

MEMORIALABILIA

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR PARENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2009

Any student who is listed as a junior on May 14, 2008 will be required to take the second and final portion of the New England Common Assessment Program's (NECAP) science examinations on Wednesday, May 14 through Friday, May 16. The science examinations will focus mainly on earth, space and physical sciences. A hands-on portion of the science examination will not be required of this year's juniors. The examinations are mandatory and students who are absent will be required to take the exams that are missed during the following week.



MEMORIAL STUDENT SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS "THE PRESIDENT'S OWN" US MARINE BAND

Timothy Gocklin ('08) was selected from a pool of top high school musicians from across the country to play with "The President's Own" United States Marine Band. Gocklin was selected during a competition held in Washington, D.C. in February. One of two students selected out of 177 applicants, he will perform his winning solo, Franz Joseph Haydn's Allegro spiritoso from *Oboe Concerto in C*, in Milwaukee on Saturday, April 12. He was also awarded a \$2,500 cash prize in recognition of this great achievement.

HOBY AWARD WINNER SELECTED

Jackie Janigian ('10) has been named the 2008 ambassador representing Memorial High School in the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program (HOBY). Jackie will be attending a four-day seminar in June at Keene State College. Sophomore Sophia Tber earned runner-up honors.

HOBY was started in 1958 by the legendary actor Hugh O'Brian. HOBY's vision is "to motivate and empower individuals to make a positive difference within our global society through understanding and action based on effective passion and leadership."

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER GRANT

English-Language-Learner teacher Mrs. Richardson has been selected as one of the six national recipients of a reading program from McGraw-Hill Publishers entitled "Jamestown Reading Navigator". This on-line program is designed to help struggling readers with vocabulary and comprehension skills. Currently, 30 English-Language-Learners are participating in the program, which is supplemented by print material.

PROMENADE 2008

Memorial High School's Senior/Junior Prom will be held on Saturday, May 24th at the Center of New Hampshire-Radisson Hotel. No attendees will be allowed to enter the venue after 6:30 PM. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00 PM with the evening ending at midnight. Parents are encouraged to use the side entrance on Pleasant Street if they plan to view students entering for the evening.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

National Honor Society (NHS) is sponsoring numerous events over the next few months. NHS will sponsor a blood drive and bone marrow drive on Monday, March 31 in the MMHS gym from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. NHS will sponsor a bowl-a-thon in April to raise money for a local charity. These will also continue to collect used cell phones and eye glasses to help the elderly and women in transition. They may be dropped off at the library. NHS will continue to collect formal and semi-formal dresses and accessories for the Cinderella Project. Donations may be made by contacting Mrs. Diane Provost, NHS advisor. On May 17-19, members of the society will attend a transitional leadership conference in West Forks, ME. All junior members will be attending the NHS Spring Conference at UNH on May 27.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The music department hosted the Queen City Music Festival in March. This festival featured performances by the choruses, bands, and orchestras of the four middle schools and three high schools. Each ensemble also was adjudicated based on performance and received a clinic on the performance. The spring concerts featuring the band and jazz ensemble will be held June 5 and June 6 for the choruses and orchestra. The concerts will be held in the Mirabile Auditorium at 7:00 PM. Music awards night will be held on June 12 at 6:30 PM.

SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL TO BE PERFORMED

The Memorial High School music department presents *Seussical the Musical* in the Mirabile Auditorium. Show times are Thursday, April 10; Friday, April 11; & Saturday, April 12 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, April 13 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students and are available at Ted Hebert's Music and Arts Center, Carole's Mammoth Road Convenience, Chalifours, and at Memorial High School from April 1 – 11 from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Tickets will also be available at the door.

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

Art students at Memorial did very well in this year's NH Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition. Senior Micaela Rand became the first Memorial student to win the program's top prize, an American Visions award, for one of her photographs. Other Memorial students honored: Gold Key Portfolio winners: Micaela Rand, Nicholas Levesque, and Gregory Viera. Silver Key Portfolio winners: Tiffany DeGroot and Veronica Bouchard. Gold Key winners: Micaela Rand, Shannon Beauvais, Cassie Hobbs, and Emily Menafr. Silver Key winners: Gregory Viera, Meghan Eaton, Tiffany DeGroot, Micaela Rand, Khanh Nguyen, Chase Boisvert, Chase Currier, and Rebecca Greenspan.

Students in the National Art Honors Society, as well as students in Mrs. Sweeney's art classes, have been working hard making set pieces and props for the upcoming *Seussical the Musical*. After a rigorous selection process, the following students were selected to participate in the NH Art Allstate Festival: Meredith Connolly and Renee Fredette. These students will join 60 other talented juniors from across the state for two days in April at the Currier Museum of Art. Erica Morin, Cody Quinn, and Rebecca Greenspan were selected as alternates in the program.

DECA NEWS

DECA is an international professional association of high school business and marketing students. It is a co-curricular, student-centered educational, career and technical organization, which reinforces skills taught in the classroom.

On March 6 and 7, 40 Manchester Memorial High School students competed at the State DECA Career Development Conference. Over 300 marketing students from across the state competed in several events at the Sheraton Tara in Nashua. These included competency events in which students had to take a 100-question exam and perform impromptu role-plays of challenging business case problems with area business professionals serving as judges. Also, several Memorial students completed 30-page written projects and presented their findings in 15-minute interviews with judges. The Memorial DECA team members attended this conference with only one thing on their mind: winning – and win they did. Seventeen Memorial students placed either first or second in their events. This qualifies them to represent New Hampshire DECA at the National DECA Career Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in April.

