

Moscow High School

Home of the Bears

Bear Facts - A newsletter for Parents & Patrons of MHS

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Moscow High School's first semester ends on the 21st of January, 2010. Grades are posted on the students transcripts as well as an official report card sent out to parents and guardians. The faculty of Moscow High School spends countless hours outside of the classroom helping students maintain academic progress as well as keeping their grades accurate. Our school is on a semester grading system which provides students and parents printed and mailed academic updates every six weeks. Students and parents also get updates by utilizing PowerSchool.

The use of a subject driven calendar by all students is encouraged and Student Handbooks are provided to each student at the beginning of the school year. Clearly, organization goes a long way toward student success in the classroom. It is a skill that will continue to benefit students as they enter the workforce or continue toward a post-secondary education. The students, parents, counselors and administrators all work together to help students find success during their three years at Moscow High School. We all work together to bring academic success for all students during these complicated teenage years.

You can be assured that your students are receiving a top quality academic preparation, which will continue to prepare them for the future.

Bob Celebrezze
Principal

Moscow High Pride

FIRST SEMESTER TEST SCHEDULE 09-10

NO EARLY EXAMS—Any exceptions must be approved by the administration.

Grades are due Tuesday morning, January 26, 2010

Friday, JAN. 15

8:18 A.M. - 9:18 A.M. PERIOD 1 STUDY SESSION
 9:22 A.M. - 10:21 A.M. PERIOD 2 STUDY SESSION
 10:25 A.M.- 11:24 A.M. PERIOD 3 STUDY SESSION
 11:24 A.M.- 12:06 P.M. LUNCH
 12:06 P.M. - 1:05 P.M. PERIOD 6 STUDY SESSION
 1:09 P.M. - 2:08 P.M. PERIOD 4 STUDY SESSION
 2:12 P.M. - 3:11 P.M. PERIOD 5 STUDY SESSION

Tuesday, JAN. 19

8:18 A.M. - 9:21 A.M. PERIOD 3 STUDY SESSION
 9:25 A.M. - 10:43 A.M. PERIOD 2 FINAL
 10:47 A.M.- 11:49A.M. PERIOD 5 STUDY SESSION
 11:49 A.M.- 12:31 P.M. LUNCH
 12:31 P.M.- 1:49 P.M. PERIOD 6 FINAL
 1:53 P.M. - 3:11 P.M. PERIOD 0 FINAL

Wednesday, JAN. 20

8:18 A.M. - 9:21 A.M. PERIOD 1 STUDY SESSION
 9:25 A.M. - 10:43 A.M. PERIOD 3 FINAL
 10:47 A.M. - 11:49 A.M. PERIOD 4 STUDY SESSION
 11:49 A.M. - 12:31 P.M. LUNCH
 12:31 P.M. - 1:49 P.M. PERIOD 5 FINAL
 1:53 P.M. - 3:11 P.M. MAKE-UP EXAMS

Thursday, JAN 21

8:18 A.M. - 9:37 A.M. PERIOD 4 FINAL
 9:41 A.M. - 11:14 A.M. PERIOD 1 FINAL
 LUNCH
 MAKE-UP EXAMS

*Locker check will be on Thursday during the first fifteen minutes of period 1. Teachers will supervise locker check with period 1 students, and all students are expected to meet with their class for exams.

*Please, no parties!

*All exams are to be held for the full period.

*Teachers are to hold students in their classrooms until the end of the period.

*No students are to be in the halls.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS: ACT OR SAT

<u>SAT Test Dates</u>	<u>Registrations Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Date</u>
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March 13, 2010	February 4, 2010	Feb 5 - Feb 18, 2010
May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010	Mar 26 - April 8, 2010
June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010	April 30 - May 13, 2010

<u>ACT Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Date</u>
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February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010	January 6 – 15, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6 – 19, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 8 – 21, 2010

Register on-line for the ACT at www.actstudent.org and at www.collegeboard.com for the SAT. When registering for the ACT or SAT our MHS code is 130415.

Counseling/academic advisor assignments for the 2009-2010 school year:

Grade 10	Jackie Bearden
Grade 11 & 12	Char Jakich

MHS COLLEGE STUDENT FORUM

Friday, January 8th

12:00 noon in the School Auditorium

Recent graduates attending school at Boise State, Gonzaga, University of Chicago, University of Idaho, Idaho State, University of Montana, Smith, Stanford, Wellesley and more will speak about their college choices and experiences and will be available to answer your questions.

There will also be an informal mixer with the returning students in Room 58 during Open 5th. Refreshments will be served.

