



## Message from the principal:

The last month of school is always a hectic time for students, teachers, and parents. Final projects and tests dominate the school landscape and for seniors the all-too-familiar "Senioritis" usually sets in around early April. While lost in the daily details, it is easy to lose perspective and forget what it is that we are trying to accomplish at MTCHS day in and day out. As I look at this soon-to-graduate senior class, I pause and am reminded of our school's mission: *"Technical, Professional, and Academic Excellence."* At the heart of this statement is our student; we are and must continue to be a student-centered professional learning community. But beyond this our school has always been about helping our students develop a set of skills that will prepare them to get a skilled job or continue their education beyond high school. This doesn't have to be an "either-or" proposition. The reality is that most of our students, about 85% each year, go to college or a technical school and work in jobs that support them while they make their way through college. With the current challenges in our economy and increasing college tuition costs our graduating seniors have a decided advantage in the workplace and at the university. This year's senior class of 2009 has earned (to date) \$814,760 in scholarships for post-secondary training and college next year. Most of those students will also work in skilled/higher paying jobs while they make their way through college and hopefully avoid the burden of excessive student loans. The average student loan debt among college graduates is over \$19,000 according to [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org). We hope to help our students avoid this all too common trap and start out in life with a skill and as little debt as possible. This has been an exciting year with many victories, both individual and collective. Thank you for supporting your student and supporting MTCHS. Without the effective partnerships with our families our school could not thrive as it does. Please look for updates on the website regularly over the summer and don't hesitate to contact the school with questions or concerns.

Christian Housel

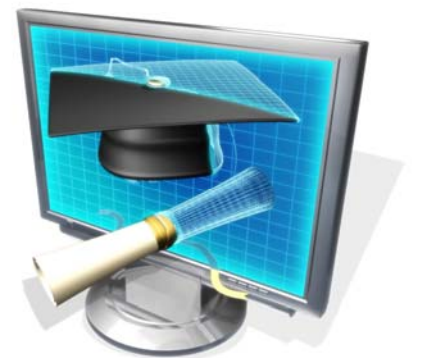
## Congratulations Class of 2009!

- 37 graduates!
- \$814,000 in scholarships!
- One National Merit Scholar!
- 15 State SkillsUSA Gold Medalists!

Graduation is Saturday, May 30 @ 1 pm at the Centennial Performing Arts Center

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Seniors JD Purves, Taylor Jordan, Tyler Johnson, and Nick Ford Posing by their poster at the Economic Summit competition.

## MTCHS Student Gets The Opportunity Of a Lifetime

Annapolis, Md. The Naval Academy invited a select group of approximately 2,250 young men and women from around the nation and world to attend the Naval Academy Summer Seminar this summer. Summer Seminar is a fast-paced, six-day experience for high achievers who have completed their junior year in high school and are considering applying for admission to the academy after graduation. Ryan Zimmerman, a student at MTCHS in Meridian, Idaho, will participate in the U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar program. Summer seminar will teach prospective applicants about life at the Naval Academy, where academics, athletics, and professional training play equally important roles in developing our nations leaders. Each student will attend a six-day session and experience a part of academy life, congratulations Ryan.



## Message from the Counselor

The 2009 PSAT/NMSQT will be administered at the Medical Arts School on October 17, 2009. This is a practice SAT and also the qualifying test for National Merit Scholars. I suggest that all juniors take this test. Sophomores can also take the test, but it is only the test results for junior year that are considered for the National Merit Scholarship competition. Please plan on paying \$21 at registration in August so that I can reserve a test for your student. The test is only given once a year and October 17, 2009 is the national test date. The test will last approximately 2 ½ hours. I will hand out preparation booklets with sample test questions and other information about the format of the test when I receive the money at registration. If you have any questions e-mail me at [maryhelen.green@mtchs.org](mailto:maryhelen.green@mtchs.org) or call me at 288-2928.

## Skills USA

### Congratulations State Winners and State Officers:

#### Gold (30 Students in 14 Competitions)

*Extemporaneous Speech*-Thomas White  
*Job Skill Demo*-Casey Smith  
*Opening and Closing Ceremony*-Michelle Szurgot, Gabrielle Wheeler,  
 Celina Muli, Liberty Vien, Bailey Croft, Austin Davis, Braeden Lieberman  
*Promotional Bulletin Board*-Elise Prescott, Inna Grishuk  
*Quiz Bowl*-Jack McCorkel, Samuel Hall, Greg Trent, William Shannon,  
 Patrick Resler  
*Tech Prep Showcase, IT*-Ryan Zimmerman, Jacob Biggs, Michael Hance  
*Computer Maintenance*-Regan Wallace  
*Computer Programming*-Thomas White  
*Electronics Technology*-JD Purves  
*Technical Computer Applications*-Kensel Leishman  
*Web Design*-Dustin Hoffman, Jack McCorkel  
*Engineering Technology*-Devon Munkers, Taylor Jordan, JD Purves  
*Pin Design*-Nic Ford  
*Banner Design*-Michelle Szurgot



