

# November 2024 Newsletter

We are now fully into the swing of things here at MHS. I would like to thank all the parents that responded to the last newsletter regarding volunteering for the new casino parent fundraising group. It was great to see so many parents wanting to help out with this great cause. I also want to thank all the parents that attended parent teacher interviews. It is nice to see so many parents taking an active role in their children's success at MHS. Remember, there is a direct correlation between your child's success in their classes and their attendance. Positive and productive communication is key to ensuring that all stakeholders are on the same page about educational importance and elements that are supporting or impeding a student's achievement. Teachers and Administration are reaching out via email and phone calls to help keep you informed if this is an issue with your child. Powerschool is a great tool to help you stay informed of progress so please reach out and let us know if you are having trouble accessing it.

## Travel Club - New York- New York!

Hello! I am so excited for the New York trip next year! Enrollments are doing well, but we would love to open up this amazing opportunity to more families. We have made the decision to allow any students who will be enrolled in grades 7-12 in the next school year (2025-2026) to attend this trip. Any students who will be in grades 7 and 8 will need a family member over 18 to attend the trip with them. An international trip can be a stressful experience, and we want to ensure that any younger students have an adult with them to ensure they remain responsible and feel comfortable. Anyone that enrolls for the trip in the month of November receives a \$200 discount. If you have any questions please email me [katherine.lewis@ngps.ca](mailto:katherine.lewis@ngps.ca).

## Remembrance Day Ceremony

We will be having a Ceremony for our students on Wednesday November 6th at 9:15 am. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish. Legion members will be in attendance. Poppies are available in the office for a donation. All students are encouraged to participate in the Legion Remembrance Day contests. If you would like to submit a poster, poem or essay, please see Ms. Burger for the guidelines and submission forms

## Report Cards

We will be mailing out report cards so watch for them in your mailboxes on November 12th.

## Sports

Volleyball is almost finished. We are in need of basketball coaches for both junior and senior high boys and girls teams. Please contact [kelle.hansen@ngps.ca](mailto:kelle.hansen@ngps.ca) if you are interested in doing this.

## Bus Cancellations

The winter season will soon be upon us. The safety of students is our primary concern and sometimes this results in the cancellation of bus service. During bus cancellations, the school does remain open. Teachers conduct classes (combined if numbers are small), but new material will not be covered. The course outlines for each course describe the expectations for students and availability of teachers on these days. If your student has assignments not completed, whether they are at home or school, these days are a great opportunity to catch up on them (check PowerSchool and Google

Classroom). Students can also practice literacy skills by reading, and numeracy skills by playing board and card games. On days when the weather is questionable please check our FB page: Mayerthorpe Jr.Sr. High School or the NGPS website - bus status - section for bus cancellation information.

### **Breakfast Club**

Each morning students have access to complimentary breakfast items. The menu varies daily and is always nutritious, delicious and served with a smile. We serve about 60 students daily. Thank you to Breakfast Club of Canada, Pembina Pipelines and Pembina West Co-op for their donations to our program. If you would like to help support the program, juice boxes and cereal are always appreciated.

### **SchoolCash Online**

All fees and outstanding items will be listed on SchoolCash. Programs with fees will appear on the account and can be paid for through various means.

### **Textbooks/Library Books**

If your student has any outstanding text/library books, please return them to the office as soon as possible. Students with outstanding textbooks will be receiving a statement as a reminder. Books that are not returned by the end of the month will be added to school cash.

Thank you for taking the time to read through the newsletter!