



Morinville Community High School



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Home of the Prairie Wolves!

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October 2008 Newsletter *Happy Thanksgiving!*

What is 77/23?

Morvinville and Legal students in grades 7-12 completed a survey last spring in which they were asked to comment upon their drug and alcohol use. The survey results stated that 77% of students in these grades were not using drugs or drinking on a regular basis so that it harms them. Grade 7-12 students from Legal and Morinville gathered this afternoon in the MCHS gym to receive a presentation by performing artists Darkson Tribe who spoke and sang to a message of choosing to be part of the majority of students who do not use alcohol and drugs to harm themselves.

There are many ways in which adults can support young people in living a healthy lifestyle. Young people should be engaged to engage in pro-social activities, such as sports or volunteering. Developing self-esteem and social skills allows teenagers to be confident enough to say what they believe in and how they wish to live. The most significant proactive factor in supporting our youth is to assist them in fostering positive relationships with peers, community members and with their family. Youth who interact with people who share the same healthy lifestyle and who are supportive are more able to make positive lifestyle choices. Our work as parents, school staff and community is to reach out to youth and help build their capacity to be resilient.

For more information on WCC go to <http://www.mchs.gsacrd.ab.ca>

School Council Representatives

The first MCHS school council meeting was held on Tuesday, September 16th in the school library. The following individuals have volunteered to serve.

Brenda Fraser and Raquel Vinje - Co-chairpeople and grade 9 school reps.

Susanne Watson - Secretary

Laurie Hubbard - Grade 12 Representative

Denise Hardman - Grade 11 Representative

Colleen Durand - Grade 10 Representative

Lauri-Ann Turnbull - Trustee

Teachers are Life-long Learners!

On Tuesday October 14th all teachers in the Greater St. Albert Catholic Division will be attending a local ATA Institute Day. A major highlight of the day will be keynote speaker Bruce Brown who will be giving a presentation to all teachers on the power of positive words in the classroom. In the afternoon each teacher will be attending a session that is relevant to their teaching specific area. The day will be very busy and filled with lots of professional development opportunities for our teachers.

Have You Registered for CISS?

In an effort to promote greater academic success for our students and improved communication between school and home, MCHS has embarked in a new initiative with the Comprehensive Information System for Schools (CISS). CISS will enable teachers to share information electronically over the internet with parents regarding student attendance, student timetables, assignment and course marks and more. This information can be assessed at any time and will be continually updated as attendance and assignment information is entered daily. To request a login identification and password, please contact the school office at 939-6891. Please have an e-mail address ready when you call as it will be tied to your password. If you have further questions regarding CISS, do not hesitate to contact us.

Become a Block Parent!

October 19-25th is National Block Parent Week! The Block Parent Program of Canada has reached a major milestone of protecting communities across Canada for 40 years. The program continues to address not only the needs of children but teens, adults and seniors as well. During National Block Parent Week we are encouraging everyone to become a Block Parent and help us to protect our community of Morinville! For more information, please contact Karen Mercier at 780.939.4514 or go to morinvilleblockparent@live.com.

Become a Big Brother or Big Sister

We are looking for MCHS students to become a Big Brother or Big Sister to elementary students in Legal and Morinville. Anyone interested should call Tamara at 780.939.5985 or visit www.bbbsedmonton.org

Share Your Pictures!

MCHS would love to receive an electronic copy of any digital pictures taken by parents or families of MCHS sporting or cultural events. Copies can be sent to rshymka@gsacrd.ab.ca

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Western Canadian Challenge Volleyball Tournament

The fourteenth edition of the Lion's Western Canadian Challenge Invitational High School Volleyball Tournament is on October 16th-18th, 2008 at the MCHS gym. We are hosting 48 high school volleyball teams from B.C, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

It is a huge job to organize the largest high school volleyball tournament in Western Canada. A special thanks goes to Mr. Fidler for continuing to be the tournament coordinator. Also many thanks to Mr. Garrett, Mr. Dewald, Miss Willows and all the coaches at the St. Albert Schools who work with us. Many thanks also to all the student volunteers who help make the tournament a great success.

Come and enjoy the action starting at 4:00pm on Thursday and continuing until the Men's Championship at 8:00 pm on Saturday.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ARE COMING TO MCHS!!!

Our ELAA* Event this year is October 23. Students will be invited down for one of two sessions. Students will have an opportunity to hear brief introductions from the post-secondary institutions and then have time to visit display booths with their supervising teachers. This is a unique opportunity to pick up catalogues, ask questions about different post secondary institutions and explore the many unique opportunities each school has to offer. What do I do with this information once I have it? Look through the catalogues, talk to your parents and friends and then make an appointment with Mrs. Jensen to discuss how and when to apply. This is one more career exploration tool we offer here at MCHS. It is now up to you to make the choice that gets you closer to your goal.

*WHAT IS ELAA? This is short for Educational Liaison Association of Alberta and it is made up of many post-secondary institutions in Alberta. They include colleges (private and public), universities, university colleges and technical institutes.

THE CAREER CORNER IS A VERY BUSY PLACE IN 2008! MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENTS NOW!

If you don't know what you want to do after high school, you need a plan. The Career Corner can help you. Don't wait. We offer career planning to help you plan your future. Come and see what we can do for you!

REMINDER:

1. Grade 12'sIf you are planning to attend post-secondary in the fall of 2009, we can start the application process as early as October 1st, 2008. Make your appointment now if you need assistance.
2. Are you sure you have the right classes to get into college? Are you sure you have the right volunteer work? Is that program offered at the U of A? Where do I get my transcripts? How much does it cost? Do you have student loan application packages?
3. Any new scholarships and open houses are announced on your school email site under student news and scholarships.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	Band Parent Meeting @ GHP at 7:00 pm	8	GSACRD Long Service Awards @ SACHS	Thanksgiving Celebration	11
12	Thanksgiving Day - No Classes	ATA Institute Day - No Classes	15	Lions Western Canadian Challenge Volleyball Tournament	Lions Western Canadian Challenge Volleyball Tournament	Lions Western Canadian Challenge Volleyball Tournament
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	Marks Due	Grade 9 Spirit Day	Grade 9 Spirit Day	30	Report Cards out Morinville Community Drum Circle (7 - 8:30 PM)	
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