**MHS Home & School Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Nov 10th, 2022, 9:15am C149**

**Attendees: Jamie Gravinese, Cindy Hartson, Gabby Winters, Susan Demedio, Sophia Pham, Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt, Deanna Roeger**

**MHS Staff Reports:**

**Principal Jamie Gravinese-**

**Grades:**

End of MP 1- Tomorrow

Report Cards posted- 11/29/22

**Pathways to Graduation: Act 158**

Effective with the graduating class of 2023 (this year's seniors), students have the option to demonstrate postsecondary preparedness through one of five pathways that more fully illustrate college, career, and community readiness.

Keystone Exams will continue as the statewide assessment Pennsylvania uses to comply with accountability requirements set forth in the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Although students will no longer be required to achieve proficiency on the Keystone Exams in order to meet statewide graduation requirements, **students must take the Keystone Exams for purposes of federal accountability**.

For Seniors, counselors have met with students to review their current portfolio to determine which path our seniors should be on.

For all underclass students, we are in the process of determining the best pathway forward for each student. We will be giving the Keystone exam during the first week in December. If your student has not yet passed the exam, we will be asking them to sit one more time for test as there is an option for students to earn a composite score.

Please see the graphic below to gain a stronger understanding of each pathway.

<https://www.methacton.org/cms/lib/PA50000637/Centricity/Domain/62/Pathways%20to%20Graduation%20-%20Act%20158%20of%202018.pdf>

**WINTER KEYSTONE EXAM Schedule**

Parents of students in grades 9-11, please check your email next week to see if your child is retesting. Notices are being sent on Monday. We also plan to notify students during the day so they are aware if they are on the retesting list.

Tentative Schedule:

Monday, December 5: Literature, 7:45am-11:15am

Tuesday, December 6: Biology, 7:45am-11:15am

Wednesday, December 7: Algebra 1- part 1: 7:45am- 9:30am

Thursday, December 8: Algebra 1- part 2: 7:45am-9:30am

**MIDTERMS:**

Wednesday, Jan 18-Regular day: ACE/BDF part 1 (ex, health)

Thursday, Jan 19- Regular day: ACE/BDF part 1

Friday, Jan 20- Regular day: ACE/BDF part 2

Monday, Jan 23- Regular day: ACE/BDF part 2

Tuesday, Jan 24- Periods 1 and 2

Wednesday, Jan 25- Periods 3 and 4XL-4A-4B; 4A-4B

Thursday, Jan 26- Periods 5A-5C, AL-5A; AND BL-6A & 6A-6C

Friday, Jan 27-Period 7; PD in PM

**AMC Math Contest today**

**CONGRATULATIONS** TO Hana Nouaime and Alice Liang won the state championship for doubles tennis for the second year in a row!

**Reminder:**

**Car Line-** We have seen ups and downs. When we see something that is happening illegally, we address it with the student (and parent).  For 98% of the time, it’s going smoothly.

**No Guest Riders on Busses**

Attention Parents of Seniors! **You have two deadlines to hit by Friday:**

**(Please share this info with your friends so everyone knows!)**

**1. Fill out the Diploma Name Request Form so we have exactly what you want printed on your child's diploma.** (You will need to know your child’s student ID number and name of their first period teacher to complete the form.) **Click here for the** [**Diploma Name Form**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/LffQ2ZVS1naESW28vQ7wQw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRlMBjfP0RvaHR0cHM6Ly9kb2NzLmdvb2dsZS5jb20vZm9ybXMvZC9lLzFGQUlwUUxTZk9NODhIMjVwekxlQ0VER1NVekVHeldGOG5neENsbndPVWF2UWw3Zk5YamlFYVl3L3ZpZXdmb3JtP3VzcD1zZl9saW5rVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpjTl_lTmPc4SSpUhZhbGV2ZW5iZXJnQHZlcml6b24ubmV0WAQAAAAB) **–** please be sure to hit submit when you are done filling it out. **The deadline was last FRIDAY. Please fill this out right away.**

2. **Order your senior's cap and gown. We ask all families to purchase a cap and gown for their student so that it matches the group. The Cap and Gown is $25. The final deadline was** Friday, October 28th. To avoid late fees and product restrictions, please go to [sscgradstore.com](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fsscgradstore.com%2f&c=E,1,ewo80RqbE2Ds2r6lz-hQIbAlCNfcUhzckoIisQDDmdCn7Xr_od8Iw3TZDFH-DeZcZsFtLcSnKLTEJmDax5azSP9jHdQ0TZeGDAmIABEVmay7X_I,&typo=1). You are still able to order it at this time.  **Please scroll to the bottom of the page to find the cap & gown selectio**n. If you have any questions, **please call Student Services Company at 610-539-1330** **or email them at gowns@studentservicesco.com.** If you are experiencing a financial hardship and are unable to purchase the cap and gown, please reach out to Dr. Gravinese.