MATH AWARD RECIPIENTS

On Tuesday, February 12, 39 Memorial students participated in the American Mathematics Competition (AMC). The AMC “is dedicated to the goal of strengthening the mathematical capabilities of our nation’s youth. The AMC contests are intended for everyone from the average student at a typical school who enjoys mathematics, to the very best student at the most special school.” Freshmen and sophomores compete in the AMC 10 contest, while juniors and seniors compete in the AMC 12 contest. Sophomore Patrick Dodd was the AMC 10 winner and senior Daniel Sylvia was the AMC 12 winner. Daniel, along with seniors Trevor Merrill and Daniel Thomas, were team winners. The test was rigorous, with very challenging questions, and all students who participated should be congratulated.

STATE MATH CONTEST

On Tuesday, March 18, the Memorial Math Team, accompanied by Ms. Lambert, traveled to Plymouth State University to compete in the 36th Annual State Math Contest. Approximately 50 high schools participated in the contest, including the three Manchester public high schools and Trinity High. Students on Memorial’s Math Team are Sally So, Mike Lydon, Dan Thomas, Trevor Merrill, Monica Stewart, Lindsey Belliveau, Renee Fredette, Elizabeth Cardin, Brian Alejandro, and Allison Labore. The contest is a great opportunity for Memorial’s top math students to meet other top math students from across the state.

FACULTY PLAY

For each of the past three years, the faculty and staff at Memorial High School have come together to put on a play in an effort to raise money for various charities. The plays center around teachers and staff singing, dancing, and acting foolishly. In total the performances have earned over \$6,000 for charities like the Elliot Hospital Breast Cancer Research Center, the Manchester Boys and Girls Club, and Memorial students and their families. This year they will be performing a show entitled *The Dukes of Memorial*. It will be presented in the Mirabile Auditorium on the nights of May 15, 16, and 17. The shows will begin at 6:00 PM and tickets will cost \$5.

This year’s revenues will be split between two worthy programs. The first program, initiated by students in DECA, is called Helping Hearts. Helping Hearts raises money to provide students with items necessary to maximize their educational opportunities. The second program is the *Bring It!* program, which was started at the Beech Street School in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club. *Bring It!* provides inner city kids with the opportunity to become involved in sports and other activities. It also offers classes for refugee families in an effort to help them assimilate to their new lives in Manchester. Please come out in May and help the faculty and staff support these worthy charities. They promise you’ll have a good time.

DRAMA CLUB PERFORMANCE

This past February the Memorial High School Drama Club put on a production of Tim Kelly’s *Horror High: It Came From the Student Lounge*. The students spent eight weeks rehearsing and performed two shows over the weekend of February 15.

In addition to performing at Memorial High School, the Drama Club had the honor and privilege of performing for the Manchester Women’s Club at the Manchester Country Club. The show was a big success, with over 300 people attending. This year’s show featured five seniors who will be moving on to bigger and better things next year. We would like to say a fond farewell to Angela Bossio, Dan Durocher, Jared Hoerner, Kevin Bassett, and Julia Neveu.

TARGET’S “TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION”

MMHS is now a part of Target’s “Take Charge of Education” fundraiser. Parents are encouraged to shop with their “REDcard” and designate Memorial as the beneficiary. Target donates up to one percent of REDcard purchases at Target stores and Target.com. So far Memorial has raised over \$2,000 through this program.

GUIDANCE PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATION

On Wednesday, April 30, the New Hampshire Community Technical College (NHCTC) will host an on-site acceptance in the Library Media Center. During this meeting, graduating seniors have the opportunity to be accepted to NHCTC “on the spot.” Admission counselors will be at Memorial to assist seniors without post-secondary plans through the application process. SAT testing will be held at Memorial on May 3 and June 7, while ACT testing will be held on April 12 and June 14. Visit www.collegeboard.com and www.actstudent.org for more details.

GRADUATION DATE SET

Recently, Dr. Henry Aliberti Jr., Interim Superintendent of Schools for the Manchester School District, requested a waiver so that the graduation dates could be established for the city’s three high schools to avoid scheduling conflicts at the Verizon Wireless Arena. Commissioner Lionel Tracy granted the request, thereby establishing MMHS’s graduation date for the Class of 2008 as Tuesday, June 17. Graduation will begin promptly at 6:30 PM.

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Manchester Memorial High School is committed to providing a safe and enriched learning environment in which students can

- work toward the realization of academic and creative potential.
- nurture individual talents and abilities.
- develop respect for themselves and for others.
- become more involved and responsible citizens.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT LEARNING

Manchester Memorial High School graduates will have

worked toward the realization of academic and creative potential by

- using critical and creative thinking skills.
- incorporating technology as an aid to problem solving.
- demonstrating academic competencies across the curriculum.
- preparing for a successful transition into the workplace or post secondary education.

nurtured individual talents and abilities by

- developing academic, athletic, social, and civic skills.
- cultivating team and leadership skills.
- refining unique talents.

developed respect for themselves and for others by

- accepting responsibility for personal decisions.
- experiencing a wide variety of physical activities for wellness.
- investing in their own education.

become more involved and responsible citizens by

- recognizing the value of individual participation within the community.
- respecting diversity and the rights of others.

“IT IS THE POLICY OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, IN ITS ACTIONS, AND THOSE OF ITS EMPLOYEES, THAT THERE SHALL BE NO DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX, RACE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, AGE OR HANDICAP, FOR EMPLOYMENT IN, PARTICIPATION IN, OR OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF ANY PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY IN THE MANCHESTER SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.”