



MASH HAPPENINGS

Community Agreements

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| Mutual Respect | Attentive Listening |
| Right to Participate | No put downs / share appreciation |

Upcoming Opportunities for Parents to Learn More About Alcohol and Other Drugs

October 17th Topic:
 “Prescription and Over the Counter Drugs”
 MHS Courtyard
 6:30-8:00pm

December 6th Topic:
 “Methamphetamines”
 MHS PAC
 6:30-8:00pm

February 7th Topic:
 “Alcohol and Marijuana”
 MHS PAC
 6:30-8:00pm

The year is in full swing! It is always amazing to me how quickly we fall back into the old routines and it seems like we have never left. One of the really special things about this community is the way new members are quickly integrated. Within weeks, it feels like many of them are old friends! We welcome all of you to become actively involved in the community. It was great to see many of you at our open house and parent meeting. I hope this will be one of many opportunities we have to interact on a very positive basis this year! The sophomores have completed their day of ROPES challenge activities and the juniors and seniors will be participating in their days in the next few weeks. These days are consistently rated as one of the most valuable and enjoyable experiences that students have while they are with us. At the same time, the thought of participating in a challenge course experience can be somewhat intimidating for students. If your child is expressing hesitancy in participating in the day, please let his/her life skills teacher know so that we can all work together to support your child in taking this very valuable risk! Be assured that we practice “challenge by choice,” and that students are not forced to do anything that they are not comfortable with.

What Are Our Strengths and Where Should We Focus Our Improvement Efforts?

MASH students will be participating in several upcoming assessments in order to help the students and the staff best focus their efforts during the school year. Academically, new students will be participating in the MAPS (Measures of Academic Progress) tests and all students will be completing a writing assessment. The results of these assessments are then used to help students and staff set goals for the upcoming year. Please encourage your child to do their best work on these assessments, as inaccurate information does not allow them to set meaningful, useful goals for themselves.

We are also implementing a new survey for students to help us both gain a sense of some of the struggles that our students are facing and to measure the effectiveness of our programming in helping students develop attitudes and behaviors that have a greater likelihood of leading to success. You should be receiving information about this survey soon as we will need your permission in order for your child to participate. Please call us if you have questions or concerns.

MyCampus-A Great Starting Place in Helping us Support Your Child’s Success in School

This year, parents/guardians and students have a new tool available to them to allow them to have more up to date information about their school progress. During the registration process, you were able to sign up for MyCampus access and if you did, you should have received a letter with your password by this time. MyCampus allows you to access information about attendance, grades, and in some cases, work completion via the internet. We encourage you to use this as a starting point for monitoring school progress, but please don’t let it replace regular communication with teachers through phone calls, e-mails or face to face meetings. While there is a lot of great information available on MyCampus, your child’s teachers have a wealth of information that can’t be captured in this format.

Please don’t hesitate to call us!

If you have not signed up and would like to, there is a link available on the MHS website that will allow you to sign up.

Upcoming Opportunities for Parents to Learn More About Alcohol and Other Drugs

There are several parent meetings scheduled at MHS in the PAC focused on current trends in the use of alcohol and other drugs by teens. (See dates at left .)

We would strongly encourage parents to attend. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Cheryl at 829-9645.