3**. Seniors- Pick your pose for the yearbook (due 11/14)**- see flyer below, along with the advertisement for purchasing this year's yearbook.

**Attention Parents and Guardians of Members of the Class of 2022:**

Baby Ads: Continuing a 32 year tradition, the staff of the Methacton High School Yearbook (The Methactonian), is offering parents of graduating seniors the opportunity to purchase a “baby ad” for publication in this year’s book. Space is provided for a baby photo and a personal message of well wishes and congratulatory statements of 50 words or less. **Baby ads are only offered online.** This classic section is a favorite for all. Please see the attached flyer and contact Caitlin Ferenchak (cferenchak@methacton.org) or Chris Lloyd (clloyd@methacton.org) if you have any questions.

* **Friday, November 11- End of MP 1**
* **Tuesday, November 8- In-Service Day**
* Thursday/Friday/Saturday, November 10-12, Fall Play: The Great Gatsby
* **Wednesday, November 23- Closed**
* **Thursday, November 24- Holiday- Closed**
* **Friday, November 25- Closed**
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* Friday, December 16- 1/2 way through 2nd marking period Interims
* Wednesday, December 21- MHS Winter Concert at Arcola
* **Friday, December 23- January 2- OFF Winter Holiday**
* **Tuesday, January 3- School Resumes**

**Teachers-No Report**

**Counseling- Cindy Hartson**

November 10, 2022

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SAT dates:

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| **Dec 3, 2022** | Nov 3, 2022 | Nov 22, 2022[**Register**](https://mysat.collegeboard.org/) |
| **Mar 11, 2023** | Feb 10, 2023[**Register**](https://mysat.collegeboard.org/) | Feb 28, 2023 |
| **May 6, 2023** | Apr 7, 2023[**Register**](https://mysat.collegeboard.org/) | Apr 25, 2023 |
| **June 3, 2023** | May 4, 2023[**Register**](https://mysat.collegeboard.org/) | May 23, 2023 |

**H & S Reports:**

**Gabby Winters-** Soup Luncheon was well received but lacking food later in the day. Planning for next year may request more soups or hold some to the side along with salads to pull in halfway through the luncheon in hopes it lasts longer. Reminding donations request all salads ok (pasta, potato etc). Possibly adding sandwich donations to request in case people weary of soup transport.

**Susan Demedio-**Teacher luncheon planned for Friday January 27th. May try to send a google form for staff to fill out options of chicken parm, meatball sub, or vegan sandwich. Will then also send out another no frills fundraiser request as well.

MCC Mtg next Tuesday night with by laws as the topic. Lists before you become an officer you need to have served as a home and school board member for President or Treasurer position. Also lists conflict of interest (“district employee”) which can be discriminatory so need for clarification. Lastly a non secretarian (non religious) affiliation clause was added.

Post Prom is still looking for new chairs to lead going forward. Planning to get a flyer to MCC group to spread the word.

**Vice President-** No Report

**Treasurer Sophia Pham-** $453 additional donations received for no frills fundraiser. Total is now $8305.35. Budget Goal is $8560. Short $254.65. Still have about $9000.00 in bank so have some cushion. Have spent money on post prom, mini grants, and SEA contributions.

**Secretary**- No Report

**District Reports:**

**SEA Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt-**1. Thursday, November 17, 2022 - **The 10 Myths You Need to Know About Inclusion and the Law** presented by Patrick G. Radel, Esq., Getnick Livingston Atkinson & Priore, LLP  from Utica, New York. Mr. Radel is a Special Education Attorney and parent of child with a disability. Flyer will be distributed soon. Meeting will be on Zoom.

2. December Social Outing, **Variety’s Holiday Lane**– We are looking at either Thursday, December 1 or Saturday, December 3 for an organized SEA group outing. Based on the number of registrants, we are also considering raffling a few of the tickets for families to be able to attend. More details will follow on an organized group outing and the raffle.

3. **Kendra Scott**fundraiser will be December 16-17th. Mark your calendars! There will be an in-store event on Friday, 12/16, in the evening. Still waiting for confirmation on the time. There will also be a code that can be used online all day Friday and Saturday and over the phone. More details will be coming soon and we look forward to working with the H & S to promote the fundraiser.

4. Mark your calendars for this year’s Special Education workshops on various topics.

    Details on topics will follow. **(Thursdays, Dates subject to change depending on**

**availability of presenters and District events)**

-        January 19, 2023

-        February 16, 2023

-        March 16, 2023

-        April 20, 2023

-        May 18, 2023

 5.    Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SEAofMCC> or contact us at seamethacton@gmai[l.com](http://l.com/)

**Dates To Remember**

**November**

10,11,12- Fall Play

11th- Marking Period Ends

23-No School\*Possible Make-Up Day

24-25- Thanksgiving Break

**December**

6- Tri-M Music Honor ociety Induction 3pm

21- Winter Concert @ Arcola 7:30pm

23-2- Winter Break