

MEMORIALABILIA

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we begin our 48th year of educating the high school students of Manchester's south end and the town of Auburn, we are all looking forward to another great school session.

There are several continuing initiatives underway this year including our improved Advisory Program; our APEX-PBIS program, aligning our core curriculum areas with the state standards; and our very successful Credit Recovery Program. With over 500 members in the senior class, our June graduation ceremony will again be the largest ever.

Memorial will continue to be involved in the development and implementation of the District In Need of Improvement plan as the city moves to reach its goals for Adequate Yearly Progress and the latest modifications to No Child Left Behind.

Stay tuned!



STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWS

The Student Assistance Program is available to all students at MMHS. The purpose of the program is to identify and help students who may be experiencing personal, family, or alcohol/drug related problems that may be affecting their ability to perform at school. Support groups are comprised of eight to twelve students who share similar difficulties or concerns and meet for one period each week. Memorial's counselors and specialists from the community co-lead groups on topics such as coping with divorce, bereavement, and alcohol/drug education and recovery. Students may participate in the Student Assistance Program without parental permission, and all services are confidential and voluntary. Teachers, administrators, guidance staff, and parents can make referrals to the program or students can refer themselves. For more information about the Student Assistance Program, please contact the coordinator, Mrs. Lisa Smith, at 624-6378, X1233.

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Memorial's yearbook, *The Excalibur*, is now on sale. To order, please either fill out the enclosed order form and send it to Manchester Memorial High School, or give it to your son or daughter to bring back to school. Order forms will be collected each week in advisory. Yearbooks may also be ordered online. Check Memorial's website (www.crusaders.org) for more information.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

The National Honor Society (NHS), with the help of the Red Cross, hosted a blood drive on October 29 in the Memorial gym. Also, the NHS Faculty Council is currently in the process of evaluating potential candidates to be inducted into the organization. Students who applied will be notified before Thanksgiving break. The induction ceremony will take place on December 6 at 7:00 PM in the Mirabile Auditorium.

DECA OFFICERS SELECTED/SCHOOL STORE INFORMATION

The following students were recently selected chapter officers for the 2008/2009 school year: Hung Cao, president, Saida Subasic, vice president, Ha Hoang, treasurer, and Katelyn Soper, secretary. Hoang and Soper are also state officers.

The Crusader Castle, Memorial's school store, is open for business. Parents are welcome to visit the Crusader Castle, located in the cafeteria, for Memorial tee shirts, sweatshirts, hats, backpacks and lanyards.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER HAPPENINGS

The library media center (LMC) completed Freshman Orientation. Freshmen English classes were invited to the LMC to view a multimedia presentation about the LMC and to work with partners to complete a scavenger hunt related to the library resources.

The Library Media Center Advisory Committee invites faculty, students and parents to attend a meeting on Wednesday, November 7 at 2:45 PM in the library media center. Come to the meeting to provide input on what you would like to see in the library media center for books, displays, events, etc. This committee will meet once each marking period. If you have any questions please call Mrs. Linda Hedrick or Mrs. Laura Tancrede at 623-6378, ext. 1244.

Also, the LMC has participated in the recycling program "Cartridges for Kids" for the past five years. This program is designed to use recycling to benefit a school by earning cash for empty inkjet, laser, fax, and copier cartridges. Funds generated from this program have gone toward the purchase of electronic equipment and audiovisual materials. Any empty cartridges may be sent to school and brought directly to the library media center.

MEMORIAL STUDENT AWARDED OUTSTANDING PARTICIPANT IN NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Elizabeth Adeeko (MMHS '08) was recently named an outstanding participant in the 2008 National Achievement Scholarship Program. The scholarship program, conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, is an academic competition established to honor Black American high school students.

Students are selected based on their scores on the qualifying test, the PSAT/NMSQT. Adeeko scored in the top five percent of more than 140,000 Black Americans who requested entry in the 2008 National Achievement Program.

FREE TUTORING OFFERED

The National Honor Society is pleased to offer free tutoring in the subjects of mathematics and science on Mondays and Wednesdays in RM 805. Mr. Robert Garcia will supervise peer tutoring after school from 2:40 through 3:15 PM. No appointments are necessary. If your child needs help in other subjects, a peer-tutoring schedule may be coordinated through Ms. Diane Provost in RM 112/113A.