#### Silver (15 Students in 9 Competitions)

*Job Skill Demo*-Zachary Pennisi  
*Principles of Technology*-Jimmy Mancera  
*Quiz Bowl*-Ian Tompkins, Joesph Hall, Kyle Resler, William St. Ange, Tim Martin  
*Related Technical Math*-JD Purves  
*3D Visualization & Animation*-Oscar Marshall, Jonathon Vaughan  
*Advertising Design*-Drew Coffin  
*Computer Programming*-Rob Kleffner  
*Technical Computer Applications*-Christi Durham  
*Web Design*-Jacob Biggs, Ryan Zimmerman

#### Bronze (13 Students in 11 Competitions)

*Customer Service*-Regan Wallace  
*Job Skill Demo*-Kris Kezar  
*Prepared Speech*-Rob Kleffner  
*Principles of Technology*-Ed Griffith  
*Related Technical Math*-Kurly Fisher  
*Advertising Design*-Elise Prescott  
*Computer Maintenance*-Justin Crumm  
*Computer Programming*-Tyler Crandall  
*Technical Computer Applications*-Roger Johnston  
*TV Video Production*-Jeff Trent and Martin Ronquillo  
*Web Design*-Robert Pooley and Devin Nottingham

#### State Officers 2009-2010

Justin Crumm  
 Brandon Hurt

Also, there is a Tech Party coming up. It's the last one of the year. It will be 80's themed and will showcase vintage 80's games. It will run from 3:00 to 10:00. Ticket prices are \$10 for girls and incoming freshmen, \$11 for SkillsUSA rewards members, \$13 for boys, and \$15 at the door. Mark your agendas, SkillsUSA celebration night is coming up. It will be on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Key Club

Key Club's Muscular Dystrophy fundraiser started out quite slow, however, in the last week donations greatly increased. Through your efforts, we were able to raise \$237.64 for MDA. Blue Jeans for Babies, on the other hand, was also a success thanks to the MTCHS staff who donated \$191. April will be another busy month as we are starting our last fundraiser which is Penny Wars. In this fundraiser, home classes will compete against each other while contributing to the fundraiser. The proceeds will go to a local nonprofit organization—to be determined soon. The winning class will be recognized with a plaque inscribed with the grade level name and year of the winning class. As always, Key Club would like thank MTCHS staff and students for supporting Key Club and helping us to successfully achieve our goals.

## Student Government

We recently combined Prom with the Medical Arts Charter School and it was a huge success and we are planning on combining future events with their school. We are also planning a talent show on the Senior's last day, May 22nd. Student Government will be working on wrapping up this year and leaving a legacy for next year.

## Teams Recognition

Congratulations to the TEAMS (test of engineering aptitude, mathematics, and science) JV A Team; Michael Hance, David Tijerino, Jordan Haddock, Jacob Biggs, Rick Anderson, Kyle Haugland, Ryan Zimmerman, Roger Johnston for taking first place in the nation in division 1. We would also like to congratulate the Varsity team; JD Purves, Sam Hall, Patrick Resler, Will Shannon, Tom White, Ken Marks-Bzdell, Josh Fisher, and Greg Trent for taking third place in the nation for division 1.

## School Events

### Thu, May 7

Science ISAT Testing - sophomores only

### Sun, May 10

Mother's Day

### Tue, May 12

PTSO Meeting

### Tue, May 12

Graduation Committee

### Fri, May 15

Student Ice Cream Appreciation!  
campus beautification on May 16th at 10 am  
Tech Party

### Sat, May 16

NHS Adopt-A-Highway  
School Beautification Day

### Mon, May 18

4MTCHS Board of Directors Meeting

### Fri, May 22

Fitness Day  
Seniors Last Day

### Mon, May 25

Memorial Day Holiday NO SCHOOL

### Tue, May 26

SkillsUSA Celebration

### Wed, May 27

Registration for Next Year

### Sat, May 30

Graduation 1 pm

### Mon, Jun 1

Half Day Testing/Teacher In-service  
Staff BBQ - Lunch

### Tue, Jun 2

Half Day Testing/Teacher In Service

### Wed, Jun 3

Last Day of School/Half Day Testing

For the most up-to-date information always check our  
website at  
[www.mtchs.org](http://www.mtchs.org)