

# MILWAUKEE HIGH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Intellectual Growth through Creative Expression

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## October Events

- Oct 1 Yearbook Photo Retake Day
- Oct 2 Banking Day - No School
- Oct 5 PTSO 5:30 Social 6PM Meeting
- Oct 7 Audition Workshop 6PM for Current 8<sup>th</sup> Graders
- Oct 8 SGC @ 6PM in Library
- Oct 9 Who I Am Dance Concert 7 PM
- Oct 10 Who I Am Dance Concert 7 PM
- Oct 12-15 Spirit Week
- Oct 14 Blood Drive at MHSA
- Oct 14 Conferences 3:45 - 7:15 PM
- Oct 15 Conferences 3:45 - 7:00 PM
- Oct 16 No School
- Oct 16 Homecoming Dance 7 PM
- Oct 23 & 24 TeenWrites 7 PM
- Oct 25 TeenWrites 2 PM
- Oct 29-30 No School (Convention)

## Coming in November

- Nov 2 PTSO @ 6PM
- Nov 4 WKCE Possible Test Date
- Nov 4 Auditions for Fall 2010 @ 6PM
- Nov 5 Theatre Students to UK
- Nov 7 Auditions for 2010 @10AM
- Nov 12 SGC 6PM Library
- Nov 13 Raft of the Medusa 7PM
- Nov 14 Raft of the Medusa 7PM
- Nov 15 Raft of the Medusa 2PM
- Nov 18 Paint and Play Piano 7PM
- Nov 20 Kanopy Dance 7PM
- Nov 22 Theatre Students Return
- Nov 23 Fall Band Concert 7PM
- Nov 26 Thanksgiving



Holland Park in London

## An Autumn Day

Pumpkins in the cornfields  
Gold among the brown  
Leaves of rust and scarlet  
Trembling slowly down  
Birds that travel southward  
Lovely time to play  
Nothing is as pleasant  
As an autumn day!

Carmen Lagos Signes

## October 2009

It's CONFERENCE time.

Conferences will be held on:

Wednesday, October 14 3:45 - 7:15 PM

Thursday, October 15 3:45 - 7:00 PM

There will be food available for purchase on both nights. So, eat up!

SPAGHETTI DINNER on Wednesday  
sponsored by the theatre department

HOT DOGS and MORE on Thursday  
sponsored by the dance department

Remember to bring cash or checks to pay your school fees, buy Entertainment Books (\$35), Yearbooks (\$50) and Spirit Wear!

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, Chemistry, Physics, American Government, Calculus, Art History and Studio Art.

## Audition Workshop is October 7 from 6-8 PM

The MHSA Audition Workshop is the "open house" for potential new students for the 2010-2011 school year. Current 8th grade students attend this event to learn more about MHSA, the audition process, clubs, extra-curricular activities and Honors and AP classes.

## Dance Department News

The dance department is already into rehearsal for three shows! Our first concert of the year is the "Who I Am" concert in the black box theater. The concert will be presented on Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10 at 7:00 pm. Seats are very limited so get your tickets early. This concert features solos danced and choreographed by our advanced dancers. They develop these solos around writings that they create about an event that shaped their lives. The intimate setting of the black box theater is the perfect venue for these poignant pieces. This year the concert will also include group works choreographed by the same students.

### *Who I Am* Dance Concert

MHSA Black Box Friday and Saturday, October 9 & 10 at 7PM

Our second show involves MHSA's resident student dance company "Tour de Force." The students will present a 45-minute lecture demonstration to elementary and middle schools throughout the district. The show includes a broad range of pieces including jazz, tap, modern, ballet and pointe as well as solo works. If you know of a school where our dancers should perform, please contact Mr. Drews at 414-934-7054 or dtiqzbdrews@yahoo.com before performance dates run out.

Finally, our students are hard at work rehearsing for our December faculty/guest choreography concert, *Departures*. The concert will feature choreography from MHSA faculty as well as community choreographers, four of which are MHSA alumni. This year's concert will include modern, ballet, jazz/lyrical, swing/tap, ballroom, Celtic, African, and hip hop. The concert dates are December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Pieces from this concert will be submitted for presentation at the National High School dance Festival in Miami. We will be taking 27 students there this March where students from arts high schools around the country will gather to take class and share experiences. Faculty at the festival will include teachers and choreographers from prestigious companies and schools around the country. You can support these fantastic dancers with our fundraisers (listed below and on page 7).

