

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.

January Dates

- Jan. 3 School Resumes
New Parent Meet and Greet 5:30
PTSO @ 6:30
- Jan. 4-6 *Hairspray* Auditions
- Jan. 11 Theatre Dance Performance
- Jan. 12 Meeting: **Seniors & Parents 6PM**
Jazz Bazaar @ 7PM
- Jan. 13 Free Flu & Immunization Clinic
SGC Meeting @ 6PM
- Jan. 17 MLK, Jr. Day - No School
- Jan. 18-20 Mid-Term Exams
- Jan. 21 Records Day - No School
- Jan. 24 Banking Day - No School
- Jan. 25 Auditions for Non-Milwaukee
Students 6PM SHARP!
- Jan. 28 and 29: *Gospel at Colonus*

Coming in February

- Feb. 7 PTSO Meeting @ 6PM
- Feb. 12 Fashion Show @ 1PM and 7PM
- Feb. 15 Late Winter Piano Show @ 7PM
- Feb. 17 SGC Meeting @ 6PM
- Feb. 21 Mid-Semester Break: No School
- Feb. 25 Chili Cook-Off 6PM followed by
Jazz Soul Show @ 7PM

Other Upcoming Events

- March 4 *The Crimson Gig* Silent Auction
and MHSA Fundraiser
- April 1-3 *Hairspray: The Musical*
- 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

January 2011

January

Again I reply to the triple winds
running chromatic fifths of derision
outside my window:

Play louder.

You will not succeed. I am
bound more to my sentences
the more you batter at me
to follow you.

And the wind,
as before, fingers perfectly
its derisive music.

William Carlos Williams

This Month's Headliners

**SENIOR MEETING
JANUARY 12 AT 6PM**

For All seniors and their parents

Jazz Bazaar

**January 12
7 PM**

"One big show spectacular!"

Gospel at Colonus

January 28 and 29 at 7PM

MHSA Auditorium

Important Senior Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2011 @ 6PM

This meeting is for graduating seniors and at least one parent / guardian. The information will cover all you need to know about Graduation. A light dinner will be served. Please RSVP by mail (with the form mailed to your home) by phone to 934-7059 or by email to: raaschsm@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. Please leave the name of your student and the total number who will be attending. PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, JANUARY 10.

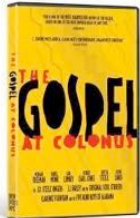
All attendees are encouraged to stay for the *Jazz Bazaar* following the meeting.

Jazz Bazaar: January 12 @ 7PM

The Jazz Bazaar will take place in rooms 100, 102 and in the MHSA café. This is the night that a variety of Jazz groups perform. It is billed as eight groups (including vocal jazz) on three different stages. This annual show is referred to as, "*one big thrill show spectacular.*" Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Proceeds go to the jazz department.

Join Staff Members and Parents Friday, January 14 from 7:30 - 8:30 AM Coffee, Cakes and Conversation

Each month we have an early morning coffee for parents, guardians, staff, and members of the community. Come and have a "cuppa" with us in the library. Stop in before you head off to work any time between 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. We proudly serve Caribou Coffee and offer some fine conversation. If you want - invite a teacher to join you. Have youngsters? Bring 'em along. Please park in the student lot - on the east side of MHSA - or across the street on Highland and away from the Bus Drop Zone. Hope to see you there.



MHSA Opera Presents: *The Gospel of Colonus* January 28 and 29 @ 7PM

The Gospel of Colonus is a retelling of Sophocles' classical tragedy *Oedipus at Colonus*. This is a collaboration between the MHSA Vocal, Jazz and Theatre departments.

FORENSICS: Forensics is kicking off this January. See Ralph Janes if you are interested in joining the team.

Just Show Up! Just Show Up! Just Show Up! Just Show Up!

And speaking of performances...

Auditions for Non-Milwaukee Residents: Tuesday, Jan. 25
Auditions start PROMPTLY at 6PM DO NOT ARRIVE LATE!

All the information you need is online at:

<http://www.milwaukeehighschoolofthearts.org>

Final Exam Schedule January 18-20

Tuesday, January 18

8:35 - 9:50 AM HOUR 1

10:00 - 11:15 AM HOUR 2

11:25 - 12:40 PM HOUR 3

Wednesday, January 19

8:35 - 9:50 AM HOUR 6/7 or 7/8

10:00 - 11:15 HOUR 9

11:25-12:40 PM HOUR 10

Thursday, January 20

8:35 - 9:50 AM HOUR 4/5 or 5/6

There is NO SCHOOL on Friday, January 21 for students. This is Records Day!

