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September 2005

It's Meet the Teacher Night Join us for hot-dogs & salad

Tuesday, September 20

5:30 - 7:00 PM

MCHS Centre Court and Gymnasium



On Tuesday, administration and staff will gather with parents from the community to enjoy a light supper and meet each other. After enjoying some hotdogs, we will congregate in the gymnasium for a brief presentation and more meet & mingle time. Please plan to come by and visit.

Following this gathering, parents and administration will meet in the library to elect our School Council leadership for the 2005-06 school year.

Welcome!



A special welcome to all Grade 9 students and families, Grade 10 students and families joining us from Legal, and to all new students and families who are joining us for the first time at M.C.H.S.. We hope you have had a great summer and are looking forward to starting the new school year.

This will be a year to remember - a school year filled with opportunities to learn, discover, and experience new things. We sincerely hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities for you to make the most of your secondary school years! Whether it be through academics, fine arts, career & technology studies, athletics, student leadership, work experience and career exploration, performing arts, community service, and so much more.

Schedule Change This Year!



We have made some changes to our daily schedule in response to concerns of parents and students. This year on Monday morning, the school is open at the regular time, but classes will begin 45 minutes later. The library, gymnasium, fitness centre, and CTS computer labs will be open and supported for student use. As well, we have removed last year's Advisory block to allow for early dismissal on Fridays. Again, the library, gymnasium, fitness centre, and CTS computer labs will be open and supported for student use. Also, some seminars, CTS programming and special courses will be offered during this early dismissal time slot. And, of course, we trust this in school time will allow students to complete homework assignments that may require access to the technology available in the school.

Please note: *The staff of MCHS have committed and are scheduled to provide more than 29 hours in excess of the provincial requirement of 1000 hours of instruction for high school education. This exceeds what most high schools in the province offer and does not take into account the countless hours of individual and small group instruction offered after school or on the Monday morning or Friday afternoon by our teachers.*

IN SCHOOL . . . IN CLASS!

Morinville Community High School will continue to focus on educational opportunities this school year. To assist in maintaining this focus, students **will not be permitted in the hallways or around the school during regularly scheduled class time.**



We have attempted to remain a little flexible during the first two weeks to give students a chance to get settled and sort out timetable and classroom changes. From here on in, we will begin enforcing this clear school regulation. In order to ensure that we can provide a "Safe and Caring School" environment, we need to have hallways and school grounds clear during all scheduled class times. Students will not be allowed in the parking lot, hallways, or on school grounds during class time. If they are not registered in a class during a particular class period, they must be in the school library, Centre Court or CTS Study Centre. We must be able to immediately respond if someone is in the school or on school grounds who isn't registered with-out trying to distinguish whether it is one of our students 'taking a break'.

Students who fail to respect this regulation **will be suspended.** Please discuss this with your son or daughter. It is not our wish to force students to miss valuable learning time. But, at the same time, this regulation is necessary to ensure the safe and smooth application of our primary function: **the education of your children.**

[Please note: students cannot be excused from scheduled classes to work on assignments for other classes in the school. Students found out of class will be escorted back to class or face suspension.]

First Interim Report will be distributed on Wednesday- October 19, 2005. Parent Teacher interview dates have been *changed* to:

**Wednesday- October 26 5:30-8:30 pm
&**

Thursday- December 1 5:30-8:30 pm

We look forward to reviewing progress, seeking solutions for improvement & discussing any concerns you may have with your son/daughters education.

Student Parking Passes

PARKING

Students should be aware that it is a privilege to park in the school parking lot, and need to comply with the rules for parking on school property. Student Parking Passes will be distributed this month. A parking pass fee of \$15.00 is required with the parking application (a \$5.00 refund will be issued upon return of the pass). Fees will be utilized to upgrade the parking lot.

- Students are not permitted to congregate in the parking lot at any time.
- Smoking anywhere on school property is illegal. Smoking is not permitted in the parking lot and in a vehicle while on school property.
- To ensure the safety of those walking to and from school there is a speed limit of 30 Km/h in all school zones. The speed limit within the school parking lot is only 10 Km/h.

Signage has been placed designating staff parking, student parking, and visitor parking.

- Staff and students require **parking passes** to park.
- Students who do not comply with parking lot regulations will have their parking passes **with drawn.**
- Visitors to the school will be required to park in the "**Visitor Parking**" area which is along the centre meridian as you exit the school driveway. Upon arrival, visitors must report to the office to sign in. MCHS students are **not** permitted to park in the visitor parking area.

Violations of the parking lot regulations (included on the parking pass applications) will result in vehicles being ticketed and towed as well as any parking pass being revoked.



