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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe the first quarter of the 2017-2018 school year has gone by! Our students and staff are off to a very positive and productive start to the school year. We are proud to report that 465 students had perfect attendance for the first quarter of school. We want to congratulate each and every one of these students on this accomplishment.

We held our open house and freshman orientation before the start of the school year. Both events helped familiarize students and parents with MHS and our staff members. We had tremendous turnouts for both events.

The safety and well-being of our students are our utmost concern; educating our students and staff about proper safety procedures is vitally important. We have conducted safety drills such as fire, tornado and security lock-downs as a way to assess our procedures and ensure the best possible response for any given situation.

Miamisburg High School has incorporated a school wide student recognition program that aligns with our BURG Behaviors. At the end of each quarter, staff members have the opportunity to recognize one student they feel demonstrates BURG Behaviors. These students will be recognized during their lunch period and receive a gift certificate.

We congratulate our students on their spirit and enthusiasm during the school day and while supporting all of the extra-curricular events held during the first quarter. Our student body has shown great school spirit while exhibiting "Viking Class". Our Staff, Spirit Club, Student Government and Principal Advisory Team have played a great part in spreading a positive focus to our student body.

Let's all continue to work together, stay focused, stay positive and strive toward a strong and successful finish to the first semester.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Morris

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Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER



Nov 10	Staff In-Service – NO SCHOOL
Nov 10	Winter Athletic Picture Day
Nov 16	Fall Band Concert
Nov 17	Student Govt. Blood Drive
Nov 22-24	Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL
Dec 12	Cocoa & Carols Concert
Dec 18-20	1 st Semester Exams
Dec 18	Jazz Band Concert
Dec 20	End of 2 nd Grading Period
Dec 21 - Jan 3	Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
Jan 4	First Day 3 rd Grading Period
Jan 15	MLK Day – NO SCHOOL
Feb 3	OMEA Solo & Ensemble Festival
Feb 7	Student 2-Hour Late Arrival
Feb 15	MHS Conferences
Feb 16	Prof Dev Day – NO SCHOOL
Feb 19	President's Day – NO SCHOOL
Feb 23	MHS Talent Night
Mar 2	Staff In-Service NO SCHOOL
Mar 6	Winter Band Concert
Mar 9	End of 3 rd Grading Period
Mar 12	First Day 4 th Grading Period
Mar 14	Student 2-Hour Late Arrival
Mar 16	Spring Athletic Picture Day
Mar 30 - Apr 6	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
Apr 10	Wind Sym/8 th Grade Concert
Apr 13	Prom – Masonic Center
Apr 28	District Fine Arts Festival
May 8	Choir Awards Concert
May 10	Senior Awards Night
May 14	Athletic Awards
May 15	Spring Band Concert
May 17	Band Banquet
May 18	Graduation Practice

Stay Connected with Principal Morris

Go to the Miamisburg High School page on the district website miamisburgcityschools.org. Follow the principal by selecting the twitter icon on the top right of the high school page. You will begin receiving instant updates of what is happening at MHS!



GRADUATION COUNTDOWN CLASS OF 2018

YEARBOOK PICTURES – In order to appear in the 2018 yearbook and class composite, seniors must have their picture taken at Easterling Studios – (937) 222-8410.

Deadline date is December 1, 2017
Don't be left out!

A SENIOR CLASS MEETING was held on Thursday, September 28th. Information regarding diplomas, caps and gowns and graduation announcements was distributed. If your senior did not attend this meeting, please contact Mrs. Kerwin or Mrs. Shock in the High School Main Office at 866-0771 as soon as possible.

JOSTENS will return to MHS taking orders for caps, gowns and graduation announcements during lunch (10:00AM-12:30 PM) on November 16th and December 8th. These items may **also** be ordered online at www.jostens.com. On the website, enter Miamisburg High School, select "Caps and Gowns". Any package may be selected to purchase; however, all that is necessary to participate in the graduation ceremony is the Cap & Gown Unit (which does include the tassel) for \$38.50 plus tax of \$2.79 (no handling). All additional packages/purchases will be charged tax plus \$9.95 handling. Specific questions may be directed to our Jostens representative, mike.beerman@jostens.com or by calling (513) 772-6204.

GRADUATION FEE

\$15.00 – This fee is for seniors participating in the graduation ceremony; it covers graduation expenses. Turn this fee in to Mrs. Shock. Checks should be made payable to MHS.

