

MILWAUKEE HIGH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Intellectual Growth through Creative Expression

2300 West Highland Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53233 414-934-7000 8AM-4PM

MHSA is the only public performing arts high school in the state of Wisconsin.

Students spend two hours of study each day in their chosen major.

Visual Arts Theatre Creative Writing/Journalism Dance Music
We offer Honors classes. We also offer AP classes in English, History, Biology, Physics, American Government, Art History and Studio Art.

February Dates

- Feb. 7 PTSO Meeting @ 6PM
- Feb. 10 Poetry Slam ~ Black Box @ 4:30
- Feb. 12 Fashion Show @ 1PM and 7PM
- Feb. 14 Marine Band
- Feb. 15 Late Winter Piano Recital@ 7PM
- Feb. 16 Early Morning Coffee 7:40- 8:30
- Feb. 17 SGC Meeting @ 6PM
- Feb. 18 Valentine's Day Dance
- Feb. 21 Mid-Semester Break: No School
- Feb. 25 Chili Cook-Off @ 5:45 - 6:55 PM
Jazz Soul Show @ 7 PM
- Feb. 26 Band Students WSMA Solos and Ensemble at Nathan Hale H.S.

Coming in March

- Mar. 4 *The Crimson Gig* ~ MHSA Fund-raiser & Silent Auction
- Mar. 5 WSMA Solo and Ensemble
- Mar. 7 PTSO @ 6PM Café/Parent Room
- Mar. 9-10 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Mar. 10 SGC @ 6PM Library
- Mar. 11 No School
- Mar. 14 No School (Banking Day)
- Mar. 18 Battle of the Bands
- Mar. 19 ACT-SO Competition
- Mar. 22 Final Auditions for Fall Term

Upcoming Events

- April 1-3 *Hairspray: The Musical*
- April 2 Alumni Night!
- April 6 Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra!

Check our website for changes, updates and additions at: <http://www.mhsarts.com>

School Starts at 8:35 AM
School Ends at 3:45 PM

February 2011



My Funny Valentine
*My funny Valentine,
Sweet comic Valentine
You make me smile with my heart
Your looks are laughable,
unphotographable
Yet, you're my favorite work of art...*

-- Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart

Now Playing

The Soul of MHSA

A retrospective of American soul music at MHSA

In celebration of black history month, this soul retrospective of the three major eras in American soul music (Detroit, Memphis, and Philadelphia) will feature:

- A 30+ piece Orchestra
- MHSA Vocal Jazz Ensemble
- Ms. Adair (MHSA Assistant Principal) performing as Tina Turner

(No Intermission - 90 minutes of pure enjoyment)

Listen to "The Sound of Young America" performed by young Americans.

Don't miss this event!

Tickets \$2 adults / \$1 students

And don't forgetThe MHSA Fashion Show
The Fashion Affair

Saturday, February 12 @ 1PM and 7PM



Late Winter
Piano Recital

February 15 @ 7 PM

Upcoming Events -

February 12 ~ Fashion Show at 1PM and 7PM

See the world of fashion through the minds of high school students who sketch, design and sew apparel. See who's wearing what while walking the runway at this year's *Fashion Affair*.



Parent and Staff Morning Coffee ~ MHS Library

Wednesday, February 16 from 7:40 - 8:30 AM

Each month we have an early morning coffee for parents, guardians, staff, and members of the community. Stop in before you head off to work.

Valentine's Day Dance - Friday, February 18

Students can come dressed up or wear regular clothes. Tickets will go on sale Monday, February 7 and will continue to sell until all tickets have been sold. Tickets are \$7 each and can be purchased from Dr. Lobley, Ms. Adair and from Ms. Raasch during the lunch hours. You must have your Student I.D. in order to purchase a dance ticket. Food is not included in the ticket price. Food and beverages will be available for purchase during the event.

The Cook-Off is ON!

Chili Cook-Off and Jazz Department's Soul Show: Friday, Feb. 25th

Get your Chili first and Get a little Soul at 7PM



~ MHS Chili Cook-Off ~ 5:45 - 6:55 PM

Enter a crock of your favorite chili.

Prizes awarded for:

- Best Meat Chili
- Best Vegetarian Chili
- Best Unusual Chili
- Hottest (but still edible) Chili



Soul Show @ 7PM

Ninety minutes of pure enjoyment.
No intermission.

