



MUSTANG MEMO

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**IMPORTANT
DATES**

PTO MEETING
Wednesday, October 7
7:00 p.m.
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**PARENT TEACHER
CONFERENCES**
Tuesday, October 20th
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 parents 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 everyone who worked at Registration. Second, I want to thank everyone who brought treats for Open House. Lastly, MHS Open House ran smoothly thanks to Valerie Pflum and the National Honor Society student volunteers. The students gave up their evening to work the PTO sign-up and refreshment tables and helped guide the parents to classrooms.

FIRST MEETING

Our first meeting went very well with a brief business meeting then a chance to hear from the administrators of MHS. They each gave a description of their duties and then answered questions. Thank you to Mr. Wells, Mr. Melby, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Nolan for making yourselves available to us.

NEXT MEETING

At our next meeting we will have a speaker from Excel Edge who will address the changes in the SAT and ACT.

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 services for teachers and students. Even if you cannot attend a meeting or volunteer, please join the MHS PTO.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The year is really in full swing. By the time you read this, Homecoming will be a fond memory and Parent Teacher Conferences will be right around the corner (October 20). The PTO provides a meal for the teachers during the little time they have between school and the conferences. Those who volunteered to help out with food for this lunch can expect an email soon.

I look forward to seeing you at our next PTO meeting on October 7th, at 7:00PM in the L.G.I.

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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 were able 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”.

College Applications

Although college application deadlines will vary from school to school, many colleges use a November 1st deadline for students to be considered for scholarship monies. Please pay careful attention to college dates and deadlines when filling out your applications. A reminder: November 1st falls on a Sunday this year, with fall break following on November 2nd and 3rd. If letters of recommendation are needed, students should be contacting counselors/teachers well before the deadline dates. Also, counselors, secretaries and teachers will not be in the building to complete application/transcript requests at this time. Please make sure your senior son or daughter completes things in a timely manner. Please help your son/daughter to be mindful of deadlines.

SENDING TRANSCRIPTS TO COLLEGES USING PARCHMENT

Parchment is the electronic way to send high school transcripts to colleges. After filling out a college applications online, the student must then access their Parchment account to request **that** their transcript **is** sent to the appropriate school(s). That request then gets processed by the MHS guidance secretary. Toward the end of last school year, all junior students were sent an email with instructions on how to create a Parchment account.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

MHS Parent / Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 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 21, 2015.

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 28th** 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 **Thursday, 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.....Dinner Side
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 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

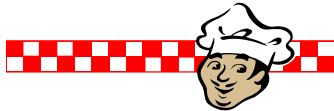
Facebook

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



MUNSTER ORCHESTRA NEWS

The Munster High School Orchestra presents their Fall Concert this year on October 15th. Join us in the auditorium at 7pm for an evening of music titled "The Late Greats". The orchestra will perform music by deceased composers to ready us for the upcoming All Hallows' Eve.



NEWS FROM THE MUSTANG FOOD COURT

Welcome to the Mustang Food Court

- The School Town of Munster Food and Nutrition Service Department invites all students to dine with us daily. We offer delicious and nutritious meals that will provide "fuel for learning" that students need to make the most of their school experience. Meals offered daily meet or exceed the federal, state and local dietary guidelines set by the USDA.
- Start the Day Right! Breakfast is served every day. Students can make a breakfast meal or there are many ala carte options.

Meal Account Reminder:

Parents are reminded that 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 student(s). A regular lunch is \$2.45 and a second lunch is \$2.65. 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 Parent Portal and click the green "\$". The balances on Parent Portal are always a day behind.

- 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.
- Positive and/or negative funds do stay on your students account for the following school year.

2015-16 MEAL PRICES

MEAL DEAL LUNCH is \$2.45; Second Lunch is \$2.65; Breakfast MEAL DEAL \$1.30. Ala Carte options available at additional cost.

REMINDER The high school has a "**No Charge Policy**". Students must have money on their account to make purchases or pay with cash. Deposits may be made in the lunch line (*checks payable to MHS*) or by visiting www.myschoolbucks.com for more on line payment information. Parents should be aware students can go through money very quickly if they purchase extra items or second lunches on a regular basis. *Meal and ala carte purchases are between parents and students.* Parents may check lunch balances when accessing student information through the PowerParent Portal. The student balance shown here is always one day behind.

MEAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Applications for free or reduced priced meals and textbook assistance are available on the school website or at school offices. Households **MUST** complete a new application each year. Last year's application will carry over for lunch assistance the first 30 days of school **OR** until a new application has been processed. Only 1 application per household is required. All households be notified by mail.

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

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THANK YOU!