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Don't forget to order a 2009 Vernois Yearbook!

Dear MVTHS Parent or Guardian,

Ever take out your high school yearbook and reminisce about days gone by? Many do, and many others wish they would have bought one when they had a chance. Don't let your son or daughter's high school experience be forgotten without a yearbook of their own.

The Vernois yearbook staff is working very hard to assemble the 2009 edition. With "More Than Ever" as the theme, the book should once again demonstrate the many memories of this year at MVTHS.

We need as many households as possible to order a yearbook. If you have not ordered a yearbook for your son or daughter, you will have another opportunity at the end of January. Look in your mailboxes for the envelope from SmartPay, the company in charge of handling orders.

The price per book is only \$63.00. For a small extra fee, you may order several options, such as nameplates and logos for your yearbook, and you may also have the yearbook delivered directly to your home.

You may also go to www.smart-pay.com to place your order online, or call 1-800-853-1337 to phone in your order. You may pay by check, money order or credit card.

Think about it...for the price of a tank of gas, you will provide your son or daughter with a memory book from a very important year of their lives. Order your yearbook today.

For more information, please call Jamey VanZandt at 246-5827.

Thank you,
Vernois 2009 Yearbook Staff

The Mount Vernon Township High School Foundation

The Mount Vernon Township High School Foundation began its fourth year of promoting excellence in education by announcing its major project for 2008-2009 which is to fund a **\$21,000 Shakespeare Writing Lab**. The lab will be installed in the library media center and will include an additional 20 desktop computers, 19" flat panel display monitors, soundbar speakers and stands. Also included will be a color laser printer, software, and accessories. The **Shakespeare Writing Lab** will be accessible to students before school, during lunchtime, after school, and during open periods. Faculty members may sign up to bring entire classes to the lab for assigned research and writing projects.

Past MVTHS Foundation projects include:

2007-2008	\$27,888	State of the Art Mobile Interactive Science Lab
	\$2,972	SMARTboard for the Music Department
	\$2,492	7 CPS chalkboards and wireless writing tablets for the Career and Technical Education and Social Studies Departments
2006-2007	\$14,972	5 SMARTboards and projectors for the Science, Social Studies, Business, Art, and English Departments
	\$4,999	5 Laptop computers for faculty use
	\$2,000	Two Dimension display for the Art Department
	\$1,800	Micrometer and Poultry Reproduction Project for the Agriculture Department
2005-2006	\$18,650	Wireless Fidelity school wide

The MVTHS Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Donations from individuals or organizations can be both monetary and in-kind contributions. Tax-deductible donations are used to fund major projects, teacher grants, and programs that are not sufficiently funded by tax dollars or regular revenue sources. An Endowment Fund was established three years ago to ensure the longevity of these projects and continues to grow with the support of the community. Contributions can be mailed to the District 201 Foundation at MVTHS. For more information about the Foundation, go to the MVTHS website at www.mvths.org and click on the District 201 Foundation tab.

Congratulations December Students of the Month!

- Britney Bravard
- David Clifton
- Lauren Donoho
- Rachel Lee
- Anthony Merced
- Laina Parsel
- Jose Rivera
- Campbell Walters
- Chelsey Webb
- Brian Workman



Pasta House and Project Graduation Together For a Great Meal!

Bring this coupon to the Mt. Vernon Pasta House any Monday for lunch or dinner (Dine-In only) January 26th through April 30th and The Pasta House will donate \$1 towards MVTHS Project Graduation. Don't miss this opportunity to help our young people have a chaperoned, alcohol and drug free graduation party with a GREAT PASTA HOUSE DINNER!



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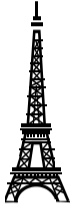
We are in need of any junior parents interested in helping with Prom this year. Prom is scheduled for April 25 from 6:30-11:30 at the Mt. Vernon High School Changnon Gym. Building props, decorating and setting up, cleaning up, chaperoning, obtaining sponsorships, and fundraising are some of the various areas we still need help. Any junior student or any parent willing to lend their time, please contact one of the prom sponsors, Brittany Boldt or Amber Tieffel at 244-3700, or email them at mvthsprom@yahoo.com. We welcome any help you can provide!

Parents are also needed to help sell Rams apparel and items at sporting events. If you are interested please contact Brittany or Amber at 244-3700 or email mvthsprom@yahoo.com.



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Hi-Tri Sweetheart Dance to be Held February 7



The annual Hi-Tri Sweetheart Dance will be held on Saturday, February 7, from 8:00—11:00 p.m. in the Changnon Gym. This year's theme is "Midnight in Paris" and the colors are pink, black, and silver. Music will be provided by Kickin' It! Music Productions.

Coronation will begin at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday evening. A king and queen from each of the four classes will be crowned. In late January, students were allowed to vote for a boy and a girl from their own class to be Sweetheart kings and queens. The names of those elected are kept secret until they arrive at the dance. Spectators are welcome to attend coronation and are asked for a donation of \$1 per person at the door.

Floral Delivery Notice

Due to the massive floral deliveries around Valentines Day, Mt. Vernon High School would like to remind everyone that the school does not accept deliveries to students at any time.

Please have them delivered to their homes.

From the Library

We have been busy processing some newly recommended books for teen readers.

INTO THE DARK; AN ECHO FALLS MYSTERY by Peter Abrahams is a murder mystery set in snowy Echo Falls.

IT'S A MALL WORLD AFTER ALL by Janette Rallison is a funny book about a teen who works at the mall and considers herself an expert on all of her classmates' problems.

MY BONNY LIGHT HORSEMAN by L. A. Meyer stars Jacky Faber, a spy for British Intelligence during the time of Napoleon.

We also have multiple copies of the booklist recommended by the College Board for college-bound students. February will feature displays for Black History Month. Reminder to parents: You are welcome to visit our library to use computers and/or to check out books. We are open on regular school days from 7:30 until 4:30.

Music Students Selected To All-State

The Mt. Vernon Township High School Music Department is proud to announce that three of their students have been chosen to participate in the Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Conference. Selected to the All-State Orchestra for a second year is Darwin Walters. Darwin plays first chair viola and is the son of Stephanie and Dr. David Walters. Another orchestra member, Caitlin Bullock has been chosen to play her string bass in the All-State Band. Caitlin plays first chair bass in the orchestra and is the daughter of Sherry and Michael Bullock. Colton Burge who plays first chair French horn in the band and orchestra was one of thirty-six students selected from Illinois to be part of the Future Music Educators Seminar. He will attend three days of workshops, round table discussions, and rehearsals designed to help him better achieve his goal of becoming a music educator. Colton is the son of Chris and Sheila Burge.

Darwin and Caitlin will rehearse with their All-State groups and present a concert at the conclusion of the IMEA All-State Conference. The conference will be held in Peoria, January 28-31 at the Peoria Convention Center.

2009 Scholastic Art Awards

Gold Key Winners: Kayleigh McCowen, Brian Metcalf, Quinton Sledge, and Jordan Starr

Best In Show: Brian Metcalf

Certificates: Cody Clark, Johnathon Labbate, Brian Metcalf, and Laina Parsell

Great job everyone! We are so proud of you!

Cross Country All South Teams

The Mt. Vernon Girls and Boys Cross Country Teams had a total of 11 runners selected to the All South Teams. Making the Class AA Boys Team were Campbell Walters, Caleb Cross, and Jared Wilemon on the First Team and Perry Borah and Micah Arcuri on the Second Team.

On the AA Girls First Team were State Champion Margo Richardson, Keatyn Kujawa, Stephanie Modert, and Davianne Kirk. On the Second Team were Toni Huff and Jenna Wilemon.

