



JANUARY 2012

MILWAUKEE HIGH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Intellectual Growth through Creative Expression

2300 West Highland Ave. Milwaukee, WI. 53233

414 934-7000 - School Bell Schedule: 8:45 AM-3:55 PM

MHSA is the only public performing high school in the state of Wisconsin. Students spend two hours of each day in their chosen major: Visual Arts – Theatre – Creative Writing/Journalism – Dance – Music

MHSA also offers the following Advanced Placement courses: Art History – Biology – Chemistry - English Language - English Literature - Music Theory – Physics – Spanish - Studio Art - US Government - US History

2012

Happy New Year!

Important January Dates!

Jan. 1 Happy New Year!

Jan. 3 School resumes

Jan.3 Brothers of Kwanza

Jan. 5 Poetry Out Loud Level Competition

JAN. 6 Poetry Out Loud School Wide Competition

Jan. 7 New Jubilee Choir rehearsal

Jan. 11 Jazz Bazaar

Jan.16 MLK Day (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, no school)

Jan. 17, 18, 19. High School mid-term exams

Jan. 19 Parent Night!

Jan. 20 Record Day (no student attendance)

Jan. 23 Banking Day (no student attendance)

Jan. 24 Spring Auditions (non- Milwaukee residents only)

Jan.25 Senior Night

Jazz Bazaar

January 11, 2012

Parents and students! This is the night that a variety of MHSA jazz groups Will perform. There will be eight groups playing on three different stages. This annual show is referred to as "One big thrill show spectacular". All proceeds go to the Jazz Department. Tickets are only \$1 to \$2 dollars! Refreshments will be provided, Courtesy of MSHA Jazz parents.

*Douglas W. Syme
Director of Jazz Studies
Milwaukee High School of the Arts*



REALLY COOL STUFF

In the BOOKSTORE!

The MHSA Bookstore is open and ready for business. Hours of operation are before school and during the three lunch periods. A limited assortment of school supplies is available at very reasonable prices along with Spirit wear and the popular MAJOR t-shirts at \$7.00 each. Payment of school fees, yearbook and work permits may also be made at the bookstore.

*Patricia A. Hron
Secretary*

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FREE Driver's Education classes!

MHSA's CLC program is offering **FREE Driver's Education** classes for students ages 15.5 years of age and up. Students must have consistently attended the CLC after school program for a minimum of a month this school year. Qualifications also include 25 hours of community service and a GPA of a 2.5 or higher. CLC needs twelve individuals to complete all of these requirements in order to open up a class for Driver's Ed, so please encourage your student(s) to turn in their information to the CLC office as soon as possible! If there are questions/concerns, please contact Ms. Danielle Hunter or Mr. Tristan Gross at (414)934-7080 or (414)587-3924. We look forward to our second year offering free Driver's Ed classes.

Danielle Hunter

Milwaukee High School of the Arts

CLC Site Coordinator

414.587.3924

Join us for GEAR UP 1st Fridays

(Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs)

All GEAR UP students are encouraged to attend.

When: January 6, 2012

Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Where: MHSA School Library

Speakers: Harriet Whisnant, GEAR UP Counselor and Mark Briggs, EIP Counselor

The Wisconsin Educational Opportunity Program (WEOP), is an agency within DPI that administers the GEAR UP grant as well as 6 other state and federal initiatives, including: State Talent Search; Early Identification Program; Talent Incentive Program (TIP), grant, Pre-College Scholarship program, and federally funded Talent Search, and Upward Bound programs.





New Concept Self Development Center will be presenting group parenting classes.

All classes will be held at the District Parent Resource Center in North Division from 5:00-7:00pm

- If you cannot make the first set of sessions, don't worry, there are more sets scheduled throughout the school year. (parents only attend one set of sessions)
- Participants who meet all attendance requirements will receive a Certificate of Completion on the last day of class.

For more information or to register:

**Call Ms. Beckley at
(414) 267-4982 or**

**Visit the District Parent Resource Center,
Room 158**

January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 of 2012

**District Parent Resource Center
North Division**

1011 W. Center Street, Room 158

Milwaukee, WI. 53206

(414) 267-4982

Topics will include:

- **Communication and Listening**
- **Lifestyles and Role Models**
- **Human Sexuality/Sexual Abuse Prevention**
- **Discipline vs. Punishment**
- **Building Positive Self-Esteem**
- **Problem Ownership**
- **Behavior Expectations and Child Development**
- **Children Home Alone**

Save The Date!



