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### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parents can have a significant positive role with the school by regularly communicating with their child's teachers. One of the best ways to facilitate this communication is by attending Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please note: Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 24th from 1:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m only. MCHS utilizes a walk-in format for the convenience of our parents/guardians during conferences. Should any parent or guardian require special accommodations at conferences please contact the school in advance to make these arrangements. We look forward to seeing you at the end of October!

### **TEENS AND VAPING**

A focus on student health is an essential part of creating that healthy environment. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recently sent out a warning about the use of e-cigarettes, or vaping, among teens. Vaping puts teens at risk for addiction and other health consequences, but unfortunately, 40 percent of 10th and 12th graders say they think there is low or no-risk of harm when using e-cigarettes. This is simply false, and our students need to know the real health risks they're facing. IDPH and ISBE are committed to getting information to schools, administrators, and families through whatever means we can. [Click here](#) to get the facts from the US Surgeon General. Resources from the ISBE website are also available [here](#) regarding the dangers of vaping and e-cigarette use.

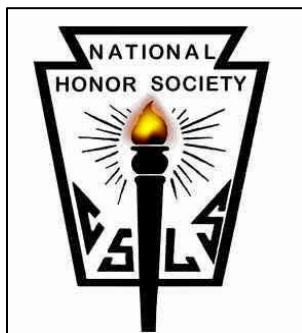
### **MCRIDE SERVICE**

Did you know MCRide is a great way to get around McHenry County? Whether you need transportation for work, school, shopping, or medical appointments, MCRide provides an affordable and flexible way to travel! As a dial-a-ride program, MCRide service is "on-demand" and buses do not travel in a fixed route each day. Riders schedule their trips in advance and the MCRide vehicle provides curb-to-curb service from the rider's desired pick-up and drop-off locations. MCRide is a shared ride service, so the vehicle may make stops for other passengers. The route is planned in advance around multiple riders' trips to help improve efficiency and accommodate as many trips as possible. [Click here](#) for more information on this service.

### **HOMECOMING 2019**

Our Homecoming festivities began on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and will continue throughout the week. This year's theme is "Hollywood." Spirit games and powderpuff will be held on the football field on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Homecoming parade at 2pm followed by the 1st National Challenge football game against Harvard High School. This game marks the 100<sup>th</sup> football contest between Marengo and Harvard. More information regarding this celebration is located in our Athletic News section.

The Homecoming dance will be on October 5<sup>th</sup> in the school commons from 7-10pm. Tickets are on sale for \$10 during lunch the week of homecoming, or \$15 at the door. If you plan to bring a guest to the dance, you must have turned in your guest registration form by September 27<sup>th</sup> and your guest must present their photo ID at the door.



### **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

National Honor Society is an organization that recognizes outstanding high school students. All juniors and seniors who have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5/4.0 (B+) or above may apply for admission to the Marengo Community High School Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS). NHS recognizes those who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Servant leadership is about helping others while developing leadership skills through planning and performing acts of service for others. During the year students are required to complete 15 service

hours of their choice, such as performance activities (arts), athletics, clubs, scholastic teams, and community service, with one being a NHS sponsored event.

The Marengo Community High School Chapter of the National Honor Society will induct its new members on the night of Thursday, October 17th at 7 p.m. We look forward to working with you and having a great year!

### **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

The PRIDE committee of Marengo Community High School recognized twelve students selected by the faculty as "September Students of the Month." They were nominated for many reasons, including positive attitude, hard work, taking a leadership role, and willingness to go the extra mile. These students are: (left to right) Back row: Madelyn Haas (senior), Maggie Simons (junior), Cameron Holst (senior), Jagger Ferden (senior), Timothy Scholl (junior), and Brendon Anchor (junior); Front row: Brooke Aubry (senior), Ava Simons (senior), Jacqueline Zarate (sophomore), Amber Rinaldi (sophomore), Eduardo Solis (freshman) and Layla Rentner (senior). These students were treated to a pizza lunch provided by Joe's Place.



### **MARENGO FFA – August/September Events**

#### **Campout!**

This year due to weather conditions, our "Campout" became a "Lock-In" where the members stayed overnight in the school to play games, work on Program of Activities (POA), and promote group bonding. Our lock-in was on Saturday, September 21, and we participated in activities to increase leadership, communication, and fellowship.



## **Chapter Events**

### ***Farm Progress Show***

A field trip that the Farm Bureau sponsors and members are allowed to attend. "We were looking at new and improved technology and equipment for the farming industry," stated Nolan Hopper, a 3rd year FFA member.

### ***Kids Farm Corner***

A week-long event hosted at the McHenry County Fair, in which the members of the FFA and 4-H groups come together to educate the public on various aspects of agriculture. We accomplished this by setting up stations that focused on different parts of agriculture that the public was able to relate to regarding different aspects of their lives.





### **Section 6 Events**

To start off the year the section officers hold an annual event at Sycamore Park where the members throughout the section get the chance to come together and socialize in fun bonding activities.

#### ***Chapter Kick-off***

This meeting started the school year off. The first meeting was held at the Harp's pond. Before the meeting, the members had time to do some water activities, and after there was some team bonding.



#### ***Horse Judging***

The first CDE of the school year, where the members get to observe horses. The members for this contest, in which they took 12<sup>th</sup> place, were Samantha Murray, Brooke Bertrand, and Glenda Mireles.

### **Upcoming Events**

Our upcoming events include Horticulture, Meats, World Dairy Expo, Land Use Contest, National Convention, and Chapter Meetings.

