



## Mead High School

Energy Focus & AP Capstone School  
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Dear Mead Students and Families:

After navigating subzero temperatures, a delightful day off and the beginning of a new semester, we are back in the swing of things. If your child has new teachers this semester, I would encourage you to reach out to them and introduce yourself. We will continue to offer FREE tutoring on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays after school from 2:30 - 3:30 pm with a mathematics teachers and English teacher on staff to help students.

We would like to congratulate Anna Veltien and Shane Miyake for being nominated as the January Rotary Students of the Month. We are proud of their work in and out of the classroom, and honor their leadership at Mead High School. Congratulations!

Congratulations to the boy's basketball team with their 68-55 win against Erie HS on Friday. Also, the wrestling team had some great matches on Saturday at the team duals. The girl's basketball team played a very competitive game against Erie as well. If you have not had a chance to watch them in action, please take a look at the sports schedule below. Way to Go Mavs!

In December, The Denver Post came to Mead HS to interview our students and take a look at our Energy Academy. Please take a look at the article. It is a nice showcase of our students.

<http://www.denverpost.com/2016/12/25/colorado-students-cte-tech-programs/>

### GRADE REPORTS



We will not be sending paper report cards home. Please take a moment to go on to Infinite Campus to see your child's grades for first semester. Final grades were posted Friday, January 6.

At the beginning of the semester, I challenged ALL students to C's or better. If your child is in this category, please let them know how proud you are of them. They are working hard, learning a lot, and doing well.

### DISTRICT UPDATE

The Board of Education updated some policies that are included in the Behavioral Code Book at their December regular meeting. The Code Book, in both English and Spanish, has been updated and the most current version is available on our [website](#).

### REMEDiation OF FAILED CLASSES

If your child has failed a core course, there are two opportunities that your son/daughter could select from to make up this necessary credit. They will need to plan on one or the other to get back on track to graduate.

1. **E-CREDIT:** This year we are offering e-credit in English, Math and Social Studies after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 - 4:45 pm starting January 31. Please see the [link on the St. Vrain website](#) or your child's counselor for more information on registering for this course. We have 30 spots available.
2. **SUMMER SCHOOL:** This summer there will be an opportunity for your child to make up failed credit through summer school. As we get closer to the end of the 2016-2017 school year, you will be notified if your child needs to be in attendance. Please do not make plans for the summer if your child has failed core classes and does not take e-credit this Spring to make up this credit.

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

The Longmont St. Vrain Rotary Club would like to sponsor a student or two for the 2017 World Affairs Seminar and Social Justice. This event is held at Carroll University in Waukesha, WIS from June 24 - 30. This is a unique educational experience for students who are interested in both global issues and building a strong college and career readiness portfolio. Students must be ages 16 - 18, completed their 10-12 grade year, and be in good academic standing. Selected students will be expected to cover their airfare, but lodging and meals are covered. In addition, they will also be expected to present their experience to the Longmont Rotary Club on their return. All applications and essays should be returned to Longmont St. Vrain Rotary Club by February 10, 2017 for candidate selection. This amazing opportunity has been described by many past participants as a "life changing experience". If you have any further questions please feel free to contact Rose Hopman at [hopman.rose@gmail.com](mailto:hopman.rose@gmail.com) OR [rose@highplainsbank.com](mailto:rose@highplainsbank.com).

Please view all seminar details and the application in the attachment and link below.  
<http://www.worldaffairsseminar.org/register-today/>

## PARKING LOT SAFETY

With limited parking, and more students driving to school each day, please keep these things in mind:

- Slow down and watch for students between and around vehicles.
- Students are not allowed to hang out in the parking lot during off blocks or during lunch. It is not a safe space to play.
- Sophomores and freshmen do not have permission to leave campus during lunch, regardless if they have their license. This policy is in place to protect new drivers. Please reinforce this with your son or daughter if they have just received their driver's license.

## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Please check out the counseling [link](#) on our website.

New scholarship opportunities are posted on Naviance on a regular basis. Make it a weekly habit to check in. Seniors should be taking advantage of any posted scholarship opportunities that is a fit for them. There is a lot of "free money" for students if they take the time to fill out the applications.



