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Project Graduation

Graduation is quickly approaching and plans are in progress for our Project Graduation party. 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.

Immediately after graduation, participants will be transported to the Centralia Recreation Complex. Seniors must ride the buses to participate in the event. Chaperones will ride each bus and will be present at the Rec Center throughout the night. Games will be enjoyed and prizes will be awarded during the night hours.

Project Graduation tickets will be sold May 3-7 in the hallway of building A during lunch and after school. To obtain a ticket, each senior must present a student ID card, a signed liability release form, and a \$10 reservation fee (checks made payable to MVTHS). This fee is non-refundable because food supplies will be purchased based upon registration numbers. Liability release forms were given to seniors in April; they are also available on the school's website.

Several parents are needed to help chaperone Project Graduation. Please call any of the following senior parents if you can help: Diane Murphy 244-7579, Keri Sipe 244-2613, Lawanna Kendrick 242-4163, Tamie Fields 214-0169, Tami Lovin 246-5901.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to Project Graduation may send a check made payable to: Project Graduation, c/o MVTHS, 320 S. 7th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

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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 15th to receive their diploma.** You may check your student's account by calling 246-5909.

End of School Year Calendar Set

The 2009-2010 school year is rapidly coming to a close. The following dates are provided so that you may mark your calendars.

Tues., May 11	Baccalaureate— 7 p.m. Auditorium
Thurs., May 10	Senior Semester Exams
Fri., May 11	Senior Semester Exams
Thurs., May 13	Honors Program
Fri., May 14	Graduation Practice 8 8:30am Auditorium
Sat., May 15	Graduation— 8 p.m. Graduates should report to Auditorium at 7pm
Wed., May 19	Underclass Last Day (if no exam)
Thurs., May 20	Underclass Exams, Blocks 1, 3, 5, 7 3:15 Dismissal
Fri., May 21	Underclass Exams, Blocks 2, 4, 6 1:40 Dismissal
Mon., May 24	Teachers Workshop



Graduation Gym or Stadium

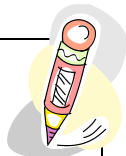
Graduation will be practiced in both Changnon Gym and at J.D. Shields Memorial Stadium. Weather conditions on graduation evening will determine if the ceremony is held indoors or outside.

Please listen to WMIX and other area radio and television stations on May 15 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 20		Friday, May 21	
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	Bus	1:50
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**FROM EVERYONE
AT MVTHS,
HAVE A SAFE AND
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Hi-Tri Mother-Daughter/Senior Farewell Tea

The Hi-Tri Mother-Daughter/Senior Farewell Tea will be held on Saturday, May 1 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 2009-10 Hi-Tri Council are Shaye Riley, President; Alicia Sheldon, Vice-President; and Morgan Bozarth, Secretary. Officers for next school year will be elected this month.

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 continued the celebration of Black History Month by adding to the Read-In Chain. There are over 300 links in the chain representing students who have read a poem or a book written by an African-American author. This annual even is sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English.

- Shawnee Library System donated AT HOME WITH ILLINOIS GOVERNORS (1855-2003).
- Students continue to check out Rick Riordan's popular LIGHTNING THIEF series as well as THE HOUSE OF NIGHT series.
- Several English classes began working on research papers.
- Over 140 books and 60 inter-library loan materials were checked out in March.
- National Library Week was April 11-17, and National Poetry Month is the entire month of April.
- Rachal Kidd was the art winner and Chris Smith the writing winner in the monthly PBIS contest. Each won a \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.
- Over 5,000 students visited the library in March.



Youth & Government News

Congratulations to this year's Youth and Government delegation that traveled to Springfield for the 61st YMCA Youth and Government General Assembly. Jeanette Straeter was elected as Speaker of the Blue House and Clay Jackson was elected as Speaker of the Orange House. Three Mt. Vernon delegates received honors as "Most Effective Lobbyist"; they were Olivia Sledge, Ashley Merritt and Jesse Dickerson. Cassie Austin was chosen as "Most Effective Legislator" in the Blue House. Mt. Vernon delegates were successful in passing seven of eleven bills including a bill composed by Blake Fields, Josh Donoho, Gage Cummins, Lucas Hurst and lobbyist Ashley Merritt which was not signed by the Governor initially, but instead was chosen by the Supreme Court for reconsideration and finally passed after deliberation in front of the Court. As a result of their thorough knowledge of the bill and strong support of their lobbyist, their bill passed and was signed by the Governor. Sixty delegates and then adult advisors attended this year's assembly.

Mt. Vernon High School adult advisors were Ms. Jessica Pilson, Mr. Sean Docherty and wife Kari, Mrs. Melanie Gulley, Mrs. Sarah Watts, Mrs. Lee Ann Schuette and husband Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Marler and Mr. Andy Wells, Sponsor.

Congratulations March Students of the Month!

Seth Cox	Josh Donoho	Tessa England	Corey House
Rachal Kidd	Alexandria Love	Jessy Riechman	Jeanette Straeter
Shawn Tate	Kyle Welker	Kelly Williams	Casey Wininger

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.

From the Nurse's Office

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.

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