

# MHS Smoke Signals

October 2016  
Vol. 3

## Congratulations Senior Student of the Month **LACEY ALBERS!!!**



### Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 26 (school in session) - 5-8 pm

October 27 (no school) – 8 am-8 pm

Please call Mrs. Mueller at

618-566-8523 ext. 5197

to schedule your student's conference.

### **Volley for the Cure**

The MHS Volleyball Team and Cheer Squad have teamed up to bring a "Block for the Cure" event to Mascoutah High School on October 18th during the match against Civic Memorial. Shirts are available for purchase for \$15 and can be ordered in the MHS office and at the volleyball game on October 3. Shirts will be available for pick up on October 14 in the office or prior to the game on the 18th.

Mrs. Sandra Jougard, Principal  
Mr. Jeff Junker, Asst. Principal  
Mr. Brandon Woodrome, Asst. Principal

School Telephone: 618-566-8523

Office Hours: 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

### MHS HOMECOMING INFO.....

Student Council will once again be hosting the Mascoutah High School Homecoming Dance. This year's dance will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the MHS gym. Our theme this year is "Around the World." Tickets are \$10 and will go on sale Wednesday, September 28-Thursdays, October 6.

Wednesday, Sept. 28 -- 7:25-7:50am

Thursday, Sept. 29 -- 7:25-7:50am

Friday, Sept. 30 -- 7:25-7:50am

Monday, Oct. 3 -- 2:35-3:15pm

Tuesday, Oct. 4 -- 2:35-3:15pm

Wednesday, Oct. 5 -- 2:35-3:15pm

Thursday, Oct. 6 -- 2:35-3:30pm

Any student wishing to bring an out of school date must have the out of school date form completed **before** purchasing a ticket. Students must be in attendance five (5) full periods on Thursday, October 6. All students must arrive to the dance by 8:00 pm. Homecoming court coronation will begin at 9:00 pm. Parents wishing to watch coronation may come at 8:45 pm. Please remember this is a formal dance, so jeans and casual hats are **not allowed**.

### Student Absences

**PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
CALLING THE SCHOOL (566-8523)  
BEFORE 9:30AM IF THEIR CHILD IS  
GOING TO BE ABSENT.**

### HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK

Monday: Tourist Day  
Tuesday: Groups and Pairs Day  
Wednesday: Class Distinction Day  
Freshmen – Go To France  
Sophomores-Spartans  
Juniors-Journey to the Jungle  
Seniors - Save the World  
Thursday: Purple & White Day

The homecoming parade will be on the evening of Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00pm starting at MMS and continuing to MHS. The route will be exiting onto Harnett from the Administrative Service Center to the front of MHS where the parade will end. The parade will be followed by the bonfire. (Approx. 6:30pm to 8:30pm outside softball fence)

### STUDENT IDENTIFICATION

**All students must have a MHS Student ID and lanyard upon entering the building. Students without proper identification must obtain a new student ID for a replacement cost of \$5 or replacement lanyard for \$1.**

### PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCES

Please plan ahead for absences caused by vacations and other family trips. In order for a student to be excused from classes, a parental note must be submitted to the Attendance Office at least 3 school days prior to the absence.

Pre-arranged absences are not allowed during semester examinations or to extend Christmas vacation. **DO NOT** schedule vacations or trips until after the last possible attendance day which is June 2, 2017. **Please note this date includes snow days.**

### COLLEGE VISITS

Students and their parents are encouraged to visit colleges during the second semester of their junior year and the first semester of their senior year. We suggest that these visits be confined to our school holidays, since colleges seldom dismiss for Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Lincoln's Birthday or Pulaski Day.

### PARENT PORTAL

The Parent Portal allows you to check on your student's grades daily. If you need information contact the main office.