Do you have a favorite Chili recipe? Why not enter the Contest? Call Chili Central at 934-7059 and give the name of your chili and let us know if it is vegetarian or not. Bring in your fully cooked (and heated up) chili in a crockpot @ 5:30 PM on the 25th. If you need a crockpot, let us know.

College Goal Wisconsin

- Saturday, February 19 2 PM at Alverno College and Custer High School
- Sunday, February 20 2 PM at Riverside H.S. and Pulaski H.S.

Getting Money for College is EASY - College Goal Wisconsin

www.wicollegegoalsunday.org

You do the math:

This year we will experience 4 unusual dates: 1/1/11, 1/11/11 11/1/11, 11/11/11.
NOW go figure this out.... take the last 2 digits of the year you were born plus the age you will be this year and it WILL EQUAL TO 11.

We still need Auction Items for The Crimson Gig!

Can you or your employer donate: Jewelry Art Antiques Cosmetics
Airline Tickets Restaurant Gift Certificates Event Tickets

Donation Forms are on the Parent Table outside the main office. Fill it out and return it with your item to the office or parent room. Questions? Contact Sara at 934-7059.

More Research Papers

It is now Mark Period 3. Students are working on research projects in their art areas. During Mark Period 4, science classes will assign research projects. Check that your student is following the process. Remind them that the web site OWL Purdue offers helpful guidelines.

Poetry Slam

The MHS Spiders Poetry Slam Team hosts its initial bout of the 2011 season on Thursday, February 10th at 4:30 pm in the Black Box Theater. Arts is slamming against Milwaukee Montessori, Messmer, and Riverside. MHS is the reigning MPS Poetry Slam League Champion. Come out and support our slam poets and get your mind blown by the most outstanding young poets in Milwaukee. Spiders practice every Thursday in room 329 from 4 - 5:30 PM. Any student enrolled in CLC is welcome to attend. See Mr. Bruss if you have any questions.

New Library Books

Each month the library receives a shipment of new books. Here are a few we recently received. Look for them in the New Book Display on the Library counter.

Creative and Media Careers (by Anne Rooney)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 44) and index.; Working in the creative and media sector -- Center stage -- Behind the scenes -- Words and pictures -- Making it happen -- Making things -- Being creative with technology. Identifies creative and media career opportunities, providing descriptions of actors, sound engineers, journalists, designers, and others, with information on responsibilities and training, and profiles of workers in the field.

The Ten-Year Century: Explaining the First Decade of the New Millennium
(by James Sutherland)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 129-141) and index. A year-by-year account of some of the most significant events of the twenty-first century, with discussion of how they have changed America.

Ship Breaker (by Paol Bacigalupi) National Book Award Finalist

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.

Trash (by Andy Mulligan)

A group of fourteen-year-old boys, who make a living picking garbage from the outskirts of a large city, finds something special and mysterious that brings terrifying consequences.

SAVE THE WORDS - The endangered word for February is:

Blateration n. blabber chatter

I had to listen to my mother's blateration for thirty minutes because her definition of a clean room included a floor free of dirty clothes, garbage and other debris.

Students and Staff in the Limelight...

Two MHSa music students were honored and recognized in January as a result of their auditions for the Civic Music Association high school showcase. **Hailee Boston** received the Donald Mohr scholarship in the amount of \$500. **Chantal Tribble** received \$250 and was selected to perform in the showcase recital at the Wisconsin Conservatory.

Ishtar Njaaga was honored at the MLK Celebration on January 16 at the Performing Arts Center for taking first place in the 10th grade category for the MLK Speech contest. She was also featured on the *Lake Effect* radio program on January 17 where she read her speech.

Steven Koehler, MHSa theatre and physics teacher, is performing in the Skylight Opera's production of "Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" which continues through February 20 at the Broadway Theatre Center. Ray Jivoff is the director. As an MPS Partner school, staff, students and parents can purchase Skylight tickets for a greatly reduced rate of \$10. For ticket information call 291-7800 or visit skylightopera.com.

Mark your calendar: Parent-Teacher Conferences are March 9 and 10!

Senior Information

Thanks to all of the seniors and parents of seniors who came out for the Senior Meeting on January 12, 2011. Seniors who plan to graduate must take care of all unfinished business (fees) by **Friday, May 25**. Unfinished Business reminders will be mailed home with report cards. If you have questions about fees owed, see Ms. Bates (bookstore) or Ms. Hron (main office).

