

#### **LETTER FROM ADMINISTRATION**

We had a wonderful October as we celebrated Homecoming, cheered on our fall sports, watched several of our activities head to state, and celebrated students who are positively contributing to MHS. We enjoyed welcoming over 100 families through our doors for parent/teacher conferences, and appreciate the dedication our families show to our school and community.

As we move into November, we hope you will continue to be involved with your student's education: asking questions about their favorite parts of the day, checking in on their grades, and ensuring they are in their classes and focused on school.

If you are looking for some extra resources to help with the difficult challenge of parenting teens, check out two upcoming events: Family Jay Night (November 4th; see flyer later in this newsletter) and Joe Beckman Community Speaker (November 13th in the MHS gym). Both of these events will inspire you and give you tools to support your student.

We are honored to host a Veterans Day assembly this Friday to honor our service men and women. FFA members will be serving breakfast to Veterans and their families, and FCCLA members will be greeting our guests.

We look forward to finishing first semester strong and appreciate your help in that effort!

In education,

MHS Administration



### **BLUE JAY KUDOS**



We are excited to introduce Blue Jay Kudos! These are positive office referrals and are submitted by faculty and staff to recognize students who have gone above and beyond to make a difference in our school community. Check out our Facebook page to see all our weekly winners.

# ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 95% MHS strives to maintain a 95% attendance rate.

### HANDBOOKS

\*\*CLICK LINKS BELOW\*\*

### MHS Student/Parent Handbook

**Technology Handbook** 

Activities/Athletics Handbook

### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Make sure you check your email often, as you will receive progress grade reports at the end of every progress period (our next one will come out next week). These reports also include attendance updates, so are an important tool for you and your student.

As a reminder, progress period grades do not go on transcripts, but are a good look at the current grades in each class for your student. This is a great time to have a conversation with your student and your student's teachers to make sure we are reaching for success.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

\*Did you know we have a master MHS Calendar this year? Please click <u>HERE</u> to visit the calendar. Follow this page for updates on all events happening at MHS through the year.

As a reminder, you can always find the district calendar here: District Calendar

### **COUNSELING OFFICE CORNER**

- November 5-6th: Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) Review for current 9th graders. Counselors will go into classrooms and assist students in reviewing their four-year plans for high school. Counselors will present opportunities that open up to students and discuss graduation requirements.
- November 7th: ICAP Review for current 10th graders.
- November 8th: ICAP Review for current 11th graders.
- November 13th: ICAPs must be entered and fully completed in Infinite Campus.
- November 21st: ASVAB is administered to juniors (and some seniors) in the Aux Gym. Students need to bring fully charged Chromebooks to school that day. More information will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.
- November 19th: Chad Cargill ACT Workshop at Drury University- Register and pay by November 19th. Click on this link to register and find out more information.

If you would like to learn more about ICAPs click here.

Please remind your student(s) to continue checking their emails and the "Class of" Counselor Canvas page throughout the school year. The counseling office posts important information regarding scheduling, scholarships, student opportunities, dual credit, and more on the Canvas page.

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

The fall blood drive is on Friday, November 15. Students can sign up for a time slot to donate blood if they meet the following requirements: they must weigh at least 110 pounds, be at least 16 years old, and bring a photo ID. If a student is 16 years old, they must have a signed permission slip from a parent or else they will be turned away. Students may use the Infinite Campus app as their photo ID at the blood drive. Help us meet our goal of 60 units of blood! Every student who donates will receive a free Chiefs t-shirt and will be in a drawing to win \$50 cash!



### **LUNCH CHARGES**

Please make sure to regularly check your student's lunch balance. As a reminder, students cannot make purchases from the a-la-carte line if they have a lunch balance. Payments can be made in Infinite Campus. If you need to set up a payment plan, please contact the MHS office.



### **ACTIVITIES OFFICE FALL REPORT**

As we conclude our fall sports season, the athletic office wants to remind all athletes participating in winter sports, including basketball, wrestling, and girls' swimming, of the important requirements to ensure eligibility. It is crucial that each athlete has an up-to-date physical, insurance coverage, drug testing, and completed citizenship forms on file before the season begins.

Athletes are encouraged to stop by the athletic office in room 202 to check the status of their physicals and any other necessary paperwork. Additionally, physical and annual forms are available for pickup in the office. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping our athletes compliant and ready to compete.

### Softball

Record: 23-6 Ozark Mountain Conference Champions (6-0 Undefeated) District Runner-Up

All Conference: 1st team: Kennedy Ross, Kendyl Dolan, Chloe Bateman, Sophie Hall, Miley Austin 2nd team: Gabi Austin CO Pitchers of the Year: Kennedy Ross and Kendyl Dolan Class 4 Region 3: 1st team: Kennedy Ross, Chloe Bateman, Kendyl Dolan 2nd team: Miley Austin

#### Girls Golf

All Conference: Mallory Jones All District: Gioia Frick State Qualifiers: Mallory Jones, Gioia Frick

#### Volleyball

Record: 31-6-1 Ozark Mountain Conference Champions (6-0 Undefeated) District Runner-Up

Cross Country Continued growth, many PRs, and personal medals

#### Football

Varsity Record: 4-6 JV Record: 7-1

#### Soccer

Overcome adversity and growth of a program Heading into district play this week.

#### Cheerleading Won fourth in state competition.

MHS looks forward to hosting a Speech and Debate Tournament this upcoming weekend as we celebrate not only the accomplishments of our program, but also those of area competitors. If you would like to judge, please click <u>HERE</u>.

We hope you will also join us on November 14-16 for the MHS Theatre Department's production of The Music Man.

#### Choir

Set a new school record of 21 MHS students auditioned and were accepted into our District Honor Choir
Set a new historic record of having a student qualify for the National Tenor and Bass Choir that will be held in Dallas, Texas in March. Over 5,000 students auditioned nationwide!
Bel Canto won the state title for High School Treble Choirs and will be performing at the state conference this January. This is our first choral state title since 1994!

#### Band

The Marching Blue Jay Band is celebrating their first appearance at a Band's of America Super Regional since our competitive program started five years ago. The performance was live streamed on Box5 Media where we competed against 80 other bands including nationally ranked programs. The students continue to push the boundaries of what they are capable of, and have received several awards including:

3rd place finish at the Pride of the Ozarks Festival 4th place finish at the Ozark Marching Festival 2nd place finish at the Mountaineer Marching Festival





## PROGRAM

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**GPA** 

offers scholarship funds to eligible graduates who enroll in participating community colleges and vocational/technical schools.



Earn 95% Attendance