



## Know! Alert - Weed Awareness

The U.S. Surgeon General has issued an advisory regarding marijuana use and the developing adolescent brain. He states that the increases in access to this drug, in multiple and highly potent forms, along with a false and dangerous perception of safety among youth, merits a nationwide call to action.

Weed – as most young people call it – is a highly used drug among adolescents in the U.S., second only to alcohol. Nearly 14% of eighth graders, 33% of tenth graders, and 44% of twelfth graders report having used marijuana at some point in their youth.

It is not the drug it used to be either. Marijuana today is much stronger than in the past, whether smoked, vaped, drunk or eaten. The average amount of THC (the component that causes euphoria and intoxication) in marijuana increased from 4% in 1995 to 12% in 2014. In some states where dispensaries have popped up, marijuana is now available with average concentrated THC levels between 18-23 percent. Even more extreme, marijuana “dabs” and “waxes,” which are highly concentrated marijuana products, reach THC levels as high as nearly 76 percent.

The choices for consumption go far beyond the “pot” brownies of the past as well. There are marijuana-infused teas, coffees, gummies, suckers, chocolates, mints, caramels, and assorted cookies - to name a few. Highly intoxicating edibles have become increasingly popular and are finding their way into the hands and mouths of adolescents and young children (both unintentionally and intentionally). And because edible marijuana takes time to absorb and produce its effects, the risk of overdose increases – even when use is intentional.

As shared in the Surgeon General's advisory, marijuana “acts by binding to cannabinoid receptors in the brain which produce a variety of effects, including euphoria, intoxication, and memory and motor

impairments. These same cannabinoid receptors are also critical for brain development. They are part of the endocannabinoid system, which impacts the formation of brain circuits important for decision making, mood and responding to stress.”

The brain continues to develop into a person’s mid-twenties, and during that time is especially vulnerable to the effects of addictive substances. The earlier the onset of use and the higher the concentration of THC, the greater the risks of physical dependence, addiction, and other negative consequences.

Further research is needed to understand the full impact of THC on the developing adolescent brain. However, current studies show that **regular marijuana use during adolescence is associated with:**

- Changes in the brain that involve attention, memory, decision-making and motivation
- Impaired movement, timing and coordination
- Anxiety, agitation, paranoia, and psychosis
- Increased risk for and early onset of psychotic disorders, such as schizophrenia
- Greater likelihood of misusing opioids
- Impaired learning and decline in IQ
- Increased rates of school absence and dropout
- Impaired school performance that jeopardizes professional and social achievements
- Deterioration of overall life satisfaction and suicide attempts

The Surgeon General’s advisory is intended to, “raise awareness of the known and potential harms to developing brains. These harms are costly to individuals and to our society, impacting mental health and educational achievement and raising the risks of addiction and misuse of other substances.”

Parents and educators are encouraged to talk to the young people in their lives to share this pertinent information, allowing them to ask questions and discuss openly. At a time when marijuana use is becoming more and more “normalized” in our society, the time to have this conversation is now.

Source: [Office of the Surgeon General. U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. U.S. Surgeon General’s Advisory: Marijuana Use and the Developing Brain. August 2019.](#)

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hanson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "H".

## November Students of the Month

**Emma Chester** is described as honest, principled and hard-working. She is dedicated, devoted, kind, and always ready with a smile of encouragement for her classmates and teammates. Her class schedule consists of Advance Placement, College Credit Plus, and Honors courses. Emma is a National Merit Commended Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club and HUDDLE/SHUDDLE. She is a senior captain of the varsity soccer team, lettering all four years, and a member of the varsity track and field team, lettering three years. She volunteers at TopSoccer, youth soccer camps, and at her church. After graduation, she plans on attending college majoring in either pre-medicine or business. Emma is the daughter of Thomas and Deborah Chester.



**Alexandru Dediu** is described as kind, polite, humble, and is a leader in the classroom and on the soccer field. He holds himself to high standards and does not settle for less than his best. He is a National Merit Semifinalist. His current class schedule consists of Advance Placement, College Credit Plus, and Honors courses. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Recycling Club, and volunteers in the Joyce B. Ebner Tutoring Center located at Medina High School. Alex is a member of the varsity soccer team, plays club soccer, and volunteers for TopSoccer, training athletes with special needs. After high school, he plans on attending college majoring in computer science. Alex is the son of Marian and Iuliana Dediu.



## National Merit Semifinalists

Over 1.5 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Programs by taking the 2018 Preliminary PAST/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. Congratulations to our five MHS National Merit Semifinalists!