## Dance Fundraisers: Is Your Dance Bag Fully Stocked?

It could be with a **Dancer Survival Kit!** For **\$10.00** you receive:

**WOMENS:** 1 Cosmetic Bag, First Aid Container, 2 cleansing wipes, 2 J&J gauze pads, 3 J&J 3/4" flexible fabric adhesive bandages, 2 J&J knuckle adhesive bandages, 3 J&J 5/8" flexible fabric adhesive bandages, 2 Neo to go first aid antibiotic ointment packets, 1 tweezers, 1 toe nail clippers, 2 regular tampons, 2 Always thin pantliners, 5 Goody Ouchless thin hair elastics, 3 Goody Ouchless thick hair elastics, 1 small board of bobby pins (black or blonde), 1 pack of Kleenex Tissues, 20 antibacterial moist wipes

**MENS:** In place of feminine products/hair needs, 1 roll of general-purpose cloth athletic tape. See Ms. Brueggeman or Ms. Jordan to purchase them. Hurry while supplies last! All proceeds go to support MHSA dancers attending the National HS Dance Festival.

**Poinsettias for the Holidays** can be ordered from Ms. Jordan. Prices have not yet been finalized. Order forms will be available soon in the main office.

## Spirit Week/Arts Week: October 12-15

Monday: Twin Day

Tuesday: Flashback Day

Wednesday: Costume Day

Thursday: Represent Your Major Day

Students can purchase “major” shirts from Mr. deLutio or Ms. Bugni (Rooms 323/209)

### Art Parade & Rally on Thursday, October 15

A parade will be held on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm. The parade will begin on 22<sup>nd</sup> & Juneau and circle the school, ending at 1:55 pm.

There will be **three rotations** for the Art Rally. The first two will allow students to explore, in a very light-hearted manner, all of the majors and appreciate the diversity and talent of the student population at MHSA.

1. In “Battle Within Majors,” two students from each major (music broken up respectively) “battle” one another in their art form. Planned to participate are dancers, spoken word artists, improvisational players, vocalists, guitarists, artists (creating sculptures), and musicians from band and orchestra.
2. In “Art Sampling,” there will be six stations set up for students to try their hand (or voice) at all of the majors. There will be stations for: Dance Dance Revolution, Karaoke/Sing Star, Rock Band & Guitar Hero, a Puppet Making station (for Visual Art), a Puppet Show stage (for Theatre), and a station for spoken word and over-sized magnetic poetry.
3. The third station will be in the gymnasium and will entail team-building activities like tug-of-war, volleyball and three-legged races.

### Homecoming Dance: Friday, October 16 (No school that day!)

The dance will take place on Friday at MHSA from 7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Tickets (\$10) will be available for purchase during lunch hours. This year’s Homecoming Theme is “Man on the Moon,” in recognition of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon landing.

### Parents Needed at Homecoming

We need parents to help serve food, work the coat check and chaperone. If you can help, contact Kate Bugni at 414.934.7184 or [bugnikl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:bugnikl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) or Drew deLutio at 414.934.7126 or [delutiac@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:delutiac@milwaukee.k12.wi.us).

There will be two bake sales to help with Homecoming costs: Thursday, Oct. 1 and Friday, Oct. 23. Baked goods can be dropped off in the main office. Please label them with the word “Homecoming” and if you want the pan returned to you please write your name on the bottom of the pan. Please mark Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar!

*“We believe strongly that the arts aren’t somehow an ‘extra’ part of our national life, but instead we feel that the arts are at the heart of our national life.”*

Michelle Obama

## Blood Drive

The Heroes of Milwaukee High School of the Arts are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Donations are being accepted from 8 am – 1 pm. Students can sign up in room 209 or during their lunch hours (Student Blood Drive organizers will be walking around with sign-up sheets). Students must be 16 years old to donate WITH PARENT CONSENT. Consent forms can be picked up in room 209. Students 17 or older can donate without parental consent. Family members are invited to donate blood and can schedule an appointment by calling Ms. Bugni at 414.934.7184 or by emailing her at [bugnikl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:bugnikl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us).

In the United States, every two seconds a blood transfusion is needed. Every blood donation can save up to THREE people's lives. Please BE A HERO!

## Community Involvement

Several students are taking the initiative to clean up and restore Lynden Hill, the park located to the North of MHSA. Volunteers and donations are needed to make this project a success. Anyone knowledgeable of carpentry, people with connections to garden centers or owners of garden tools, those with a big heart and some time – please contact Ms. Bugni at 414.934.7184 or [bugnikl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:bugnikl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us).

## Visual Arts News

15 students are now participating in the 34<sup>th</sup> year of the Art Satellite program with Barbara Brown Lee at the Milwaukee Art Museum. The students meet with Ms. Lee weekly for one semester to learn about the museum collection and local artists.

