



MUSTANG MEMO

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IMPORTANT DATES

Winter Break

No School

Dec. 22–Jan. 5

School Resumes

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015

Second Semester Begins

Tuesday, Jan. 6

PTO Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 7

7:00 p.m. Resource Room

No School

Monday, January 19

A MESSAGE FROM PTO

On behalf of students and parents, thank you to Val Pflum who presented information and requirements for membership to the National Honor Society during the November PTO meeting. Ms. Pflum, a seasoned NHS sponsor, encourages students to be the best they can be through academics and extracurricular activities. In addition to solid academics, students are expected to participate in activities such as academic clubs, sports, music, volunteerism, and peer tutoring. It is important for students who aspire to be in the NHS to start participating in activities and earning service hours early in their high school career. Again, thank you Ms. Pflum for your time and for helping our students make the world a better place!

The PTO celebrated MHS teachers and staff by providing lunch during American Education Week. Teachers and ancillary staff -- We appreciate you! Thank you to all the parents who donated food and their time to make the event a success.

There will be no December PTO meeting. The next meeting will be on January 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm. The guest speaker will present information about the college standardized testing and the application process. Both students and parents will benefit from this meeting, so don't miss out! Students are welcome!!

Wishing you happy holidays and peace in the New Year -

Debby Flahaven- PTO President

GUIDANCE NEWS

SCHEDULING

Student scheduling for next school year (2015-16) 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 November, counselors met with sophomore students for a class period, to begin talking about career 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) can attend a 45 minute presentation on January 7, 2015, given by ACC Career Counselor, Cindy Lewis. Students may attend the ACC beginning their junior year and those wishing to attend should make their intentions known to their counselor during their scheduling appointment. Students must fill out a The ACC offers 16 career-focused programs, many of which offer college credit opportunities.

LILLY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS:

Lilly candidates have until Wednesday, December 17th to turn in their applications into guidance. Please make sure the entire packet is complete. Incomplete packets will not receive consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. White in Guidance.



FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Munster High School will host a financial aid meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 6:30 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 Wednesday, February 11, 2015 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 2015.

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

Volleyball:

NCC Conference Championship
Sectional Championship

Boys Cross Country:

NCC Championship
Sectional Championship
Regional Championship
3rd Place State

Girls Cross Country:

NCC Championship

Girls Soccer:

NCC Championship

Cheerleading:

6th Place State

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

Brian Banach	Khaleel Igue
Theo Burgwald	Jack Jones
Tim Chavez	Tyler Keslin
Scott Farley	Ryan Kritzer
Ian Frantal	Emmanuel Lopez
Kevin Fuhs	Jimmy Murphy
Issac Gutierrez	Nick Szala

Boys Soccer

Reed Watkins
Micah Flahaven
JR Bales
Mike Jonelis
Kiriako Tsoukalas
Brett Kaufmann
Clay Arnold
Dean Svolos

Justin Lukowski
Dan Green
Michael Portone
Jimmy Eaton
Khavand Peddi
Noah Moell
Sean Pruzin

Boys Tennis

Joey Baeza
Chetan Chauhan
Andy Chen
Trey DeLuna
Arlo Detmer
Andrew Dorn
Jonathan Harris
Jenson Huang
Sripad Kodukula
Marc Levitan

Steven Nowaczyk
Adam Richter
Billy Roser
Collin Sharpe
Patrick Toth
Eason Venkat
Timothy Wiess
Alex Wisniewski
Alex Yao
Ben Marcus

Cheerleading JV/Varsity

Tessa Bales
Thalia Chioros
Briana Crowe
Katie Dedelow
Jillian Dixon

Dana Levitan
Rebecca Radtke
Autumn Whaley
Hannah Zarembo
Emily Zellinger

Dance/JV/Varsity

Jackie Dye
Melissa Fronczek
Dylan Goodman
Mary Kate Pruzin
Meredith Simmons
Catherine Tavitias
Caia Trykall
Sara Wilson
Maggie Van Kleek

Reem Alsakaji
Sofia Balac
Niki Crowe
Anna Dabrowski
Jolie Goldberg
Emma Harvath
Gabie Ingoglia
Kate Radde

Football

Andrew Jumonville
Adam Ostoich
Jacob Helmer
Matt Childs
John Hulsey
Patrick Burke
Dillon Pierie
JP Cieslak
Sean Wagner
Jeremiah Eaton