From L to R: Sam Peacock, Emma Semus, Ryan Holdman, Murari Bhimavarapu, Alex Dediu

**Anti-Bullying Slogan Contest Winner..... Mrs. Kriner's Language Arts Class!**





**Words can hurt.  
Use yours to help.**

### **Academic Recognition Ceremony**

On Thursday, October 24, the Medina Performing Arts Center was filled with proud MHS parents as 248 students in grades 10-12 were invited to attend an Academic Recognition Night. During the evening, the students were presented with a certificate that recognized their academic achievement at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Beginning this school year, all students, including seniors, will be recognized based on the Latin honors system. Students who achieved a cumulative GPA of 4.0-4.29 were awarded certificates for magna cum laude and students who achieved a cumulative GPA of 4.3 and above were awarded certificates for summa cum laude. Mr. Tim Jack, social studies teacher, was the honorary speaker for the evening. Mrs. Jessica Niemantsverdiel, science teacher, Mr. Scott Quade, language arts teacher, and Mr. Jeff Harrison, principal presented the students with their certificates.

This is the first time the high school has made this presentation recognizing student academic achievement at these grade levels. This is a new tradition that will be carried forward annually and is a result of the District's current five-year strategic plan which was largely based on community feedback.



**Medina Musical Bees**

Congratulations to our Musical Bees Marching Band for their 18th consecutive Superior Rating at the State Marching Band Finals. On November 2, the band traveled to Columbus to compete in the State Marching Band Finals hosted by the Ohio Music Education Association. The Musical Bees qualified to compete at State Finals by receiving an overall superior rating in regional competitions this fall. This season, they also earned awards for best music, best percussion, best auxiliary, best overall effect, best in class, as well as earning the highest overall score at the Akron Zips Invitational, and Grand Champions at both the Revere Invitational and the Copley Invitational.



### **From the Counseling Offices**

1) Roadshow - Medina County Career Center admissions and several students will be in the building the week of Nov 11th to present to sophomore level ELA classes. All students will have the opportunity to visit the Career Center on January 28th. Each student will be able to take an in depth look at two programs during the field trip. First Chance Application Evening will be held on January 30 and February 5.

2) Engineering Night - Explore Engineering: Engineering is expected to be a growth sector in the upcoming decade, and it is considered to be a top career choice. Do you know that there are over 40 different types of engineering degrees all within 6 major branches of engineering? How do you learn the differences? Which type is most suited to your interests? Come to Explore Engineering to learn differences and have a chance to speak with current engineers. Explore the various engineering classes taught at Medina High School and Medina County Career Center.

Who: Students in Grade 6 through 12 Where: Medina High School Media Center

When: Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

What: Students will be able to explore career opportunities with professionals from multiple engineering fields. Items discussed could include information about showcasing problem-solving skills, defining the different types of engineers and engaging in professional mentoring.

Opening remarks will be given by a University of Akron, College of Engineering representative. This event is sponsored by the Medina County Economic Development Corp.

3) CCP Student/Parent Meeting and Student Presentations: Medina High School's annual College Credit Plus meeting for interested students and parents will be held on Wednesday, December 4, beginning at 7 pm, in the Middle Auditorium. There will be a school counselor lead discussion on the CCP program as well as admissions counselors from University of Akron, Kent State University, Cuyahoga Community College and Lorain Community College to provide enrollment information. Student presentations will also occur throughout the day on Monday, Dec 2 and Tuesday, Dec 3 during study halls for students to attend. Information also available on the MHS website.

### **From the Athletic Department**

It's been an exciting fall for Medina High School Athletics, accomplishments include:

- Girls Cross Country- GCC Champions, District Champions, Regional runners-up, and 5th place at the State Meet. Juliette Keller-GCC Runner of the Year, District Champion, Regional Champion, All-Ohio.
- Boy Cross Country-District runners-up and 17th at the State Meet. Cameron Schontzler-GCC Runner of the Year.
- Boys Golf- GCC Champions, District Qualifiers.
- Girls Golf- Cleo Meldrum District Qualifier.
- Girls Tennis-Elizabeth Stuart was the Akron Sectional Champion.
- Girls Soccer- District Champions, Regional Champions, Qualified for State Final Four, Ranked #7 in the State.
- Boys Soccer- GCC Champions, District Champions, Regional Champions, Qualified for State Final Four for a fourth consecutive year, Ranked #1 in the State, and #2 in USA Today.
- Football- Qualified for the State Playoffs for the fourth time in school history (Only 32 teams in Division 1 qualify)

Congratulations to all of the Medina High School Fall Sports teams and student-athletes!

- Fast Fact; the average GPA for MHS Fall Student-Athletes was a 3.6!

Not only did our Battling Bees have success on the field, but more importantly they achieved success in the classroom.

### **Student Council News**

On Sunday, October 13, 2019 over 50 Medina High School Student Council members met with Andrew Holden, Extension Educator in Agriculture and Natural Resources from The Ohio State University, to learn the importance of composting. He was able to teach students how to compost by using ratios of nitrogen and carbon, and what products are able to be composted. Members even started their own batch outside the main cafeteria doors where two composting barrels are located. StuCo's plan is to start a composting program at lunches to teach the student body a new way of recycling and keeping waste out of landfills. The program will start this semester.



