STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS
Thursday, November 1, 2018

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Word of the Day (from Dictionary.com):
penumbra – noun (pi-nuhm-bruh)
"a shadowy, indefinite, or marginal area."
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There will be NO softball TONIGHT because the gym is closed. SUNDAY will be at the regular time.
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Want to see the talent that some Meridian students have? Stop out for Showboat TONIGHT and/or TOMORROW in the high school's cafetorium starting at 6 p.m. Admission is $5. We hope to see you there!
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Wendy's® announced their 2018 Wendy's High School Heisman School Winners. From a total applicant pool of nearly 42,000 high school scholar-athletes graduating with the class of 2019, 7,500 have been named School Winners in Wendy's annual scholarship competition. CONGRATULATIONS TO MYA HALL FOR BEING NAMED A SCHOOL WINNER FOR 2018! Mya and Hunter will continue to compete for the chance to become a State Finalist. State Winners will then be announced on November 7th. Good luck, Mya and Hunter! We wish you the best! A complete list of School Winners can be found at www.wendysheisman.com/results/.
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Cross country banquet is TONIGHT in the community room at 6:30. Please bring a main dish to pass.
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Students and parents: Order your yearbook TODAY. 2019 Yearbooks are on sale for $50 through Friday! Get yours before the cost goes up on Saturday.
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Are you in need of volunteer hours? The Girls Varsity Basketball team needs a videographer for home games during the season. There are 10 home games, beginning on December 7th – you could earn about 25 total hours for the season. The game schedule is on the Meridian website (http://meridianpsmi.applegy.us/o/early-college-high-school/athletics?filter=28056). Please contact Coach Stockford for more details - 248.882.0772
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Voters in Midland County will be asked to consider a county-wide proposal in November. Please review the attached document - School Resource Officers – understanding the millage ballot proposal.
School Resource Officer info
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Winter sports schedules are now available online here:
Winter Practice Schedule
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Seniors: Interested in re-taking the December 1st SAT? The last regular registration date for the December test is Friday, November 2nd. Take advantage of this date if you hope to improve your score for potential merit-based scholarships if you are leaving us the end of this year (NOT staying for the 5th year). Register at Collegeboard.org and see Mrs. Boxey or Miss Kasper if you need help. If you are a free or reduced lunch student see us for a fee waiver form as well.
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Looking for an opportunity for a fun, family-friendly evening?
The Saginaw Spirit is hosting their annual Robotics Night on Sunday, November 4th @ 5:30 pm. Robots will be on display from 4-5:30. Tickets are at a reduced price ($13 each) and our teams will get a percentage back on the tickets sold.
Below is the information to order tickets online. Tickets can be picked up at will call on the night of the game when ordered.
https://www.saginawspirit.net/groupsales/
username: meridian
password: spirit
Thank you from both the Junior High & High School Robotics teams!
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The Home Builders Association in conjunction with the Boy Scouts is hosting a Skilled Trades Exploration Day on November 10th from 10am-12pm. If you are looking to learn more about the construction world stop by the office and pick up a flyer. You must RSVP by November 6th to Jodi Sasse by phone @ 989-835-2562 or at jsasse@hbsmidlandmi.com. Parents will need to fill out paperwork the morning of the 10th.

The Great Lakes Bay Health Centers Mobile Dental Program, Smiles Are Everywhere, will be coming to the high school November 12-14. Their mobile units are able to provide dental services to school-aged children. Everyone is welcome, regardless of insurance coverage. For more information – click here: [Dental Bus info]

STUDENTS – we have a collection of lost water bottles and lunchboxes in the office. If you are missing one – come claim it before it finds its way to the trash.

Students - please remember - you may only register for ONE FIT class at a time. If you have registered for one and then change your mind and register for a 2nd one - you MUST make contact (in person or via email) with the teacher of the FIT you are NOT attending. If you do not make contact - you WILL be marked absent. Please remember this - it will reduce your 8th period absences in the future.

Are you interested in a career in the broadcasting industry? Media? Journalism? Audio/Visual? Technology & Engineering? Then BCBC’18 is for you! The broadcasting career builder conference will be held on Friday, November 16 from 8:30 am-3:30 pm at Lansing Community College. The registration fee is $30. For specific information, contact Rachel Krause @ 517-484-7444 or krause@michmab.com. The flyer for the event is posted on Mrs. Boxey's door and can be found here: [BCBC’18]

Seniors-- Make sure you get your senior picture as well as your baby picture emailed to Mrs. Rivard by Dec. 1!

Students under the age of 18 – if you plan to get a job – you must have a work permit completed and on file with us BEFORE you start your job. If you need a form – or have questions – please come to the office.

Vehicle registration forms are available in the office. If you drive to school, you need to display your parking tag. New registrations are required every school year.

Parents and Students: Interested in a past yearbook? 2016-2018 yearbooks are $40. 2015 and earlier are $30. Contact Mrs. Rivard for more information at sarah.rivard@merps.org

Senior Parents: Are you interested in having a "shout out" to your student in this year's yearbook? Contact Mrs. Rivard at sarah.rivard@merps.org for more information.