MANDATORY GRADUATION PRACTICE:

Friday, May 18, 2018
10:00 AM at the Nutter Center

GRADUATION DATE:
Saturday, May 19, 2018
*** Ceremony begins at 2:00PM ***
*** Grads line up at 1:00PM ***
Wright State University
Ervin J. Nutter Center

The moment may be
TEMPORARY,
but the memory is
FOREVER.

-Bud Meyer

You've got the Cutest Little Baby Face



If you would like to purchase a **senior** baby ad in the yearbook for your son or daughter, this is the perfect opportunity to congratulate them and to show them how proud you are. If you are interested in a senior baby ad, no orders will be accepted after **Dec. 1, 2017** as space is limited. The cost for a quarter page ad is \$75, cash or check made payable to MHS Yearbook, and you may send in up to three pictures to be included along with your special message. Please do not send in scanned pictures as we will be scanning them ourselves; you may also email your picture(s) as attachments if you have them saved, just be sure to put your son/daughter's name in the subject line. If you would like your pictures to be returned, you must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you are interested, please send back the form below:

2017-2018 Senior Baby Ad Order Form for:

_____ (student name)
I, _____ (name of parent/guardian) would like to purchase a quarter page baby ad for \$75 in the 2017-2018 Mirus Yearbook. Enclosed are my one-three picture(s), a self-addressed, stamped envelope (if needed), my neatly typed/printed special message, and my payment.

(signature)

In case of questions best contact number is:

_____ and my email address is:

_____.

MIRUS YEARBOOK ORDERING INFORMATION

Have you preordered your yearbook?
The 2017-2018 yearbook is available to preorder for \$70, please visit jostensyearbooks.com or call 877-767-5217. We do not accept any in person orders or checks at the high school, so you must order online or call. This is a beautiful keepsake of your child's senior year, so be sure to order early! June 1, 2018 is the last day to pre-order the yearbook, and books will be ready for pick-up in early to mid-August. We sold out of books this past year, so preordering is especially important to guarantee a copy! Please be sure to include your most frequently checked email when purchasing your yearbook, as email is how we will let you know the books are in!



HOMECOMING

Miamisburg High School "A Night in the Big Apple"

MHS Homecoming Spirit Week was filled with fun and excitement! Each day of the week students dressed in fun outfits designated by the sophomore class. The annual Powder Puff game was a fun event!

Friday's assembly began by clapping in the Senior Class. Next came introducing the 2017 Homecoming Court. The court students performed a dance for the entire student body.

The annual Homecoming Parade was a success! Clubs and organizations from Miamisburg participated as the community watched. This year's Grand Marshal was Mrs. Linda Jones.

The homecoming court participated in the parade and were announced prior to the football game. Molly Suter and Xayvion Bridges were crowned as the 2017 Homecoming Queen and King. Homecoming female court members were Olivia Cole, Taylor Hensley, Emma Lackens, Maya Dobbins, Grace Turner Fisher, Grace Marie Fisher, Tracie Ferrara, Khloe Phong, Kara Graeser, Addison Wheeler, and Molly Suter. Male court members were Xayvion Bridges, Luke Schultz, Ethan Price, Quinn Kuehnle, Jordan Stewart, Jared Mayberry, Tyler Johnson, Joel Elder, Nick Trentman, Adam Stebbins, and Tony Clark.

This year's dance theme was "A Night in the Big Apple". Students entered the gymnasium through the entrance that was transformed into a park experience! The gymnasium was decorated with swagged balloons overhead with a black, white, and red ambiance surrounded with NYC icons such as the Statue of Liberty. Over 1,100 students attended this event. All were treated to an evening of great music and wonderful memories. Homecoming 2017 was a great success!

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



All three of the concert ensembles are off to a great start! The students are all playing some challenging music in preparation for their first concert. The first combined public performance of the Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony will be held beginning at 7:00 PM on Thursday, November 16th, at Parkview United Methodist Church on Benner Road.

The Viking Marching Band has had a successful marching season. After their early season exhibition at Northmont, the band was named Grand Champion at the Bishop Fenwick Band Invitational, winning Best Overall Music, General Effect, Visual, Percussion and Color Guard. The band then traveled to the Bands of America Regional Championships at The University of Toledo where they received Best General Effect, Best Music, and Best Visual in Class AAA while winning their third regional class champion award in school history; they were named a regional finalist and placed 10th overall!! At the Lebanon Invitational the band was named Grand Champion, receiving Best Overall Music, Visual, General Effect and Color Guard, and also Best Color Guard; and at the Loveland Invitational they placed 2nd in Class AA. The band will conclude its season on Saturday, November 4th at Mason HS for the MSBA Championships, on Sunday, November 5th at Dayton Welcome Stadium for the OMEA State Finals, and on November 10-11 at Indianapolis' Lucas Oil Stadium for the Bands of America Grand National Championships.