Student Council then headed over to the square to help SustainEd improve the Community Garden. There the students worked to lay down soil, dig holes for new plants, rake, mulch, paint rocks for a children's section, build a fairy garden, weed and clean the surrounding areas for two hours. Supporting a great community project, the students had a full afternoon of education and work and are excited to get started on this year's service project of composting. This latest project follows the previous year-long StuCo service projects still in progress including the nesting boxes for bluebirds, the pollination garden to save the bees, and the clean water initiative.

On Tuesday, October 22, 2019 MHS Student Council hosted national motivational speaker Judson Laipply. He is the world's first YouTube celebrity, having had the first global viral video with his finale "The Evolution of Dance." Mr. Laipply did two presentations for the school and focused on dealing with change, while reminding students about the importance of growth and evolving. In the afternoon he presented a small group leadership workshop to 100 building leaders chosen by advisors and coaches. The kids had fun in hands-on, active events as they learned about team building, communication, and personalization as a leader.



## **Tuck Everlasting**

MHS Drama Club will be presenting its 2nd annual 9th/10th grade theatrical production, Tuck Everlasting (non-musical), November 7th, 8th and 9th in the MHS Middle Auditorium. Tickets are all \$5, although student tickets will be discounted to \$3 for the Thursday performance. Based on the novel by the same name, the play takes place in 1880. 10-year-old Winnie Foster, trapped by the rules imposed by her strait-laced family, runs away and discovers the humble Tucks who have accidentally stumbled upon a spring long ago that gave them eternal life. Winnie promises to keep their dangerous secret but

then a sinister stranger in a yellow suit arrives at at their door with intentions to steal the immortal water for himself. Ultimately Winnie must choose whether or not to drink the immortal water and join them in



an everlasting adventure – or live on in a natural way, living a life full of the ordinary beauty of growth and change. The cast includes Allison Custer and Madison Reid (alternating role as Winnie Foster), Tracy Gavel (Granny Foster), Madelyn Deighton (Mae Foster), Chris Smith (Angus Tuck), Santo Gambaccini (Miles Tuck), Colin Barberic (Jesse Tuck), Julia Coyle (The Stranger in the Yellow Suit), Mallory Brown (The Constable), and Waverly Barnard and Ainsley Culp (Choral Voices).

### **Career Exploration Opportunities Coming to MHS**

With the expansion of gifted services into Medina High School, there will be increased opportunities for students to explore what they will be when they grow up! The gifted intervention specialist has been collaborating with the Business Advisory Council, the Medina County Economic Development Corporation and MHS staff in order to develop a semester-long program to include job shadowing experience. This credit flex opportunity (.5) will provide participants with an overview of the entire job search process, to include relevant career information from in-house staff and guest speakers on current job markets and trends. Topics will include crafting a cover letter and résumé polishing, cultivating an appropriate digital footprint, interview skills, evaluating job offers and learning from not being offered a job. There will be eight weeks of job shadowing experience at one or two local sites in a field that the applicant holds interest. Shadowing will allow a student to understand numerous positions which contribute to a company's success and the type and level of schooling necessary for each. At the culmination, students will offer a presentation about the job shadowing experience to highlight what has been learned with a team of CEO educators. This information will then be available to future participants as they seek to enter the CEO program to aid in narrowing career interests. Applications are currently being accepted from juniors and seniors that have scheduled early release. Students should visit <https://tinyurl.com/y5wfbcbv> and submit an application by November 29th to be considered for this opportunity. This unique experience will take place throughout the second semester on scheduled days during 12th period.

### **Coats for Kids**

The 2019 Coats for Kids Express is coming to a school near you the week of November 11-15. Collect those gently used or new coats, hats, mittens, scarves, and other winter items and bring them to a school building near you. See the below flyer for dates, times, and locations. The bus will be at the Medina High School main office parking lot on Tuesday, November 12, from 11:15 to 12:15 pm. MHS Student Council will have collection boxes in all house offices beginning November 4.

### **Health Heros - Flu**

In partnership with Akron Children's Hospital School Health Services, it is our pleasure to offer on-site flu vaccinations to students this year on November 18, starting first period. Health Heroes flu vaccination clinics are completely voluntary and are offered to ALL consented students, regardless of their insurance coverage. Consent forms are due by Monday, November 11, 2019. The below letter and form can also be found on the school website.

[Click Here for the 2019 Health Heroes Flu Shot Parent Letter](#)

[Click Here for the 2019 Health Heroes Flu Shot Consent Form](#)

### **Introduction to Aerospace**



Mr. Bracken's Introduction to Aerospace class visited the M.A.P.S. Air Museum in North Canton. Students were able to walk through aviation history from a 1909 Martin Glider to a EA-6B "Prowler". The students could see advancements in technology from engines, instruments and wing design. A highlight for some students was the opportunity to sit in the cockpits of different aircraft from a Lim-6 to a Bell OA-58A helicopter to a F-4U Corsair.



