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“High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation.”

-Charles F. Kettering

A Message From The Superintendent

I am pleased to assume the position of the superintendent at Mt. Vernon High School. The summer was very busy in preparation for the new year. Welcome back to all! The start of the school year was smooth, and all is underway. This year is shaping up to be a truly momentous year. This year will set in place certain structures which will have many short term and long term benefits for students and parents. Some of the existing systems and programs such as PBIS (student reward system) are being expanded based on the success level last year. Others such as REACH (automated telephone notification system) are being continued as well. Other systems are being studied which will assist teachers and students in monitoring progress toward assistance when needed. Quarterly reports will be presented to the Board of Education outlining the district progress toward meeting established goal targets.

Mt. Vernon High School has a long and rich tradition. Learning opportunities and activities abound for all students. The staff members of MVTHS are dedicated that no student will be left behind. The district needs the assistance of each parent and student to insure success. This three sided learning tem (staff, student, parent) if strongly built can have endless positive results. In preparation for later life, students will be assisted in exploring and supported in learning. The purpose of Mt. Vernon Township is to serve the learning community of Mt. Vernon, and district employees look forward to partnering tirelessly to insure all students become all they can be.

If any assistance is needed or if there are any questions about school related matters, please do not hesitate to contact one of the offices. The principal is Mr. Daniels. His office may be reached at 618-246-5914. The superintendent's office may be reached at 618-246-5908. Remember success for each student now and in the future relies on all of us. Education is a “learning community affair.”

Dr. Michael Smith
Superintendent

Library News

The library staff encourages and welcomes parents to visit and use our library here at the high school. We are located in the top of C Building. A pass should be obtained from the Attendance Office in H Building prior to coming. We open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m. on all regular school days and on short or half days, we will close 1 hour after school. Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Hutchison, and Ms. Reyling are always happy to be of assistance.

There will be a display of banned books in the library in September for Banned Book Week. Students are welcome in the library before, during, and after school and may eat their lunch in the library.

We also have popular fiction and non-fiction, classics, graphic novels, paperbacks, children's books, and magazines. Some of the popular authors we carry are Grisham, Clark, King, Roberts, Stine, and many, many others. We do not limit the numbers of books students may check out. We expect students to return books on time, but we do not charge overdue fees. If students lose or damage books, of course, they will need to pay for them.

You and the students have access to free inter-library loan services. We hope you and your child will use our services.

The Library Staff

Homework Hotline

We have a dedicated line for the “Homework Hotline.” You can call 246-5678 any time day or night, then follow the recorded instructions or you may dial direct using the enclosed homework hotline class codes.



2009—2010

Bell Schedules

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

	<u>Regular Day</u>	<u>Short Day</u>
1st Period	8:20—9:10	8:20—9:00
2nd Period	9:15—10:05	9:05—9:45
3rd Period	10:10— 11:05	9:50—10:30
Lunch (Frosh)	11:05—11:50	10:30—11:15
4th Period (Frosh)	11:50—12:40	11:15—11:55
4th Pd (So,Jr,Sr)	11:10—12:00	10:35—11:15
Lunch (So,Jr,Sr)	12:00—12:45	11:15—12:00
5th Period	12:45—1:35	12:00—12:40
6th Period	1:40—2:30	12:45—1:20
7th Period	2:35—3:25	1:25—2:00

Thursday

Teacher Sch Imp	8:10—9:00
1st Period	9:00—9:40
2nd Period	9:45—10:25
3rd Period	10:30—11:15
Lunch (Frosh)	11:15—12:00
4th Period (Frosh)	12:00—12:50
4th Period (So,Jr,Sr)	11:20—12:10
Lunch (So,Jr,Sr)	12:10—12:55
5th Period	12:55—1:35
6th Period	1:40—2:20
7th Period	2:25—3:05
ELO	3:05—3:35

Half Day

1st Period	8:20—8:43
2nd Period	8:48—9:11
3rd Period	9:16—9:39
4th Period	9:44—10:07
5th Period	10:12—10:35
6th Period	10:40—11:03
7th Period	11:08—11:31

Chess Club/Team

The Chess Club will be starting practice in September. It will begin on Wednesday, September 2nd, and will meet from 3:30—5:00 pm each Wednesday thereafter. We have 24 competition chess sets and 24 new clocks. If you are interested in learning how to play, playing for fun, or you want the competition, come and join them in room 115G. A participation fee of \$25 should be paid to Mr. England. If you want more information, contact Mr. England at 246-5707. Otherwise, just show up!

