



Calendar

- November 5 - 20
 - Key Club Salvation Army Food Drive
- November 14
 - PLAN ACT Test
 - All 10th graders
- November 15
 - CSI field Trip (JR/SR)
- November 17
 - Rake Up Boise
- November 21
 - Historical Food Day
 - Early Release
- November 22
 - Thanksgiving
 - No School
- November 23
 - No School
- November 28
 - Direct Writing Assessment
 - All 9th graders
- December 1
 - SAT
- December 5 - 14
 - Key Club - Operation Wish Book
- December 8
 - ACT
- December 11
 - Graduation Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm
 - PTSO Meeting at 7:00 pm

From the Principal

Recently I was approached by a retired couple; he was a physicist/engineer and she was a molecular biologist from MIT. They do not have children or grandchildren at MTCHS, but they do have an interest in our school and our mission. I invited them into my office expecting them to make a donation of money or equipment to MTCHS. After several minutes of listening, I realized these two professionals had something completely different in mind. Their message was about service and about giving back to the community. They talked about how important it is to contribute to something bigger than yourself and how important it is to find a passion for service. I shared with them the mission and vision of MTCHS, which is: "Technical, Professional, and Academic Excellence". We all agreed how important preparation for college and the work place is. We all agreed how important it is to develop a set of marketable skills for the future. They then handed me a book on giving; in fact the title of the book is Giving. They asked me if I would read it and perhaps consider allowing our student body to come up with a service project that would give back to the community. One condition was that it be conceived and implemented by our students. The idea behind the project is that giving back to the community, however one can, changes the person giving as much or more than the person who receives. This next month we will be talking to our student body about developing a service project that will have a positive impact either locally or globally. Service is central to the mission of MTCHS. If you have any suggestions about a service project, please let us know. Have a great holiday season.

Warmest regards,
Chris Housel

Technical Manual

The seniors have been busy working on their Technical Manuals in English. The manual is a culminating project for technical writing and showcases all the skills the students have learned over the past three years. The project is due November 28th. I am always amazed at the quality of the manuals. If your student is a senior this year, have them show you the great work they are doing!

Mrs. Emerich

Key Club

Congratulations to the Freshman Class for winning the UNICEF fundraiser. Key Club is donating a total of \$302 to UNICEF. Key Club will be holding its annual Salvation Army Food Drive November 8-20. Please bring non-perishable food items to donate for needy families during this holiday season. Start to think about the month of December and our Operation Wish Book drive! Thanks MTCHS for supporting Key Club.

SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA State competition sign ups will be starting November 14. The Idaho SkillsUSA State Competitions will be held April 10-12, 2008. Last year, MTCHS students competed at the state conference in 12 leadership and 10 technical contests, earning 34 gold medals, 17 silver medals, and 7 bronze medals. For a complete list of all competitions, a PDF file is open for download at <http://skillsusa.org/compete/skills.shtml>. The students will be receiving a copy of all of the competitions in which MTCHS will be eligible to compete. Students may participate in two competitions: one leadership/occupational-related event and one technical-related event. Competition sign ups, details, and advisors will be discussed during the November 14 meeting. For any questions, seek out the advisor for the specific competition.

Practice for competitions will begin the week of November 21. Students will discuss practice scheduling with their advisor. Most practices are held before and after school, or during lunch once or twice a week at minimum.

A new fundraiser for SkillsUSA is available through Amazon. Amazon.com has allowed us to profit from selling items through <http://www.mtchs.org/shop>. There is no extra cost shopping through this link, and the school will receive a percentage of the profits. MTCHS SkillsUSA has already earned \$26.26.

PTSO

MTCHS Thanksgiving Lunch

The ever popular MTCHS Thanksgiving Lunch (Food Fest!) will be on Wednesday, November 21. Teachers will be sending detailed information home with students: however, please let us know if you would be willing to donate a boneless cooked turkey or ham by calling Julie Eisele at 939-8533 or emailing eiselefive@cableone.net. Please have your turkey or ham at school by 10 a.m. on the morning of the 21st.

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- * Log in as a Shopper using your Preferred Savings number and phone number.
- * Click on the Add a Partner link and enter 49000120602 as the school number.
Click on the Add a Partner link again to confirm.

Next PTSO Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the school conference room. All parents, teachers, and students are PTSO members.

Student Government

Currently, student Government has been working on getting the Student Store up and running. Your representatives are also discussing the possibility of organizing a pathway competition event that would take place after school. The pathway competition would be run like a tech party/tech fair in which students would compete with other students in their pathway class or area of expertise. Best of Class and Best of School prizes would be given.

Also, four of your representatives will be attending the annual Student Government convention in downtown Boise on November 9th, 2007. And we are always looking for ways to raise money, so if you have ideas, please share them with us. We meet every Tuesday in room 102.