### There's Trouble in River City

When Harold Hill, a fast-talking salesman, attempts to con River City residents into purchasing instruments and uniforms for a boys' band that he never fully intends on forming, Marian, the prim town librarian, catches on to his scheme. The two fall into an unlikely romance that is the foil to all of Harold's plans. See *The Music Man*, November 21 through 24, Thursday - Saturday, show starts at 7:30 pm, Sunday, 2:00 pm, in the Medina Performing Arts Center. Tickets \$8.00 - \$12.00, and are available on eventbrite.com, [or by clicking here.](#)



### Feed the Bees Food Pantry



This past spring we started a food pantry to help any of our students facing food insecurity. Thanks to the generosity of our staff, community organizations, and MHS families, our pantry is currently well-stocked. Many community organizations hold food drives during the rapidly approaching holiday season. If you are able to, we encourage you to participate in a local drive at this time. We anticipate our pantry needing some re-stocking in the new year. If you or an organization you work with would be willing to partner with us on a drive in the early months of 2020, please contact us at [feedthebees@medinabees.org](mailto:feedthebees@medinabees.org) so that we can determine which items are needed most.

### Art Club

Art Club completed 18 Keith Haring inspired bodies for their recent October art installation in the main cafeteria.



## Poetry Out Loud

The National Recitation Contest returns to Medina High School Thursday, December 5, 2019. All students are welcome to participate and students can participate in local, regional, state, and national competitions. Look for competition applications here, the MHS website or from any Language Arts Teacher. For more information go to: <https://www.poetryoutloud.org/> Students can also ask Ms. Zavesky for more information. [Click here for the application.](#)



## Graduation Cap/Gown/Announcement Ordering

Go to [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) or [Click Here](#)

## Student Fees

At the high school, there is a general fee of \$15 which covers thagenda, student ID and graduation costs. Full day Medina County Career students do not receive an MHS ID and therefore the fee is reduced to \$10. Course fees are outlined in the Registration Guide. Pay to Participate fees are assessed once the team rosters are complete.

Fee Bills for current year fees will be mailed after all fees have been added, generally mid-September. At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grading periods, report cards will be held in the main office until all fees have been paid. Students will receive a fee bill in lieu of their report card.

All fees must be paid in order to purchase dance tickets with the exception of the Homecoming Dance. For the Homecoming Dance, only the PRIOR YEAR fees need to be paid.

Fees can be paid to Mrs. Platz in the main office using a check (payable to Medina High School), cash or money order. Fees can be paid online via Payforit.net with your Visa, Mastercard or ACH check.

## New Link For Athletics and Performing Arts Tickets

[Please Click Here](#)

## AP/Honors Portfolio Art



Students in the AP / Honors Portfolio class spent a day at Cliffside Artists Collaborative in Hinckley. They spent the day working with professional artist John Smolko.



### **Ohio Lottery Partners in Education**

Congratulations Medina High School! Mr. Harrison was presented the School of the Year award from the Ohio Lottery along with \$1,000 Staples gift card for use in the building. The Partners in Education program began in 2007 and is designed to acknowledge teachers and students who are working hard throughout the state. [Click Here](#) for the video about Medina High School.

### **Attention Seniors - Class of 2020**

**MENINGITIS VACCINE REQUIREMENT FOR SENIORS** - In 2017, the Ohio Department of Health issued new Tdap and Meningitis vaccine requirements for students entering 7th and 12th grades. All seniors must provide proof of receiving the required vaccine before the start of the 2019-2020 school year. Immunization forms should be turned in at the main office.

### **Ski/Snowboard Team**

Even though the snow isn't flying yet, Brandywine ski and snowboard signups are beginning! There are a few changes this year. The bus from Fenn will cost \$30 this year, and the sign up for the bus must be completed online. Payment can be made through Payforit. If paying by check, checks must be physically brought to Fenn Elementary. The deadline to sign up for Brandywine and/or the bus is December 20. [Click Here for Ski/Snowboard Team Flyer.](#)

### **Joyce B. Ebner Volunteer Tutoring Center**

The Volunteer Tutoring Program provides tutoring help to high school and middle school students who have the desire to improve in any subject. Students requesting a tutor and volunteers are matched by the Volunteer Tutoring Program coordinator, Carolyn Grenfell, and work together before, during, or after school. During the 2018-19 school year there were over 200 volunteer tutors and 500 tutor/student matches. Applications for tutoring help or to be a volunteer tutor are available from Mrs. Grenfell in room 1300 by the Media Center.

### **Printmaking and Painting 1**



Mrs. Smith's Printmaking students concluded their screen-printing unit with a pancake party where they screen-printed on pancakes with chocolate syrup. We will be sharing photos of their custom screen-printed t-shirts soon! Her Painting 1 students are currently working on art history inspired paintings.