The results of the AP Art History tests were: Eight students received a 3 or above, thereby giving them at least three college credits. Several students received a grade of 4 and Jana Wisniewski received a 5. They are all to be congratulated for their hard work.

## Theatre Department News

In collaboration with the Skylight, MHSA will present a new musical work that is written, composed and designed by students of MPS. This work will tour England in November where it will be work-shopped with different theatre companies. In the New Year it will return to the rehearsal room for more work and then be combined with sections from England when our UK guests visit us in April of 2010. This is a great piece for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

### TeenWrites I - "Changes"

Studio Theatre  
October 23 and 24 @ 7 PM  
October 25 @ 2 PM  
\$6 adults and \$4 students

Note: The September Laser Tag Fundraiser was cancelled because not enough tickets were sold to make it work. Thanks for understanding!  
-- Theatre Parents

## Student Bloopers

*Pompeii was destroyed by an overflow of saliva from the Vatican.*

From *More Anguished English* by Richard Lederer  
An expose of embarrassing, excruciating, and egregious errors in English.

## Guidance Department News

Karin Strube: grades 9/10 934-7026 Shelley Craine: grades 11/12 934-7027

### WKCE TESTING: 10TH GRADE STUDENTS

All tenth grade students will be involved in WKCE testing in November, with a probable test date of NOVEMBER 4TH. On this day, all other students stay home and the 10th graders report for the majority of the test battery that day. This is a state test that is very important in showing achievement growth of our students as they compare to all other tenth graders around the state! STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION.

### PSAT TESTING: 11TH GRADE STUDENTS

Great opportunity! From now until October 9th for just \$13 (purchased at the bookstore during lunch) juniors can sign up to take this college readiness test that's designed to be a precursor to the 'real' ACT or other college readiness tests taken for college. The actual test will take place in the library on October 14th, from @ 8:15-11:30 a.m. There are 70 tests available for purchase--first come/first served!

## Community Learning Center Classes (CLC's)

Here are a few of the before- and after-school programs offered at MHSA through CLC. Students need to register with CLC and find rides to and from CLC activities:

[Genocide and Human Rights in the 20th Century](#) Teacher: Drew deLutio  
Monday and Wednesday mornings from 7:30 - 8:30

### [Mural Club](#)

Create murals on columns in the cafeteria, contribute to the SOHI Neighborhood Beautification Project and paint the set for MHSA's production of "Raft of the Medusa." Meets Mondays and Wednesdays 4PM – 5:30 PM (except 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month) Club meets from September – February. Teacher: Ms. Wojnar

### [Brothers of Kwanza](#)

The "BROTHERS OF KWANZA" is entering its 18th consecutive year at MHSA. We will be meeting weekly on Thursdays in the library, alternating between 2nd and 9th hour. In the near future we will be inviting new students. Students need to understand that they are responsible for any missed assignments. Teacher: Jerrell Braxton – School Social Worker

## Holiday Meals for Families in Need

If you are a family in need or know of an MHSA family in need of a Holiday Meal basket, please call 345-4990 to register. Registration must be done on October 5 or 6th, 8-10 am or 4-6pm. Meals are limited and are on a first-come first-served basis.

## PTSO News

Thanks to all of the parents who attended Open House in September. Special thanks to those of you who brought dishes to pass, helped set-up, serve and clean up during the Potluck.

## Alumni Update: Brides Magazine Bridal Contest

Last spring, 2006 MHS Visual Arts graduate, Kasia Wisniewski, was a semifinalist in the Visionary Romance Contest sponsored by Brides Magazine. Although Kasia's bridal gown design did not win enough votes for the coveted cover, something good did come out of the competition. Kasia interviewed for a "production intern" position at Vera Wang. She was called back for a second interview and was told by the head of Human Resources that after seeing her portfolio, they didn't want to give her the production internship. Instead, they wanted to *create* a Design Internship for her! Kasia, a student at Pratt in NYC, has just recently become the intern to the Head Wedding Designer at Vera Wang! Congratulations, Kasia!

## White Cane Safety Day is October 15

By Jennifer Lopeman/TVI

A cane is a cane, right? So, what's the big deal about White Cane Safety Day, celebrated by people with visual impairments all over the United States? The big deal is that there are canes to assist someone needing help with balance, there are canes to go along with tuxedos and top hats, and there are white canes...with a white reflective shaft, a black grip, some reflective red toward the bottom, and a tip at the end. The latter is the one famous for helping a blind person confidently maneuver around obstacles encountered while traveling. A white cane can act as a sort of "bumper" against the environment, so that a person with a visual impairment doesn't bump into things. It can work as a probe, to tell a person the depth of curbs or stairs. It also alerts the rest of the world...such as students and teachers at MHS...that the person who is holding this cane has difficulty seeing.