### REPORT CARDS TO BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS

End of Quarter	Report Cards
October 14	October 21
December 20	January 6
March 10	March 17
May 24	May 27 or date pending due to snow days

### DATES TO REMEMBER

October 3-7	Homecoming Week
October 5	Parade & Bonfire 6pm
October 6	Girls Powder Puff 6:30pm
October 7	No School
October 7	Homecoming Football game 7pm
October 8	Homecoming Dance 7pm
October 10	No School
October 11	College Week
October 14	Senior Announcement Assembly
October 14	End of the 1st Quarter
October 18	Chorus Concert 7pm
October 19	PSAT Test
October 19	Seniors Announcement Orders
October 22	ACT Test (not offered during The school day)
October 25	Jazz Concert 7pm
October 26-27	Parent Teacher Conferences
October 27	ASVAB Test @ 8am
October 28	No School - Offices Closed
November 11	No School - Veteran's Day
November 22	Blood Drive
November 23-25	No School-Thanksgiving Break
December 16-20	Final Exams
Mar 1-Apr 28	ISA Test-Course Based: Biology
April 5	SAT Test
April 8	ACT Test (not offered during the school day)

### VISIT OUR NEW WEB PAGE:

[www.mhs.msdl9.org](http://www.mhs.msdl9.org)

**PARENTS MAY VIEW THE SMOKE  
SIGNALS AND DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS  
ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE**

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE REQUEST

**Please list one or more teachers with whom you desire a conference. State the date and times you desire a conference.** If additional space is needed, use the backside of this sheet or attach an additional page. Return this form to the Guidance Office, Mascoutah High School, 1313 West Main Street, Mascoutah, IL 62258. You may also call in your request at 566-8523 ext. 5195.

**Wednesday, October 26, 5:00-8:00pm**  
**Thursday, October 27 8:00am-8:00pm**

Student's Name

Parent's Name

Telephone #

E-mail Address

Teacher

SubjectDateTime

Student's Name

Mascoutah High School Counseling Office  
Andrea Barriger -- Last Names A-H & 504 Coordinator  
Nancy Frey -- Last Names I-R & Running Start Coordinator  
Christine Renth -- Last Names S-Z & Students with IEP  
Monica Lynch -- School Social Worker  
Mary DeLeonardis -- Social Worker

## Information from Your School Counselors

### ACT:

If you missed registering for the October test, you have until **November 4th** to register for the **December 10th test date**. Please visit [ACT.org](http://ACT.org) for more information.

### SAT & The Khan Academy:

This year all juniors will take the SAT test free of charge. In preparation for the test, students are strongly urged to visit the **Khan Academy** {[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)} website to prepare for the test. Through the Khan Academy, students are able to create their own personal account, answer questions that will in turn generate a unique educational roadmap specific to their needs, and begin working in the areas of English, writing and math to help improve their skill sets before starting practice tests. All students who are planning to take the SAT are encouraged to utilize this free test prep site to help prepare for the test. **Additionally, students who are needing help in certain subject areas (math, science, English & social studies) can create accounts and begin working on improving skills. This service is free just like the test prep, so sign up now and explore all of the subject areas the Khan Academy offers.**

### Scholarships:

Please explore all tabs on the [msd19.org](http://msd19.org) website for scholarship opportunities including 'Scholarship Resources on the Web' link. This link will take you to many scholarship search engines that will allow you to search for nationwide scholarships. Again, once you log on to the [msd19.org](http://msd19.org) website, you will need to click on "About our School," then click on the "Counseling Office" and select the 'Scholarship Resources' tab. From there you will be able to search for community scholarships, general scholarships, and scholarships that are online. Currently, there are active scholarships under the 'Community/MHS' and 'General Scholarships' tabs. Foundations scholarships will not be active until mid January.

### College and Career Planning:

If your student needs help choosing the right career path or college, then ACT Profile {[www.actprofile.org](http://www.actprofile.org)} can help! ACT Profile is an interactive site where students are able to take three inventories (*interest, ability, and values*) that lead them to college and career clusters that they are able to further explore and gain relevant information from. The counselors encourage students to utilize their accounts and remember their logins and passwords, as this is the tool that will be used to help all grade-levels plan for their futures. Another great source for exploration of college and career planning is [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). College Board Association is made up of over 6,000 of the world's leading educational institutions and is dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in education. Juniors will need to register for the ACT or the SAT on their own this year. Information was given to them at their registration meeting on January 28 including testing dates, timelines, and prices. Juniors will want to take a college entrance exam at least once before their senior year.