### 2019-2020 Yearbooks

It is with great pleasure to announce the kickoff of the 2019-2020 yearbook. Our title this year is "Life Is A Game, Play It Like A Bee". The theme will be centered around various games such as board, card, video, and arcade.

In order to make the yearbook possible there a couple of things to keep in mind:

Senior portrait pictures must be taken by Lifetouch on or before January 17, 2020. The yearbook only accepts Lifetouch photos. To set up a free appointment with Lifetouch, call 330-225-7666

It is best to order the yearbook earlier in the year than later. It is highly recommended to purchase the shipment of the book home so it is received during the summer of 2020. Any books not shipped home will not be distributed until school starts in the fall. (Please note this is a change from previous years)

- Winter Sale: Nov. 2 - Jan 31: Cost \$60.00. Icons, shipment, and personalization extra.
- Spring Sale: Feb 1 - June 1: Cost \$70.00 Icons, shipment, and personalization extra.

If you have any questions about the yearbook or pictures, please feel free to contact Heather Hascher, Yearbook Adviser at [hascherh@medinabees.org](mailto:hascherh@medinabees.org) or 330-636-3344.

**Digital Art & Photography class taught by Melissa Maxwell**



Multiple Me - Joe Aponovich

### **Attention Juniors and Seniors!**

There are a number of colleges that will be visiting MHS to discuss their programs and answer any questions. This is a unique opportunity to meet college admissions reps, ask questions, and get a feel for each college. Please take advantage of these visits.

To view and sign up for visits with reps, go to the counseling link on Blackboard. Then, click on College and Career on the left. The list of schools and an online signup sheet are under the College Visitation Days link. You may also come to white guidance for a pass!!

Need help with your campus visits this fall? Check out [this link](#) from the College Board.

### **FAFSA - Class of 2020 - 7 Things You Need Before You Fill Out The FAFSA FORM**

If you need financial aid to help you pay for college, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. The 2020-2021 FAFSA form will be made available as of Oct. 1, 2019. You should fill it out as soon as possible on the official government site, [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov).

It'll be easier to complete the FAFSA form if you gather what you need ahead of time. Below are 7 items you'll need to find before Oct 1:

1. Your FSA ID
2. Your Social Security number
3. Your driver's license number
4. Your 2017 tax records
5. Records of your untaxed income
6. Records of your assets (money)
7. List of school(s) you are interested in attending

**All Students Must Have a Parking Pass**



All students are required to have a parking pass in order to park in the school lots. Students may park in Lots B, C, E and F with a pass. Students *are not* to park in the lots of any of the area buildings including the rec center parking lot. Parking passes can be purchased daily at the Hub. Passes cost \$40 for the full year. Passes are reduced by \$10 per quarter for new student drivers/parking pass applicants. The required paperwork can be found on the high school website. There will be regular sweeps of the parking lots to check for parking passes. Cars found without a pass will get a warning sticker with directions on what to do. If there is no parking pass during the next sweep, the car will be booted. Please note there will be a \$ 20.00 fee assessed if we boot a car. We ask for parent support by making sure your student who is driving to school is purchasing a parking pass.

### **Planning a Move?**

If you currently reside in the Medina City School District and have recently moved, or plan to move to a new address within the district, you will need to provide proof of residency to the Medina City School District Registration Office. One of the following documents will be accepted as proof of residency: current utility bill, mortgage contract, purchase contract, lease agreement, insurance statement on the dwelling, or a letter from your builder indicating a possession date within 90 days of enrollment in the district. If you are unable to provide any of the approved documents, please complete the Residency Affidavit, have it notarized, and submit to the Registration Office. If you are moving out of the district during the school year, please notify the guidance secretaries so that the withdrawal process can begin. Please be certain to promptly register in your new school district and complete a records request so that we may release educational records to the new school.

### **Did you know?**

Mail being sent home to parents is usually addressed "To the Parent of:" and the student's name. Sometimes that mail is returned to us by the post office because the child's last name is different than the parent's last name, and the post office says that is undeliverable as addressed. This is especially true if you live in an apartment. By the time all of this happens, several weeks can have passed. If this applies to you, please make sure to notify the post office of all last names that mail may be addressed to for delivery. Your help is appreciated.

### **Morning Announcements**

Daily Student Bulletins are posted on the MHS website, <https://www.medinabees.org/domain/372>  
Morning announcements can be viewed on YouTube at [MHSTV Morning Announcements](#)





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Call-Off Line  
330-636-3207 - *Voicemail available 24 hours a day*  
Fax: 330-636-3802 - Attn: Attendance Office

### Reporting Student Absences

- If a student will be missing school, a parent needs to call the Attendance line. The parent will need to spell the student's last name, give his/her school ID#, and the reason that he/she is absent.
- If a parent does not call, the student will be marked "unexcused absent" and an automated call will be generated at 10:30 a.m. each morning.
- If a student is late because of an orthodontist, doctor, dentist, court appointments, etc., the absence will be excused if the student brings in a school excuse from the doctor, dentist, etc. to the Attendance Office.