Both high school jazz bands are in full swing with the Star City Jazz Band and the Jazz Lab Band preparing for their upcoming performance season. Both jazz bands will be performing at the annual "Evening of Jazz" on Monday, December 18. Anyone interested in booking one of the high school jazz bands should contact the band office.

Returning to the band department this year is our WGI Winds Ensemble. This small ensemble will be competing alongside winter guards and winter percussion ensembles throughout the region this winter. We are very excited about what is in store again for this ensemble!

For any information on the Miamisburg Band Program, please visit the band's website at www.miamisburgbands.org or band director Steve Aylward at saylward@miamisburg.k12.oh.us.

WINTER SPORTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Head Coach -Tim Fries
tmfries@miamisburg.k12.oh.us

Varsity/JV Boys Basketball Tryouts all 10th, 11th and 12th Graders

Friday	November 3	2:30-5:30pm	MHS Main Gym
Saturday	November 4	9:00-11:00am	Middle School Gym (First Cuts)
Saturday	November 4	3:00-5:00pm	Middle School Gym (Final Cuts)

9th Grade Boys Tryouts

Friday	November 3	5:30-7:30pm	MHS Main Gym
Saturday	November 4	11:00am-1:00PM	Middle School Gym (First Cuts)
Saturday	November 4	3:00-5:00pm	Middle School Gym (Final Cuts)

* Tryouts may be extended per coach's decision.

WRESTLING

Head Coach - Nathan Carmack
ncarmack@miamisburg.k12.oh.us

Conditioning	Oct 24-Nov 9	Tues-Fri	2:30-4:30pm
Open Mats	Oct 2-Nov 9	Mondays	6:30-8:00pm

Official/Mandatory Practice begins Nov 10

Mandatory Team Meeting Tuesday Nov 7 in the Lecture Hall @ 6:30pm
(Wrestlers & Parents: MUST HAVE a parent at the meeting.)

BOYS & GIRLS SWIMMING

Head Swim Coach – Katie Mark
kmark@miamisburg.k12.oh.us
Head Dive Coach – Patti Hickey
divewtrc@aol.com

Mandatory Practice begins November 4th

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Coach – John Good
Phone – 937-776-0481
Assistant Coach – Leigh Anne McNutt
lmcnutt@miamisburg.k12.oh.us

Mandatory Practice begins Monday, Nov 6th

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Head Coach – Allison Jaynes
ajaynes@miamisburg.k12.oh.us

BOWLING

Head Coach – Tony Ross
aross@miamisburg.k12.oh.us

Tryouts Nov 3rd, 6th & 7th from 3:00-4:30pm
Poelking South Bowling Center
8871 Kingsridge Dr (Behind the Dayton Mall)
Practices and home matches are held at this location.

HS ACADEMIC TEAM

Head Coach – Sean Ridley
sridley@miamisburg.k12.oh.us

MOCK TRIAL

The MHS Ohio Mock Trial Team has officially started preparation for this year's competition. Students will take on the roles of attorneys and witnesses to try a case based loosely on the viral podcast "Serial." Our club, along with attorney Maria Rabold, will be working on building the case throughout the months of November and December in preparation for the first district competition in January. If you or your student are interested in knowing more about the Ohio Mock Trial program, please contact Stephanie Johnson, Eighth Grade Social Studies teacher at MMS.



6th Annual Viking Fine Arts And Crafts Gathering

**Saturday, Dec 2nd
9:00am-3:00pm
MHS Aux Gym**

Vendors who have a handmade specialty or a home-based business contact Mary Ann Smith @ masmith106@yahoo.com to reserve a space.

SMARTER SOLUTIONS ~ SAFER SCHOOLS

Miamisburg City Schools is fully committed to providing a positive learning environment for all students that promotes respect, dignity, and equality among students. We believe our schools play an important role in helping students to be respectful and responsible citizens. As part of our commitment, the district has implemented an integrated program developed by former school officials that provides:

- Online and telephone reporting tools for students, parents and staff.

Hotline Information

Students who believe they have been harassed, bullied, victimized by fellow students, or have other concerns which may jeopardize the safety of students, employees or school facilities, are asked to Speak Up! and promptly report the issue to a building administrator. Students may also report concerns by using our district's Hotline – accessible both online and by telephone.

