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'FUNNY MONEY' COMES TO MDHS!!!

'Funny Money' came to MDHS on Tuesday, November 7 to educate our grades 11

& 12 about the importance of managing your money & not your money managing you. Three great points were covered, "Know your Flow" where is your money coming from. "Know what you Owe" understanding how credit cards work. "Invest your Dough" the earlier you invest the more money you will have in the future.

It is vital that we educate our young adults about financial literacy now before they leave us for good. The more they know about money and how to manage it now the less likely they will incur large amount of debt later on. Financial literacy is nothing new here at MDHS. We have been incorporating it throughout our curriculum in various subjects including business, math and co-op to name a few. Having Funny Money speak to our students only helps reinforce the learning that students are receiving here at MDHS.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." Benjamin Franklin

REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVATION

A huge thank you goes out to Mr. Boon for organizing a very well run Remembrance Day Assembly. A special thank you the student participants, the MAVIS club for all their technical



support, Mr. Oates and his drama club who did an excellent job of their presentation and of course to all the Vets, who shook the hands of our students at the end of the assembly making it an exceptionally memorable event.

ART DESIGNS

Grade 11 Art students created their names using detailed personal imagery in the negative space

all around their name to create this beautiful effect. Well done!





MDHS ATHLETICS

We just finished a busy fall season with: Cross Country, Golf, Tennis, Field Hockey, Junior and Senior Girls Basketball, Junior and Senior Boys Volleyball, and Baseball.

Upcoming winter athletics offered at MDHS: Junior and Senior Girls Volleyball, Junior and Senior Boys Basketball and Curling.

Come out and participate!!!

The Cross Country Team had another great season with runners Ryan Harmer, Sami Manssouri and Denzel Bolinger. The runners participated in three meets, Huron-Perth and WOSSA.



Sami surprised us all with his endurance and speed in the two races he ran this year. Sami finished 10th in Dorchester and 11th at Bechtel Park in the Senior Boys' race. His pace was a kilometre every 3 minutes and 25 seconds for 6 km or approximately 17.7 km/h.

Ryan competed in the Senior Boys' race as well. He finished 11th in Dorchester, 10th at Springbank, 18th at Bechtel Park, 4th at Huron-Perth and 11th at WOSSAA in the Senior Boys' race. His pace was a kilometre every 3 minutes and 30 seconds for 6 km or approximately 17.3 km/h.

Denzel continued to improve this season competing as a Junior Boy. He finished 38th in Dorchester, 28th at Springbank, 27th at Bechtel Park, 4th at Huron-Perth and 11th at WOSSAA in the Junior Boys' race. He can run a kilometre in 4 minutes and 1 second for 5 km or a speed of 9.3 kilometre per hour. Denzel placed 4th at Huron-Perth and 43rd at WOSSAA.



Baseball made an exciting return to MDHS athletics action this fall! With hard work, determination, dedication and a true love of the game, the team

picked up pace as the season went on ending in a solid second place after Huron-Perth league play. We headed into the playoffs with a bye to the semi-final match, which was played against Northwestern. In this game, we got off to a slow start, but picked up speed in the middle innings after a few key hits and managed to close the score to within one run. Unfortunately, we could not quite continue this momentum, and ended

losing to Northwestern in this semi-final game. The season was a huge success overall. The coaching staff and players are looking forward to many more years of baseball at MDHS!

Field Hockey

The Girls' Field Hockey team had a strong season, finishing in 3rd place. With a mixture of new and returning players, the girls quickly came together as a team and played well together. Over the season, all of the girls improved and stepped up to play some great field hockey.

Senior Girls Basketball

This fall, MDHS once again fielded a competitive Senior girls' basketball team. The girls had a fantastic season! They participated in three tournaments (Mitchell, Woodstock and St. Mike's). For the third year in a row, they finished in the top four overall in Huron-Perth with 7 wins and 3 losses. The girls demonstrated improved play, character and teamwork. Great job ladies!

Boys Basketball

The Junior and Senior boys' basketball teams will start tryouts and tournament play in mid-November. The Senior boys host their annual 'Mitchell Bowl' tournament at MDHS and UTES November 24-25. The Junior boys host their annual tournament at MDHS and UTES December 1-2. Both teams look to build on their successful WOSSA medal winning season of 2016-17.



Junior Boys Volleyball

It has been an exciting season for the Junior Boys' volleyball team. In our regular season, our team beat two "AA" schools in our region and all of the "A" schools and ended with a record of 7 and 3. As our "second" season of playoffs is underway, we have had smart play from our middle hitters, Carson Eisler, Kyle Eisler and Eason Wu. These middles, lead our attack and are supported by a strong power side of captain Ryan Bell, Eric Gettler, and Denzel Bolinger. Our setters have performed very well under the leadership of Darren Dixon. He has been supported by great play by Ben Small and Jared Ramseyer. Rookie season setter, Bradley Boville, has also been a dependable resource for the team. MDHS will host the WOSSAA championship on November 16.





STUDENT SERVICES

Interviews with students in all grades will begin next week with a focus on community involvement hours, pathway planning and continuing to use myblueprint.ca as a resource. In addition, Student Services, Student Success and our Special Education department will be meeting with students who are experiencing difficulties in their current classes to support their success in earning these important credits.

