

MHS Newsletter

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Mark your Calendars!

- Thursday, December 2, Spirit Performance with Home Town Christmas
- Friday/Saturday, December 3 – 4, Zeniths Opening Basketball Tournament, Tom Karren Gym
- Wednesday December 8 8:30 PM, Grad Meeting in the Band Room
- Friday, December 10, HOJA performance 12 noon Tom Karren Gym
- Monday, December 13, Band Concert Tom Karren Gym
- Friday, December 17 Last day of classes before Christmas
- Tuesday, January 4, First day back after Christmas
- Wednesday, January 12, Start of Diploma Exams
- Friday, January 21 Start of Grade 10/11 Exams
- Friday, January 28 PD Day
- Monday, January 31 Start of Semester 2

Please keep checking magrathhigh.ca for updates

Graduation 2011

It is hard to believe that it is about time to start planning graduation for this year. As a school we rely on the support and help of the staff, students and parents to ensure that graduation day can be successful as possible.

There are a few up coming dates that we need to make the graduates and parents aware of. First, graduation this year will be on Friday May 20, 2011--this is the same weekend as past years.

Lifetouch will be taking graduation pictures during the week of February 8 through 11. They will be at the school before then to book appointment times with the students. All graduating students **must** book a time to get pictures done even if they do not plan to order pictures from Lifetouch as those are the pictures that will be in the yearbook and the class composite.

Wednesday December 8 at 8:30 pm will be our first Grad Meeting. If you would be interested in heading up the graduation committee, please contact Mr. Doig or Mr. Rollinson at the school prior to that meeting. The school needs a parent to act as liaison between the school and all the graduation committees. Some of these committees could include: video, decorations, banquet, and invitations to name a few. Mr. Rollinson will work with students to organize the actual convocation ceremony as the school takes care of that part of the day. At the meeting we will review the graduation policies of MHS as well as those of Westwind School

Division. Magrath High School is not able to participate in any after-graduation activities so those activities cannot be discussed at this graduation meeting.



(Darth "Mr. Yamamoto" Vader making a special guest appearance at the band concert)

Basketball

The basketball season is well underway for the Junior High Teams and it is hard to believe that the first games of the High School season will be taking place this week on Wednesday with the Zeniths hosting Catholic Central and the Pandas travelling to Cardston. Good luck to all our teams this season. As special thanks goes out to the coaches who volunteer their time to the students of MHS. It is important for parents to do what you can to support our coaches as the success of any team depends on solid teamwork. Teamwork is not limited to the players on the floor, but also between coaches, players and parents. The more we pull together and work together the more successful our teams can be.



(Final of the Grade 9 Ice Breaker Tournament)

I am going to try to mention all of the different coaches hopefully I will get them all as we seem to be continually adding assistant coaches. Coaching the grade 7 Boys are Brent Bourne and Jay Mackenzie with Janene Ward taking the girls team. The grade 8 boys are coached by Jamie McMahon and Arlen Bennett and the grade 8 girls by

Deanna Dypolt. In grade 9, Wes Balderson is coaching the boys while Nikki Ohlmann and Kim Miller are taking care of the girls. The Varsity Pandas are coached by Ross Blackmer with Ryan Blackmore and Kristen Barfus helping, Ryan is also coaching the JV Pandas. With the Zeniths Ron Strate is at the helm with Alan Gallup and Chad Runquist assisting and Chad is also coaching the JV Zeniths.

Tournament play is well under way already this year at MHS. This past weekend saw the Grade 9 Boys finish first in their Ice Breaker tournament in Magrath with the Grade 8 winning the consolation side. This coming up weekend will see the Zeniths hosting their opening tournament. This is a return to the past when the Zeniths used to host the opening preseason league tournament. The difference now is that the tournament is an invitational with teams coming from Edmonton, Calgary, Cardston, and other locations. It looks to be a much stronger field than the past couple of years. A copy of the tournament draw can be found on our school website by following [this link: http://www.magrathhigh.ca/docs/library/Zenith%20Opening%20Tournament.pdf](http://www.magrathhigh.ca/docs/library/Zenith%20Opening%20Tournament.pdf).

Also later in the season MHS will be hosting a Grade 8 Girls Tournament and a Grade 7 Tournament. The Pandas' Tournament will be in February.

Wagon Wheels West

Magrath High School is pleased to have to opportunity to be partnering with the Magrath Cultural Arts Society in "Wagon Wheels West", a musical theater production. The performance dates are March 30 through April 2 using students from Magrath High School. Students that are interested in being a part of this production will need watch for the audition dates as they will be coming up soon, hopefully before Christmas.

Foods Program

Attached at the end of this newsletter is an order form for the month of December for lunches available at the Home Ec. room. Students can preorder by returning the attached form to the office with their payments. This program is providing the students of MHS with additional learning opportunities as well as healthy meal options.



(Special Grade 8 Option Day where the students brought a guest to a lunch they prepared)

Final Exams

It is crazy to think that we are down to less than 5 weeks of class before grade 12 students start writing their final exams. The schedule for the diploma exams can be seen on the MHS website under the Calendar of Events tab. The last day of regular classes for grade 12 students will be on January 18 which is after the students have already written the Part A's of the Social and ELA diplomas. The final day of regular classes for the students in grades 10 and 11 will be on Thursday January 20. This will allow the students in grades 10 and 11 to have a couple of extra regular class day to work with their teachers. Starting on January 21 High School students will be into exam week. During exam week there are still regular classes for the students in Junior High.

MHS Lunch Schedule December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				Ham Scalloped Potatoes Carrots		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Chicken Fajita Salad		Lasagna Caesar Salad Garlic Bread		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		BBQ Chicken Mashed Potatoes Cornbread Vegetable				

Please write your name on the calendar and circle the days you would like lunch. Leave the calendar and money at the office. All of the lunches will be \$5.00.