Counselors will be doing pre-registration presentations on the following dates as students start thinking about the classes they need to take next year to fulfill their postsecondary goals. Please set up an appointment with your child's counselor if you have questions moving forward.

- 11th grade -- US Gov. classes      Jan. 24 & 25
- 10th grade -- English 10 classes      Jan. 26 & 27
- 9th grade -- Biology classes      Jan. 30 & 31

## AP EXAM REGISTRATION

All AP Students need to register for the AP Exam by March 5th, 2017. Students can register on total registration at <https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/60962>. You can also access the link on the MHS Counseling homepage under quick links. All students will have a short presentation in their AP classes to learn how to register for AP exams. If you have any questions about AP or registering for exams please contact Mrs. Anderson in the counseling office.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- Registration presentations will occur during classes in January
- January 13 - 16      Four day weekend for students
- January 21      Winter Dance @ MHS      7:30 - 11:00pm
- January 24-25      ACCESS Testing for ELL students
- January 28      "Redneck Rendezvous" Fundraiser for MHS
- February 1      Late Start for February
- February 2      9-11th Grade Registration Night      6 - 8 pm
- February 9      8th Grade Registration Night      6 - 8 pm



**Have you been wondering where you can get Mead gear? Visit our website [mhs.svvsd.org](http://mhs.svvsd.org). We have added a new tab, "online store", next to the calendar link on the webpage.**



Boys Basketball	1/10 @ MHS vs. Frederick      7:00 pm	1/13 @ MHS vs. Skyline      7:00 pm
	1/14 @ MHS vs. Longmont      5:00 pm	
Girls Basketball	1/10 @ MHS vs. Frederick      5:30 pm	1/13 @ MHS vs. Skyline      5:30 pm
	1/14 @ MHS vs. Longmont      3:30 pm	
Wrestling	1/12 @ MHS vs. Roosevelt      6:30 pm	1/14 @ Pueblo Centennial      9:00 am
		1/14 JV Wrestling @ Ft. Lupton      9:00 am

Unified Basketball	1/10 @ Frederick	3:30 pm	1/14 @ MHS vs. Longmont	2:00 pm
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## TESTING

State Testing becomes an important part of our school environment as we move into the 2nd semester. We will have ACCESS testing in January, PARCC/CMAS in April, SAT and PSAT in April, and AP testing in May. It is very important that our students take this seriously and that they are prepared to do well.

As a whole school, each department is doing specific work around testing preparation. This is NOT replacing good instruction in our classrooms. We believe that great teaching and learning is the best preparation for state exams.

- PSAT 9 scores will be handed out to Freshmen on January 9 in Biology Classes.
- Grades 9 - 11 have pretested for the PSAT or SAT. When scores arrive, we will be going over student results in classes with them in preparation of the testing cycle in April.
- **The upcoming state testing schedule will be posted on the Mead website by mid-January so that you can plan any appointments, trips, etc. so that your children do not miss these days. It is very important that they are in attendance during the testing schedule.**

### School Matters!



## ATTENDANCE

Our school has a goal to reach a 96% attendance rate. We are really close, but need your help. In doing our preliminary statistics for the first semester, we have found that students who have parents

calling in their absences (excused) have a grade point average that is 1 point higher than those students whose parents do not call in their child's absence (unexcused). We want to encourage you to stay on top of your child's attendance - call in within 24 hours to excuse absences. Take a moment each week to look at your child's attendance and academics when you log on to Infinite Campus. Let us know if we can help in this area with resources.

## FUN and FUNDRAISING

The Mead Booster Club and the Mead Education Foundation are putting on a fun event for adults in the greater Longmont area to raise \$\$\$ to fund an electronic marquee that will be located on County Road 7 on the west side of the Mead HS campus.

We would love to share this fun evening with you. With a limited amount of tickets, you can purchase them in the front office from head secretary, Christine Sexton or at MHS ball games and wrestling matches leading up to this event.

Hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful 4 day week, and make a wish for some warmer weather!

Sincerely,

Rachael Ayers

ALWAYS A MAVERICK!