### If a Student Becomes Ill in School

He/she needs to go to the closest neighborhood office or clinic with a pass from his/her teacher. The neighborhood secretary or the nurse will call the parents for permission for the student to leave school. If the parent gives permission for the student to leave, the secretary will give the student a pass that **MUST** be brought to the Attendance Office. The person picking up the student, **MUST** come in to sign the student out in the book at the front desk of the main office.

**STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE USING THEIR CELL PHONE TO CALL PARENTS DIRECTLY TO GO HOME ILL - An MHS employee must talk to the parent before a child can be released.**

### Tardiness to School

Oversleeping, car trouble, power failures, traffic problems, frozen car locks are all unexcused tardies. A note or call from a parent to the Attendance Office regarding the reason is always appreciated and will be noted for your student's records. A Principal or his/her designee shall make the final determination between excused or unexcused tardy if necessary.

As the student accumulates tardies to school, the following consequences may result:

- 4 tardies ~ One (1) ASD
- 8 tardies ~ (2) ASDs
- 12 tardies ~ 2 hour Saturday school and notification
- 16 tardies ~ 4 hour Saturday school and notification

### Leaving Early

Parents need to send in a note requesting that the student leave early for court, an orthodontist appointment, doctor's appointment, etc. The note needs the date, reason for the absence, and the time that the student is to leave school. The parent does not have to come in to sign out the student. If a parent calls instead of sending a written note, the parent will need to come into the main office to sign

out the student at the front desk. Parents need to realize that it will take time to find the student, especially if the student is in a gym class or at lunch.

### Planned Absences

The student needs to tell his/her teachers about the absence and make arrangements to make up the work. The parent needs to call the attendance line in advance and give the dates and reason the student will be missing school, such as vacation, surgery, etc.

### Vacations

Ohio law does not specifically allow vacation travel to be considered an excused absence from school. In situations that are essentially unavoidable, schools are permitted to grant excused absences in order to travel. Medina City Schools allows up to 5 excused vacation days per year.

A Request for Vacation Travel is required to be filled out and turned into the Attendance Office well in advance of the intended absence. The form can be found under Forms on the MCS website, on the MHS website, on Blackboard under the Forms tab in the MHS Student Organization and this link.

[Request for Vacation Travel Form](#)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** If a student will miss more than approximately 65 hours (10 days) due to a vacation, parents/guardians are required to un-enroll their student from the Medina City Schools and re-enroll them upon return from vacation. This is done by contacting the Office of Registration at 330-636-3100. Questions concerning this procedure may be directed to Dr. Kristine Quallich, Asst. Superintendent, at 330-636-3092.

### **Medications**

All medications must be delivered by an ADULT ONLY to the SCHOOL NURSE. The medication must be in a new, unopened container. Students must never possess any type of medication without documentation from a physician allowing him/her to do so. Only school health personnel are permitted to receive and log medications. Clinic hours are 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday when school is in session.

## **First Semester 2019 School Year Important Dates**

November 7-9	MHS Drama Club Fall Play, Tuck Everlasting, 7:00 pm, Mid Stage
November 13	Explore Engineering, 6:30 pm, Media Center
November 22 -23	MHS and Cameo Fall Musical, The Music Man, 7:30 pm, PAC
November 24	MHS and Cameo Fall Musical, The Music Man, 2:30 pm, PAC
November 26	Early Release
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 4	College Credit Plus (CCP) Meeting, 7:00 pm, Mid Auditorium
December 5	Poetry Out Loud, 2:30 - 5:00 pm, PAC Studio Theater, MHS Choirs Holiday Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
December 10	Cocoa, Cookies & Cram, Main Cafeteria, 2:30 - 3:30 pm MHS Holiday Orchestra Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
December 11	Cocoa, Cookies & Cram, Main Cafeteria, 2:30 - 3:30 pm
December 12	MHS Holiday Band Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
December 17-19	1st Semester Exams
December 19	Early Release/End of 2nd Nine Week/End of the 1st Semester
December 20-Jan 3	Winter Break

