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Parent Advisory Meeting

The next Parent/Guardian Advisory meeting will be held on Monday, March 27th at 6:00 PM in the Blue Jay Study Hall (room 108).

Parent Corps

Attention Blue Jay Parents! The Parent Corps meeting will be March 16, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the MHS Commons. Brad Dunlap will be presenting the current Cocaine and Marijuana arrests in the valley. For more information on this meeting and other Menasha High School Parent Corps events go to our website: <http://www.parentcorps.org/WI/ddaniels/> or call Donna Daniels at (920) 830-9425.

Reminder

Academic Achievement Awards
Wednesday, March 22nd, 2006
12:15-1:00 PM
MHS Fieldhouse



Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on **Tuesday, May 2 from 3:15 – 6:00 PM in the Fieldhouse.** Please take advantage of this opportunity to work with the MHS staff to help ensure the best learning environment for your student.

Normal Reactions to Loss, Change and Grief

As many of you are aware our school community recently experienced the death of a student. There are a lot of normal reactions to loss, change and grief by young adults. Frequently it is a first time experience and a very personal experience. There are several reasons that young adults experience death so strongly. Young adults are experiencing many other losses during this time. Most young adults are adjusting to losing their childhood and childhood friends, as they gain independence by becoming young adults. This comes at a time of great change; the planning for the future, leaving home, making their own decisions, learning to live on their own and all of the changes that come with independence.

When the death of a friend, family member or parent occurs it is a confusing time for all involved. Different people react in different ways, young adults in particular may react in ways that are confusing to those that are around them, but that are normal reactions for this age. Not all of these reactions are wise choices, but they are normal.

Some normal reactions to loss, change and grief are:

- Feeling guilty
- Defiance
- Avoiding friends
- Difficulty organizing time
- Hyper-aggressiveness
- Fear of close relationships
- Acting as though you don't care
- Escape with high-risk behaviors e.g. sex, drugs and alcohol.
- Increased risk taking to reduce anxiety, to prove you are alive.
- Increased physical, somatic complaints
- Increasing time spent with family
- Problems concentrating in school, with drop in grades
- Anger
- Cutting Class
- Suicidal thoughts
- Making jokes
- Fear of "going crazy"

If you would like any additional information please feel free to contact the MHS Guidance Office, Fred Taylor or Bob Brooks at 967-1813.

Campus Visits

The guidance office is offering campus visits this spring for juniors. This is a great opportunity for your junior to start exploring options for their future. The visit will include time to verify admission requirements, a campus tour, lunch on campus, and time to inquire about campus life and social activities.

Interested students will need to sign up in the guidance office. Please call Ann Bell at 967-1815 or email at bella@mjsd.k12.wi.us with any questions or to sign up your student.

March 17 – UW-Green Bay

March 23 – St. Norbert College

April 20 – Ripon College

May 4 – UW-Stevens Point

Dates to be determined:

- Gil-Tech Academy, Salon Professional Academy and Fox Valley School of Massage
- Union Training Centers: Plumbing & Steamfitter, Electrician, Welder & Pipe Fitter, and Sheet Metal Trades

College Fair

Xavier High School in Appleton is holding a college fair for sophomores and juniors on Tuesday, March 7 from 6:00-8:30 PM. This is a chance for you and your student to walk around and talk to college representatives, military representatives, college and career planning specialists, and financial lenders. Admission is free.

Parent/ Student College Information Night

Get tips and ideas on how to be ready for college. The agenda will consist of: admission requirements, application procedures, academic support, financial aid & scholarships, student panel, and open discussion – sessions will be held in Hmong, Spanish, and English. UW-Oshkosh representatives will also be present.

Friday, March 10th

Presentation from 6-8 pm

UW-Fox Valley Student Union

Educational Opportunities**UW-Milwaukee**

Architecture Summer Camp

June 18-24

Grades 9-12

Motivated students interested in exploring architecture are encouraged to apply

UW-Green Bay

UWGB will be offering a series of summer classes for high school graduates who want to get a head start on

their college career by taking a summer course right after graduation. This allows student to get three or more credits under their belt before they start their freshman year. Students do not need to attend UWGB to participate. All the classes serve General Education requirements at UWGB or readily transfer to other universities/colleges. Some courses are taught on-line and will fit easily with students' work schedules. To see a full list of courses and to register, go to www.uwgb.edu/summercourses or you can call UWGB at 920-465-2657.

EAA –Women in Aviation Weekend

Grades 10-adult

Opportunity to learn more about aviation from women currently involved in aviation.

EAA – AeroScholars

Grades 10-12

Online high school aviation courses for students that are interested in aviation.

Courses and registration available at

www.aeroscholars.com

ACT/SAT Writing Assessment

Not all colleges and universities are requiring the writing assessment for admissions. The ACT test will offer the writing test as an optional test and SAT has included it as a mandatory part of their assessment. When deciding whether to include the writing test, students need to consider the requirement for colleges and universities of interest. The ACT website at www.act.org and the SAT website at www.collegeboard.com includes information on the Writing Test and college and university decisions about whether to require it. At this time UW-Madison, Marquette University and University of Minnesota-Twin Cities are requiring the writing assessment for the fall 2007 admissions.

Course Selections for 2006-2007

This month you will receive a mailing with your student's course selections and alternates for next year. Please review these together carefully, because these are the courses which will be on your student's schedule and no student requests for course changes will be accepted after this spring. If you have any concerns about the course request list, please contact Laurel Stahl, Academic Counselor, at 967-1814.

Free Tutoring at MHS

Tutoring will be available every Thursday for the rest of the school year in the Blue Jay Study Hall from 3pm-5pm. Tutoring will be available for all subjects, Spanish and Ell included. No appointments needed. Please contact Ann Bell with any questions at bella@mjsd.k12.wi.us or at 967-1815

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Calendar of Events

Menasha High School

March

- 6-10 Foreign Language Week
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Monday – “HATS, SHADES AND JERSEY DAY”
Tuesday – “80’S DAY”
Wednesday – “TWIN DAY”
Thursday – “CLASS COLOR DAY”
Friday – “BLUE AND WHITE DAY”
- 7 College Fair at Xavier High School 6:00 – 8:30 PM
8 Josten’s in Auditorium to talk with Sophomores about class rings 9:30 AM
10 Parent/Student College Information Night at UW-Fox Valley, 6:00-8:00 PM
13 Choral “Pops” Concert in Auditorium 7:30 PM
15 Josten’s in Auditorium lobby to take ring orders 2:45 – 6:00 PM
16 District Choral Festival in Fieldhouse 7:00 PM
17 Parent Corps Meeting in the Commons, 7:00 PM
21 District Strings Festival in Fieldhouse 7:00 PM
22 Academic Achievement Awards in Fieldhouse 12:15 PM
24 Third Quarter Ends
27 Parent Advisory Meeting in Blue Jay Study Hall Room 108, 6:00 PM
30 – April 1 Spring Musical in Auditorium 7:00 PM each night (Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

April

- 10-17 Spring Break
22 Prom at The Performing Arts Center, 8:00 PM
24 Parent Advisory Meeting in Blue Jay Study Hall Room 108, 6:00 PM
29 State Solo/Ensemble Festival at UW-Oshkosh
29 ELL Parent Meeting in Commons, 11:00-12:30 PM