Here are other important dates to remember:

- **May 13** Rexnord Awards Ceremony 5PM (This is a change from previous years)
- **May 20** Prom 7PM
- **June 2-3** Senior Final Exams (Tentative Dates)
- **June 8** Graduation Rehearsal 9AM-11AM ~ Milwaukee Theatre 500 W. Kilbourn Ave.
Graduation Ceremony 6PM

Home-Grown Veggies at School

Miss Vickio and her science students have been growing vegetables and herbs in her classroom including: cherry tomatoes, mild peppers, oregano, basil and parsley.



Roundy's "We Care" Program is Gone

The "We Care" program (that earned the PTSO a check of \$200 each quarter for shopping at Pick and Save stores) has been cancelled. If you want to complain, call Chairman Bob.

Sports Information (including Comedy Sportz High School League)

Feb 12	Arts vs. Greendale	11 AM
Feb 26	Arts vs. Tosa West	1 PM
March 5	Arts vs. Plymouth	Noon
March 12	Arts vs. Waukesha S.	11 AM
March 19	Arts vs. Pius	1 PM
March 26	Arts vs. King	Noon
April 9	Arts vs. Greendale	Noon
April 16	Arts vs. Tosa West	1 PM

Comedy Sportz High School League starts up in February. CS is competitive improv comedy with you, (the audience) as the judge. Come cheer on your Arts Aartvarks at these family-friendly matches. Games take place on Saturdays at Comedy Sportz in Milwaukee. There are high school games at 11 AM, 12 Noon and 1 PM. Our team will play just one of those hours. Cost: \$3 per person.

- Comedy Sportz
- 420 South First Street
- Milwaukee, WI 53202

Track and Field is Recruiting New Members

The Pulaski-Arts track and field team is currently looking for new and returning members to join the team. A typical track and field meet includes 16 running and field events. We are currently recruiting sprinters, distance runners, long jumpers and high jumpers. We also need shot put and discus throwers and pole-vaulters. There is an event for every body type and for each gender type. All practices are held at Pulaski Stadium and students will take the athletic bus to practices. The first day of the season is Monday, March 7th. Please attend our team meeting after school on Wednesday February 2nd from 4 - 4:30pm to discuss eligibility papers, obtaining proper running shoes, team uniforms, and the season schedule. Interested students that cannot attend should see Ms. Wojnar in room 107 as soon as possible.

Nursing Notes For February

Did you know... That heart disease is still the No. 1 killer of **women**, taking the life of 1 in 3 women each year? That heart disease claims the lives of over 433,000 **American women** each year? The American Heart Association's **Go Red For Women®** works every day to fund research and fight this killer so that more women can be saved. But they need our help. Please celebrate **National Wear Red Day® Friday, February 4** to raise awareness about heart disease among women! It is their mission and belief that together we can make a difference.

How we at MHSA can **Make It Our Mission to fight heart disease among women:**

- **Wear red on Friday February 4th**
- Help make our community aware of heart disease, its impact on women and how we can fight back. For more information: **GoRedForWomen.org**
- **Love our hearts** by being physically active, eating a heart-healthy diet and being educated about heart disease and its risk factors such as: Obesity, Physical inactivity, Smoking, and Unhealthy eating habits.

SAVE THE DATE: MHSA BLOOD DRIVE MARCH 29TH!

Upcoming Parent Meetings at MHSA

Group	Date/Time/Place	Monthly Focus	Contact
PTSO	Monday, February 7 @ 6 PM Cafe/Parent Room	Chili Cook-Off Ice Cream Social	Sara Raasch 934-7059
SGC	Thursday, February 17 @ 6 PM Library	School Nutrition School Budget	Tyne Turner mike8963@yahoo.com

If you are interested in School Nutrition and / or the School Budget, please come to the SGC Meeting on Feb. 17. The guest speaker will be Kym Mutch of MPS Nutrition Services. You might also be interested in these articles on school lunches:

<http://simplegoodandtasty.com/2010/11/22/what-school-lunch-in-france-can-teach-us-back-home-in-the-us> and http://www.webmd.com/diet/features/chef_jamie_oliver_makes_over_school_lunches.

