies and the "Dreamers", spirits from Mary's past who guide her through her new life, dramatizing The Secret Garden's compelling tale of forgiveness and renewal.

THE SECRET GARDEN will run Thursday, November 20; Friday, November 21; Saturday, November 22 at 7pm, and Sunday, November 23 at 2pm in Munster Auditorium. Tickets are \$7 at the door (senior and student tickets \$5). Tickets are available at the Auditorium Box Office on performance nights or in advance by calling: (219) 838-2235, by email at apkinser@munaud.org

MUNSTER THEATRE COMPANY

2014-2015 Season

The Novice Play
Bel Kaufman's



Directed by
Laurel Demkovich & Maddie O'Dea

October 9 & 10, 2014

Our Fall Musical

based on the
Frances Hodgson Burnett
Novel



November 20-23, 2014

The Winter Play
A Full-Length
Student-Directed Production

February 5-7, 2015

The Spring Musical
A Large Scale
Broadway Classic

April 30, May 1-3, 2015

All performances are held at Munster Auditorium 8808 Columbia Av - Munster, IN 46321

For Information contact the Munster Auditorium Box Office -
(219) 838-2235 or by email at apkinser@munaud

Munster Theatre Company is a component of the Performing Arts at Munster High School

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MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA PATRONS

Please Support the Munster High School Orchestra!

Thank you so much for coming to our performance! The Munster Orchestras hope that you enjoy our performances because we work very hard to provide beautiful music to those who come out to hear us and share the passion we have for music. Many of us devote ourselves to practice 8+ hours per week so that we may play difficult pieces with a quality that states clearly how seriously we take our craft and the level of compassion we put into it.

But sometimes the strings of our instruments and the hairs of our bows break. The instruments, over time, need repair and we have a strong desire to have our orchestra travel over the coming years so we may play for many others across the state and, maybe with time, across the country, which is another expense. In order to do all of this, we need funding.

Knowing that you all appreciate the performances we provide, we would be *truly* grateful for a donation from you. *All amounts from \$1 to \$1,000 are greatly valued* and it would be very much appreciated if you could help contribute to the great quality of music we hope to give to you in return. In addition to this, to those who donate any of the generous amounts of \$100 or over, we would like to honor you all year by thanking you for your contribution in our performance programs throughout the year. It is the least we can do for our humble supporters.

So, if you like to make a donation, please fill out the form provided.

Thank you for any contributions given, including your support in coming out!

Sincerely,

Members of the Munster Orchestras

Munster High School Orchestra Contribution Form I wish to support the Munster High School Orchestra for the 2013-2014 concert season with the following tax-deductible contribution:	
_____ Friend	\$10 or more
_____ Bronze Sponsor	\$25 or more
_____ Silver Sponsor	\$50 or more
_____ Gold Sponsor	\$100 or more
_____ Platinum Sponsor	\$500 or more
Name _____	
Business _____	
E-mail address _____	
Please make checks payable to Munster High School Mail to: c/o Bridget Parker, Orchestra Director, 8808 Columbia Avenue, Munster, Indiana 46321 Phone: (219) 836-3200 ext. 3343	