



February 5, 2017

Dear Mead Students and Families:

Last Thursday, we had over 200 parents and students attend the Mead 9th - 11th grade registration night. We look forward to having as many incoming freshmen this Thursday as they prepare for their transition to high school. We ask that each family sit down with their child and help them map out the next few years as they work their way to graduation. These decisions are fundamental to creating choices that align to your child's passions and future goals.

I was able to attend the state honor choir concert this weekend. It was wonderful! I would like to highlight the contributions of Annika Lee in the women's state choir, along with Josh Booth and Voren Perry who sang in the men's state choir. They got to join a fantastically talented group of young men and women from across the state of Colorado as representatives of Mead High School.

Mr. Linsenmeyer spent Saturday taking a group of our young people to the Diversity Conference. Many of our foreign exchange students were able to take part in this event, along with other students from Mead High School. Our boys and girls basketball teams continue to make their mark across the league with wins against Frederick High School and Erie High School.

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. 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. If you have

any further questions please feel free to contact Rose Hopman at hopman.rose@gmail.com OR rose@highplainsbank.com . **SCHOLARSHIPS COULD BE AVAILABLE.**

Please view all seminar details and the application in the attachment and link below.

<http://www.worldaffairsseminar.org/register-today/>

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.



SENIORS

Now is the time to make sure that your child has all of their credits for graduation. If you are uncertain, please schedule a meeting with your child's counselor ASAP to go through a credit check. Please be involved in this very important process as we near graduation. **Now is also the time to be taking care of any fees owed.** **If your child has not ordered their cap and gown, please visit Chris Sexton in the front office to take care of this.**

There is a graduation meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, March 21 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm** in the high school auditorium. **All seniors and their parents should attend. We will go through the graduation process and expectations, scholarship reporting, transcripts and withdrawal process. Please come with your questions. You're almost there!**

SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS -- Freezin' For a Reason



Show your support for over 20,000 Special Olympics athletes in Colorado by plunging into icy waters and raising money for Special Olympics or by donating to an established team or athlete. Prizes will be awarded to the Highest Fundraising Individual, Highest Fundraising LETR Team, and COOLEST school!

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.

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. **Do not let laziness or "time" prevent you from applying.**

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!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

February 9	8th Grade Registration Night	6 pm in the auditorium
February 16	Parent Teacher Conferences	2:30 - 7:30 pm
February 17 - 20	Four day weekend --- NO SCHOOL ---	ENJOY!
March 1	Spring Sports Parent/Athlete Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 pm
March 21	Senior/Parent Graduation Mtg.	6:30 - 7:30 pm
March 24 - April 2	Spring Break	
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	
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.**



Boys Basketball	2/7 @ Skyline HS	7:00 pm	2/10 @ MHS vs. Windsor	6:30 pm
Girls Basketball	2/7 @ Skyline HS	5:30 pm	2/10 @ Windsor HS	6:30 pm
Wrestling	Regional Wrestling @ Frederick HS		2/9 - 2/10	
Unified Basketball	2/10 @ Brighton HS	6:30 pm		



Please start checking student fees on the IC portal. If you have fees that are owed to the school, you can pay them to Ms. Muruganatham or Ms. Sexton in the front office. You can also pay them online through the Revtrack system. Please let us know if you have questions.

STATE 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.

- **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.**

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.



CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AT SILVER CREEK



Please continue to work with our outstanding counselors as you move through the rest of the year. Have a wonderful week!

Rachael Ayers

ALWAYS A MAVERICK!

