

# MHS Newsletter

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## Mark your Calendars!

- March 29 – April 1, Wagon Wheels West, 7 p.m. in the Audi
- Tuesday, April 5, Choir at Lethbridge festival, 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 7, Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 12, Grade 8 Band at Lethbridge Festival 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 13, Lethbridge Festival Grade 7 at 8:30 a.m. and Grade 9 at 9:00 a.m.
- BYU –Idaho Band Concert 7:30 PM in the TK

Please keep checking [magrathhigh.ca](http://magrathhigh.ca) for updates

## Graduation 2011

Remember that graduation is set for May 20, 2011. Things are well underway for the event. If you have any questions about this year's graduation please feel free to contact Mr. Doig or Mr. Rollingson at the school. For your information, Michelle Hoy is heading up the parent committee. Once all graduation and rehearsal scheduling is finalized, the school will be sending out a letter to parents.

## Lock Down

I would like to thank the students and staff for the orderly way in which they coped with last week's lock down. During a lock down the first priority of the school is to ensure the safety of all of the individuals who are in the building. In that area we were very successful.

I would like to let the parents know that I understand the concern that you have about communication or lack thereof during and after the lock down. We have received some feedback from the school council, but if you are concerned please feel free to come and talk to an administrator at the school. We have met with school council, staff,

and Central Office to try to address some of the concerns that have been raised, and hope to develop a solid plan to prevent such concerns in the future.

I want to reaffirm that the lockdown was a precautionary measure. At no time did the student involved ever make a direct verbal threat to any individual at the school.

Lastly on this topic I want to publicly thank the RCMP for their prompt response, professional behavior, and successful resolution of the situation, as well as the care they showed to the school on that day. Their support was greatly appreciated.

## Wagon Wheels West

Last night was opening night for this year's school play which is being done in conjunction with the Magrath Cultural Arts. The over 40 students who are part of Wagon Wheels West have worked very hard on this production and their worked has paid off. The play received great reviews from those in attendance. Make sure you get your tickets early as the final night last year sold out. Tickets can be purchased at the Magrath High School and the Magrath Pharmacy during the day for any of the performances as well as at the door. There is assigned seating this year.



I would like to thank the many parents, cultural arts members and volunteers who have worked so tirelessly to make this production a success. I would like to specifically mention our outstanding director, Amanda Thompson and Falene Wolsey who has been my direct contact Magrath Cultural Arts.



## Athletics

Congratulations go out to all of our basketball teams for a successful season. Also a big thanks to all of the coaches who volunteer so much of their time. It was exciting to see some of our teams win their league championships, win at zones and do well at provincials. Congratulations to Mr.

Blackmer and all those who worked with him as he was named the coach of the year of the Varsity Girls League. Four of our students were invited to participate in the Varsity Allstar Games. Representing our girls were Jenelle Gieske and Teina Lowry, and from our boys team Cody Chipman and Mitch Cook were selected. These players are among the top 20 players in Southern Alberta. Jenelle Gieske was also recognized as the league scoring champion as well as the league MVP. Mitch Cook was recognized as a first team allstar.

Now that basketball is over the school's focus now turns to baseball, softball, badminton, and track and field. We wish all of our teams good luck as their seasons unfold.

In May, Mr. Strate will be striving to get plans in place for next year's coaching. In order of MHS to be able to run all the teams we do we are always looking for individuals who are willing to coach. If you have an interest please feel free to contact Mr. Strate.

## **Report Cards and Parent Teacher Interviews**

Report cards will be sent home with students at the end of the day on Monday April 6. This will be followed by parent teacher interviews on April 7 from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Tom Karren Gym. The interviews are done in a drop in format where you simply visit with whichever teachers you would like to see.

## **Math Website**

For those parents that have students struggling in Math please visit [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) and click try an exercise and you can select any level of math you choose. It will show the students how to solve the question if they are having any difficulty with the question.