## **Second Semester 2020 School Year Important Dates**

January 6, 2020	First Day of Second Semester
January 11	Art 1.11, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, MHS Main Cafeteria
January 17	Teacher In Service Day, No Students
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School
January 24	MCS Pancake Breakfast & Spotlight on Students, 8:00 - NOON, MHS Main Cafeteria and PAC
January 24-25	SPICE - MHS Student Talent Show, 7:00 pm, PAC
February 6	MHS and MS Jazz Band Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
February 8	Winter Formal, 7:30 - 10:00 pm, MHS Main Gym
February 13	Early Release
February 14	Teacher In Service Day, No Students
February 17	President's Day, No School
February 25	MHS Band Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
March 2 - 6	Say Something Week
March 3	MHS Choirs Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
March 12	Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
March 13	Last Day of the 3rd Nine Weeks
March 16	Family First Night - New Date
March 17	VOFT Blood Drive - Tentative
March 23-27	Spring Break
March 30	First Day Back from Spring Break
April 4	Dinner and All that Jazz, 5:00 pm, PAC
April 10	Good Friday, No School
April 13	Conference Comp Day, No School
April 23-26	MHS Drama Club Spring Play - Tentative
April 27	NHS Induction Ceremony, 7:00 pm, PAC
April 28	SAT Testing for Juniors, MHS Orchestra Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
April 29	Spring Testing
April 30	Spring Testing, MHS Band Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
May 1	Spring Testing
May 4-8	AP Testing
May 8-9	Showtime
May 11-15	AP Testing
May 22	Strings in the Park, NOON, Medina Square
May 25	Memorial Day, No School
May 26-27	Final Exams
May 28	Final Exams, Early Release, End of the 4th Nine Weeks, End of the 2nd Semester, Last Day of the School Year

<https://www.medinabees.org>, click on Our Schools, click on Medina High School

## Important Senior Dates - Class of 2020



December 17, 18, 19  
January 17  
February 1 to Feb 24  
February 8  
March 12  
May 8-9  
May 11-14  
May 14  
May 15  
May 16  
May 19  
May 20  
May 21

May 21  
Saturday, May 23, 2020

First Semester Exams / End of First Semester  
Deadline for senior photos to be taken at Prestige for yearbook  
Senior Scholarship Application Available on Blackboard  
Winter Formal Dance, MHS Gym, 7:30 to 10:00 pm  
Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
Showtime, PAC, May 8 – 7:30 pm, May 9 – 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm  
Senior Exams – Exams will be given during a normal school day.  
Senior Sunset, MHS Football Stadium, 7:00 p.m. to sunset  
Senior Exam Make-up Day  
Prom at Quaker Station in Akron, After Prom activities at MHS  
Senior Awards Assembly, PAC, 7:00 pm  
MCCC Awards Assembly, MHS Gym, 7:30 pm  
Mandatory Graduation practice for All MHS and MHS-MCCC  
Seniors

- 7:45 to 8:15 Sign In and Continental Breakfast
- 8:15 Sharp - Practice Begins

Baccalaureate, Holy Martyrs, 3100 Weymouth Rd, 7:00 pm  
Commencement for all MHS and MHS-MCCC seniors,  
James A. Rhodes Arena, University of Akron, 1:00 pm



**Words can hurt.  
Use yours to help.**

MHS DRAMA CLUB  
PRESENTS

# TUCK EVERLASTING

ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY  
**MARK FRATTAROLI**

Based on the novel *TUCK EVERLASTING* by NATALIE BABBITT

**NOVEMBER 7, 8, & 9     7:00 pm**  
**MHS MIDDLE STAGE**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**  
**TICKETS \$5**

**\$3 DISCOUNTED STUDENT TICKETS ON THURS, NOV. 7**

*Tuck Everlasting* is produced by special arrangement with Stage Partners. ([www.yourstagepartners.com](http://www.yourstagepartners.com))



# COATS FOR KIDS EXPRESS NOVEMBER 11-15, 2019

*Medina City Schools is sponsoring its annual "Coats for Kids Express," a gently worn and new coat drive for those in need.*

Winter clothing items can be dropped off at the following locations:

## **Monday, November 11**

10:00 - 11:00 AM

**Heritage Elementary School**  
833 Guilford Boulevard

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

**A.I. Root Middle School**  
333 West Sturbridge Drive

## **Tuesday, November 12**

10:00 - 11:00 AM

**Canavan Elementary School**  
825 Lawrence Street

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

**Medina High School**  
777 E. Union Street

## **Wednesday, November 13**

10:00 - 11:00 AM

**Fenn Elementary School**  
320 North Spring Grove

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

**Northrop Elementary School**  
950 East Reagan Parkway

## **Thursday, November 14**

10:00 - 11:00 AM

**Blake Elementary School**  
4704 Lexington Ridge Drive

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

**Waite Elementary School**  
4765 Cobblestone Park Drive

## **Friday, November 15**

10:00 - 11:00 AM

**Garfield Elementary School**  
234 South Broadway Street

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

**Claggett Middle School**  
420 East Union Street







# EXPLORE

ENGINEERING

This event is co-sponsored by Medina City Schools and The Medina County Economic Development Corporation.

Come explore engineering to learn differences and have a chance to speak with current engineers.

Who: Students in grades 6 through 12

Where: Medina High School Media Center

When: Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

What: Students will be able to explore career opportunities with professionals from multiple engineering fields.