Contact Charlene Jakich to find out more!

ATTENTION SENIORS:

If you need to order more graduation items (cap and gown, invitations, tassels, etc.) you can order online at www.specialgraditems.com. Once you're on the site, be sure and choose Moscow High School. For more information contact Mary Lou in the office. If you have not placed your order for a cap and gown do so before Jan. 10. Prices will be going up.

Choir News

Moscow High School Choir sang their hearts out for MJHS teacher Jim LaFortune's benefit concert on November 22. They backed up musician, songwriter and Moscow High alum Josh Ritter for three songs. December 11 was our annual Holiday Concert with the University of Idaho Jazz Choirs. This year the MHS choir sang "Midwinter's Chill" and sounded absolutely beautiful.

Lexi Bakken, Caitlin Faircloth, Jordan Maxwell, Ben Morris, Blake Paris, Jessica Schemmer, Tristan Sokol, and Kayla Ware all participated in the District II Mass Choir on November 7. The choir consisted of singers from all District II Schools and was conducted by Professor Chris Thompson from the University of Idaho. Great job students!

Jordan Maxwell auditioned and was selected for the American Choral Director's Association Northwest Honor Choir. **Jordan** will go to Seattle to sing with students from all over the northwest March 10-13. **Congratulations Jordan!**

Art News

My drawing classes are competing to create this year's Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival poster. This honor usually goes to an established commercial/studio artist or to a class on the UI campus. This year, Trach Hacker and Dwina Howey decided to give the opportunity to someone up-and-coming. The project has been treated like a commissioned piece, with two classes participating. A strict (and a bit brutal) deadline was December 18, 2009. At that time, Dwina, Trach, myself and a few other people reviewed the works and choose one. The winner will have their artwork made into limited edition posters which will be on display throughout Moscow and will also make their way into private collections as well as the permanent collection at the University. The winner this year is **Omni Francetich!** The two runners up are **Olivia Hollenhorst** and **Cody Morton**. Each of these students will also receive tickets, letters of congratulations as well as a cash prize. **Congratulations Omni, Olivia and Cody!**

Amy McMurtry ~ Art teacher MHS

Moscow Sophomores Recognized by VFW

Two MHS sophomores were recognized at the recent Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and its Ladies Auxiliary dinner and awards reception on Thursday, December 3rd, at the Smoky Mountain Pizza & Pasta. **Kim Davenport**, daughter of Dan and Karyl Davenport, placed second, and **Klayton Bailey**, son of Jeff and Candi Bailey, finished third. **Kim** received a cash award of \$75 and a U.S. Savings Bond for \$75, and **Klayton** received a cash award of \$50 and a U.S. Savings Bond for \$50. This year's theme for this patriotic audio essay contest was Does America Still Have Heroes?

Don and Joanne Meyer served as the contest facilitators for this competition, which is open to students in grades 9-12. Next year's theme will be introduced on the VFW website by late January. Students compete by writing and recording a broadcast script on an annual patriotic theme, and all entries are judged at the local VFW Post level.

Poetry Out Loud, Scheduled for Competition

If students at Moscow High are interested in competing for Poetry Out Loud (POL), sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and Poetry Foundation, they should contact Moscow High's contest co-chairs, Susan Hodgins in room 57 or Sarah Marhevsky on the third floor, room 308. For the school competition, students must prepare two poems, selected from the POL website. One poem must be 25 lines or fewer—and one poem must be written before the 20th century. (The same poem may be used to meet both requirements.) Students will compete on Wednesday, January 27th, starting at 12:45 in the high school auditorium during periods four and five. The public is invited to attend this competition. Although most students are nervous about reciting in front of their classmates, their peers often become their biggest fans, awed by the delivery, voice articulation, presence, and creativity of each performer.

This will be Moscow High's third year to participate in this school and local competition. Moscow High's top three finalists will compete for the Moscow title against Logos High School in early February, and the winner will advance to the state competition in Boise in late February.

Student Tutoring in Room 58 Every Wednesday

There is a collaborative learning program dedicated to offering any MHS student one-on-one assistance with learning outside of the class room, and so students come to room 58 each Wednesday for help with math problems or help at various stages of the writing process. Modeled after the Writing Center at the University of Idaho, under the direction of Mary Ann Judge, and the Writing Center at Washington State University, under the direction of Lisa Johnson, Academic Pride strives to teach MHS students to use this academic resource to improve their performance and increase their learning in a comfortable peer setting.

