



Message from the principal:

Welcome to second semester at MTCHS. It is hard to believe that half of our year is over. It has been an exciting first half and I am looking forward to an exciting second half of the year. Just this week, we had our mid-year academic celebration for those students who made the honor roll. Our school also received special recognition from the SkillsUSA Idaho Chapter for outstanding work. Students with a 3.0 grade point average or higher make the MTCHS Honor Roll. To give our MTCHS Community some perspective, over 70% of our student body made the MTCHS Honor Roll for the first semester! Of our honor roll students, 18% received a perfect 4.0 grade point average. We are so proud of our students' accomplishments both academically and in their professional-technical pathway of interest. We also had the pleasure of having a special speaker at our mid-year academic celebration: Dr. Vincent Kituku, a native of Kenya (www.kituku.com). Some of you may have heard Dr. Kituku speak in our community over the years. He spoke to our student body about having a vision for the future and creating passion for one's dreams. It was an inspiring talk and reminded us all that we choose our attitude and our dreams every day.

Christian Housel, Principal

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MTCHS receives \$5,589 grant for Math and Science from the Fred Meyer Foundation!



Seniors Jimmy Mancera and Josh Fisher posing on fitness day.



Marlys Dunson from the Fred Meyer Foundation presents a check to Mr. Paul Fischer, MTCHS math and physics instructor. "The Fred Meyer Fund and its Advisory Committee members were particularly impressed by the successful track record of Meridian Technical Charter High School and its programs," said Glynda Brockhoff, philanthropy coordinator for Fred Meyer stores and the Fred Meyer Fund.

PTSO Corner

Is Your Albertsons' Card Currently Linked to MTCHS?

Albertsons recently sent the PTSO a letter saying that they are updating all their records for accuracy and now are requiring supporters of all groups to re-link their cards in 2009. If your Albertsons' Card is linked to MTCHS, please take a moment to go to www.albertsonscp.com by February 28, 2009, in order for your contributions to continue benefitting MTCHS. The process only takes three simple steps: 1) log on to the site, 2) enter the Preferred Card number, 3) enter MTCHS's Community Partners ID# (49000120602). If you have any questions or need help, Albertsons has also supplied a toll-free number: 1-800-696-6419.

You can also use the same website and information above to link your Albertsons' Preferred Card to the MTCHS PTSO if you have never done so. A portion of your grocery purchases is donated by Albertsons to our PTSO. This is a vital revenue tool for the PTSO to fund their efforts benefitting MTCHS.

Holiday Activities

We once again had an outstanding Thanksgiving Lunch on November 26. Many thanks to all the parent volunteers, especially Julie Eisele for coordinating the event.

Next PTSO Meeting

The PTSO meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the school conference room.

Congratulations Patrick Resler!

Pat was recently accepted by Duke University in Durham, North Carolina next year for college.

Student Government

Student government recently worked with the Medical Arts Charter School for a winter dance. They plan to work together again for a dance in March. We are also collaborating with them in February to run a carnation sale fund raiser.



Ian Kistler and Jessica Mintun working in Senior Seminar



Patrick Resler, MTCHS Senior

SkillsUSA

Congratulations to Michelle Szurgot and Nic Ford. Michelle won the banner competition and Nic won the pin competition.



Michelle Szurgot's winning banner



Nic Ford's winning pin design

Tech Fair is coming up. There should have been an e-mail sent out with a list of competitions. Be sure to sign up no later than March 1st. The Tech Fair will be held on March 6th.

Also coming up is the February Tech Party. It will be held on Friday, February 6 at 3:00 p.m.. Tickets are \$10 for girls, \$11 for SkillsUSA rewards members, \$13 for everyone else, or \$15 at the door. It will be loads of fun! With activities like a karaoke competition, and games like the original Mario Bros., this promises to be full of excitement and laughs. Bring your own headphones!

State competitions are also coming up soon. They will be held on April 9, 10, and 11.

School Events

Thu, Jan 29 8th Grade Counselor
Breakfast
Mon, Feb 2 Groundhog Day
Tue, Feb 3 Sawtooth Middle Visit
Fri, Feb 6 Extended Tech Party
Sat, Feb 7 ACT Test
Tue, Feb 10 PTSO Meeting
Thu, Feb 12 Lincoln's Birthday
Fri, Feb 13 No School
Sat, Feb 14 Valentine's Day
Mon, Feb 16 No School Presidents'
Day
Sat, Feb 21 Teams Competition
Mon, Feb 23 MTCHS Board of
Directors Monthly Meeting
Thu, Feb 26 MTCHS Professional
Dress Day
Fri, Feb 27 Fitness Day



Seniors Patrick Resler and Jimmy Mancera working in Engineering

Key Club

Key Club is off to a great start this semester! Upcoming, we have the Muscular Dystrophy Association fundraiser which will begin on February 15 and will run until March 17. Key Club asks you to help us repeat last year's success by buying shamrocks during break and at lunch. Please watch for our flyers for more information.



Seniors Jake Little and Drew Coffin playing their musical creations

From the Counselor

On January 29, from 7:30-8:20 a.m., MTCHS hosted the 8th grade counselors and some administrators in the District for a breakfast. This is the fourth annual breakfast we've had for 8th grade counselors. It is a way for us to pass along information about our school so that they can better inform their students at middle school about MTCHS and the opportunities that await them. Coming up in March we will have two events for interested students and parents.