The university and college application process is underway. The deadline for university applications is January 17, 2018 and the deadline for college applications is February 1, 2018. PINs have been distributed to students so they may complete their university applications. Missing your PIN? Come to Student Services. Detailed information is available at www.ouac.on.ca and at www.ontariocolleges.ca.

Full disclosure applies to all senior courses at this reporting period. If a student in a grade eleven or twelve course wishes to drop this course from their timetable, they must do so in the next FIVE school days or it will appear on their transcript as withdrawn.

MDHS DRAMA

Amazing things are happening in the Drama Program at MDHS. Not only are our classes deeply involved in productions that find their way into the community, but we have three major productions / events happening over the course of the year. First, a group of students are meeting everyday after school on Mondays to produce and perform The Reduced Shakespeare Company's, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare; Abridged and Revised*. Their production will be submitted to the Sears Drama Festival, a yearly high school competition festival across Ontario sponsored by Sears Canada (recently finding a new sponsor due to Sears liquidation). Second, MDHS will be hosting a festival in Stratford this year known as "I <3 Shakespeare." Schools that sign up will travel to Stratford and participate in workshops and performances highlighting the works of Shakespeare. The bandshell will be a buzz on Veteran's drive as it hosts performances by participating schools. Finally, MDHS is a part of a board wide project that will see a performance tour to elementary schools across the board promoting environmental care and proaction. Performers will be exposed to performance and environmental professionals to help develop the piece. Moreover, workshops and productions will

be brought into MDHS' elementary classes in order to engage the peers of the performers with healthy planetary involvement. As always, if anyone is interested in participating in any of these events, please see Mr. Oates to see how you might get involved!

FOOD DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS!

MDHS Student Council members organized and participated in the annual Halloween For Hunger Food Drive, an initiative created by "Free the Children" to help provide food to those in need. Kelly Ward (organizer) created a map highlighting key sections of the Mitchell community and students signed up to cover each area. Fifteen students were involved in collecting over 900 food items that were delivered to the Food Bank in Mitchell. Some of the participants are pictured below.



FOREST OF READING BOOK CLUB

MDHS has become a registered member of the Forest of Reading, Canada's largest recreational reading program. This club helps celebrate Canadian books, publishers, authors and illustrators. Statistics show that students who read for fun have higher literacy scores, have more success in science and math and are more socially and civically engaged (Reading for Joy, 2011). MDHS students who become members in this club will read the nominated books over the course of the school year and then vote on their favourites. In the spring, participating students will have a chance to attend the Literary Festival in Toronto where they will see the awards presented to their favourite authors and take part in exciting activities and games. Parents are encouraged to have their children sign up for this club that meets every two weeks in the Library. New members are always welcome!





WELLNESS FOR STUDENTS



MDHS is holding its first Wellness Day for Students on Tuesday, November 21. A variety of workshops will be offered that provide a chance for students to de-stress and learn about strategies that improve their overall physical and mental health. Examples of workshops include Yoga & Pilates, Kickboxing, Dog Therapy, the benefits of Essential Oils, Massage Therapy, Physiotherapy and Chiropractic Medicine, as well as others. This half day event will be an opportunity to raise awareness about living well and improve student motivation to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

PARENT/GUARDIAN FAIR NOTICE RE: THREAT ASSESSMENT

This letter is a general notice to parents/guardians to ensure safe schools in our district. The Avon Maitland District School Board and the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board along with our Community Partners are committed to making our schools safe for students and staff. Part of this commitment is responding quickly and effectively to student behaviours that pose a potential risk to students, staff, and members of the community. Early intervention will help reduce school violence and maintain a high level of safety. As such, the school boards have established a Threat Assessment Protocol in partnership with a number of community agencies.

What is the process?

When school or community agency staff, students or parents identify behaviours in a student that pose a potential risk to self and/or others, the school administration may do a Threat Assessment in collaboration with the protocol partners. Behaviours that might trigger a Threat Assessment include but are not limited to: possession of weapon/replica; bomb threat/plan; verbal, written, internet website/electronic threat to kill or injure self/others; setting fires; threats of violence. School administration staff may call together a multidisciplinary Community Threat Assessment Team, which could include: the school administration, school teaching and support staff, board support staff and community partners (e.g., police, children's mental health practitioners, addictions counsellors, public health nurses, probation).

An assessment will be completed to:

- Understand the context and the level of the risk/threat
- Better understand the factors that contribute to the threat maker's behaviours
- Plan for a supportive response for all those involved
- Develop a Risk Management Plan.

What about privacy?

The Community Threat Assessment Team will be permitted to share and review student information and the details of the event with other members of the team in order to collaborate and respond to the situation. For safety reasons, the threat assessment process will continue even if the threat maker and/or parent/guardian are reluctant to participate, all the while maintaining respect for the individual's rights to privacy.

Risk management and student support plans will be developed and shared with parents, staff and students as required.

If you have questions concerning this procedure, please contact Jodie Baker, Superintendent of Education (Operations) at 1-800-592-5437 x113.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR

On Thursday, November 9, students enrolled in either the Agriculture or Hospitality SHSM program travelled to the Royal Fair in Toronto. Students had the opportunity to see a variety of agricultural demonstrations as well as learn and interact with a number of different farming organizations. This trip was generously supported by the Dairy Farmers of Ontario.

