## High School Happenings October 1, 2019 MHS Administration

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## **News and Information**

- Advanced Placement Examination Ordering: The College Board has updated the timeline for ordering AP Exams. Per the requirements, exam orders will now be placed in the fall. The Methacton AP exam-ordering window will be from 9/23-10/21 with two options for ordering. An online link for electronic ordering is posted on the MHS home page <a href="https://www.methacton.org/Domain/54">https://www.methacton.org/Domain/54</a>. Payment may also be made by cash or check, made payable to Methacton School District, and must be given to Mrs. Deegan or Dr. Kochenour in C221. The exam fee is \$97 per exam with the exception of AP Capstone & AP Research which are \$145. The exam cancellation fee is now \$40. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Kochenour or Mrs. Deegan.
- Class Rings Class of 2022: Class ring orders will be accepted and measurements taken on Wednesday, October 2 from 5:00-7:00 PM in the East Wing Lobby and during all lunches on Thursday, October 3 in the cafe. Mr. Ferraro from Student Services Company will be there to answer questions and assist with orders. Ordering materials were distributed to Sophomores in first period classes last week.
- **Picture Re-take day:** Tuesday, October 8, 7:30-11:30AM in the auditorium. All students are required to have their picture taken for a student ID badge.
- Homecoming 2019: MHS Homecoming will be held on October 11 and October 12. All students will participate in the Pep Rally held during the school day on Friday, 10/11. This will include viewing a portion of the annual Powder Puff Game. The annual Tailgate sponsored by the Class of 2020 and Student Council will take place in the grass area immediately outside the Main Gym Entrance beginning at 5:00 PM. Tickets for the tailgate are \$5 and all are welcome to attend. The Homecoming Football Game will begin in the stadium at 7:00 PM. Pre-game activities presentation of the annual Hall of Fame and Legacy Award inductees. Halftime activities will include announcing of the Homecoming Court and a performance by our Methacton Warrior Marching Band. The annual Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, October 12, from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. All students will be directed to arrive and enter the building through the Auditorium Doors due to the ongoing construction at the West Wing Main Entrance. Students and parents are reminded that all MHS "Dance Behavior Guidelines and Expectations" will be in effect for this event. Please reference these important guidelines on Page 5 of the Student/Parent Handbook on the MHS website:

https://www.methacton.org/cms/lib/PA01000176/Centricity/Domain/54/MHS\_2019-

- <u>2020 Handbook.pdf</u>. We look forward to welcoming students, families and alumni to the Homecoming 2019 events!
- **PSAT Administration to 10**<sup>th</sup> and 11 Grade Students: The PSAT will be administered to all students in 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grades in school on the morning of Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Students will report to school and take part in the exam in their first period class. The exam is anticipated to last several hours in duration. During this time, all Freshmen will participate in a Career Day exploration with guest speakers across a wide variety of careers. Seniors will participate in a series of college application activities. Please note that this is a regularly scheduled day of school for all students and all students are expected to report to school at the regularly scheduled time of 7:30 AM.
- The Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) will be administered in all 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade English classes on October 29. The data gathered in PAYS serve two primary needs. First, the results provide school administrators, state agency directors, legislators and others with critical information concerning the changes in patterns of the use and abuse of harmful substances and behaviors. Second, the survey assesses risk factors that are related to these behaviors and the protective factors that help guard against them. This information allows community leaders to direct prevention resources to areas where they are likely to have the greatest impact. The test will be administered via Chromebooks. Additional information, including procedures to opt-out your child from the survey, will be sent via School Messenger email to parents of all 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade students.

## **Handbook Corner**

• Remaining After School (Student/Parent Handbook Page 14): Students may not remain after school except for participation in school-related activities such as academics, sports or detention. Students must be under the direct supervision of a teacher or coach. At the conclusion of the period of direct supervision, students are to report directly to the main lobby to await a ride. There is no late bus for transportation. Failure to comply with these procedures will result in the student being placed on disciplinary probation and the revocation of all afterschool privileges.