

High School Happenings October 15, 2019

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News and Information

Although the permanent front façade of the high school has not yet been added, the main entrance is now open. All visitors and students may utilize the front entrance.

- **Halloween Reminder:** With Halloween fast approaching, students and parents are reminded that all Halloween costumes worn to school on October 31st must be school appropriate. Please be aware when choosing your child's costume that weapons and violent themes as well as alcohol and drug themes are not permitted. Just as replicas of weapons are not allowed on school property during the regular school day, this also applies to the use of "toy" weapons. The use of masks and fake-blood face paint is also prohibited. These guidelines are intended to add to the enjoyment and safety of the occasion. **Any costume that is determined to cause a disruption to the school day will not be permitted and the student will be asked to remove the costume.**

Informational Reminders

- **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 <https://www.methacton.org/Domain/54>. 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.
- **PSAT Administration to 10th and 11th Grade Students:** The PSAT will be administered to all students in 10th and 11th Grades in school on the morning of Wednesday, October 16th. 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.
- **Community Youth Foundation** will offer a panel discussion Success without a College Degree on Monday, October 21 in the high school LGI. Details are on the attached flyer.
- **The Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS)** will be administered in all 10th and 12th 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 10th and 12th Grade students.

Handbook Corner

- **Student Assistance Program (SAP):** What is SAP? SAP is a process that helps students who are experiencing problems that interfere with learning, such as: depression, emotional difficulties, peer conflict, alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Students are connected to existing services and/or community resources for help. Students can be referred by fellow students, staff, parents, community members, and self. All referrals are kept strictly confidential. Contact a counselor, a SAP team member, or [refer online](https://www.methacton.org/page/1110) <https://www.methacton.org/page/1110> Forms are also available outside of the School Counseling Office, the Nurses' Office, or the East Wing Main Office.