Junior and Senior Prom!

Yes! It is time to start preparing for this spectacular evening. The date, time, location and theme have been set! Come out looking as if you have just walked the Red Carpet! In order to attend this event, all underclassmen must be accompanied by a junior or senior.

- **Date: Saturday May 19, 2012**
- **Time: 7pm to 11:30pm**
- **Location: The Grain Exchange**
- **Theme: Happily Ever After**
- **Colors: metallic gold, metallic silver and royal purple**
(More details in upcoming issues of the MHS A newsletter)

***What parents need to know
about Response to
Intervention, also known as
RtI:***

- *This school year MPS adopted an RtI framework to provide high quality instruction to ALL students.*
- *RtI uses a tiered approach to meet the needs of ALL students. Tier 1 represents supports available to ALL students. Tier 2 represents supports available to students who are still not making progress, or students who need additional acceleration.*
- *The term “ALL students” includes students who are struggling, have special education needs, are English language learners, and gifted/talented students.*
- *Tier 3 represents intensive supports for students who need a high level of resources or services.*
- *All MPS schools will soon begin to conduct informational sessions to help parents better understand RtI and their children’s test results from the new district assessment, the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP).*
- ***RtI and Parent Involvement*** *Parent Involvement plays an important role in student achievement. Parents can be involved in the following ways:*



***Ways to help with
Your child’s progress!***

- ❖ ***You can check*** your child’s progress on the MPS portal. You’ll need to fill out an application form, available at your child’s school. Along with that form, you’ll be asked to show identification, possibly your child’s birth certificate, or any other documentation your school requires when it changes or updates your child’s records. The school will then provide to you a logon and password for you to use. You will be able to change your password any time you go into Parent Assistant, by going to the bottom of the Demographic screen and clicking Change Password.
- ❖ ***Help*** your child be prepared for testing
- ❖ ***Take*** time to check or have the student show you their work.
- ❖ ***Ask*** how student is doing in classes.
- ❖ ***Constantly*** reinforce reading! Make sure your child has a public Library card.
- ❖ ***Talk*** to your student about school rules and consequences.
- ❖ ***Help*** your student with organization.
- ❖ ***Make sure*** your student has their needed supplies.
- ❖ ***Talk*** to students about respect and taking responsibility.

- ❖ **Respond** to phone calls, emails and letters (they are not always negative, and the teacher may have some helpful tips or information)
- ❖ **Surprise** visits are encouraged (we have an open door policy)
- ❖ **Attend school functions**, such as parent- teacher conferences and RtI parent sessions at your child's school.
Here's the link!

http://www2.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/dsi/MPS_District_&_School_Improvement/RtI.html

Respect for ourselves guides our morals; respect for others guides our manners.

Laurence Sterne

CONGRATULATIONS!

Timothy Boone, Jr. of Milwaukee, WI, who hails from Milwaukee High School of the Arts, is a YoungArts Merit Award Winner in Popular Voice. Chosen from more than 5,000 applicants in nine disciplines in the visual, literary and performing arts, he will receive a monetary award and join the ranks of the 16,000 YoungArts alumni, including such notables as multimedia artist Doug Aitken; actors Vanessa Williams, Raúl Esparza and Kerry Washington; and musicians Nicki Minaj and Chris Young. YoungArts is the core program of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA).



Timothy Boone Jr.



Martin Luther King Jr. I Have A Dream Speech, Washington D.C. 1963

MHSA students placed in the city-wide MLKjr. Essay Contest!

11th & 12 grade category: 1st place -- Genevieve Dornemann; 2nd place -- Rachel Chevremont.

9th & 10th grade category: 1st place -- Kwame Nsoroma; 3rd place -- Borgne Raasch.

Congratulations to them! Their essays will appear in the Journal Sentinel on January 15th and they will receive savings bonds and plaques at the city-wide MLK celebration the same day.

Check this out **Seniors!**

This year's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) comes online January first. Fill it out as soon as possible! At fafsa.gov.



Don't forget these ACT dates!

Juniors and seniors!