Do you want to drive without crashing your car? Are you at least 14 years and 8 months old? If so, you can take drivers training.

Segment 1 classes will be starting January 14, 2019 - February 26, 2019. You may pick up a packet of information in the high school office. If you have any questions please email Mr. Kielpinski at joseph.kielpinski@merps.org.

Segment 2 classes will be December 3, 10, & 17, 2018 at Meridian Junior High School in Room 75. The class times are from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Athletic Team Signup Information:
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Winter sports will be starting soon. Remember - before you can TRYOUT you MUST have a current sports physical card on file in the office. “Current” is defined by the MHSAA as "one given on or after April 15 of the previous school year.” All physicals for this school year must be dated on or after April 15, 2018. You can pick up a blank form in the office.

Freshman boys – are you interested in trying out for the basketball team? Sign up in the office.

Try-outs for the Tri-Valley Titans Hockey Team:
Thursday, November 1st at 4:30pm
All Try-outs skates are at The Dow Event Center

All girls interested in competitive cheer for the upcoming season – tryouts will be Monday, Nov. 5th. 3:30 - 5:30 in the cheer practice room. Sign up on the sheet in the office. Practice will start Tuesday, Nov 6th. 3:30 - 5:30 in the cheer practice room. You must have your physical to begin practice.

The Lady Mustang Basketball signup sheet is in the office. For all 9th thru 12th grade students, tryout date is Monday November 12th, from 5pm - 7pm in High School Gymnasium. Wear appropriate basketball attire to prepare for a two-hour basketball workout. Even if you haven't played before or for a long time, come on out and give it a shot (: Any questions or concerns please reach out to Varsity Head Coach Stockford at 248.882.0772 or email estock83@sbcglobal.net. Thank you and see you on the court.

Interested in trying out for our bowling team? The signup sheet is in the office. Tryouts are Tuesday, November 13 at Northern Lanes from 3:30 – 5:00 pm. There is a $10 fee due at tryouts to cover the bowling fee. You MUST have a sports physical on file in the HS office BEFORE attending tryouts.

The Midland Community Center is organizing a junior high/high school basketball league. Games are played on Fridays and Saturdays in December, January and February. For more info - pick up a flyer in the office or click here: community center flyer

Ongoing Fundraiser information:
The Sophomore Class is selling holiday greens, Christmas wreaths, etc. The sale will run from October 30th - November 12th and will help pay for homecoming expenses, prom, senior banquet and community outreach events like Adopt-A-Family. Contact Mrs. Boxey with any questions you may have. Brochure Order Form

Scholarship Corner:
Attention Graduating Seniors (those NOT staying for the 5th year): The annual HELPS scholarship booklet has arrived (see attached). It is filled with scholarship opportunities from around mid-Michigan as well as specific colleges and the Midland Area Community Foundation. There are many live links throughout the booklet. Start scouring it now and pay attention to deadlines! There are thousands of $$$ that will be awarded! You just need to apply! You would be amazed at how many get left unclaimed! See Mrs. Boxey or Miss Kasper with any questions you might have. HELPS booklet

Scholarships have been added to the online scholarship page!

All available scholarships can be found here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/17rPdD3ujRGkwZijhc2_jupkvD6o7IwtPvRCxFjFA6lc/pub?embedded=true

Counselor’s Corner:
FAFSA is open!
Financial Aid Night: November 7th, 6:00 -7:30 PM

Greater Michigan Construction Academy: Open House from 5:30 – 7:00pm on November 7th

FAFSA Night: MECHS will be holding its annual FAFSA night on Wednesday, November 7th from 6-7:30 pm. The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and needs to be filed by all GRADUATING seniors (those NOT staying for the 5th year) and all current 5th year students. Financial Aid advisors will be on-hand to help with the filing and submission. Students and parents will need to create an FSA ID in order to file. See the attachments below for instructions on how to create an FSA ID. It would also be helpful to bring 2017 tax information if possible. STUDENTS: Since we no longer have the PC lab, please bring your laptop to this event. We will have some laptops available, but it would be helpful if you could bring your own to ensure we have enough laptops on hand for the night.

FSA ID How to Create FSA ID

Seniors: Bring your college acceptance letters to Ms. Kasper to get your picture on the "Accepted" wall.

College Visit Calendar (sign up with Ms. Kasper):

Eastern Michigan University: November 7 @ 1:00
Concordia University: November 1 @ 2:30
James Madison College @ MSU: Early Action by November 1st
Northern Michigan University Rep Visit: November 6 @ 2:00
Michigan State University: November 8 @ 2:30

SOPHOMORES: Interested in attending Greater Michigan Construction Academy? Sign up for a rep visit with Ms. Kasper.

Upcoming events:

Sat, 11/03 - Cross Country – State Finals – Michigan International Speedway