Options to report an issue:

1. Call 1-866-listen2me (1-866-547-8362) and talk with a live attendant. When the student talks with the live attendant, he/she has the option of being forwarded to one of the following national hotlines:
 - 911 Urgent Response
 - National AIDS Hotline AIDS/HIV
 - National Runaway Switchboard Homeless – Runaway
 - NINELINE Hotline Relationship issues - peer/parent; alcohol/drug abuse
 - RAINN Sexual assault; domestic violence; physical abuse
 - Suicide Crisis Center Suicide
2. Call 1-866-listen2me (1-866-547-8362) and leave a voice message.
3. Go to our district website <http://www.miamisburgcityschools.org> and click on:



Miamisburg City Schools has contracted with a company called PublicSchoolWORKS to provide this service and to ensure you remain anonymous. If you use the telephone reporting system, the person you will be talking with is not affiliated with our district. The attendant will listen to your issue, complete a written report, and then, if you'd like, transfer you to a specialist or other support person. After you finish your call or make your report online, the district will receive a confidential report from PublicSchoolWORKS. Your issue will then be investigated by our district. To ensure your information is sufficient, please provide as much information about the situation as possible.

MHS SCHOOLWIDE BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Miamisburg High School is implementing a new school wide culture of behavior expectations for the 2017-2018 school year. Based on a model known as Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), the expectations were created by the MHS staff with a focus on student growth and success. The attitudes and behaviors will be referred to as *Burg Behavior*, which are detailed below:

Burg Behavior

Be responsible

Be Prompt, Present, and Prepared

Uphold expectations

With Actions, Academics, and Attitudes

Respect others

Through Language, Interactions, and Diversity

Get involved

With Interests, School, and Community





A problem solving competition where students work in teams of up to 7 members to find a solution to a challenge. The students will use creative thinking and critical thinking skills while learning how to manage a project and get along well with others. Once the team members have found their solution, they must then create a skit to show their solution to a team of judges. The students do all of the work – create props and backdrops, make their own costumes, write their own script, as well as design and build any technical component that is a requirement of the challenge.

DI teams will work from November to March on their solution and will present it to the Region 12 competition judges at Sinclair Community College on March 3, 2018. State Competition will be held in Columbus on March 24, 2018, and Global Finals will be hosted at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville on May 23-26, 2018.

ONE CALL NOW is the district message notification service used to keep parents informed and aware of changes, emergencies, delays and other activities affecting our students. Features include: more than one contact number per student, automated attendance calls at all grade levels, utilization by the athletic office and different sports teams. Parents will be able to enter additional parent telephone contact numbers via the Miamisburg City Schools website home page www.miamisburgcityschools.org. Any permanent contact changes, change of address or change in telephone number(s) for a student should first be given to the MHS guidance department secretaries, Mrs. Gena Orwick/Mrs. Barbara Hoffman.



ACCESSING PROGRESS BOOK

As a district, we strive to engage parents in their student's educational program as well as share student academic progress. Due to our teachers' on-going communication through online tools including Progress Book, we no longer print or publish interim reports. Grade cards are printed at the end of the semester grading period.

Progress Book provides parents information regarding student progress in his/her classes. You may access Progress Book from the district website www.miamisburgcityschools.org. There is a link for Progress Book in the bottom right corner of the home page.

If the user name/password has been forgotten Parents/Students can click on *can't access my account*. You will receive an E-mail which will provide you with information on resetting your password. If you continue to have difficulties accessing your account, please contact the MHS Guidance Office for assistance. If an account has not been created, please contact the MHS Guidance Department for a registration key. Once a key has been assigned, parents may click **Sign-Up** on the Progress Book login page and follow the prompts to create an account.

We thank all parents for their ongoing commitment to their student's education.



THE VALHALLA VOICE MHS Newspaper

The Valhalla Voice is a new newspaper written by the students of Miamisburg High School. September's edition marked the first of many more wonderful editions to come.

September's edition, found a variety of topics, including advice for how to get back into a school mindset, reviews of local cafes, political discussions, and updates on Hurricane Harvey. There are also two incredible artists who contribute comics with their inspirations. Although you will see only four articles on the front page, make sure to check out the "news" tab to view all the articles from September's edition!

Enjoy reading and viewing the content produced by the MHS student staff. Readers may leave comments to help the staff improve each month as they continue to build the website.

The Valhalla Voice website is:
<http://valhallavoicewixsite.com/thevalhallavoicewixsite.com>



FALL SPORTS



MIAMISBURG BOYS GOLF

The Miamisburg Boys Golf Team had a successful season with an overall record of 11 and 2. The Team's best finish was a 5th place finish in the 22 team Miamisburg Viking Invitational Tournament. The low nine individual match score was a one under 35 turned by Junior Cole McGuire. Cole carded the low tournament score with a 76 to earn a position on Miamisburg's All-Tournament Team.