With finals approaching only two weeks after winter break, please remind your Moscow High student that Academic Pride is open each Wednesday in room 58 during periods 6, 2, and lunch. Peer tutors and volunteer English faculty members such as Evan Hecker, Sarah Marhevsky, and Jennifer Garcia are available before lunch with the guest assistance of Dr. Crag Hill, former MHS English teacher.

During lunch, Susan Hodgins, Evan Hecker and peer tutors are available to help any student with core class content and assignments, but there is an emphasis on math and writing. Helpful math tutors include seniors, Matt Morris and Amanda Niehenke, and junior Sisi Cheng. Dedicated writing tutors include seniors Caitlin Bayly, Amanda Cox, Amanda Niehenke, and John Williams, and sophomores Talia Candler, Alina Pastor-Chermak, and Erin Saladin. In a writing conference, peer tutors review prompts, help students clarify their thinking, and develop their ideas and organization. The Annex also offers the use of six computers with a printer for students to use at their convenience.

Finals Survival Bags!

Help support your student and the Moscow High School National Honor Society by purchasing a finals bag with tons of goodies for your hard working student! The Bags will be delivered during finals week January 19-21, 2010. Please return your order forms by January 13, 2010. (Please make checks payable to MHS NHS and send your checks to the high school office in care of the National Honor Society.)

<p>Large Bag \$10</p> <p>Nutri-Grain/Energy Bar Sport Drink Fruit Drink Small Bag of Chips Cup of Apple Sauce Teddy Grahams Chocolate/Vanilla Pudding Cookie Pack Candy Bar Cheez and Crackers Fruit Leather/Fruit Roll-up Bottled Water Apple or Orange Pencil</p>

<p>Small Bag \$6</p> <p>Nutri-Grain/Energy Bar Fruit Drink Cup of Apple Sauce Candy Bar Pack of Filled Cracker Fruit Leather/Fruit Roll-up Bottled Water Apple or Orange Pencil</p>

Order Form:
 Student Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Parent Name: _____
 Bag Size: small large
 Fruit Type: apple orange

Food Allergies: _____

Note to Student: _____

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Event: Moscow High School 2010 Career Fair
 Date: February 11, 2010
 Location: MHS Gymnasium
 Time: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Take a peek at the Career Fair web page (<http://www.msd281.org/highschool/counselors/career/Career%20Fair.htm>) to find out who the participants will be. The career fair will be attended by MHS students and other area high schools. MHS students will be accompanied to the Career Fair with their teachers and other area high school students will be accompanied by an adult representative from their high school. Home Schooled high school students and parents are welcome to attend the Career Fair; just stop by the office first for a visitor's pass. For more information please contact Diane Potter at potterd@msd281.org

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BAND</u></p> <p>For the third year in a row, the Moscow High School Band has had some of its own members take part in the world famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade held Thursday, November 26, 2009, in New York City. Dan Allen, trumpet; Delaney Nolan, alto sax; and Travis Streets, alto sax, represented the state of Idaho as well as Moscow High School in the Macy's Great American Marching Band. This prestigious band is comprised of members of all 50 states and the District of Columbia and was directed by Dr. Jon Woods of Ohio State University and Dr. Richard Good of Auburn University. The band was comprised of 185 members complemented by 50 flag-team members. The MHS students this year had the honor of being in the lead band in the parade in front of over 2.5 million spectators on the parade route and over 50 million TV viewers. Congratulations Dan, Delaney and Travis!</p>
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS...

HUGH O'BRIEN YOUTH (HOBY) LEADERSHIP AWARD

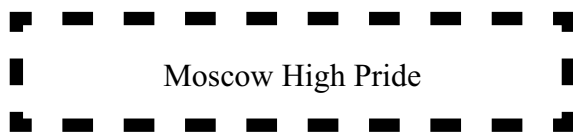
Congratulations to sophomores **Allie McIntosh** and **Alison Anders**, who will represent MHS at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference in June 2010. Our alternate is sophomore **Jasper LaFortune**. The goals of the HOBY program are to motivate and inspire young people to make a positive difference in our world. The competition was open to all sophomores. Selection was based on a written essay and on demonstrated and potential leadership abilities. Forty very strong candidates applied, and they are all to be commended for their interest in this opportunity. More information can be found on the HOBY website: www.hoby.org.

WINTER KNOWLEDGE MASTER OPEN RESULTS:

The MHS KMO team has maintained the title of Idaho State Champions with a score of 1384 out of 2000 points. The average score for high schools across the country was 1183 and 1150 for schools of our size. This placed our team in 18th position out of 150 schools of our size (top 12%) and in the top 22% of schools across the country.

