



February 29, 2008

Hoof Beats

Newsletter of the Middle Creek High School PTSA

Message from the President

With Spring just around the corner, we are looking forward to a very busy time at school. The Beautification Committee will be hard at work once again on March 8th improving the look of the school grounds. Students can help by not littering anywhere on or around the school grounds. The Membership Committee will soon wrap up the recorded members for the 2007-2008 school year and turn in their official tally to the National PTA. We continue to work hard toward our goal of supporting parents to further their student's success in school. The Open House that will be held at school on Tuesday, March 4th, will be a huge help to students and their parents as they make the best choices for next year's courses. Many of the organizations that your son or daughter is involved with will also be represented at this meeting. If you or your student have *not* been as involved as you would like to be in extra curricular activities or volunteerism, this is a good opportunity to hear a brief minute or two about some of the many chances to do so.

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AP Exams

Fourteen advanced placement exams will be given at Middle Creek from Monday, May 5, to Friday, May 16. Registration for the exams will open Wednesday, February 27, and will close on Wednesday, March 20. The Guidance Department is seeking parent volunteers to assist with testing. Just 7 parents last year made all the difference in this testing when 206 students took 394 exams. If your student is taking an AP course this year he will have a registration form that has a sign-up letter on the back. If your student is not yet taking AP exams you can volunteer by calling the Guidance Office. Check the testing schedule on the school website against your calendar.

Registration for 2008/2009

It is once again time for students to choose courses for next year. As you know, these course selections are very important as we will hire teachers and create schedules based on the requests that students make in the spring. On March 4, MCHS will host an Open House of registration. During this time, teachers will be

available at Middle Creek to discuss course options. Also, all parents are encouraged to call the Guidance Office to schedule an individual conference with their counselor to discuss scheduling options.

More information is available in the letter sent to all parents on February 22. You can view that letter by visiting this link:

http://middlecreekhs.wcpss.net/registration_letter-feb08.pdf

Also, course lists and other registration information is available on the MCHS website at this link:

<http://middlecreekhs.wcpss.net/guidance/registration.htm>

For more information, talk with your counselor or contact Assistant Principal Brian Pittman at bpittman@wcpss.net.



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MCHS Basketball

RAISE YOUR SAT SCORE!!

Please stop by the PTSA table some time during the evening and visit with us about how you can help your student succeed by helping all the students and teachers of MCHS through a donation of your time, or a generous financial donation. We rely solely on these donations to fund the many projects throughout the school year. Students, if you receive this eNewsletter, but your parents do not, please see to it that they get this information. Thank you and I hope to see you on March 4th, or during the remain-ing three months of the school year.

Attention Seniors!

Seniors should bring to Mrs. Butler, their counselor, all acceptance letters and all letters about scholarships from colleges and universities, even if not planning to attend the college or use the scholarship.

This information is part of the record of the Class of 2008. All scholarship monies can be included in the class total. At the end of every school year every Wake County high school turns in this data and Middle Creek seniors are always high-performing.

Blackboard Award

The award for the best Blackboard site for the Spring Semester of 2007/2008 school year is Ms. Jolie Mitchell. Her site is clean, thorough and easy for the students to follow.

Check out the great articles written about the Middle Creek Mustangs by Nick Stevens at WRAL:

<http://wral.com/sports/blogpost/2505759/>

<http://wral.com/sports/prepsports/story/2453179/>

Vote in the poll:

http://wral.com/sports/prepsports/poll/2505762/?show_poll=1

And check out some great pictures from the WRAL website focusing on the Creek Crazies:

http://wral.com/sports/prepsports/image_gallery/2429446/

Seussical: The Musical

A strange and fantastic red-and-white striped top hat appears on an empty stage, full of possibilities. A Boy enters and is drawn toward the magical hat. He begins imagining what type of wonderful person would wear such a hat, when The Cat in the Hat suddenly materializes! "You've got quite a mind for your age," quips the Cat as he/she begins singing about the power of imagination (Oh The Things You Can Think). Throughout the fun and silly song, famous Seussian characters are introduced who will figure in the musical: Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, the bird with the one feather tail, the Whos of Whoville, including the Mayor and his Wife, the General Genghis Kahn Schmitz, Mayzie La Bird, Sour Kangaroo and the Citizens of the Jungle of Nool.

The College Board and other sources report that the study of Latin is shown to raise SAT scores more than the study of any other foreign language. This is a national trend that holds true both in North Carolina and with Middle Creek students. Students wanting to build the strong language skills to be highly successful on the SAT should consider registering for Latin in 2008-2009. For more information, please see your counselor or Mr. Pittman.

Summer Enrichment Opportunities

Students and parents seeking possible summer enrichment opportunities are invited to look at the Summer Notebook in the Guidance Office. Also, try http://www.wcpss.net/school_to_career/summer_camp/ a link to college summer programs, and read the daily announcements at Middle Creek.

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