Connor Nussbaum
Cody Phillips
Adam Reinsma
Ian Woolsey
Joey Yoniles
Malcom Jasper
Vince Ivetich
Justin Gill
Milan Obradovic
Colin Gaither

Girls Cross Country

Margaret Anderson
Brittany Barajas
Olivia Eldert
Kathleen Gonzales
Mallory Grim
Erin Harvath
Sarah Johnson
Kyra Marriott

Isabel Nieves
Mackenzie Peirick
Elena Perala
Hansa Vavilala
Aileen Wagner
Emily Wierman
Jillian Ylo
Melanie Mooney

Girls Golf

Natalie Vellutini
Sara Lad
Gabie Ingoglia

Emma Harvath
Haileigh Gronwold

Girls Soccer

Cayla Bales
Jessica Flores
Olivia Foley
Emma Hand
Jaycee Helmer
Olivia Kindt
Melanie Krueger
Lexie Lyons

Saveda Majety
Sara Mavity
Abby Nita
Georgia Pappas
Tannes Shmagranoff
Jenny Watterson
Kayleigh Yaeger

Volleyball

Tori Foster
Quinn Harris
Mega Dafiaghor
Allison Hajduch
Toni DalleCarbonare
Marijke Van Dyke
Alyssa Chronowski
Arielle Crowe
Maddie Foley
Maureen Doherty

Abby Chronowski
Rebecca Dodgson
Alexis Pedraza
Natalie Kuipers
Kalie Miles
Katie Dodgson
Erin Wilkens
Karina Monjaras
Jessica Wiess



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

Brittany Barajas
Erin Harvath

Kathleen Gonzales

Boys Cross Country

Brian Banach
Tim Chavez
Emmanuel Lopez

Kevin Fuhs
Scott Farley
Jimmy Murphy

Girls Golf

Natalie Vellutini

Rachel Jones

Girls Soccer

Cayla Bales Jessica Flores

Boys Soccer

Dean Svolos
Sean Pruzin
Jimmy Eaton

Nikola Mandic
Dan Green

Volleyball

Quinn Harris

Boys Tennis

Chetan Chauhan
Andy Chen
Andrew Dorn
Carl Hehemann
Sripad Kodukula
Marc Levitan

Ben Marcus
Billy Roser
Patrick Toth
Tim Wiess
Alex Wisniewski

Cheerleading

Briana Crowe

Dance

Meredith Simmons

Catherine Tavitias

Football

Adam Ostoich
Seth Gutwein
Matt Childs
Dillon Pierie
Jordan Dixon

John Hulsey
Jacob Helmer
Patrick Burke
Ray Ojel



MUNSTER ORCHESTRA NEWS

Please join the Munster High School Symphony Orchestra on December 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the MHS Auditorium for an evening of winter and holiday music. This all school event will feature the MHS Orchestra on “The Christmas Song”, “How the Grinch Stole Christmas”, “A Christmas Festival”, and two excerpts from Tchaikovsky’s “The Nutcracker”, featuring Kimberly Wang on piano.

Join us at 6:30pm for pre-concert entertainment in the auditorium lobby for cookies and hot chocolate as the high school Camerata Orchestra entertains with holiday chamber music. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.munstreducationfoundation.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

Special High School Menu

On the last serving day before the holiday break, December 19th, the MHS Café will be offering students our famous “homemade” pizza. January 6th students will return to Week-One of our two-week cycle menu.

Did You Know?

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!

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 \$2.35 and a second lunch is \$2.50. 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 the PowerSchool 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.

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.



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 or Coach Grunewald at the High School or Coach Gelardin, Coach Vance, or Coach Backes at Wilbur Wright. All toys must be collected no later than Friday, December 12th 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 2013. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Holiday Cheer to all.



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

The 4th Annual

MHS/WWMS HOLIDAY CHORAL CONCERT

Munster High School Auditorium

Tuesday, December 9th

7PM

ADMISSION IS FREE

All WWMS and MHS choirs will be performing with a special combined number at the end.

Find us on Facebook- Munster High School
Choirs

PosterMyWall.com

Cash ____ Check No _____

JOIN MHS PTO 2014 – 2015

PLEASE PRINT

Last Name: _____ Mother: _____

Last Name: _____ Father: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Primary Phone: _____

MHS Student Name(s):

Grade(s) in 2014-15

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!