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
Feb. 11, 2012	Jan. 13, 2012	Jan. 14 - 20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10 - 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	ACT Test Dates:	May 5 - 18, 2012

Basic ACT is \$34.00. ACT with writing is \$49.50. Late fee is \$21.00

For more information about ACT testing and fees, go to:

<http://www.actstudent.org/index.html>

**I ♥
Class of
2012 SENIOR NIGHT!** Rescheduled for Jan. 25 @ 6pm-pm
(the meeting will include student information and a light supper)

**Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law
(For our 18 year old students!)**

Voter Photo ID is now the law in Wisconsin.

Starting in 2012, voters will be required to show a photo ID such as a driver license or state-issued ID in order to receive a ballot and vote.

*Voting is extremely important! You are exercising your right as an adult to express your opinion on issues that affect everyone. **Every vote counts!***



To learn about getting a free Wisconsin ID card, please visit the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website:

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/idcard.htm>

MHSA desperately needs parent Volunteers to assist with:

- ✓ *The box office during performances*
- ✓ *Newsletters*
- ✓ *Fund Raising*
- ✓ *Just a parental presence in the building*

Parent night!

Jan. 19, 2012 6pm-7:30pm

Come out for a special treat! There will be Food, Comedy, a brief Introduction to RTI (Response to Intervention) and the Hon. Congresswoman Gwen Moore as our guest speaker. Please RSVP by Jan.9. You can contact Jessalynne Moore at (414)934-7059 or email moorejc@milwaukee.k12.wi.us



Upcoming Events



FEBRUARY

Feb.3 Jazz/soul Show

Feb.7 Superintendent Coffee 12 noon – 1pm

Feb. 11 Fashion Show 7pm-8pm

Feb. 15 Junior and Senior Meeting 10:40 am-11:36 am

Feb. 17 Professional Development Day (no student attendance)

Feb. 18 New Jubilee choir rehearsal 9am-1pm

Feb. 20 Mid-Semester Break! No School

Feb. 22 Piano Recitals/ Poetry out Loud 7pm-8pm

Feb 25 WSMA Solo Ensemble at Rufus King High School

Fun facts

Most Americans' car horns beep in the key of F.

Every time Beethoven sat down to write music, he poured ice water over his head.

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Winter Asthma News

Winter in Milwaukee can be a challenge no matter who you are. For people with asthma, the winter weather can increase the risk of having an asthma attack. However, when asthma is well controlled, people with asthma can safely enjoy winter fun. These tips should help:

- ✦ Some triggers for asthma, such as cold dry air, can bring on asthma attacks for people with asthma. Our local asthma coalition, Fight Asthma Milwaukee Allies, suggests that if it's cold enough for a hat and mittens, it's cold enough to wear a scarf. When kids hit the age where they feel it's no longer socially acceptable to wear a scarf, they can cover their mouth and nose with their hands while wearing their mittens or gloves for the first 10 breaths when they first go outside and let their lungs gradually get used to the cold air.
- ✦ Plug in air fresheners, and candles that burn with holiday scents can create problems for kids with asthma.
- ✦ Never burn your wrapping paper in a fireplace or stove. The smoke can be an asthma trigger, and it can contain toxins from the ink in the wrapping paper.
- ✦ Remember, colds are the number one pediatric trigger for asthma. Wash your hands, get flu shots, and try to keep your family healthy this winter.

Working with your doctor and your school to support your child with asthma will help them to "Breathe and Achieve" this school year. For more information on asthma please visit the MPS asthma website at:

<http://www.wellnessandpreventionoffice.org/asthma.html>



Help  BULLYING!

"Bullying" refers to verbal, or mental acts committed by a student to harass, intimidate or cause harm to another student. Bullying may include verbal threats, physical assault, intimidation, or other forms of inappropriate behavior, such as harassment, disorderly conduct and acts which disturb the peace. Because bullying on school campuses is a growing concern, parents, school districts and students should be aware of the serious violations and violence that may occur as a result of student bullying. Parents and students, help MHSA end bullying in our school. I need Feedback! Email me, or Students can drop off (in the parent center) typed or neatly handwritten helpful responses on this issue. Your response may be in the February newsletter. Moorejc@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

Thanks!




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Mission statement:

To provide an educational experience this 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 the community, will create an educational atmosphere fostering excellence and achievement. The school's curriculum, based on respect for the 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 street address so I can take you off 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: moorejc@milwaukeeek12.wi.us.

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

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