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“Take it to the max!”

Like Extreme sports --- **EXTREME education!**

Young people today are challenged to live life to the fullest to experience the extreme.

Education provides the same opportunity. We may not always think of it in the same way - but the opportunity is there - if approached in the same way.

Research consistently reveals that if you want something done - there is a dramatically increased chance of success if undertaken by a busy person. Sometimes our perception says students can be too busy with a full course load. However, historically, busy students are the most successful - they learn how to maximize their time. We want the same experience for all M.C.H.S. students!

This year, we will be following up on the school rule/expectation regarding class loads for all students. We have confirmed that most high schools follow similar or more stringent expectations for their students. These rules are laid out in the student agendas and include the following: **Grade 12 students are required to take the equivalent of 6 full courses (maximum of 2 independent study periods). Grade 11 students are required to take the equivalent of 7 full courses (maximum of 1 independent study period). Grade 10 and 9 students are required to take full course loads.**

MCHS offers a considerable array of complementary courses which will provide valuable educational opportunities for any student. Often these additional learning experiences can and will contribute to present and future success.

Students need to take their educational experience to the max!

Thank you for your support of this school expectation with your son/daughter.

Experience EXTREME education! Go for it!



MCHS Hosts the Lions Western Canadian Challenge Volleyball Tournament

This year's tournament will again boast 96 teams from Manitoba, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and as far away as Texas. Both players and fans will fill the gymnasium when the competition begins on Thursday- October 20 and concludes on Saturday, October 22. We look forward to seeing staff, students and parents come out to support the Prairie Wolves.

GSACRD Long Service Awards

Congratulations to the following MCHS Staff members for their years of dedication and service.

5 Year Award

*Mrs. Val Ferland
Mrs. Kathy Jackson
Mrs. Ruth Shymka*

10 Year Award

*Mr. Greg Boutestein
Mrs. Cindy Jensen*

15 Year Award

*Mrs. Lisa Appell
Mr. Kent Lessard
Mr. Vic Pedersen
Mrs. Cathy Whittal-Williams*

20 Year Award

Mr. David Garrett

25 Year Award

Mr. Laverne Dewald

Parent Volunteers

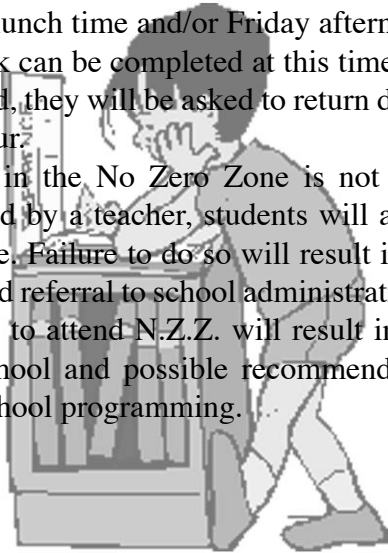
can make a difference!

If you would like to get involved at the school, feel free to contact us. We have many different opportunities for parents to share their gifts and time.

No Zero Zone

This project is designed to support student learning. A missing assignment leaves the teacher with no way to measure a student's understanding of the course. We believe it is important for students to complete all assignments. So, we are continuing our **No Zero Zone** program for Grade 9, 10 and 11 students this year. When a student does not hand in an assignment, the student will be directed to the No Zero Zone during lunch time and/or Friday afternoon. The assigned work can be completed at this time. If more time is needed, they will be asked to return during the next noon hour.

Participation in the No Zero Zone is not optional. When directed by a teacher, students will attend the No Zero Zone. Failure to do so will result in contact with home and referral to school administration. Continued failure to attend N.Z.Z. will result in suspension from school and possible recommendation for alternative school programming.



Student Planner 2005-2006

We apologize that our student agenda/planners have not arrived yet. Delivery date was August - but the publishing company has had serious problems. Many schools across Canada are waiting for the planners to arrive. We will distribute them as soon as they arrive.

As soon as they arrive, we encourage all parents and students to review the school policies and procedures at the beginning of the agenda book. The agenda also includes a school calendar for the entire year. Monthly calendars will also be included with our school newsletter as dates for activities do have to change from time to time due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Student Planner can also help students coordinate their time and manage the many activities and responsibilities in their day, week and year.

Plan to succeed!

MCHS FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

is excited to announce
OUR 2005 PRODUCTION



December 6 - 9

Featuring a large cast of talented students

STAY-TUNED

for more information

Tickets will start going on sale in November.



Searching for Community Events?

All upcoming community events, flyers and registration information for your favorite activities and programs are
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on our division website at
www.gsacrd.ab.ca under the

Community Events Bulletin Board
link.

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