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Seniors—Make plans now to attend Project Graduation!!!

Make plans now to attend Project Graduation 2009. Sign-ups begin May 4, 2009 and will end on May 13, 2009. Tickets can be purchased for the small fee of \$10.00 in the Principal's Office. The celebration will be held immediately following graduation on Saturday, May 23. Graduates will board buses and travel to the Recreation Center at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. They will spend the entire night enjoying the facilities. Graduates will have the opportunity to swim, play basketball, volleyball, rock climb, racquetball, karaoke and participate in other inflatable games such as human foosball, and obstacle courses. There will also be food and prizes.

Project Graduation is not a school-sponsored event but is organized by parents of senior students in order to provide a safe, chaperoned and substance abuse-free graduation celebration. Parents of senior students are busy organizing the event which is entirely dependent upon fund raisers, donations and contributions. If any parents would be willing to chaperone the event, please contact Mr. Daniels at 246-5914.

Anyone wishing to make donations to Project Graduation may send a check made payable to: Project Graduation 2009 and forwarded to Ron Daniels, c/o MVTHS, 320 S. 7th St., Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.

National Honor Society News

All National Honor Society Seniors must turn in service hour logs to Mrs. Nelson in room 124G to receive honor cords for graduation. Please have signatures for all non-National Honor Society activities. Mrs. Nelson will sign off for National Honor Society activities in Mrs. Davis' absence.

All Student Debts Should Be Paid Before School Closing

This is a reminder to parents that all school fees, participation or academic fees, driver education fee or any other fees incurred should be paid by this time. All fees are due at the beginning of the semester or at the time incurred. Please check to see that your student has turned in all textbooks, library books, or reading books. If they are not turned in, they will be added to your student's account. **Seniors are reminded that if a fee is owed at the time of graduation practice, they will not be allowed to walk across the stage during the graduation ceremony on May 23rd to receive their diploma.** You may check your student's account by calling 246-5909.

End of School Year Calendar Set

The 2008-2009 school year is rapidly coming to a close. The following dates are provided so that you may mark your calendars.

Sun., May 17	Baccalaureate— 7 p.m. Auditorium
Thurs., May 14	Senior Semester Exams Blocks 2, 4, 6
Fri., May 15	Senior Semester Exams Blocks 1, 3, 5, 7
Thurs., May 21	Honors Program
Fri., May 22	Graduation Practice
Sat., May 23	Graduation— 8 p.m.
Mon., May 25	School Holiday
Thurs., May 28	Underclass Exams, Blocks 1, 3, 5, 7 3:15 Dismissal
Fri., May 29	Underclass Exams, Blocks 2, 4, 6 1:40 Dismissal
Mon., June 1	Teachers Workshop



Graduation Gym or Stadium

Graduation will be practiced in both Changnon Gym and at J.D. Shields Memorial Stadium. Weather conditions on graduation evening will determine if the ceremony is held indoors or outside. Please listen to WMIX and other area radio and television stations on May 23 for the decision.

In the event that graduation must be held in Changnon Gym, each graduate will be given 5 tickets for family and friends. **TICKETS ARE REQUIRED** for admission to an indoor ceremony.

Underclass Exam Schedule

Thursday, May 28		Friday, May 29	
Exam 1	8:20—9:50	Exam 2	8:20—9:50
Exam 3	9:55—11:25	Exam 4	9:55—11:25
Lunch	11:25—12:10	Lunch	11:25—12:10
Exam 5	12:10—1:40	Exam 6	12:10—1:40
Exam 7	1:45—3:15		



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“Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go higher than you think.”
-Benjamin Disraeli

Hi-Tri Mother-Daughter/Senior Farewell Tea

The Hi-Tri Mother-Daughter/Senior Farewell Tea will be held on Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the cafeteria annex at the high school. All members of Hi-Tri are invited to attend and bring their mother or other special female adult. Refreshments will be served and all senior Hi-Tri members in attendance will be honored.

Senior members of the 2008-2009 Hi-Tri Council are Chelsey Webb, President and Chelsea Beaty, Vice-President. Officers for next school year will be elected on May 12.

There is no charge for this event, however, please make reservations with either of the sponsors, Ms. Tami Lovin in the Guidance Office or Mrs. Carol Hutchison in the Library.

Library News

In March, the library featured a display for Women’s History Month and a colorful, engaging display of Mardi Gras floats and masks by the French 2, 3, and 4 classes.

Book donations came from Superintendent Terry Milt, former English teacher Barbara Hess, former social studies teacher Anna Rightnowar, and librarian Ann Garrett. The library gratefully accepts donations with the stipulation that, if we need the donated items, we catalog them into the system for check out. Otherwise, we donate them to students.



The library celebrated National Library Week and National Poetry Month in April by giving away approximately 200 small poetry books to students who had their favorite poems in their pockets when their English teachers asked for them. Their English teachers gave them tokens to redeem in the library for the books. The library also displayed student written poems during the month. This was the second year for the Poetry in your Pocket project.

The library staff wishes everyone a delightfully literary summer!

Art Department News

Congratulations to the 2009 Java Art Show winners:

<u>2-Demensional</u>	<u>3-Demensional</u>	<u>Honorable Mention</u>	<u>Best Of Show</u>
1st Brian Metcalf	1st Brian Metcalf	Cody Clark	Kayleigh McCowen
2nd Quinton Sledge	2nd Jordan Starr	Kari Arnold	
3rd Lexi Weinstein	3rd John Labatte	Laina Parsell	

★ **MARCH Student of the Month** ★
Winners

Samantha Allen	Cassaundra Austin
Joe Capps	Chelsea Cross
Haley Dehn	Nathaniel Garner
Tate Zook	Toni Huff
Juanita Jones	Logan Murphy
Elana Nave	Amanda Pike
Dylan Roberson	

From the Nurse’s Desk

This is a reminder to senior students to come by the nurse’s office in 126H to pick up your immunization records for college.

Also, all students who have medications in the nurse’s office need to pick them up at the end of the school year or they will be disposed.

Class Size Reduction Grant

This school year, Mt. Vernon Township High School received federal grant money for the purpose of reducing class sizes. The money was utilized to continue the additional Spanish teaching position that was created during the 2000-2001 school year with this grant. This has made it possible to maintain lower numbers of students in Spanish classes.

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