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HOT TOPICS

Trophies find new home in Heritage Room



Middletown High School has embarked on the task of preserving the wonderful athletic, academic, extracurricular, and co-curricular accomplishments our current and past students have achieved while at MHS.

These awards, trophies, and plaques will be preserved in the newly created Heritage Room. Besides retaining the trophies, this room also will serve as a small meeting facility for MHS and the community. In order to determine

what this room will house, a committee of staff members was set up to evaluate and determine the criteria for awards to be retained in the Heritage Room. MHS would like to add a member of the community to be a part of the committee. Please contact Mike DeSimone at michael.desimone@fcps.org, if you are interested in sitting on this prestigious committee, or if you would like to donate historical memorabilia for consideration of inclusion in the Heritage Room.

Spirit fills school during Homecoming week

The SGA organized Spirit Week festivities that began on Friday, October 10th with Jersey/Show Your Spirit Day, Monday with "Movie Character Monday," where you can dress up as a character from your favorite movie. Tuesday was "Camo Tuesday," where students sported their best camouflage gear, Wednesday was "Way Back Wednesday," where students dressed in apparel from their favorite era in history and Thursday was "Class Color Day," where students represented their classes by wearing it's designated color. Freshmen wore grey, sophomores wore orange, juniors wore white, and seniors wore black.

The SGA organized activities everyday including minute-to-win-it challenges, carnival type games, fundraisers, a duct tape outfit challenge between classes, and a door decorating contest for students to take part in throughout the week. The students earned points that were tallied and put on our spirit meter located in the cafeteria.

It was quite the battle between the freshman and the seniors, but in the end the seniors pulled ahead to



be the winners of this year's spirit stick.

The SGA students were hard at work these last few weeks to provide a wonderful, spirit filled week ending with the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 18th from 8 to 11. New this year is a fun, photo booth with props and snacks. This year's theme is an Enchanted Knight.

Entire school votes on Homecoming court

The homecoming court is selected by the entire student body. This year, we implemented eduBallot, which is used countywide. eduBallot is the first and only online voting solution and election system designed specifically for k-12 schools. Students can scan the QR code with a QR reader that can be downloaded to their smartphone or they can type in the URL address to access the site. The information was posted on the bulletin boards throughout the

school. We did a special announcement and allowed the students to vote at that time as well. EduBallot tallied our results and the court was announced on the morning announcements. To choose our king and queen, we used the same system, but only the seniors were allowed to vote. The king and queen are announced at the Homecoming game during the halftime show. The court is also announced during the Homecoming Dance.

Chromebooks now being used in classrooms

We have Chromebooks! MHS purchased two class sets of Chromebooks to use this year. We can bring the Chromebooks right into the classroom now that we have wireless access throughout the building, and teachers have been using the Chromebooks since day one for class assignments, research, typing essays, and accessing instructional websites.

We are also excited to share that FCPS has been awarded a grant through MSDE to assist our high school math teachers with engaging students through technological expression and delivery of content, as well as, formative assessment. Through this grant, MHS now has

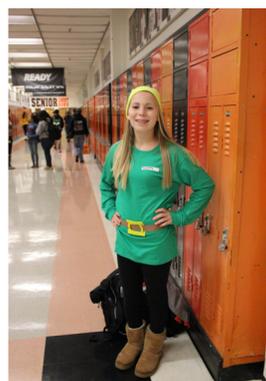
180 Chromebooks and TenMarks licenses for all students in Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2.

TenMarks is an exceptional online resource that is aligned to the math standards taught in these courses. It contains sufficiently rigorous items that will help both students and teachers to gauge the level of understanding of all of our students. Furthermore, TenMarks identifies areas of misunderstanding for each individual student and provides instruction to help students to strengthen these math skills and concepts.

We are still learning, but MHS is finally jumping into the twenty-first century head-on!

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Spirit Week!



Photos by Molly Spillman

HOT STUFF

PSAT scheduled for Oct. 18 at MHS

When: Saturday, October 18
Time: 7:30 – 10:45 am
Where: MHS
Students should be in their testing room no earlier than 7:20 a.m. The testing should be finished by 10:45 a.m.

- Test takers should:
1. Bring photo ID
 2. Bring two #2 pencils.
 3. Bring a calculator (optional, but encouraged)
 4. Do not bring any food or drinks.
 5. Cell Phones need to be turned off and out of sight during the test.
 6. Room assignments were distributed to students on Wednesday, 10/15, and rosters are posted in the cafeteria in case they forget.