What should one do, when seeing a person carry a white cane? There is actually a White Cane Law, which requires that a motorist must stop at least 10 feet from anyone using a white cane, or walking with a guide dog. This law applies even if the blind person is violating the pedestrian law and is crossing the street at places other than pedestrian crossings. Many people don't know about this law. On October 6, 1964, a joint resolution of Congress, HR 753, was signed into law, authorizing the President to issue an annual proclamation designating October 15th as White Cane Safety Day.

What if you just see a visually impaired person walking down the street or maybe walking in the halls at your school? You can smile and say, "Hello!" as you walk by. This gives the person carrying the white cane information about where you are, and will help him or her avoid accidentally running into you. It's also a very friendly thing to do! If you encounter a white cane traveler on White Cane Day, you can say, "Happy White Cane Day!" This is also a day to celebrate the accomplishments and abilities of persons with visual impairments everywhere.

## ATTENTION ATHLETES: MHS LETTERMAN AWARD JACKETS

Dunn's Sporting Goods will be in the school on Wednesday, October 7 and Friday, October 9 to size the students and to take orders during the lunch hours. A \$50.00 deposit is required at the time of the order. The balance is due on delivery, which is approximately 4 weeks.

Boys Style (Sm-XL) \$149.95 plus tax

Girls Style (Sm-XL) \$ 124.95 plus tax

Complete with back patch and name embroidered!    XXL & Up Additional Cost

## Volunteers Needed for the MHSa Box Office

If you can help, contact Chris Wszalek at [wszalecp@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:wszalecp@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) or 414-934-7020. You can work in pairs! And you must be able to be at the location at least 30-45 minutes before the show starts. For more information and all the details, call Chris!

| Date        | Time of Show | Show               | Location       |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|
| October 9   | 7 PM         | Who I Am - Dance   | Studio Theater |
| October 10  | 7 PM         | Who I Am - Dance   | Studio Theater |
| October 23  | 7 PM         | TeenWrites #1      | Studio Theater |
| October 24  | 7 PM         | TeenWrites #1      | Studio Theater |
| October 25  | 2 PM         | TeenWrites #1      | Studio Theater |
| November 13 | 7 PM         | Raft of the Medusa | Auditorium     |
| November 14 | 7 PM         | Raft of the Medusa | Auditorium     |
| November 15 | 2 PM         | Raft of the Medusa | Auditorium     |

## A FUNDRAISER THAT DOESN'T COST YOU ANYTHING!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Help the Dance Department      Help the Environment**

**Donate your used consumer electronics!**

The MHSa Dance Department is conducting a recycling fundraiser.

**There's nothing to buy.** We are simply asking you to protect the environment by donating your used cellular phone(s), ink jet cartridge(s), laptop / notebook computer(s), iPod(s), digital camera(s) and digital video camera(s). Your used item(s) may be tax deductible and will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and sold. 100% of the proceeds will help fund the Dance Department. This includes costumes for recitals and concerts, guest artists, music for class and our trip to the National High school Dance Festival in Miami.

All donations can be forwarded to Mr. Drews, Ms. Jordan or Ms. Brueggeman

## Fall Movement Workshop

**Children K-5 through 5th grade**

**October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Join MHSa dancers for a spooky, but not too scary, morning, moving like ghosts and monsters, taking a jazz dance class infused with costume character fun, creating their own mysterious masks, and most of all moving! In addition, they will learn a Halloween themed jazz dance to be performed at the end of the workshop. The workshop is geared for both girls and boys and children are encouraged to dress up/wear their Halloween costumes to help them get into character. The cost is \$20 per child with all profits going to support MHSa dancers attending the National High School Dance Festival in 2010. Registration is due Oct. 21 and forms are available in the front office. Spots fill up quickly so sign up asap. If you have any questions contact Anna Brueggeman at [brueggam@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:brueggam@milwaukee.k12.wi.us).

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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 MHS 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.

For more about Milwaukee High School of the Arts, please visit our web site:

<http://www.mhsarts.com>

Please consider joining our email list. You can join the "Parent" list or the "Friends of MHS" list.

Save trees. Save the ozone. Keep costs down. Join by emailing: [tototoo@tds.net](mailto:tototoo@tds.net).

Want to submit an article? Contact me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Sara Raasch, MHS Newsletter Editor