

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Important happenings at the MHS: (Week of 1/24/2022)

- **Senior Night:** Senior night for Girls Basketball and Cheerleading will be held on Thursday 2/10/22 vs. Keyport High School. Pregame ceremony will start at 5:20 PM.
- **Yearbooks! Why wait? Order now.** See attached information.
- **The SAPD in the House:** This week we welcome the SAPD as they will be using a classroom in our school for their training. They are always welcome at the MHS.
- **Extended Day Program:** We will have our extended day program for students involved on Tuesday and Thursday of this week.
- **Masks:** We provide masks to students who do not have one on a daily basis. We go through a lot of masks each day. I seek your support by having your child come to school with a mask.
- **Caught Being Kind!!!** The MHS continues the Caught Being Kind initiative. The goal of the initiative is to model and infuse positive character traits, relationships, and behaviors that result in academic success and a caring school community. Students are provided slips completed by staff members for acts of kindness they are caught doing in school. Those slips are presented to the student and he/she gets to enter them into the monthly raffle for gift cards. Winners will be selected each month from the slips placed in the containers.

Some examples of acts of kindness we have witnessed:

- Putting one's phone away and giving someone your full attention
- Helping a friend who's stuck on their classwork
- Cleaning up a mess you didn't make
- Picking up litter in the school and putting it in the trash
- Asking new people to be in your group during class
- Complimenting someone
- Helping a classmate when he/she is confused
- Apologizing when making a mistake
- Not talking and being an attentive listener
- Letting someone go ahead of you in line
- Cheering on your classmates
- Honesty, integrity, telling the truth

The benefits of kindness include:

- Positive school-wide climate
- Feeling and expressing empathy for others

- Maintaining positive relationships
- Making responsible decisions
- Developing positive character traits and habits

### December Winners



Analia Jimenez



Picture left to right: Edgar Godoy, Dillan Hortillas, Nasir Sirmans-Lamontagne and Yehizen Montalvo

December winners not in either photo: Nick Szatkowski, Michal Borkowski, and Brandon Gasiewski.

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences 2/9/2022 and 2/10/2022 - this is important:**
  - Parent/teacher conference scheduler in Parent Access/Genesis will be available on 1/26/2022 and close on 2/2/2022.
  - Each teacher will send you an email for the virtual meeting after you have scheduled one in Genesis. The email will be sent to you by 2/3/2022 using the email address we have in Genesis, as well as your child's school email address. The teacher email will include a Google Meet link.
  - You will click on that link at the date and time of the meeting using your child's email address. Please do not use your own email address. Our system will only work with school email addresses. The link will allow you, in essence, to enter the teacher's room.
  - The teacher may have a meeting before yours and a meeting after. If you arrive early, the teacher will be notified, kind of like knocking on the door, but he/she will not allow you entrance until the specified time. Once he/she is available, you will be admitted to the meeting.
  - **Note:** please do not attempt to join a meeting too early. If you do, your request to join may interrupt the conference being held before yours as your request will continually pop up on the teacher's screen.
  - Once your time is complete, each meeting is five minutes, you will leave to allow another parent to have his/her meeting with the teacher. There is a one minute break in between each meeting time.

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences, what should I ask?** There are a multitude of questions a parent might ask; here are some simple guiding questions I recommend:
  - Is my child performing at grade level?
  - What are my child's strengths? Weaknesses?
  - What can my child do to improve academically?
  - What can I do to help my child improve academically?
  
- **This week:**
  - 1/24/2022
    - Board of Education Meeting
  - 1/26/2022
    - Opening Parent Conference Scheduler in Genesis for Parent/Teacher Conferences. I will send out a notification once they are available. Once again, the conferences will be virtual.
  - 1/27/2022
    - Marking Period two ends.
  - 1/28/2022
    - First Day of Marking Period Three
  
- **Looking ahead:**
  - 1/31/2022
    - Marking Period Two grades available by the end of the week
  - 2/9/2022
    - Short session for students
    - Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences (Virtual)
  - 2/10/2022
    - Short session for students
    - Afternoon Parent/Teacher Conferences (Virtual)
    - Senior Night: Girls Varsity Basketball and Cheerleading - ceremony at 5:20pm
  - 2/11/2022:
    - PTO Marvel Movie Night: Captain America
  - 2/18/2022 - 2/21/2022
    - Schools Closed for Presidents Weekend

If you have any questions, please reach out to the school so we can assist you.

Thank you,  
Dr. McCabe