News from the Social Studies Department

Mr. Beudet's Economics classes are working on a collaborative art project with the Visual Arts department titled: *Look Out any Window: Visual Expressions of Current Political Events*. Students will reflect on political, economic, or social issues. They will form an opinion on that issue, and communicate that opinion through visual arts.

After past successes, the project has been expanded this year to include nearly the entire Senior class!! Any donations of crayons, charcoals, paints, oils / pastels, glue sticks, and foil / colored papers would be appreciated. Additionally, many students elect to include collages in their work, so magazines of all kinds would be appreciated as well. Please come and see the gallery showing of the completed works in the spring.

Nursing Notes for January 2011

WHAT? Free Immunization Clinic At MHSA ~ Including Free Flu Shot!

WHEN? January 13, 2010 During School Hours at MHSA

WHO? Students behind schedule on immunizations and parents who are getting phone calls and/or letters in the mail regarding immunizations for your child!

WHAT TO DO?

- 1). If your child has recently received a vaccination, has had chicken pox, or you know they are not behind schedule please:
 - a. Send documentation with your child to the School Nurse or
 - b. Mail it to the school: Attention School Nurse
- 2). If your child is behind schedule, sign the consent form and return it to school ASAP!

****Consent by parent or guardian is required in order for your child to participate!**

HOW TO GET THE CONSENT FORM?

- a. On the school website: <http://www.milwaukeehighschoolofthearts.org/>
- b. Check the mail. They have been mailed to all homes behind in immunizations.
- c. Ask your child to pick up a consent form from the school nurse.
- d. Call 934-7019 to request a consent form to be mailed.
- e. Come to the school to fill out the consent form.

WHY? To Keep Kids Healthy! Healthy kids are not gleimous kids. (See page 6.) Get a FREE FLU shot! If you have questions, contact Ms. Wolfe (MHSA nurse) at (414) 934-7019 or by email: wolfehc@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

Students in the Limelight...

Congratulations to Chantal Tribble and Annetta Martin for winning the **Poetry Out Loud** competition at MHS! They will go on to represent us at the regional competition in February. Congratulations, as well, to the grade level winners who worked so hard to memorize poems:

- Freshman level: Monaja Gregory and Alexis Stratton
- Sophomore level: Annetta Martin and Ishtar Njaaga
- Junior Level: Jordan Korpela, Alexis Humphries and Chantal Tribble
- Senior Level: Dimonte Henning and Lisbeth Solano

MHS junior theatre major, Maggie Redemann, finished her stint in Carte Blanche Studios (Walker's Point) production of "The Hostage" in December. Maggie played Theresa in this "uproariously funny tragedy" which takes place in a Dublin lodging house and brothel. Maggie is a Dave and Caryn Redemann Production.

Please congratulate Dimonte Henning for winning a Merit Award in the Young Arts competition for Theatre. This is a nationwide competition that is highly competitive and this award places Dimonte in the top five % in the country.

Creative Writing News

The MHS Creative Writing Department entered the statewide Creative Writing Festival at UW-Whitewater for the first time this fall. The over 700 students who attended were mostly from suburban districts. MHS had three Winners:

- Third Place Essay: Michaela Kane (junior)
- Third Place Children's Literature: Skye Sieglaff and Erin Matthias (seniors)
- Song Lyrics Honorable Mention: Khiri Nelson (freshman)

MHS Martin Luther King, Jr. Award Winners

Ishtar Njaaga (an MHS sophomore transfer student from University School) won first place in the **MLK Speech Contest** in the 9th-10 grade category. She will be representing MHS at the MLK Celebration in January.

MHS has again placed in the City-wide Martin Luther King, Jr., **Essay Contest**. MHS Creative Writing major Michaela Kane won 2nd place in the 11th-12th grade category.

Look for the winning essays in the *Journal-Sentinel's* MLK, Jr. Day section. All writers will be honored on Sunday, January 16th in a ceremony at the Marcus Center. All first-place speech-writing winners (including Ishtar) will be able to present their speech.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Sunday, January 16

Marcus Center for the Performing Arts

1-4 PM

FREE and Open to the Public

Upcoming Events -

February 12th ~ Fashion Show at 1PM and 7PM

See the world of fashion through the minds of high school students who design and sew their own creations. Fellow students don these creations and walk the MHSa runway. This year's theme has not yet been revealed. Stay tuned for next month's newsletter.

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

Get your Chili at 6PM and Get a little Soul at 7PM

MHSa Chili Cook-Off

Enter a crock of your favorite chili.

Compete with staff members and parents.