### **GUIDANCE NEWS**

#### **October Early Dismissal Change**

The October 11:30am dismissal will take place on October 16<sup>th</sup> rather than October 9<sup>th</sup> due to PSAT/Senior SAT retake testing. School will be in session as a regular attendance day with 3pm dismissal on October 9<sup>th</sup>. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, students in grades 9-11 will participate in PSAT testing and have an 11:30am dismissal. Seniors who signed up in advance will retake the SAT and have an 11:30 dismissal. All other seniors are expected to participate in a job shadow, community service, or college visit on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Seniors, if you haven't decided on an activity for October 16<sup>th</sup>, MCC is hosting one-hour sessions that include tours and information. MCC is excited to share their facilities with you and answer any questions you may have. [Click here](#) for more information regarding their college connection event.

**Class of 2020:** FAFSA Application opens up October 1st!

**Description:** FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Need help filling out your FAFSA? Participants will go line by line through the FAFSA form. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form used by the U.S. Department of Education to determine student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) by conducting a "need analysis" based on financial information, such as income, assets, and other household information. The form is submitted to and processed by a federal processor contracted by the U.S. Department of Education. The results are electronically transmitted to the financial aid offices of the schools listed on your application. FAFSA is the application used by nearly all colleges and universities to determine eligibility for federal, state, and college-sponsored financial aid, including grants, educational loans, and work-study programs.

**FAFSA Line-by-Line workshop for the class of 2020**

Date: November 5th @6pm

Where: Marengo Community High School media lab

Cost: Free

**Important Note:** RSVP to Maureen Olson by November 1st at 815-334-5873, in guidance, or at [olsomm@mchs154.org](mailto:olsomm@mchs154.org). Please include your student's name and the number of people attending. *Space is limited.*

**What you need to fill out the FAFSA form:**

- Complete the FAFSA on the web worksheet. [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Apply for a FSA ID (one for the student, one for the parent) at [FSA ID link](#)
- Have the following with you. Failure to do so may result in not being able to complete the application.
  1. Student's 2018 U.S. 1040 and W-2 forms
  2. Parent's 2018 U.S. 1040 and W-2 forms
  3. Student's drivers license and social security card
  4. Parent's social security cards
  5. Records of total untaxed income for 2018 (i.e. public aid, social security, Veteran's benefits, child support)
  6. Student's alien registration number, if a permanent resident
  7. Records of current asset information (i.e. saving account, checking account)
  8. Month and year of marriage, separation, divorce or other change in marital status
  9. Records of net worth of investments for both parents and studentsNote: Net Worth = Current Value minus Debt

**MCHS Annual College Application Week**

This year our College Application Week will be October 7-11 for all seniors. Counselors will be working with seniors to finalize post secondary applications, begin scholarship searches, and financial aid (FAFSA). Sign up will be in the guidance office today to save your spot. Students can attend every day during their study hall and lunch periods. Encourage your senior students to participate and receive free college gear!

### **College Visits at MCHS**

Each year college representatives come to our high school to talk with junior and senior students about admission requirements, majors offered, scholarships, and campus life. Please visit our “college visit calendar” by clicking [here](#) to see what colleges are scheduled.

### **Class of 2022**

Counselors will be meeting with all freshmen students individual to discuss the transition to high school. Meetings will begin in mid October.

**Groups** The guidance department offers a variety of support groups (academic, self esteem, substance to name a few). Check with your student’s counselor for more information.

### **ATHLETIC NEWS**

#### **100 YEARS OF RIVALRY FOOTBALL: FORMER FOOTBALL PLAYERS RECOGNIZED**

We will be celebrating 100 years of Marengo vs. Harvard football on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Marengo Community High School.

The 100<sup>th</sup> match up will coincide with the First National Challenge, a Marengo and Harvard Booster Club annual fundraising event. In addition, it will be homecoming for Marengo. The High Schools and Boosters Clubs would like to invite all former football players and coaches to help us celebrate this milestone, having them take part in the “parade of athletes” and be recognized together as part of this long history/rivalry in football for the schools. Tickets to the First National Challenge event are \$10, and include entrance to the game and a pork chop sandwich meal. Advance tickets (recommended) can be purchased at Marengo and Harvard High School Athletic Offices, as well as First National Bank locations in Marengo and Harvard.

The “parade of athletes” and recognition will take place immediately following the sophomore game. Frosh/Soph game- 5PM; Varsity game- 7PM. Please contact respective school athletic offices for additional information. Marengo High School Athletic Office 815-568-6511; Harvard High School Athletic Office 815-943-6461.

### **VOLLEY FOR THE CURE**

Marengo Community High School Volleyball Program, HOSA, and the JUNIORETTEs will host our 11th annual “Volley for the Cure” match against North Boone High School on Tuesday, October 22, 2019. All proceeds collected will be presented to local women/men who are fighting breast cancer. Last year we raised \$10,000 to donate back to our community members, but we didn't do it without your HELP! Please donate if you can and/or please attend the game to bid on the hundreds of raffle and silent auction items. Last year we had over 100 raffle and silent auction items that were donated by local community members and businesses. All bidding begins at 4:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. You do not have to be present to win.



### **MANDATORY WINTER SPORTS MEETING**

The mandatory Winter Parent Sports meeting will be on October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Winter Sports Pictures will be taken on November 19th after school.

### **MCHS INSTALLS TOUCH SCREEN**

We have recently installed a “Touch Screen” in the High School Commons. This is a place to recognize teams and individuals on their accomplishments in athletics, activities, and academics. We are working to put content in every day, but if you would like to submit something, please [click here](#) to fill out the form and we will get it submitted. This form is for submitting individuals only. Teams will be uploaded in batches by year. There is a lot of history at Marengo High School so all the help you can provide is appreciated. This process will take some time, so please be patient.