MHS to unite against bullying on Oct. 22

Unite Against Bullying- Wear ORANGE on Unity Day, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014

What are your true colors when it comes to showing your support for students who are bullied? Show those being bullied that they are not alone, that you care, and lead the movement against bullying.

- What Can You Do?
- Wear the color ORANGE
 - Write the word "UNITY" on your hand, your notebook, or clothing.
 - Wear and orange "Unity Ribbon"
 - Update your Facebook status to "UNITY DAY, October 22nd"
 - Sign the Unity Banner that will be hanging in the cafeteria.

Haunted House set to scare on Oct. 24

Middletown High School's 7th Annual Nightmare in the Valley Haunted House will open Friday October 24th at 6pm. The dates

are Oct 24, 25, 31 and Nov 1 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm and Oct 26th from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

Family hour will be Sunday October from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. During this time all the lights will be on (no spooky lighting) and all the actors will be in place but not directly interacting with the smaller guests. This is a good opportunity for the younger guests to tryout the haunted house.

Over 60 students have been involved with the building and haunting of this year's Nightmare in the Valley.

The haunted house is wheelchair accessible.

Community health fair coming on Oct. 18

The 7th Annual Community Health Fair will be held Saturday, October 18th, from 8am - 3pm at the Event Plex at the Frederick Fairgrounds.

Several Free Health and Wellness Services and Activities:

- Flu Shots
- Hepatitis B Screening
- Medical Information
- Health Education
- Blood Pressure, Glucose, Cholesterol, and Vision Tests
- Information about health insurance and enrollment
- Meet community and social service providers
- Groceries provided by Maryland Food Bank
- Language interpretation in 13 languages and ASL

Work study program is fun and profitable

Earning and Learning ... and having FUN!

The MHS Work Study program is in full swing, currently with 31 students participating, under the direction of Mr. Jim Zimmer. Seniors who enrolled in the program last spring met with Mr. Zimmer to discuss job opportunities. Currently all students are employed,

working a minimum of 15 hours a week. Many choose to work more hours. Students work for a variety of reasons ... some for gas money, others to pay car insurance, to make car payments or to save for post secondary educational goals. Regardless of where students are working, Mr. Zimmer reports that "The Middletown High School community can be proud of the efforts that our students make on-the-job. They have entered the workforce well prepared by the courses they have taken in school." While some students are working their current jobs through graduation, some have potentially found careers that will carry them into the future. According to Mr. Zimmer, "As the economy has shown some improvement during the last year, area businesses have contacted the school, specifically asking to hire students from the Middletown community. Our students have a great reputation for being reliable, intelligent, hard-working and goal oriented." Middletown High students are working in area restaurants, factories and offices, and it is expected that more seniors will consider participating in the Work Study program during the spring semester. "I'm very proud of the work that our students do in area businesses, as they experience and learn what it takes to be a contributing member of the community." Mr. Zimmer adds that during the 2013-2014 school year, students in the Work Study program grossed approximately \$250,000 in earnings. They learned first hand what it means to be taxpaying citizens!

Counseling office publishing bulletins

The counseling office publishes a bi monthly Scholarship-Counseling Bulletin. A Find Out First is sent each time the bulletin is updated and is located in on the School Counseling webpage and the student's Naviance Family Connection home page. MHS Scholarship - Counseling Bulletin: Contains information

for juniors and seniors, general and college specific scholarships, college open houses, and schedule of college representatives visiting MHS: education.fcps.org/mhs/sites/default/files/counseling/101514_SCB%204.pdf

Naviance helps with college planning

Naviance is a web-based resource for staff, students, and parents that encourages and supports post high school career and college planning. Family Connection is the student's side of the system and is linked with Naviance Succeed, the counselor's system. How can it be used?

- Career Planning: Learning Style Inventory, Interest Inventory, Personality Inventory, Resume Building
- College Planning: College Search, Application Process, College Major Exploration, Scholarship/Financial Aid Resources
- Success Planning: Personalized Goals and Tasks, Journal Entries, Student Planner

Go to the following website: <http://connection.naviance.com/middleths>

- Username: Student ID #
- Password: Last 2 digits of birth year, first initial (capitalize) and last name (capitalize the first letter and the rest is lower case)

The bulletin lists the following

- Upcoming visits from college representatives
- General and college specific information
- College open houses
- College Fairs
- Opportunities for seniors and juniors

Important dates

TC Open House: October 29 from 6:00 – 8:00pm at the Career and Technology Center
Financial Aid Night: November 11 @ 6:00 pm in the MHS cafeteria.