Vote for:

- The BEST Meat Chili
- The Best Vegetarian Chili
- The "I'm on fire put me out" Chili



Eat chili. Drink water.

Vote on chili. Drink water.

Digest chili. Drink water.

Go to the auditorium and enjoy the SOUL Show.

The 2011 MHSa Silent Auction & Fundraiser

Save the Date

For the MHSa Annual Fundraiser

The Crimson Gig

Friday, March 4, 2011

At Quorum Architects ~ 3112 W. Highland Ave.

(The old Frederick Pabst, Jr., Mansion)

\$30 per person ~ \$50 per couple

Live MHSa Jazz.

Complimentary Wine. Beer. Appetizers.

Silent Auction

We need Auction Items!

Can you or your employer donate?

Airline Tickets?

Restaurant Gift Certificates?

Theatre or Sporting Event Tickets?

Hand-made Jewelry or Original Art?

Antiques? Unique Items?

Handmade Scarves? Luxury Gift Items?

Spa Items? Cosmetics?

Hotel Packages?

Contact Silent Auction Chair:

Sara at 934-7059

Donation Forms are available on the Parent Table outside the main office. Please fill out the donation form and return it *with* your item. Items should be dropped off in the Parent Room near the cafeteria. Proceeds of this fundraiser will help supplement our arts programming and offset costs of our spring musical, *Hairspray*.

Hairspray

The Broadway Musical

April 1. 2. and 3.

Upcoming Parent Meetings at MHSA

Group	Date/Time/Place	Monthly Focus	Contact
SGC	Thursday, January 13 @ 6 PM Library	Student Mentorships	Tyne Turner mike8963@yahoo.com
PTSO	Mon. Feb. 7 @ 6 PM Cafeteria or Parent Room	Chili Cook-Off	Sara Raasch 934-7059

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
January 6	January 6 *	January 19
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

* Note: Families for School Funding will be presenting along with Tom Beebe from Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools at the Jan. 6th District Advisory Council. MPS parents are welcome to attend. Tom will provide information to parents about how schools are funded in Wisconsin. This presentation will last 45 minutes to be followed with information from the finance department in MPS. Ideas on how to improve school funding will also be given.

Traffic Concerns on Highland Avenue Continue....

- Please DO NOT drop off students in the bus loading zone
- Please DO NOT double park to let your student out
- Please DO NOT park on the Cross Walk!! PEDESTRIANS HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY!

There have been way too many near misses in front of our school. Please remember that this is a school zone and you need to S L O W D O W N.

Please help make our school environment safe. Park in the student parking lot or park a little further east on Highland Avenue away from the bus zone.

SAVE THE WORDS

The endangered word for January's Newsletter is:

gleimous adj. slimy; full of phlegm

Ronald was a gleimous man, so we kept well clear of him during flu season.

<http://www.savethewords.org>.

Not getting enough information from MHSA? Sign up for the MHSA Weekly E-Newsletter. Go to the MHSA website (<http://www.mhsarts>). Find the pink tab on the right-hand side of the page that says "Weekly E-Newsletter." Click on that. Type in your email address. **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

Skylight

opera theatre

158 N. Broadway
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Box Office:
414-291-7800

\$10*

*There will be a \$1.50 dollar handling fee per ticket.

Attention MPS Partner School Faculty, Students, and Family

The Skylight Opera Theatre invites you
to see our shows at a reduced rate of \$10.

Please inform our box office staff what partner school you are associated with.



**November 19 ~
December 19**

* Recommended for
grades 4-12

This hilarious operetta takes place aboard the British ship H.M.S. Pinafore, where the navy captain's daughter falls in love with a lower class sailor instead of her father's choice.



**January 28 ~
February 20**

* Recommended for high
school students

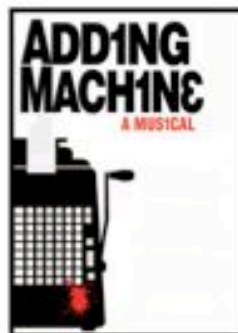
Each song in this revue tells a story and examines themes of love, war, being young and growing old, never forgetting that life, with all its tragedies and complexities, is filled with humor.



**March 18 ~
April 3**

* Recommended for high
School students

Skylight updates this classic comic opera, by Mozart, begins with two sisters, their fiancés, and a bet—will the women be faithful?



**May 20 ~
June 12**

* Recommended for high
school students

This brilliant and eclectic score was written by Milwaukee native Joshua Schmidt and is an adaptation of Elmer Rice's 1923 expressionist play.

Please visit us online at www.skylightopera.com

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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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