District Advisory Council - Two Positions Available

The District Advisory Council (DAC) is the parent advisory group for the district. All schools are required to have at least two parent representatives. As a rep, you are responsible for attending monthly meetings and sharing the information with parents at MHSA. The DAC meets the first Thursday of each month at Central Services from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. If you have questions about the DAC, contact Tamara Johnson, MPS Parent Involvement Coordinator at 414-475-8310 or johnsots@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

Region DAC and Families First Monthly Meetings

The Following Meetings are open to all parents and guardians and take place once a month at MPS Central Office. The address is 5225 W. Vliet Street.

Region Parent Meetings Meets the First Thursday of each Month from 6 -7 PM	District Advisory Council Meets the First Thursday of each Month from 7-9 PM	Families First Meets the Third Wednesday of each Month from 6-8 PM
February 3	February 3	February 16
March 3	March 3	March 16
April 7	April 7	April 20
May 5	May 5	May 18
June 2	June 2	No June Meeting

Volunteer Opportunities for Parents

- Sell Spirit Wear (MHSA gear) during lunch hours or during MHSA events
- Work the MHSA Box Office (Next event: Friday, Feb. 25th *The Soul Show*)

To volunteer call Sara at 934-7059 or email her at raaschsm@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

Not getting enough information from MHSA? Sign up for the MHSA Weekly E-Newsletter. Go to: www.mhsarts. Find the pink tab on the right that says “Weekly E-Newsletter.” Click on that. Type in your email address. You will now receive weekly updates from MHSA.

Want the **Monthly Newsletter** sooner and in color? Get it by email and print it out yourself. Send an email to: raaschsm@milwaukee.k12.wi.us and list YOUR NAME, YOUR STUDENT’S NAME and your MAILING ADDRESS so you can be taken off the postal route.



a jazz benefit for wisconsin's premiere arts high school



The MHSA Fundraiser and Silent Auction: Friday, March 4, 2011 6:30 PM
Located in one of the Highland Avenue Mansions ~ 3112 West Highland Blvd.
Tickets are \$30 single / \$50 couple
Checks should be made payable to the CARS Foundation

Listen to MHSA Jazz while you enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.
Bid on auction items including tickets, vouchers and gift cards to:

- Bel Canto Chorus In Tandem Theatre Milwaukee Ballet Next Act Theatre
- Peck School of the Arts Present Music Sunset Playhouse Milwaukee Rep.
- Skylight Opera Villa Terrace Art Museum Charles Allis Art Museum
- Comedy Sportz Beans and Barley Panera Bread
- Works of Art by MHSA student artists and Milwaukee area artists
- Amethyst Tennis Bracelet Hand-made Queen-Sized Quilt
- More items are arriving each day...

The MHSA Fundraiser: **The Crimson Gig** Return Card

Please reply by February 25, 2011.

- Person will attend at \$30 (single ticket)
- Persons will attend at \$50 (couple)
- I have enclosed a check for \$ _____.
- I / We are unable to attend but would like to enclose a donation of \$_____.

Names of those attending:

Please make checks payable to: **CARS Foundation** and use the CARS envelopes provided in the main office. If you are mailing this in, please address your envelope as this: CARS c/o Milwaukee High School of the Arts, 2300 W. Highland Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53233. We will put your name(s) on a list and check you in when you arrive on March 4. There will be no paper tickets issued.

Milwaukee High School of the Arts
2300 West Highland Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53233

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide an educational experience which enables all students to nurture their academic and artistic talents to the fullest. Students will develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, communicate effectively and become proficient in the use of modern technology. The MHSA staff, in collaboration with parents and community, will create an educational atmosphere fostering excellence and achievement. The school's curriculum, based on respect for people of all cultural backgrounds, prepares students to be responsible citizens of a democratic society.

Our Major Areas of Study:

Visual Arts Dance Creative Writing/Journalism Music Theatre
For more about Milwaukee High School of the Arts, please visit our web site:

<http://www.mhsarts.com>

Please consider joining our email list. If you are a parent of a current student, you can opt to receive the newsletter by email only. Send me the name of your student AND your street address so I can take you off of the mailing list. If you are a community member or alumni I can add you to one of those lists. Save a tree! Keep costs down. Email: raaschsm@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

Want to submit an article? Contact me by the 15th of the month.

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