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RAM Pride Expectation Matrix

	Classroom	Hallways	Cafeteria	Quad/Outside	Parking lots	Assemblies	Work-Place
Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use appropriate language be considerate Recognize personal space of others take care of school property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use appropriate language use inside/quiet voice stay to the right-even while on the stairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use appropriate language use quiet voices keep eating area clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use appropriate language Be considerate of property and personal space of others take care of school property walk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use appropriate language park in assigned space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> listen to speakers sit in designated areas participate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect your supervisor Actively listen to co-workers/customers Care for work environment Follow directions
Be Accountable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> be prepared to learn check for missed work use homework hotline/online academic tools make good use of time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> be considerate of other classes clean up after yourself have a pass during class time have cell phone put away during class time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> be considerate of others have money ready pick up trash eat during allotted time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> pick up trash throw away drinks/trays from cafeteria report negative behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> drive safely watch for pedestrians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be considerate during National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance speak/yell only positive comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be Punctual Be efficient with job tasks Call in an absence/tardy in a timely manner Don't abuse scheduled break times Report necessary incidents at work
Model Successful Behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> actively participate study ask for help dress appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use passing time wisely hold doors open for others dress appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> hold doors open for others get in line at the end of the line and remain there sit in your seat dress appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take care of school property Only use appropriate show of affection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> throw away trash be aware that school rules apply to parking lot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> display appropriate school spirit Remove head coverings cheer during spirit competitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow Safety Standards Wear appropriate and professional attire Display a positive attitude Use appropriate language in the work-place

PBIS at Mt. Vernon Township High School

This year, MVTHS is in its second year of PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support). We are very excited about the coming year and have great things planned for our students. One of our main focuses this year is to create an environment which better prepares our students for the work force. Because of this, we have added to our PBIS Expectation Matrix a column which shows students the expectations they will have in the work place and how it ties into the expectations that we have here at school. We are hoping that this is the start of bridging the gap between school and the work force for our students and community.



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Hi-Tri

Hi-Tri will kick off the school year with the annual membership drive the week of September 8-11. A get-acquainted picnic will be held at the West Shelter at Veterans' Park, from 4:30-6:00 p.m., on Thursday, September 10. All high school girls are invited to attend the picnic. There is no charge to attend. Girls interested in joining Hi-Tri are encouraged to do so during the membership drive. Dues are \$2.00 per year.

Freshman girls who want to run for Hi-Tri Council may pick up petitions beginning on September 14. A special election to fill positions for the sophomore class will also be held. Petitions must be turned in by the close of school on September 18. Petitions will be available in the Guidance Office and the Library. Election will be held on September 22.

Current Hi-Tri Council members are seniors Shaye Riley, president; Alicia Sheldon, vice president; and Morgan Bozarth, secretary; juniors are Bria Allen, Chelsea Johnson, and Karleigh Turrentine; and our sophomore is Analee Schuette. Mrs. Carol Hutchison and Ms. Tami Lovin are the sponsors for Hi-Tri.

The Hi-Tri League is a social and service organization for girls. This year marks the 84th year for Hi-Tri at Mt. Vernon High School. All high school students are welcome to join and be a part of this longstanding tradition. Other major activities planned for the year include a Christmas charity project, the annual Sweetheart Dance, and the Mother-Daughter/Senior Farewell Tea. Hi-Tri also sponsors two scholarships and participates in various service projects throughout the year.

