



School Update
November 24, 2009

We hope that this e-mail finds everyone well and preparing for the holidays!

- Picture Retakes will be December 2, 2009. Please have your child report to the Large Theatre starting at 9:00 AM if they need a picture retake.
- The National Junior Honor Society Induction ceremony will be on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Small Theatre.
- All charges need to be paid before the winter break. Beginning Dec. 1, there will be no charges allowed until our return in January. Please make sure your student has lunch money in their account, in hand, or a bag lunch each day.
If you have any questions about our food service, please call Mrs. Schamber at 721-6800 x1017.
- **ATTENTION SENIORS AND PARENTS OF SENIORS:**
If you have questions about financial aid, need money for college, or just want to better understand the process of applying for federal and state financial aid, then you need to attend our upcoming Financial Aid seminar. Anders Nilsen, the Director of Financial Aid at SCF (South College of Florida) will be here on Thursday, January 21, 2010, at 6:30 PM, to talk about information to assist students and their families with the Financial Aid process. The event will be held in our large theatre, so come early to get a good seat!
- All 8th grade students are required to complete an ePEP (electronic career choices profile) before being promoted to the ninth grade. Our 8th grade US History teachers have graciously offered to give extra credit to 8th grade students who bring in their completed and signed (parent signature required) ePEP before Christmas Break. Please contact your child's teacher or guidance counselor (email addresses on our website) with any questions.
- Any student in grades 8-11 who has at least a 3.0 GPA may take the CPT Test (College entrance exam) at SCF (South College of Florida) starting in January, 2010. If you are

interested in taking Dual Enrollment courses you must take and pass this exam. Stay tuned for more details and specific dates.

- All high school students should make a habit of checking the MSA website on a regular basis for scholarship information. Go to the Guidance section and check out Current Available Scholarships. There is something there for everyone!
- Also, all high school students should be documenting their volunteer hours. Be sure to have a contact name, signature, and phone number, along with the numbers of hours volunteered. You can use the form available outside the Guidance office or documentation provided by the sponsor. Turn all documentation in to your guidance counselor so your hours can be officially recorded (be sure your name is on every page). Remember, a large number of scholarships require volunteer hours so get them in as you serve them.
- A lot of important and interesting information is given to students during Morning Announcements. Students need to be sure they are listening so they don't miss out on opportunities available to them. Parents and students can also check the Morning Announcement link on our website.

From everyone here at MSA, we would like to extend wishes for an outstanding Thanksgiving holiday to you all. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child and their education.

Upcoming Events

November

25-29 Thanksgiving Break

December

3 5 week grading period ends

7 Band Winter Concert (1)

8 Orchestra Winter Concert

9 Band Winter Concert (2)

10 Chorus Winter Concert

21-Jan 1 Winter Recess

January

5 Return to School

Please check the website for more dates and times
www.msfta.org