On Friday March 6th, MTCHS will have a Technology Fair. We will offer to bus in 8th grade students from all of the middle schools in the district. The Tech Fair will provide an opportunity for interested students and parents to see our students preparing for the State Competitions for SkillsUSA in April.

March 10th from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., we will have an information night at MTCHS. There will be an information session about the school and an opportunity for students to get involved with some hands-on activities common in our technology pathways.

If you know of any parents or students that want information about our school, please tell them to look at our website, WWW.MTCHS.ORG, and try to attend one or both of these worthwhile events.

Honor Roll

Honor roll 3.0-3.49

Aiton, Scott
 Bledsoe, Jordyn
 Bolen, Tony
 Carrico, Brandon
 Carrington, Nicholas
 Cook, Brandon
 Garrard, Justin
 Haddock, Nathan
 Hayes, Kameron
 Loop, Andrew
 Machado-Murray, Alisha
 Macho, Brittani
 Martin, Timothy
 Nielsen, Sebastian
 O'Connor, Katherine
 Resler, Kyle
 Sears, Scott
 Sparhawk, Joseph
 Spies, Connor
 Commons, Zachary Clay
 Davis, Austin James
 Dearing, Kody James
 Facer, Katie Marie
 Flamm, Stephanie Mae
 Frank, Matthew Lewis
 Lee, Ji Hong
 Park, Peter Chang Dae
 Tymoshchuk, Alexandr
 Birkinbine, Steven Ray
 Canning, James L.
 Crumm, Justin Dean
 Haddock, Jordan Ross
 Hall, Nathan Isaac
 Hurt, Brandon Neil
 Kezar, Kristopher Wesley
 Krommenhoek, Holly Michelle
 Leishman, Kensel Gregory
 Moore, Whitney Marie
 Muli, Celina Ndinda
 Nottingham, Devin Edward
 Pill, Connor Josef
 Smith, Casey A
 Sparhawk, Michael Lynn
 St. Ange, William Gregory
 Vien, Liberty Thao Sofiya
 Wheeler, Gabrielle Nichelle
 Baird, Ryan Robert
 Crane, Taylor
 Fisher, Joshua N
 Green, Geoffrey
 Grishchuk, Inna
 Hall, Randall
 Jacobsen, Joshua

Kistler, Ian
 Lloyd, Christopher
 Olsen, Corbin
 Resler, Patrick
 Vaughan, David M.
 Wallace, Regan
 Farrington, Shallyn
 Vargas, Alex

Counselor Honor Roll 3.5-3.74

Dransfield, Benjamin
 Easterday, Christian
 Morse, Ryan
 Neff, Christian
 Obendorf, Lucas
 Rawden, Avery
 Wigger, Brian
 Adams, Ryan David
 Croft, Elizabeth Bailey
 Fullilove, Jacob Harris
 Grande, Isaac
 Herrmann, Allison Nicole
 Johnson, Erik Alexander
 Kleffner, Robert Michael
 Nguyen, Kha Duy
 Whittle, Nicole Kaye
 Girdner, Grant Sterling
 Hance, Michael Lee Gilbert
 Hoffman, Dustin Todd
 Johnson, Kiel Christian
 Tsupa, Ivan
 Wilkerson, Brice Andrew
 Wong, Callista Lee
 Cooper, Ryan
 Ford, Nicolas
 Jordan, Taylor
 Prescott, Elise
 Purves, James
 Schenk, Matthew
 Trent, Greg
 Trimble, Alina

Principal Honor Roll 3.75-3.99

Brown, Connor
 Gregory, Kendall
 Hall, Joseph
 Beuerman, Stephanie Teresa
 Dunlap, Alexander Douglas
 Hock, Daniel S.
 Anderson, Richard Scott
 Clark, Raymond Michael
 Fleming, Cassandra JoAnn
 Pooley, Robert Warren
 Tijerino, David Antonio

Burns, Collin
 Coffin, Andrew Hunter
 Griffith, Edward
 Johnson, Tyler
 Little, Jacob
 Mintun, Jessica
 Roberts, Eric
 Rotta, Ali
 White, Thomas

Principal Honor Roll 4.0

Durham, Christianne
 Kososik, Nikolas
 Lloyd, Caleb
 Ma, Sherry
 Slonaker, Tyler
 Small, Aaron
 Ham, Caleb Donald
 Jokic, Gordan
 Kimball, Samuel Dodge
 Lieberman, Braeden Scott
 Marshall, Oscar Lim
 Miller, Austin Joseph
 Park, Esther Eunyoung
 Richey, Alec J.
 Ronquillo, Martin
 Snow, Dane Lyle
 Vaughan, Jonathan M.
 Biggs, Jacob James
 Haugland, Kyle David
 Wendt, Christopher Michael
 Zimmerman, Ryan Thomas
 Hall, Samuel
 Marks-Bzdell, Kenneth



Adam Moon, sophomore, catches “air” at Brundage during the January fitness trip.

5th Annual Discover ENGINEERING Day

Saturday, January 31, 2009
9:00am - 4:00pm
FREE Admission*

Boise State University • College of Engineering Campus 1375 University Drive

Be an Engineer for a Day!

Hands-on Learning and Fun for Families
*See website for details.

Activities designed for preschool through high school children:

- Presentation by Barbara Morgan
- Design a bridge
- Ride a Segway
- Operate a lunar rover robot
- Build an edible aquifer
- Experience a wind tunnel
- Tie Dye Chromatography
- Rockets & Satellites
- Learn the language of computers
- Build a NASA Glider
- Ride a bicycle generator
- Star Lab Exploration
- Velocity and You

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