The future looks bright for the youthful team as they return everyone next year. They earned valuable experience this year.

The Greater Western Ohio Conference League Special Mention Honors went to Junior, Cole McGuire.

In addition, Head Coach Tony Ross broke a 40 year old record held by former Head Coach Tom Nicholas. Tom was the Head Coach from 1968-1978 and had recorded 167 career wins. The Vikings recorded win number 168 with a win over cross town rival the Franklin Wildcats. Congratulations to Coach Tony Ross on becoming the Vikings All-time Winningest Coach.

MIAMISBURG GIRLS GOLF

The Lady Vikings Golf Team had 6th and 7th place finishes in the 2017 GWOC Preseason Tournament and Postseason Tournament. The highlight of the season was defending their title by winning the Miami East Invitational for the second year in a row.

In head-to-head competition the Vikings finished with a record of 6 wins and 7 losses. At the sectional Tournament they placed 7th and did not advance to the District Tournament. Many of the players will be returning next year, so we will be looking to build on our successes this year and advance to the District Tournament in 2018.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

The Boys Cross Country team started off the season with a 5th place finish out of 25 teams at the Finishtiming Classic. They placed 4th overall at the GWOC Conference meet and 2nd place in the West Division. Clay Campbell, Parker Hines, and Corey Reese were named 2nd team All National League and Ethan Johnson was named Special Mention. The team followed up with a 7th place finish at the District meet, which earned them a trip to the Regional meet. They have qualified for the Regional meet for the 6th year in a row.



LADY VIKINGS TENNIS

The Lady Viking Tennis team wrapped up another successful season at the OHSAA District Tournament on October 12, 2017. This is the 6th consecutive season the Vikings have advanced at least one player to the District Tournament. Junior Milkenzie Hindenlang was the lone qualifier and advanced to the State Qualifying match before falling to a player from Mason. The team finished the season ranked #7 in the MVTCA All-Area poll. Several players were honored for their accomplishments this season by both the GWOC and the MVTCA. Mikenzie Hindenlang was named to the GWOC First Team, All-Conference Team, as well as First Team in Division 1 by the MVTCA. Seniors Catherine Raj and Mansi Patel were named GWOC Second Team. Catherine and Sophomore Abbie Campbell were selected to the Second Team Doubles by the MVTCA, while Senior Alexis Taylor was an Honorable Mention. The Vikings return four of seven Varsity players in 2018, as they look to again contend for a league title.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

The Varsity team finished their season 13-11 after a tough schedule this year. Highlights of the season:

- 9 of our wins have been in 3 straight sets
- Won against Kings and Tecumseh in 5
- Took a set and scored in the 20s against Fenwick, Valley View, Graham, and Springboro
- Scored in the 20s against Centerville and Beaver creek
- Awarded the American Volleyball Coaches Association National Academic Team Award for the second year in a row (The squad has a 3.92 Team GPA)

JV A and B VOLLEYBALL

The JV-A Volleyball team ended the season 10-12. The team improved dramatically over the season, winning 8 of out of the 9 final matches! Highlights of the season include beating Springboro and Butler.

BOLD (BUILDING OUR LIVES DRUG FREE)

BOLD Members had a great start to the school year. Members and Advisers were given a tour of the Brigid's Path Facility and could see firsthand how volunteers and staff members will be providing medical care for drug exposed newborns and non-judgmental support for mothers in need. We would like to thank Jill Kingston, Executive Director for the opportunity to see the facility and to hear about the amazing things happening at Brigid's Path.

Club members and Advisers would also like to thank the staff and students who participated in the RED Ribbon Week Campaign Activities the week after fall break. Now that Red Ribbon Week is over the club will be planning some service outreach opportunities so that they can give back to the Miamisburg Community. If any student or parent would like resources on how to live a Drug Free lifestyle or have questions about the club, please feel free to contact Officer Copsey @ rcopsey@miamisburg.k12.oh.us or Mr. Neubauer @ rneubauer@miamisburg.k12.oh.us.



SAVE THE DATE MIAMISBURG HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

Fall Band Concert

**Nov 16, 2017
7:00-9:00pm**

**Parkview United
Methodist
Church**

Cocoa and Carols Choir Concert

**Dec 12, 2017
7:00-9:00pm**

**High School
Commons**

Jazz Band Concert

**Dec 18, 2017
6:30-8:30pm**

**High School
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