



December 10, 2007

# Hoof Beats

Newsletter of the Middle Creek High School PTSA

## THANK YOU

As 2007 comes to a close, I would be remiss if I did not thank all of the wonderful parents who have volunteered, some on very short notice, to help make the PTSA at Middle Creek very successful in its efforts to beautify the campus, make communication between the school's teachers and administration and you the parents more timely and effective, and provide recognition to our students and teachers for a job well done. There have been special projects undertaken like The Reflections Arts Competition, Parent Information Nights, and the delivery of an Agenda for every MCHS student again this year at no cost. A successful Membership drive, and generous donations to the All-Profit fund raiser along with the help of community advertisers, will hopefully make it possible to continue this tradition next year. If you have not yet joined the

PTSA or contributed to the tax-deductible Donation Drive, it is not too late. We need funds to do the many things we do for our students at MCHS, and this is our only source of revenue. Please visit our website at [MCHSPTSA.org](http://MCHSPTSA.org) or connect through the 'Parents tab' on the school's website to download the forms you will need, and mail them back to school with your check today. Thank you in again for your generosity in 2007. I know that we couldn't be successful without all of our wonderful volunteers, members, and contributors.

Jan Johnson  
President MCHS PTSA



## PSAT NIGHT

In October all juniors at Middle Creek High School took the PSAT at the expense of the Wake County Public School System. 84 sophomores paid to take the test. Score reports have arrived and will be returned to parents and students on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, in an evening meeting, at 7 PM, at Middle Creek High School. Mr. Cummings,, the counselor for juniors, will meet with parents in the auditorium. Ms. Gregorio, counselor for sophomores, will meet with parents in the media center. The score reports are very detailed and are individualized with specific suggestions for improving the academic skills necessary for college. Counselors will assist parents with reading the reports and will answer questions. Counselors will also discuss preparation for and registering for the SAT.

Juniors should review PSAT questions and answers before beginning to take the SAT in the spring. Sophomores should review PSAT questions and answers before taking the PSAT in the junior year because the PSAT in the eleventh grade is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Students are encouraged to attend the meeting with their parents but their attendance is not required. Score reports not picked up by parents will be returned to students in January.

At the same time, Mr. Minion, counselor for freshmen, will have a Freshman Forum in the choral music room to discuss success in high school.

### The Directories Are Here

The PTSA Student Directories have been distributed during 1st block to those students with a family PTSA membership.

Additional directories will be available for \$5.00 during all three lunches the week of December 10. If you are available for any amount of time to help sell the directories or have any questions please contact [secretary@mchspts.org](mailto:secretary@mchspts.org). As

a reminder, the directories are for personal use only and should not be used for commercial purposes or school mailings. Thanks!

### Proctors Needed

The time is near for semester exams and we would love to have you come on campus to proctor! The dates are Friday January 11th, Monday January 14th, Tuesday January 15th, and Wednesday January 16th. All exams will begin at 7:25 am and will run until approx. 10:25.

You all expressed interest (even it was prompted :) in proctoring, so if that is still true, pls. let me know which day or days work for you.

Have a wonderful day.

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REFLECTIONS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY giving your MCHS student an opportunity to showcase their talents. Too many times our students have talents they want to share, but no place to do so that will get them the recognition they deserve. The Reflections contest is a nationally recognized competition that has been rewarding talented students for years. Sponsored by the National PTA, our students will first compete against other Middle Creek High School students. Winners in six different categories will then go on to represent our school at the Wake County PTA level where council winners will be chosen. These winners will then compete at the State and National levels with both cash prizes, and meaningful recognition. The six categories are: Visual Art, Creative Writing, Photography, Music Composition, Choreography, and Video production. The deadline is December 21, 2007 and information can be obtained through MCHS teacher, Mrs. Debra Wiggins or at [NCPTA.org](http://NCPTA.org).