### Senior Meetings:

All counselors will be meeting individually with seniors during the months of September & October. It will be at this time that we will discuss their responses to their senior survey, along with graduation credits, the ACT, college applications, scholarships, college representative visits, college fairs, financial aid, and letters of recommendation. Please expect a letter home in October that lists your student's current classes needed to fulfill graduation requirements, as well as an updated number of current graduation credits.

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#### FAFSA:

The FAFSA filing date has moved up to **October 1st**. The Counseling Office at MHS is having a Financial Aid night in the high school auditorium on **October 13th at 6 pm**. The presenter for October 13th will be **Valerie Jansen from St. Louis University**. Please plan to attend this meeting with your student if you have questions about FAFSA and the filing process. Additionally, on **October 20th**, the counseling office will host a FAFSA Completion Night at **7pm in the High School Library**. The October 20th night will focus on actually completing the filing process for FAFSA. Please bring your 2015 tax information, as well as other important documents needed to file. Obtaining your FSA Id along with your son/daughters FSA Id in advance is very helpful to the process. Go to [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) to get these.

#### PSAT Test:

On **Friday, September 9th**, the counselors visited all tenth grade honors English classes, as well as **all** junior English classes, to handout information regarding the PSAT. **The deadline to sign-up for the PSAT is Friday, September 30th**. The cost of the test is **\$30**. The PSAT will be given to those students who sign up on **Wednesday, October 19th during 1st through 4th hours**. More information to come.





# MASCOUTAH HIGH SCHOOL




EXPECTATIONS	Hallway	Bath room	Perimeter	Cafeteria	Assemblies	Classroom
<b>M</b> odel Positive Behavior	Respect other people's space	Use good personal hygiene	Follow all traffic and safety rules	Clear your area of trash and tray	Show school spirit while respecting peers and presenters	Make academically successful choices
<b>H</b> onor Yourself & Others	Use appropriate language	Keep area clean	Respect others' space and property	Respect other students' place in line	Stand for National Anthem and school song	Respect those speaking in class
<b>S</b> upport School Rules	Leave personal items in locker	Use in a timely manner	Arrive on time	Use your own I.D.	Sit in designated area	Be responsible for knowing all rules

At MHS we have PBIS. Positive Behavior Interventions & Support. We call it Mascoutah Pride. Information can be found on the website by clicking on the tab on the left labeled Mascoutah Pride/PBIS. Highlighted for October is still the student tardy challenge. Students must get to class on time to help their advisory team. The flyer is

Mascoutah PRIDE 1st Quarter Reward:

**NO TARDIES PARTY**



Encourage your Advisory classmates to be on time to all of their classes!



**Top Advisory Rewards**

1st Place: PIZZA!!!

2nd Place: DONUTS!!

3rd Place: Double Lunch!

4th Place: ??????????



## MHS Word of the Month

**Responsibility** (ri-spon-suh-bil-i-tee – The state, fact, or position of being accountable to somebody or for something.



"Today, more than ever before, life must be characterized by a sense of universal **responsibility**, not only nation to nation and human to human, but also human to other forms of life."

~ Dalai Lama

### PBIS Mascoutah PRIDE Fun Facts

- PBIS Be Positive Day was on Tuesday, September 20th. Baskets for students and teachers were raffled.
- PBIS recognizes student birthdays weekly. Announced in the cafeteria during lunch and receive coupon.
- At 96.88%, PBIS is striving to surpass the 92.49% of students with one or less tardies during first quarter last year.
- Students continue to receive arrowheads for doing the right thing. Weekly drawings are then held for prizes.

**WAY TO GO MASCOUTAH INDIANS**