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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 thirtieth annual Mt. Vernon Conference will be held at Mt. Vernon Township High School on Thursday and Friday, October 29 and 30. 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 29 and 30 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.

HOSA

The Mt. Vernon Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) club has kicked off its year with the annual Installation of Officers. The 2009-2010 officer team is:

President— Morgan Bozarth, Senior
 Vice President— Leah Sherman, Senior
 Secretary— Katlin Hicks, Senior
 Treasurer— Jessica Morgan, Senior
 Reporter— Racey Hicks, Junior
 Historian— Airianna Poorman, AVC Woodlawn
 Parliamentarian— Phillip O'Dell, AVC Webber

Congratulations officers!

HOSA is sponsored by Tammy Martin and Laura Ing.

2009-2010 Student Council

Executive Board

Savannah Connaway, President
 Hannah Weber, Vice President
 Alicia Sheldon, Secretary
 Clay Jackson, Treasurer

Student Council Members

Class of 2010

Samuel Cortez	Sarah Wagner
Savannah Connaway	Alicia Sheldon
Erica Kirsch	Mia Hodges
Paige Wallace	

Class of 2011

Tyler Flota	Dylan Rightnowar
Hannah Weber	Brenda Beel
Erika Zinke	Alex Frisby
Alaina Reeves	Cameron Stewart
Clay Jackson	Cody Ferland
Conner Lundius	Kenzie Tate

Class of 2012

Ashley Tobin	Kelsey Richardson
Brooke Moore	Clay Payne
Presley Marlow	Bethany Allen
Brooke Kujawa	

Class of 2013

Chandler Scarbrough	Trevor Flota
Hayden Poninski	Jessi Clark
Paige McDonald	Jessica Connaway

Faculty Advisors

Mrs. Melanie Gulley
 Mr. Jamey VanZandt



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Please note change in schedule:

School will start at 8:20am on Thursday, October 1st and will be dismissed at 2:00pm for the Homecoming Parade.

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Welcome to the Library

The library supported intellectual freedom during "Banned Book Week," September 26-Oct. 3. Some books banned in other libraries last year, but available here for our students are *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Kite Runner*, *Brave New World*, among others.

We are now preparing for "Teen Read Week," October 18-24. Teen Read Week is a national literacy initiative aimed at teens, their parents, librarians, educators, booksellers, and other concerned adults. This year's theme is "Beyond Reality @ Your Library."

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!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 5th 4:00pm -7:30pm and Friday, November 6th from 8:00am – 12:00pm. Parents/Guardians will be given the opportunity to schedule a meeting with their student's teachers. Parents/Guardians whose student received a "D" or "E" for their 1st quarter grade are highly encouraged to make an appointment with those teachers.

To schedule a conference, you will need to call the switchboard at 244-3700 and request a conference with your student's teacher.

Special Olympics-Bowling

Twenty-six Special Olympics athletes from MVTHS competed in the Special Olympics Area 14 Bowling Competition at Nu-Bowl Lanes on Wednesday, September 16, 2009. 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, Dustin Todd, Thomas Braddy, Haley Dehn, Sydney Irvin, Alicia Yates, Nathaniel Chwarzinski, Corey Copple, Nathanael Garner, Antonio Moore, Rachal Kidd, and Ivan Nason!

Silver Medal Winners:

Rachel Flanagan, Byron Karch, Jessica Harper, Grant Cobb, Jarris Davis, Katrina Mestel, and Jacob Gass!

Bronze Medal Winners:

Courtney Sammons and David Hester!

Ribbon Recipients:

Heather Ince, Nick Meador, Donyale Black, and John Donovan!

Katrina Mestel and Courtney Sammons also won GOLD medals in their Doubles competition!

THE ATHLETES AND COACHES WANT TO SEND A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR VERY GENEROUS SPONSORS FOR BECOMING FANS OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS!!

Silver Medal Sponsor: Continental Tire

Bronze Medal Sponsor: Walgreen's

Ribbon Sponsors: Orthopaedic Center of Southern Illinois, Mt. Vernon Rotary West Club and Mt. Vernon Elk's Lodge #819

If you or your business is interested in becoming a fan of Special Olympics through a sponsorship, please contact Megan Clodi, 246-5307 or

mclodi@roe25.com !

MT. VERNON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL
THEATRE FOR KIDS

PRESENTS

**ALADDIN & HIS
WONDERFUL,
MAGICAL LAMP**

ADAPTED BY
TIM KELLY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009
7:00 P.M.

&

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009
2:00 P.M.

\$4.00 ADMISSION

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

If your child has not turned in his/her school physical or Immunization record, please do so by **October 15, 2009**, or your child will be medically suspended from school.

