

Attention seniors: Franklin and Marshall College offers an opportunity for 1 senior student to take a free course each semester in the 2016/17 school year. Course offerings are very limited. If you are interested for the spring semester, please pick up information in the guidance office by Thursday, December 22.

Attention Sophomores and Juniors: CTC applications for the 2017/2018 school year are now available in the guidance office. Completed applications are due back in the guidance office by Thursday, December 22. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Stoudt in the guidance office.

Just a reminder to Seniors to submit your Career Readiness Portfolio evaluation form to the guidance office as soon as possible. If the CRP evaluation forms are not submitted by the beginning of the second semester it will affect your senior privileges.

MID-TERM MADNESS IS COMING! Freshman Mid-Term Madness is an opportunity for 9th grade students to study, ask questions and be better prepared for mid-term exams. NHS tutors, English, Math, Science & Social Studies teachers will be available to provide assistance. There will be two sessions: Thursday, January 12th & Tuesday, January 17th. Both sessions will be held in the high school library from 2:30 to 4 pm. Students can attend one or both days; a student ID is required. The activity bus is available at 4:15 pm.

ATTENDANCE POLICY REMINDER:

The Pennsylvania School Code mandates that every child attend school on a regular basis and has established laws and guidelines to achieve good attendance. Being in school every day is critical to the success and advancement of students in all grades.

- **Students are permitted 10 excused absences per school year.** This includes sick days, educational trips and religious celebrations.
- **Parent/guardian notes** for absence must be received **within 3 school days** of the student's return to school.
- Late arrivals due to a medical appointment require a **note from the doctor** upon arrival to school. Early dismissals for a medical appointment require a parent note prior to the dismissal and a note from the doctor upon return to school. Without the doctor's note these absences will be coded as unexcused.
- Vacations are not considered a lawful absence in the Commonwealth of PA. We do recognize **Educational Trips and Tours limited to 5 days per school year.** The request form **MUST be submitted at least one week prior to the trip** for approval by the principal. Any days requested beyond the 5 approved cumulative days will be coded as unlawful.
- An Intermittent Release for a Non-School Activity form must be submitted for activities such as athletic college showcases, theater/dance performances, etc.
- To participate in **extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics**, a student must be in attendance the full school day on the day of the event or activity. Full school day shall mean being in attendance **no later than thirty minutes after the start of the school day and leaving no earlier than thirty minutes prior to the end of the school day** unless excused by the school or a medical doctor.

Forms can be downloaded from the school district's website www.mtwp.net - Quick Links – Parent Forms. The forms can be used at any Manheim Township school. If you do not have an excuse form, notes may be submitted on any type of stationery – be sure to include the required information! See pages 4-7 of the MTHS Student Handbook, in the front section of the student agenda book, for more detailed information about the Manheim Township School District attendance policies.

Attention Student Drivers: Please remember the following, which are part of the privilege of parking on campus:

- You **must** have a valid hangtag on your rearview mirror to park on campus.
- Your tag must be visible through your windshield.
- You may only park in student spaces in the student/staff lots (lots A, B, D, and E). Do not park in the staff lots (lots C and F) or any staff spaces which are designated by the white lightning bolt in the shared student/staff lots. If there are no student spaces in the lot please move your car to another lot.
- Do not park in front of fire hydrants or in any of the handicap spaces.

These and other regulations related to the privilege of parking on campus are outlined in your signed parking agreement and serve as your only warning. If you are in violation of the parking regulations, you will be fined according to the fine schedule in the parking agreement. Accumulation of fines may result in the loss of parking privileges.

Winter Spirit Week is here. Show your spirit and dress for the following days.

Wednesday 12/21: Dress like a snowman

Thursday 12/22: Holiday Colors (Red/Green; Blue/Silver; Black/Red/Green)

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Mini-THON is having a fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings this Wednesday 12/21 from 4 to 7 PM. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to Four Diamonds. Please show the flyer, which is available on the MTHS Mini-THON Twitter page.

Students: Picture retakes have arrived and are available for pick up in the main office.

REMINDER - Picture retake IDs are in the Library, ready for pickup at the circulation desk.

Library Staff

TODAY'S SPORTS

SPORT	VS	A/H	SITE	GAME TIME	E.D.	BUS TIME
Vbowl	Hempfield	A	Leisure Lanes	3:30	2:15	2:30
Frbbasket	Hempfield	H	Arena	4:00		
Frgbasket	Hempfield	A	HHS Buchanan Gym	4:00		2:45
Jvbbasket	Hempfield	H	Arena	6:00		
Jvgbasket	Hempfield	A	HHS – Buchanan Gym	6:00		4:50
Vgbasket	Hempfield	A	HHS – Buchanan Gym	7:30		4:50
Vbbasket	Hempfield	H	Arena	7:30		