



Mead High School

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Dear Mead Students and Families:

As we are rounding out the winter sports season, keep your eyes on the calendar. We have several teams and individuals that are making their mark. Congratulations to the wrestlers on their 5th place finish at regionals against some great competitors. Jeremy Ashton, Caleb Mendez, Gino Musick, Brennan McDermitt, Joey Garcia, and Derrick Allen all advance to the state competition next week. Tremendous weekend, guys!

Our boys basketball team has moved up in the RPI rankings to #4. They had a blowout win against Windsor on Friday night. Our girls team is ranked #27 which will almost certainly guarantee them a trip to the postseason. I want to highlight our half time performance at the game on Friday night. Our dance team and cheerleaders hosted their annual cheer/dance camp for area youth, and we got to see a wonderful display of our future Mavs! Great fun and MAVERICK pride!

Congratulations to Cameron Kamigaki and David Armas. They were selected as February's Rotary Students of the Month. Our local Rotarians are a wonderful group of people who find great value in our students and their accomplishments. We want to thank them for their support.

Congratulations to Tanner Strong and Vanessa Bruce on their selection to the LIFE band. They auditioned against 150 other students for this opportunity. They will both get to travel to Tokyo, Japan on an 11 day trip to perform with the Tokai University High School Band. What an amazing adventure this will be!

Congratulations to Aren Roybal and Kenna Peterson. Their work in the Energy Academy has earned them an invitation to the IJSHS (Intermountain Junior Science and Humanities Symposium) at Montana Tech at the end of the month to present their work. Awesome job!

ATTENDANCE FACTS



- The academic impact of missing school is the same whether the absences are excused or unexcused.
- When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.
- Missing as few as three days of school is strongly predictive of lower achievement and missing 10 days of school is predictive of dropping out. Every day counts!
- Statistics show that students with more than 20 absences per year have less than a 1-in-5 chance of graduating.
- By ninth grade, school attendance is a better predictor of graduation than eighth-grade test scores, according to a 2007 study by the University of Chicago.

RECOGNIZING IMPACTFUL TEACHERS

Each year, the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley recognizes area teachers in front of their peers at the Tribute for Teachers in May. Teachers are nominated by students, parents, community members, and colleagues by submitting a nomination form to the Education Foundation. Please take a moment and nominate a “special teacher” that has impacted his/her community, classroom, or your child in a meaningful way. It is the greatest compliment that they can receive.

The nomination form is on the Education Foundation’s website www.efsvv.org. Click on the word Programs on their home page, then Encore Award Program, and finally the nomination form. **Nominations must be received or electronically date stamped no later than March 15.** You can also visit the Mead website www.mhs.org under Community to print out the nomination forms or come into the main office to pick up forms.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Any senior that has a time release, should be using this time to get on Naviance and start filling out applications for scholarships. Last year, we gave out \$3,000,000 in scholarships to Mead HS seniors. We would like to beat that this year, but it takes some active work on our seniors part. Please see counselors for more information if you need some help.
2. The annual Rocky Mountain RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) conference is being held this year in June at the YMCA of the Rockies. This opportunity is open to next year’s juniors and seniors by application only. You do not have to be part of Rotary to apply and be selected. This is a unique leadership opportunity and a wonderful add-on for a college and scholarship resume. Please visit www.rmRYLA.org for registration details. Our local Rotary club sponsors the cost for several students to attend each year. Please do not let funds get in the way of applying for this great opportunity.

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Would you be interested in hosting a foreign exchange student? I have several agencies that are looking for family placements. This could be a very fun, growing experience for a family. Please let me know if you are interested. Please send an email to ayers_rachael@svvsd.org.
2. Would you be interested in helping proctor AP Tests? We are looking for some great volunteers to help with AP testing starting May 1. Please email anderson_calan@svvsd.org if you are interested.

SENIORS



- Please double check that your caps and gowns have been ordered
- All school fees must be paid to get your diploma. You can find all fees listed on IC.
- Please make sure you are academically on top of your credits.
- Submit your baby photos for senior slide show to Meadseniorslideshow@gmail.com

**Graduation meeting Tuesday, March 21 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the high school auditorium.
All seniors and their parents should attend.**



SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS -- Freezin' For a Reason

Amber Vanzant, Mead High School sponsor for Special Olympics, and teacher, has two ways you can contribute to the effort. [Follow This Link](#) to visit her personal web page or [Follow This Link](#) to visit her team web page. Help with our fundraising efforts to support Special Olympics Colorado. Your contributions help many of our students who enjoy the benefits of this amazing program.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

February 16	Parent Teacher Conferences	2:30 - 7:30 pm
February 17 - 20	Four day weekend --- NO SCHOOL --- ENJOY!	
March 2	Spring Sports Parent/Athlete Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 pm (date change)
March 21	Senior/Parent Graduation Mtg.	6:30 - 7:30 pm
March 24 - April 2	Spring Break	
April 7	MHS Talent Show	TBD
April 11	PSAT (sophomores) and SAT (juniors) State test	
April 12 - 13	PARCC testing (Freshmen)	
April 18	CMAS testing (Juniors)	
April 22	Health Fair at Mead High School	
April 28	Film Festival	6:30 pm
May 17	Seniors Last Day --- Full, normal day	
May 27	Graduation at MHS	11:00 am

SCHEDULE CHANGES --- PLEASE MARK ON YOUR CALENDARS

- Feb. 16 ---- Alternate Advisory Schedule
- March 16 --- Alternate Advisory Schedule
- April 13 & 14 --- No Advisory on these days
- May 12 --- Assembly Schedule dedicated to seniors (schedule will be posted)



Have you been wondering where you can get Mead gear? Visit our website mhs.svvsd.org. We have added a new tab, "online store", next to the calendar link on the webpage. **New items available.**

STATE TESTING

The state testing schedule is posted our website www.mhs.svvsd.org. Please take a moment to pencil in the days so that your child is present during their state testing day. We believe strongly that every child should be present on these days.

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| SAT --- April 11 (juniors) | PSAT10 --- April 11 (sophomores) |
| PARCC ---- April 12, 13 (freshmen) | CMAS --- April 18 (juniors) |
| AP Testing begins on May 1 | |

The MHS library has many support books for students. There are practice tests, test strategies, and exam constructs in each of the manuals. Please see Alice York in the library for help.



Boys Basketball	2/14 @ Holy Family 7:00 pm	@ MHS vs. Berthoud 7:00 pm	2/17
Girls Basketball	2/14 @ Holy Family 5:30 pm	2/17 @ MHS vs. Berthoud	5:30 pm
Wrestling	State Wrestling @ Pepsi Center in Denver 2/16 - 2/18		
Unified Basketball	2/14 @ MHS vs. Brighton 4:30 pm	2/15 @ Silver Creek HS	3:00 pm

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. If you have any questions about AP or registering for exams please contact Mrs. Anderson in the counseling office.

AP exams for students who are on Free or Reduced Lunch will only cost \$15. Please talk to your counselor about registering. Do not miss out on this incredible opportunity!

Please continue to work with our outstanding counselors as you move through the rest of the year. Our families and student success are the most important task that we embrace. Please stay in contact with your child's teacher, and we hope to see you at Parent Teacher conferences this week on Thursday. Have a wonderful week!

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ALWAYS A MAVERICK!