**NOVEMBER 16, 2019**

# DANCING WITH ENCORE

**OPEN TO GRADES 5 THRU 8**

**\$30 for an afternoon of spooky & musical fun!**

**YOUR CHANCE TO SING AND DANCE WITH MEDINA'S AWARD-WINNING ENCORE ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY**

All events at Medina High School  
Registration starts at 11:30AM - Enter through the North (D-side) doors

Event starts at 12 noon

MUSIC, SNACK, and T-SHIRT PROVIDED

Open House Performance at 3pm in the Middle Auditorium - event ends at 3:15pm

**REGISTER AT [MEDINACHOIR.COM](http://MEDINACHOIR.COM)**

# kids FIRST Medina



## Making Dough Fundraiser Event

**Kids First Medina  
&  
Courthouse Pizzeria**

Please join us to raise funds together!

**November 20, 2019**  
**12:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**Courthouse Pizzeria / 2 Public Square / Medina**

### How Our Program Works:

- Bring in this Flyer (or image on your phone), during the scheduled fundraising date and time
- Inform our Guest Ambassador that you are dining for the Fundraising Event
- Place your order
- **25%** of your pre-tax sales will be donated by Courthouse Pizzeria to your organization
- Offer valid only during specified date and time

Medina High School and CAMEO present



November 22 and 23 at 7:30 PM

November 24 at 2:30 PM

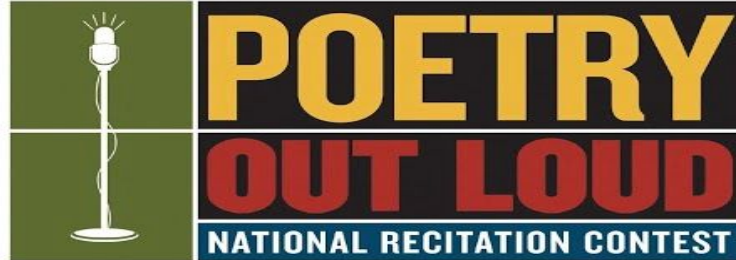
Adults \$12 Students \$10 Seniors (62 and over) \$8

At the Medina Performing Arts Center

851 Weymouth Rd, Medina, OH 44256

For tickets call 330-636-3400 or visit [cameo-medina.org](http://cameo-medina.org)

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS  
*and*  
POETRY FOUNDATION  
*present*



Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Language Arts Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant must choose and recite two poems from the Poetry Out Loud Anthology **ONLY**. Poems outside of the Poetry Out Loud anthology may **NOT** be used for the contest. These poems can be found at [poetryoutloud.org](http://poetryoutloud.org)

The contest will be held in the Medina High School Studio Theater.

December 5, 2019, Thursday, 2:45 PM – 4:30 PM. Free and Open to the public.

Performance rubrics, advice for performing can be found at [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org)

1<sup>st</sup> Poem:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Poet: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Poem:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Poet: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Ms. Hufford or Ms. Zavesky with any questions.

**APPLICATION DUE December 2, 2019 IN ROOM 1212**

Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation contest. The MHS winner must attend the Poetry Out Loud Workshop in February 2020 AND the semi-final Regional contest in Cleveland in February 2020.





MEDINA HIGH SCHOOL'S  
CHORAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT  
INVITES YOU TO OUR

# Holiday Choir Concert

-Featuring all six choirs-

7 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019  
MEDINA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

\$6 Adult, \$4 Student/Senior tickets are available on Eventbrite,  
at the door, or from the PAC Box Office during the  
week of the concert (hours are 10 AM-2 PM)







# Parent EdCamp 2019-2020

## Mark Your Calendars for Parent EdCamp 2019-2020

You are cordially invited to Medina City Schools Parent EdCamp 2019-2020. This year, there are three separate informational camps. In each camp, you will have the opportunity to choose from up to three informational sessions each lasting 25 minutes with five minutes allotted to move around to the next session.

**September 25, 2019**

**Technology Camp**

**Medina High School**

**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
1-1 Initiative: What does this mean for my child in grades 2-12?	Social Media: What are the hot topics surrounding the apps kids are on?	Student Privacy: How will Medina City School keep my child safe?	What's new in educational technology?

**January 22, 2020**

**College and Career Camp**

**Medina High School**

**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
\$\$\$ and Sense: A Look at College Financial Aid	Test Prep and College Entrance Exams	Career Readiness in the 21st Century	Volunteer Opportunities (Grades 6-12)

**April 22, 2020**

**Innovation EdCamp**

**Claggett Middle School**

**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Wonderous Wednesdays: What are our elementary students doing with inquiry-based learning	Project Lead the Way: Learning all about our engineering, computer, and new Bio Medical course at the middle school and high school level	Fun for Everyone: Makerspace: Come learn and play in the Makerspace

**When BIG YELLOW STOPS!!!**



**Everyone STOPS!!!**