Catch us on the Web!

<http://www.crusaders.org>

GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

For the twenty-fourth straight year Memorial hosted a German exchange program during late September and early October. Of the 22 exchange students attending the three city schools, Memorial families hosted 12.

Several Memorial families generously opened up their homes for three weeks to guests from Memorial's partner school in Neustadt an der Weinstra e, Germany a great place to stay. Special thanks goes out to the following families for their support: the Gills, the Croasdales, the McMurrays/Babbs, the Cullitys, the Douvilles, the Lemays, the Morrills, the Rands, the Jacques, the Roberts, the Lawrences, and the Porters.

In the event of a school emergency resulting in a full evacuation of the building, the following plan has been devised. Students will relocate to alternate sites.

If your child's last name begins with the letters "A through G", he or she will be relocated to Southside, "H through M" to Manchester School of Technology, and "N through Z" to Jewett Street School. If the Superintendent of Schools decides that a dismissal is necessary, after attendance has been taken at these sites by staff members, students will be released. A dismissal of this nature will be broadcast by the media.

INFORMATION FROM OUR HEALTH OFFICE

During the winter months, illnesses quickly spread in schools. Children should not come to school or remain in school while they are sick. A child with a fever should not attend school until his/her temperature is normal for twenty-four hours without fever-reducing medication. Children should not attend school tired and listless. If your child has vomited or experiences diarrhea during the night, please do not send him/her to school until he or she is symptom-free for twenty-four hours.

Students with strep, sore throat, or scarlet fever should be treated by healthcare providers and may not attend school until they are on antibiotics and without fever for at least twenty-four hours. Children should be reminded about frequent hand washing and covering their mouths when they cough or sneeze. Also, please keep the school nurse informed of any changes in your child's health condition.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Four students were chosen to participate in the Plymouth State University All New England Band: Tim Gocklin (oboe), Alex Wilkinson (flute), and Mike Ives and Ariel Azarian (percussion). These students were chosen from over 700 honors level musicians from throughout New England. The festival will take place on November 21 at PSU.

The MMHS Music Department Winter Concerts will take place at the Arthur J. Mirabile Auditorium at 7:00 a.m. on December 10 (Chorus & Orchestra), and December 13 (Band & Jazz Ensemble). There will be an additional concert by the Chorus & Orchestra at St. Catherine's Church on December 15.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

Guidance counselors have met with classes to address issues related to each class. Freshmen heard the Freshman Year Counts presentation, which focuses upon topics such as academic planning for college, the attendance policy, graduation requirements, the transcript, and extracurricular activities.

Seniors were given a presentation on scholarship information, college fair information dates, the college application, and the financial aid process. The sophomore presentation included a career interest

inventory and college planning. Juniors were given an overview of the college application process and the financial aid process and ideas for selection of colleges. Juniors and seniors also had the opportunity to attend two college fairs in Memorial's library/media center. Over 40 colleges were present at both.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT FOR SENIORS

A financial aid night will be held on Tuesday, November 27 from 6:30-9:00 PM in the Mirabile Auditorium. This presentation is specifically for seniors and their parents; however, all are welcome. Topics will include scholarship information and filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and other financial aid forms.

Professionals will be in attendance to answer questions after the presentation. Please contact guidance counselor Mr. LeBlanc with questions. Additionally, all scholarship information is now available on line at www.mansd.org/memorial/mainsite/bb/guidance/scholarshipinfo.html

MEMORIAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN GIRLS AND BOYS STATE

Over the summer three Memorial students participated in the American Legion's Boys and Girls State, a selective educational program of government instruction for high school students.

The program requires each participant to become a part of the operation of his or her local, county and state government. Brian Prindiville (MMHS '08) and David Houle (MMHS '08) participated in Boys State at Rivier College, while Elena Geldieva (MMHS '08) participated in Girls State held at Franklin Pierce College. At the boy's event Prindiville was elected president of the Senate and received a \$500 scholarship.



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 DISTRICT."