

Medway High school

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NOTES

FROM THE PRINCIPAL RICHARD L. PEARSON



The school year has gone very well to date. The new building is growing on all of us and we are working to utilize all of the different and innovative features.

If you didn't know already, I publish a Principal's Press every two weeks on our school website, www.medwayschools.org. I also work to update the high school site with pertinent and timely information for students and parents.

Please take the time to visit the site often and also register for our email listserve. The email list is a great vehicle for disseminating information quickly, efficiently and economically. I have used it once already and am willing and prepared to use it often. There are only about 250 names listed for high school information. If we could get a majority of parents registered, I would be able to send out these newsletters via listserve and save on postage. Please spread the word to all. I will make available copies via postal mail for anyone needing that service. Thank you.

Alcohol Parent Advisory Group

At the parent/teacher conferences in early October, I was pleased to have many parents come early to listen to a brief discussion about some recent alcohol incidents involving our students. At this presentation, I asked if some parents would be willing to meet and brainstorm thoughts about how we can support good decisions for our children. I would like to continue this discussion by planning a meeting for Tuesday, December 6 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the high school library. At this meeting we will have an open forum for ideas and thoughts about proactive measures that may be possible.

FROM THE NURSE

Enclosed in this memo are two notices on a yellow sheet of paper; one relates to pertussis (whooping cough) and the reverse side refers to meningococcal disease. The MA Department of Public Health (DPH) requires be sent to all parents/guardians.

During the week of Oct. 31 – Nov. 4, there have been several confirmed cases of whooping cough here at MHS and per DPH guidelines, a general advisory about the disease is being sent to all parents/guardians.

The information on meningococcal disease is to inform you of a vaccine that is now available and recommended at high school and college entry, and for students living in dormitories. Please obtain more information/guidance on this from your healthcare provider. Any questions, please call Joanne Rowe, RN, MHS nurse @ 533-6643 ext. 5108.

SAFE & DRUG FREE SCHOOLS

We are pleased to inform you that the school system has received a Safe & Drug Free Schools grant from the State of Massachusetts. As harassment and bullying have been identified as the top priority for all schools, the grant money has been designated as follows: Elementary Schools – training and implementation of the Open Circle Program; Middle School – a bullying curriculum to be used in health education classes; High School – training and implementation of a peer mediation program. A system-wide health advisory committee has also been established to discuss drugs/alcohol, self-esteem, eating disorders and child sexual abuse and to make recommendations on addressing them. If anyone has any questions or concerns or an interest in serving on the committee, they may contact Meredith Poulten at poulten@medway.k12.ma.us or at the high school 508-533-6643 ext.5111.

MATH

At the 18th annual WPI Invitational Mathematics Meet, held on October 19th at the WPI campus in Worcester, David Shiels won a \$1000 scholarship to WPI for being the highest scorer on the Medway team.

IMPORTANT DATES

11/10	11:40am	Early Release
11/15	9:00-1:00pm	Picture Retakes
11/17	5:00pm	Pop Warner Awards/ HS Gym & Cafeteria
11/17	7:30pm	Winter Parent Athletic Meeting/ Auditorium
11/18	7:00pm	“Movie Night”/ Auditorium
11/19	11:00am	Decorate Floats & BBQ/HS Parking Lot
11/19	7:00pm	Homecoming Dance/ Gymnasium
11/22	5:30pm	Student Council Induction/Auditorium
11/23	11:40	Early Dismissal
11/23	6:00pm	Homecoming Night Bonfire/TBA
11/30	5:00pm	Class of 2008 Ring Orders/Library
12/6	3:45pm	School Council Meeting/Principal’s Conference Room
12/8, 9 & 10	7:30pm 2:00 & 7:30 Saturday	The Drama Dept.’s Production of “The Christmas Carol”/ Auditorium
12/13	6:30pm	Financial Aid Night – Guidance/Auditorium
12/14	7:00pm	Winter Concert (Band & Chorus)/Aud.
12/15	7:00pm	Snow Date for Winter Concert
12/26-1/20/6		Holiday Vacation

ATHLETICS

There will be a mandatory meeting for all winter athletes and at least one parent/guardian on Thursday evening, November 17th at 7:30pm in the Auditorium at the High School.

Medway Athletic Director, Rob Pearl, will present the expectations of student athletes, rules and guidelines. All forms and the \$150.00 Athletic Fee will be collected at the conclusion of this meeting. Any student that does not submit their forms will not be eligible for the first day of practice/try-outs.

Students are reminded that the Winter Sports Forms are available in front of the Athletic Director’s office. Any questions should be directed to Rob Pearl, 508-533-3239 or rpearl@medway.k12.ma.us.

SADD

As a SADD advisor, I have been given the opportunity to have Phil Chalmers as a speaker at Medway High School on December 2nd, 2005. Phil Chalmers has been researching teen entertainment and youth culture for nearly two decades. He will examine teen entertainment from movies to television and video games to the Internet. He will also talk about many of the top music groups among teens. He will hit topics, including sex, drugs (e.g. alcohol, marijuana), drunk driving, violence, bullying and suicide. He speaks from experience and students can tell he knows his stuff. He will also talk about the lies the media is preaching to this generation and then he will expose the truth.

He uses humor and a fast paced show geared to the MTV generation. He captivates his audience, showers them with facts, quotes and lyrics. He also shows video clips and plays some audio examples. He will then share a few true stories of how violence has affected teenagers’ lives. Phil also covers the latest and hottest alternatives.

As a SADD advisor, I was thrilled with this opportunity for our school. He will hit just about every destructive decision a teen can make.
Sharon Guilfoil

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

The Science Olympiad Team has started the year on the right foot and is currently in first place in the regional league. The four other schools in the league are Bridgewater-Raynham, Dedham, Oliver Ames and Stoughton. Each school hosts one league meet, consisting of 4 events in which two teams of two students can compete. Several medals were won by Medway in the first meet held at Oliver Ames on October 27th, including Gold Medals for first place in two events, Silver Medals for second place in another event and Bronze Medals for third place.

We are very proud of the following individuals for their efforts, as well as all of the other students who participated in these events for Medway.

Medal Event

Gold Don’t Bug Me
Gold Circuit Lab
Silver Health Science
Bronze Circuit Lab

Competitors

Nicole Quinn & Jimmy Hurlbut
Eric Willison & Matt Hammond
Ryan Bedell & Peter Trefonas
Mike Baier/ Pajmon Bidgeliazari