Note From the School Nurse

"Thank you" to all the parents and guardians who had all of their student medical records and paperwork completed and ready to turn in at registration. This is a very big help to us in the nurse's office.

If your child has **not** turned in his/her physical or immunization records to the nurse's office, he/she has until the close of school on October 15, 2009. If records are not obtained by this time, your child will be on medical suspension until the records are received in the nurse's office.

Just a reminder that school insurance is available through First Agency and packets can be picked up in the nurse's office 126-H. The packets must be returned to the nurse's office by September 11, 2009.

Keep in mind the flu season is just around the corner. Begin by practicing the three C's. **Clean** – wash hands, **cover** – cover mouth when coughing and sneezing by using a tissue. If tissue is not available cough or sneeze into elbow or shoulder – **not** into your hand. **Contain** – contain your germs - stay at home if you are sick.

The Public Health Department will be receiving the H1N1 vaccine mid October. This is a two injection series approximately 3 weeks between injections. It is recommended that children birth to high school age, pregnant women, and young adults – college age receive this vaccine.

Fazoli's Is Proud to Serve MVTHS

KIDS MEALS

Spaghetti \$4.50
Fettuccine Alfredo \$4.50
Penne with Meat Sauce \$3.50
1/2 Lasagna \$3.50

REGULAR MEALS

Spaghetti \$3.50
Fettuccine Alfredo \$3.50
Penne \$4.50
Whole Lasagna \$6.00
Classic Sampler Platter \$6.00

SUBS

Ham & Swiss \$3.50
Turkey \$3.50
Club \$3.50

Chocolate Chunk Cookie \$1.25
New York (Vanilla) Cheesecake \$3.50—with or without strawberry
Chocolate Layer Cake \$3.50

Breadsticks \$.25 Each
Sauce \$.50 Each
Grilled Chicken \$1.50

Reminder of Dress Code

It is important that students and parents are aware of the dress code as stated in the Student and Parent Handbook for 2009-2010. Student's clothing shall not detract from or disrupt the educational process or contain messages or statements contrary to the stated curriculum of the school district. Shirts and blouses must cover the torso/midriff of the body. Tube tops, halter-tops, "see through" shirts or blouses, etc. are not permitted. Pants/slacks must be positioned at the waist/hip level. (See page 47-48 in the Student and Parent Handbook for the entire policy.)

FFA NEWS

The MVTHS Agriculture Program and FFA took home several top honors and recognitions from the 81st Annual Illinois Association State FFA Convention in Springfield, Illinois this summer. See Mr. Kabat for additional information.

On Sale Now...

The Prom committee is selling Ram apparel. We have white t-shirts \$10, long sleeve \$15, and hoodies \$21 with RAM PRIDE on the front. We also have cotton polo shirts embroidered with the MV logo for \$25. We are also selling embroidered Dri-Fit polo shirts. Solid colors include black, white and orange. The solid shirts are \$32 each. We also have orange with white trim and black with orange trim on sale for \$35 each. These shirts are also embroidered with the MV logo. If you have any further questions, call 246-5807 or 246-5809. You can also email us at mvthsprom@yahoo.com.

MVTHS Calendar Planners are on sale now for only \$8.00. All money raised benefits the MVTHS Scholar Bowl Team. Please call 246-5807 or 246-5307 for your planner today!

Student Identification Cards

Each student will be issued an identification card. This card is to be carried at all times during the school day and at school-sponsored activities, whether on or off campus, and is to be presented upon the request of any member of the administration or faculty. The card also entitles a student to a reduced admission price to certain school activities.

A fee of \$4 will be charged to replace a lost card. Students must have their I.D. for entrance into dances, hops, spring-fling and any other activities the administration identifies.

Students who fail to follow the ID policy shall be subject to the Board's disciplinary penalties for misconduct.

For more information on the identification cards, refer to page 21 in the Student and Parent Handbook.