Students work as a team to answer 200 questions across all subject areas. Points are awarded for accuracy and speed of responses. All MHS students are invited to participate. The spring competition is scheduled for April 21st. Interested students should see Ms. Wissner. Check out the MHS/Gifted and Talented website for more details.

The Winter KMO team included: 10th graders – **Klayton Bailey, Brandon Bledsoe, Talia Candler, Paul Cantrell, Michael Capawana, Nick Celebrezze, Sean Chenoweth, Megan Dreesmann, AJ Gayler, Shay Hatten, Zoe Johnson, Arden Jones, Jasper LaFortune, Daniel Leong, Harley Lyman, Jared Mahoney, Grace McGuire, Allie McIntosh, Sebastian Mortimer, Alina Pastor-Chermak, Erin Saladin, Tristan Sokol, Hannah Young**; 11th graders – **Sisi Cheng, Andrew Donelick, Sam Foster, Hailey Lewis, Jordan Maxwell, Jonah Mix, Keith Piersol, Clayton Snyder, Adam Storey**; 12th graders – **Robin Baker, Quincey Cole, Jenisha Devadoss, Chris Ketchum, Ryan Littlefield, Alana Lujan, Liz Nielsen, Bryn Ohlgren**



EXTENDED LEARNING INTERNSHIPS

Parents and friends are invited to attend ELI presentations throughout the day on Thursday and Friday, January 14th and 15th. The following students are completing independent projects this semester:

Khaled Abdel-Rahim – French Language and Culture; **Allison Anders** – Memory; **Klayton Bailey** – La Lingua Italiana e la Dolce Vita; **Robin Baker** – The Art and Culture of Tattoos; **Katie Campbell** – Painted Art; **Sisi Cheng** – Honey Bees and Colony Collapse Disorder; **Ben Clark** – Guitars, the instrument and the music; **Quincey Cole** – Conservation Biology: A Crisis Discipline; **Samantha Cox** – Equity in the Criminal Justice System; **Eliseo DeLeon** – Drafting a Future; **Andrew Donelick** – Spanish Language and Culture; **Andrew Donelick** – Nonlinear Dynamics; **Jack Fehrenbacher** – Graphic Design; **Margaret Gildner** – Photojournalism; **Hailey Lewis** – Weaving; **Janelle Meier** – Prosthetics; **Jonah Mix** – Capitalism as a means of personal and political liberation; **Haley Newsome** – Manga, a Study of the Japanese Graphic Novel; **Elizabeth Nielsen** – Russian Language; **Natalie O'Rourke** – The Craft of Creative Fiction; **Keith Pierson** – The Theory and Art of Game Design; **Ben Walden** – Miles Davis's Life and Music

EXTENDED LEARNING INTERNSHIPS (Continued)

Special thanks to the community and faculty mentors who make this opportunity possible.

Community mentors: Kelly Anderson, Terry Armstrong, Kenton Bird, Nina Blumenfeld, Michael Cavanaugh, Mouhamadou Diop, Brian Gill, Frank Jacobus, Clinton Jeffery, Annie Lampman, Karen Lewis, Steven Peterson, Maria Previto, Laura Putsche, Janet Rachlow, Matthew Rudd, Steve Sheppard, Melanie Siebe, Vern Sielert, Greg Turner-Rahman

Faculty evaluators: Pat Blount, Tom Brandt, Bob Celebrezze, Lee Anne Eareckson, Matthew Haley, Connie Hall, Susan Hodgins, Jason Huff, Steve Jackson, Amy McMurry, Linda Mullin, Erik Perryman, Mark Shipley

OPPORTUNITIES...

FPS SCENARIO WRITING COMPETITION

CALLING ALL WRITERS...students are invited to enter the Future Problem Solving Scenario Writing Competition. Required is a story of 1500 words or less, set 20 years in the future, exploring one of this year's FPS topics: Sensory Overload, Invasive Species, Orphaned Children, Food Distribution or Green Living. MHS students regularly take top awards in this competition at both the state and international level. See Ms. Wissner for details. Entry deadline is January 29th.

MATH COMPETITION

The American Mathematics Competition will be offered to interested 10-12th graders on Tuesday, February 9th, and Wednesday, February 24th. This competition involves 25 problems designed to challenge students with "mathematics that is new, different, and outside of the box." The contest leads to other more selective math contests. Interested students should contact one of the high school math teachers or Ms. Wissner for sample questions and more information. The AMC website is www.unl.edu/amc.