

## **MHS E-Newsletter – December 8, 2024**

**Exam Schedule** - Exams will be December 17th - 20th - [click here](#) for the detailed schedule. These will be full school days. Winter Break is December 23rd - January 3rd. Students return on January 6th.

**Jordyn's Joy Toy Drive** - Manatee High will once again make it our philanthropic mission to donate over 1,000 toys to All Children's Hospital as we partner with Jordyn's Joy. Teams of teachers will "compete" to see which classes bring in the most toys. Please consider donating to this special project as we honor Jordyn by bringing joy and hope to hospitalized children this holiday season.

**NHS Welcomes New Members and Offers Tutoring** - Thirty-eight new members were recently inducted into the MHS National Honor Society - congratulations! One of the key projects for NHS is tutoring. Every Thursday after school, NHS members are available for tutoring in the Media Center. No sign up is necessary-students can stay for as long or short a time as they need. If students have any questions, they can see Mrs. Hofstra in Room 8-216.

**Big Bank Theory** - MHS seniors taking Economics and/or U.S. Government at school participated in the Big Bank Theory program. Sponsored by the Manatee Chamber of Commerce, the Big Bank Theory is a financial literacy program that requires students to consider the financial responsibilities of a 25-year-old adult. At each station, students make spending decisions while trying to stay within their assigned monthly budget- like new car? Used car? Bus pass?

Thank you to the Chamber for providing this hands-on experience that demonstrates the importance of budgeting and saving money and helps students better understand how education affects future salary goals. And thank you to all the business volunteers who helped at all the stations!

**9th Grade Class Visits** - Informational class presentations have begun with our 9th grade students. School Counselors and the College and Career Advisor are meeting with freshmen through their English classes to share graduation requirements, how grades are calculated, information about career exploration, college options and more.

**Save the Date! College Information Night for Juniors** - All juniors and their parents/guardians are invited to our College Information Night for Juniors on January 16th at 6:30pm. Learn what steps to take now to prepare for college and applications.

**FAFSA for Seniors!** - Now is the time for seniors to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which determines eligibility for federal aid to help pay for college. To begin the application the student and parent must have an FSA ID. To learn more about the FAFSA and how to create the ID, visit MHS College and Career Center page of the MHS website - look under the "Paying for College" section. We will host a FAFSA Workshop on January 23rd to assist families in completing the FAFSA.

**School Choice Begins January 6<sup>th</sup>** - Families looking to request enrollment for their child(ren) in a School District of Manatee County K-12 public school that has not reached class size and/or school

capacity may apply during the Open Enrollment Lottery Window which runs January 6th - 31st. Visit the District Site for details and applications.

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