

# MHS Newsletter

## Mark your Calendars!

- Wednesday Oct 26, Grade 7 and Grade 8 Girls Divisional Volleyball Playoffs in Cardston
- Thursday Oct 27, Grade 9 and Grade 8 Boys Divisional Volleyball Playoffs in Cardston
- Saturday Oct 29, High School Halloween Dance 8:30 to 11:30
- Monday Oct 31, Jr. High Halloween Dance and Alternate Activity 1:30 to 3:20
- Tuesday Nov 1, Report cards go home
- Wednesday Nov 2, Grade 9 Take Your Kids to Work day
- Thursday Nov 3, Parent Teacher Interviews
- Nov 4 & 5, Grade 9 Zone Volleyball Playoffs Girls at Chinook and Boys at MHS
- Nov 3 & 5, JV Girls Volleyball Playoffs at Raymond
- Nov 4 & 5, JV Boys Volleyball Playoffs at LCI
- Monday Nov 7, Band/Choir Concert 7:30 PM

## Remembering and Moving Forward

I want to start off by thanking the community for the support you have given the Card, Gough, Miller, and Dainard families. In addition, the staff and students at MHS having been buoyed by the support we have received from our community as well as from schools around the province. Your thoughts and prayers have been noticed and appreciated. The support provided by the Westwind School Division Crisis Response Team has also been very helpful.

It is now time for parents and the school to work with our students to help them move forward. Students need to know that it is okay to be happy again. One of the best ways that we can show the families that we remember is by taking some of the best attributes of Clay, Danae, Jordan, and Renzo and applying them into our own lives. It stood out to me that all of these students cared for their friends and that they enjoyed life. They were among our happiest and most outgoing students. We, in turn, should all try to emulate their example and reach out a little more to the people around us.

As a school, we are now trying to move towards our "new normal." Classes are now trying to return to covering the curriculum that needs to be taught. This does

not mean that we do not care any more or that supports will no longer be available--support will continue to be provided to students who need it. Please help your children understand that we fully respect the right to mourn with the passing of their friends, but we as a school have a necessary and important role to fulfill in our responsibility to provide the best education possible. So as we move forward we respect the dignity of each family, we remember those no longer here, and we try to honor them through doing the best work we can as a school.

## Report cards and Parent Teacher Interviews

It is hard to believe that we are just about a quarter of the way through the school year. Report cards are going to be sent home with students on Tuesday, November 1. Please make sure you ask your students for their report cards. I hope that as parents you are accessing PowerSchool on a regular basis to stay up to date on how your students are doing. If you have forgotten your PowerSchool user name and password please let the office know and we will retrieve it for you.

Following the first and third report cards of the year, we hold parent teacher interviews. The teachers will be in the Tom Karren Gym from 4:30 until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 3. Parents simply show up to the gym and get in line to talk to the teachers they choose. Since the interviews are on a drop in basis, we ask that you keep discussions reasonably brief when others are waiting. If you need a longer meeting with a teacher, feel free to set up an additional meeting time. One of the best parts of parent teacher interviews is that Mrs. Passey's Home Ec. classes have some treats prepared to sample. For this interview session Mrs. Passey's high school Foods classes are having a cup cake war so come and vote for the best display.

## Response to Intervention

This year there has been a change in the school time table. A tutorial block has been created at the end of the day to try to provide students extra support to ensure that all students are able to achieve at their

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- Nov 11 & 12, Varsity League Playoffs Boys at CCH and Girls at Chinook
- Nov 18 & 19, High School Zone Volleyball Playoffs, Zeniths at Medicine Hat and Pandas at Pincher Creek
- Nov 25 & 26, Grade 9 Home Basketball Tournament

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highest level possible. In early October, a group of teachers from MHS took part in professional development to help us more effectively use the tutorial time. As a school we are now trying to implement what we have learned to make that time as effective as possible. One of the pearls of wisdom that came out of that conference is that, "The best intervention is prevention." That is why as a school we are working to improve the quality of instruction students are receiving every day. We look forward to working with our School Council as potential changes are discussed and implemented.

## Volleyball

We are reaching the end of volleyball season. After the first weekend in November only the two varsity teams will still be playing. As a school we wish our teams well as they begin playoffs. We have seen lots of growth in the players throughout the season because of the hard work of the players and their coaches. I would like to thank all of the coaches. Without their support we would not be able to provide MHS students with such amazing opportunities for athletic development. Our coaches for this year are:

Grade 7 Boys – Tori Juhasz and Celine Christensen  
Grade 7 Girls – Colin Heninger and Kendell Killian  
Grade 8 Boys – Kendell Killian and Brooklyn Broadhead  
Grade 8 Girls – Janene Ward, Deana Dypolt, and Tabatha Ogden  
Grade 9 Boys – Gregg Hansen  
Grade 9 Girls – Tara Anderson and Mike Orr  
JV Pandas – Kim Miller and Mariah Blumel  
Pandas – Darryl Anderson  
JV Zeniths – Joe Thomas  
Zeniths – Shane Orr

Thanks again for all of your work this year!

## Basketball

With the end coming for volleyball our thoughts begin to turn to basketball. The tryout times and locations can be found on our school website under the athletic calendar.

## Music Program

Over the past two weeks a portion of the Magrath High School Spirit of Alberta Marching Band has had a great learning opportunity as they were asked to be part of a Disney movie currently being filmed in Fernie, B.C. called "Santa Pups". This has been a great learning opportunity for all of the students involved. After their first week away, the students came back excited and tired after long nights of shooting. We wish these students well as they complete the last part of their movie careers. If you would like to see a behind the scenes look at what they are doing visit the front page of our school website where you will find two YouTube videos.

There is also a Fall Music Concert coming up on Monday, November 7 at 7:30 PM in the Tom Karren Gym.

## Library

Don't forget to check out the Scholastic Book Fair held in our library from Wed. Nov. 16th through Fri. Nov. 18th. Supporting this literacy event helps us purchase more books for the library and allows our students and staff to enjoy some great new reads. We carry a wide variety of books of interest to the very young all the way to the not-so very young. Hope to see you there! (open school hours Wed. and Fri. and until 9 pm on Thursday)