

MHS December Newsletter 2024

As Christmas is quickly approaching we need to remind our students to continue to attend all their classes for the next 3 weeks, be prepared and work hard. Christmas break will be here before you know it and I hope that everyone enjoys some well deserved time off. Please remember Parents that if you prioritize school within your household then success within classes will occur!

Our Christmas activities are starting soon and donations for the food bank Christmas Hampers has already begun. Over the years the students of MHS have been very generous and we are proud of all their efforts. Please send in what you can with your child by Friday December 6th. We are a rather “competitive bunch” and the donations are tallied and contribute to a point system which determines who gets to eat first on December 20, when we have our annual Christmas Dinner.

Winter Weather

The safety of students is our primary concern and sometimes this results in 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 GoogleClassroom). Students can also practice literacy skills by reading, and numeracy skills by playing board and card games. We encourage parents to join our facebook page as that is the quickest way to get the word out when buses are cancelled. Our FB page is: Mayerthorpe Jr. Sr. High School.

Bus closures are also posted on the NGPS website: ngps.ca

Appropriate Weather Attire

Although we know that it is not “cool” to wear a jacket, when it gets cold it is a must. Please speak to your students about the importance of wearing weather appropriate attire, especially on the bus. There can be times where a bus dislikes the weather more than we do resulting in a breakdown. If students are not dressed appropriately, with a jacket, toque and mitts, they put themselves at serious health risk in frigid temperatures.

Dinner Theatre

Auditions have happened and those students involved will begin practicing. The production is “Lucky Hudson and the 12th Street Gang”. We can’t wait to see the results of all their hard work and efforts in the Spring. Practices will be after school 1 day a week and after exams they will increase to 2 days a week.

Sports

Volleyball, Golf and Cross Country seasons have officially come to an end. Congratulations to the MHS athletes and thank you to all the coaches, parents, teachers and volunteers that made it happen for our students.

Casino Fundraising Group

I again want to thank all the parents that volunteered to be a part of our new Parent Casino Group. We are in the process of purchasing items from our wish list. There is a large variety of items that includes: ear and space models, an elliptical machine for the weight room, snow shoes for phys ed classes, books for the library, a stove for the foods classes, new sound equipment for the drama classes, palm sanders and wood burning kits for the construction classes. We appreciate the effort and time that our parents put into ensuring this continues. The new committee will meet in the Spring to get things rolling again.

Pembina Pipeline Community Investment Grant

In the Spring we applied for a grant from Pembina to help cover the cost of replacing the stoves in the Foods room. Pembina granted us our request and we were able to purchase 5 LG stoves! We appreciate all the support from this company. Their community mindfulness is absolutely phenomenal. They even help us make and serve waffles 2 times a month. A huge shout out to this great company!

PowerSchool Parent Portal

The parent portal access is the perfect way to keep up-to-date with student assessment and attendance. If you do not have access to the portal for your students please contact the office. The portal will be closed during the January exam week, to update marks and comments.

Grad Photos

Smart Photography will be providing grad photos on December 2nd and 3rd. All grads signed up for times and we are excited to see the results.

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.

Christmas Activities

Our annual Christmas campaign is underway. Over the next three weeks, block 1 classes compete in challenges to gain points towards their class totals. Please ask your children what some of the challenges are and help them generate ideas.

Citadel Field Trip

Forms have been sent out and returned for our annual Christmas Trek to the Citadel to see "A Christmas Carol". Students are very excited and we are pleased to offer this opportunity to them.

Thanks for taking time to read through the newsletter! I hope that everyone has a safe and restful Christmas break and we will speak again in January!

