

APRIL 2017

MHS NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings MHS Family!

A lot is happening as we draw to the end of the 16-17 school year. Honors Night and NHS induction is May 1, spring sports are in full swing, and final exams will be given on May 18-19. On the 18th, all students will have open campus lunch from 12:05-1:00, but lunch will be served in the cafeteria as usual. Finals for periods 1, 3, 5, and 7 will be on Thursday and periods 2, 4 and 6 will take place before noon on Friday. Dismissal for the year will be at 12:05 on Friday, May 19th. Seniors last day in classes is May 9th, with mandatory graduation practice the morning of the 10th. AP exams are happening the first two weeks of May, and our end of year recognition concerts and awards will be coming up very quickly!!

Graduation is scheduled for May 14th at 2:00 p.m. at Carper Field. No tickets are necessary for an outside ceremony. Based on the weather forecast, we will be making the decision on the preceding Friday about moving the ceremony to the West Gym. If the ceremony is inside, each graduate will have 5 tickets for family/friends and the counseling office will be coordinating a ticket turn-in for those families who may not need all five tickets. This will hopefully allow all members of larger families to be able to attend. In either location, the ceremony will be live-streamed on MPTV as well as broadcast into Bertha Frank Auditorium for air-conditioned, comfortable seating.

This is my final newsletter as Principal of MHS and as such, I want to spend some of it expressing my appreciation. The past 18 years at Morton High School have been an incredible experience for me. Ten of those years I spent as a science teacher, three as an assistant principal and the past five I've been honored and humbled to be leading the school.

It is bittersweet to be leaving, but I know with the hiring of Michael Gourley, currently an Associate Principal in Urbana, Morton High School will continue its tradition of excellence. **THANK YOU** for your support of the school and of your student(s). Without your support, we could not do the job we do each day. I hope you feel that we have made a good team in providing opportunities and education to our kids. An important part of that team that I want to make sure I acknowledge are the men and women who have worked in this building providing instruction and support. I appreciate all of our teachers and support staff who have worked hard to provide a quality education in a comfortable climate. As a whole, having worked in 6 different districts, I would rank the faculty and staff second to none. Their efforts as part of the team are appreciated.

And finally, I would like to thank the students of Morton High School, starting with the Class of 1999 and including all students through the Class of 2020. I've been blessed to be a first-hand witness to the collective awesomeness of a great student body every year. Do we have some mishaps? Yes. Were they learning experiences? Yes (on both sides). Have I seen multiple graduates being great citizens, parents, and leaders? Yes. It's humbling to have been even a tiny part of that process. Thank you for being incredible families and having terrific children!! I will miss Morton High School and wish all of you the very best!

Sincerely,

Marjorie Johnson
Principal, Morton High School



COUNSELOR'S CORNER



May 1—Honors' Recognition Night—BF

May 1-12 - AP Testing

May 9-Seniors last day

May 10— Mandatory graduation practice

May 14-Graduation—2:00PM

May 18 & 19-Finals (pending board approval)

Report cards will be mailed at year-end.

MHS Summer Office Hours

beginning June 6, 2017:

6:30 AM to Noon

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Registration for

17-18 school year:

August 3, 2017

7:00AM—5:00 PM

MORTON HIGH SCHOOL
CAFETERIA

Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors
must bring MHS ID or purchase a
new ID

Registrations will be mailed out
July 1, 2017

CONGRATULATIONS!



ROTARY STUDENT OF
THE MONTH

January

EMLEY HOLCOMBE

February

GAVIN BLAIR

March

MICHELLE GEHNER

April

GRANT WINKELMAN



MHS SUMMER CAMPS

Visit our high school webpage for a list and of all our available summer camps!

1. *Go to the high school webpage*
2. *Click athletics*
3. *Then click camps*

<http://mhs.morton709.org/athletics/camps>

Registration forms are attached in the links provided!

Immunization Requirements for 12th Grade

Illinois law requires that all students 6th and 12th grade must have a meningococcal vaccine (MCV4).

-12th graders must receive two doses; the second dose must be after the 16th birthday. If the first dose is received at 16 years of age or older, only 1 dose is required.

Documentation accepted as complying with the requirement includes the following information:

-Note or letter, signed by health care provider and identifying the vaccine (MCV4) and date (month, day, and year) administered.

-Print-out from provider's electronic medical record system that identifies MCV4 vaccination and date administered for student in question.

-Current Certificate of Child Health Examination (see link below), specifying MCV4 and date (month, day, year) administered.

<http://files.morton709.org/district/forms/ChildHealthExamination.pdf>

***Students without adequate proof of vaccination will be subject to exclusion as described in the School Code of Illinois on Oct. 15, 2016.**

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Terri Schuck at 266-8531.

Quick Reminder!

SEMESTER FINAL SCHEDULE

◆ NO EARLY EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN

◆ REPORTS CARDS WILL BE MAILED AT YEAR END.

May 18, 2017

8:00—9:15 AM 1st period

9:25—10:40 AM 3rd period

10:40 AM—12:05 PM 5th period

12:05 – 12:55 PM

1:00—2:15 PM 7th period

May 19, 2017

2nd period

4th period

6th period

Lunch for ALL students

Make-up exams



Dress Code Reminder

With the weather warming up, it's the time of year for MHS Student Services to remind students and parents to refer to the dress code on page 48 of the student handbook or on our website:

www.mhs.morton709.org.

Some common issues that we encounter are listed below. If you have any questions or concerns regarding dress code do not hesitate to contact us.

Shorts must be no higher than 4 inches above the knee when standing—this includes soccer and/or track shorts. All shirts must have sleeves. Also, no pants, shorts, skirts or dresses with holes above the knee.

