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Notice to Parents

As the parent of a student attending Mt. Vernon Township High School, a Title I eligible school, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers, and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher has met Illinois state qualification and licensing criteria in the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teacher's aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please call Tammy Beckham at 244-3700.

Mt. Vernon Conference

The twenty-ninth annual Mt. Vernon Conference will be held at Mt. Vernon Township High School on Thursday and Friday, October 30 and 31. As many as 4,000 educators from throughout the Midwest are expected to participate in this two-day conference.

For Mt. Vernon it means heavier traffic, crowded restaurants, and full motels. For teachers it means opportunities to attend sessions on computers, coaching, drug education, school violence, early childhood education, fine arts, gifted education, school law, math, science, language arts, and the social sciences.

Parents and interested citizens may attend part or all of the conference on both days. A complete schedule of events may be obtained at the time of registration. Persons wishing to register may contact the Hamilton-Jefferson Counties Regional Superintendent of Schools, Bryan Cross, at 244-8040.

School **WILL NOT** be in session on October 30 and 31 because of the conference. These dates would be ideal times for junior and senior students to schedule college visits.

Teacher Contact Procedures

Do you need to speak with one or more of your child's teachers? This can be done in a number of ways, such as:

- Call our switchboard (244-3700) and request to speak with a teacher.
 - Your child can ask the teacher to call you.
 - You may call the teacher using their direct classroom number, which is located on the Homework Hotline list and on the website.
- ** Please do not call teachers during class time. They can be reached during their conference period, before school or after school.

Math Team

We will be meeting each Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30. We will meet every week starting in October. If you would like to be part of the Math Team come and join us in room 105G or talk to Mr. England.

Chess Team/Club



Anyone interested in joining the Chess Team/club, it is not too late. If you would like to be part of us please come on Wednesday nights. We meet in room 105G from 3:30 to 5:00p.m. each week. We will be starting into our season soon so don't wait. There is a \$25 participation fee for the club, and team members will be doing fund raisers to earn their way. We also play chess each day at lunch in room 105G. Bring your lunch and join us. If you don't know how, we'll teach you! If you do know how, we'll play hard and have fun! Contact Mr. England for more information.

2008-2009 Student Council

Executive Board

President—Jeanette Odle
Vice President—Lauren Donoho
Secretary—Savannah Connaway
Treasurer—Colton Burge

Student Council Members

Class of 2009

Jeanette Odle	Lauren Donoho
Chance Tate	Colton Burge
Jessa Hawkins	Shelby Timm
Rachel Lee	

Class of 2010

Alicia Sheldon	Savannah Connaway
Victor Durham	Sarah Wagner
Cassy Austin	Caitlin Bullock
Paige Wallace	Emily Tackitt

Class of 2011

Alex Frisby	Clay Jackson
Hannah Weber	Cameron Stewart
Cody Ferland	Alaina Reeves

Class of 2012

Daylea Conway	Gabe Habtemariam
Brooke Kujawa	Taylor Hayes

Candidates for Representatives at Large

Janna Dabney	Erica Kirsch
Ryan Wellmaker	Kenzi Tate
Kadesia Patton	Niki Patton

Faculty Advisors

Mrs. Melanie Gulley
Mr. Jamey VanZandt



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Congratulations September Students of the Month



Spencer Allen	Nicholas Bennett	LaKenzie Blankenship
Tyler Bourland	Darius Box	Autumn Boyd
Britney Bryson	Serena Cimera	Rachel Flanagan
Jacqueline Flood	Tanner Hanson	Nathan Holt
Dustin Ing	Lauren Keller	Mackenzie Korris
Brooke Kujawa	Presley Marlow	Cassandra Moore
Cheyenne Morgan	Annalee Schuette	Sonny Snow
Hannah Storment	Drake Tate	Aryn Wiggins
Brandon Williams Meeks	Zane Xanders	Morgahn Zedalis



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Welcome to the Library

The library celebrated "Banned Book Week" in September. We are now getting ready for "Teen Read Week." What is Teen Read Week? Teen Read Week is a national literacy initiative aimed at teens, their parents, librarians, educators, booksellers and other concerned adults. It began in 1998 and is celebrated on October 12-18.

Libraries bring you the world. Because libraries offer free access to all, they bring opportunity to all. You'll find the right answer at your library. The greatest resources in your library are your librarians and library workers. Don't be afraid to ask them for help.

The library is open for students from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and at lunch 5 days a week. Remember:

- There is no limit to the number of books you may check out.
- There are no over-due fees—you only have to pay for lost or damaged books.
- We have videos for checkout.
- All students and staff have free inter-library loan access.
- Puzzles and games are available for use at lunch and before and after school.
- You are welcome to eat your lunch in the library as long as you sign in at either entrance and clean up your mess.

We sell bottled water for \$0.50 for a small and \$1.00 for a large. Snacks are available before school, at lunch and after school. Come and see us in 200C!

Special Olympics-Bowling

Twenty-four Special Olympics athletes from MVTHS competed in the Special Olympics Area 14 Bowling Competition at Nu-Bowl Lanes on Wednesday, September 10, 2008. Medals are awarded for first, second, and third place winners, and ribbons are awarded to all other athletes.

Gold Medal Winners

Norman Burwell
David Finn
Nathanel Garner
David Hester
Deshon Howard
Sydney Irvin
Luis Jacinto
Katrina Mestel
Antonio Moore
Sierra Okraj
Jessy Reichman
Dustin Todd
Alicia Yates

Silver Medal Winners

Haley Dehn
Courtney Sammons
Corey Copple
John Donovan

Bronze Medal Winners

Heather Ince
Nathaniel Chwarczinski
Nick Meador
Jacob Gass

Ribbon Recipients

Byron Karch
Ivan Nason
Anthony Wood

Katrina Mestel & Courtney Sammons also won SILVER medals in their doubles competition!

MT. VERNON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL
THEATRE FOR KIDS

PRESENTS

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ADAPTED BY
VERA MORRIS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008

7:00 P.M.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2008

2:00 P.M.

\$4.00 ADMISSION

MT. VERNON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL
SCHWEINFURTH AUDITORIUM

FOR SALE

The Girls Golf team has Mt. Vernon Rams nylon backpacks for sale for \$5.00. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact any member of the girls golf team or call Amber Tieffel at 246-9647.

