



Dance Recital

Music Week

Roller Coasters

Teachers...

Monthly Calendar

Nov. 19-23	No School Thanksgiving
December 1	
December 3	Parade Band Concert MYCC
Dec. 4	Piano Recital Guitar
Dec. 5	McKenney Strings Concert
Dec. 6	MYCC Vocal/Choir Concert
Dec. 7, 8 Dec. 11 Dec. 12 Dec. 13 Dec. 14 Dec. 17- Jan Jan, 7	MYCC Dance Recital Finals 1 & 3 Finals 2 & 4 Finals 5 & 7 Finals 6 & 8 n. 4 Winter Break First day of 2nd semester
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You Can't Take it With You REVIEW By: Shane Fernandes

You Can't Take it With You was MCAAs most recent school production. I'm not going to sit here and lie. It just wasn't good. The story was very difficult to follow and I felt that it was very fast paced. I honestly couldn't tell you the plot of the play. It was also hard to understand what some people were even saying. I have a quote from someone who was in the play saying "I didn't know what the play was about until a week before opening night." I won't say who to, to protect them, but not everything was bad about this play. The acting was really good. Everyone was very buoyant and clearly had lots of fun. It was also very funny. Sadly those things could not save this play. If I had to personally give it a score on a scale 1-10, I would give it a 5.5, maybe a 6. This is not a play that I would go back to see like many of our previous school plays.



Mr. Harmon

In order to raise money for our school, donation jars were placed on all of the teachers desks and the teacher that earned the most donations would have to perform a song or poem of their choice for the students at lunch. After observing who's jar seemed to have the most money throughout the week, I predicted that Mr. deVlaming would have won for sure, but the winners turned out to be Ms. Coulter and Mr. Harmon. Both teachers

chose a Halloween themed poem and song considering it was only two days after Halloween, and in order to keep with spooky season. Everyone in the crowd seemed to be very impressed with the Mr.Harmon's performance of "Spooky Spooky" by A.J. Jenkins and Mrs. Coulter's reading of "Song of the Witches" by William Shakespeare. I asked a student in the crowd what they thought of Mr. Harmon's performance and she said "He was a lot bet-

TEACHERS' PERFORMANCE





By: Claudia Stockton

ter than I thought! He was a This year in December the very good sport for singing such first dance recital is happening. a funny song." - Anonymous. The dancers here at MCAA are Another student said, " Mrs. going to be putting on a spec-Coulter's poem was so cute tacular dance recital perforand spooky! She's my favormance for you with the theme ite."-Anonymous. Aside from of "Winter Time". The dancers being tons of fun and super have been practicing and workentertaining, this event was ing really hard to make this a a great success and managed great performance for everyto raise about \$60 in donaone, so you should go and suptions for the school. There port them and the MCAA Dance will be more fun-filled lunch Department on Friday, Decemtime events to look out for ber 7th at 7:00 pm and Saturin the future, so be sure to day December 8th at 2:00 pm keep an eye out and be sure and 7:00 pm and MYCC. If you go to the dance performance you will also be able to get food during intermission, but you shouldn't go just for food, cause who doesn't love food? Go and show some love for the dancers and the dance department of MCAA.

ROLLER COASTER RECAP

After weeks of working, both eighth grade classes finished the annual roller coaster project in their science class. The students used given paper, tape, and scissors to create their assignment. The purpose was to test the gravitational potential energy of a marble at the starting point of a roller coaster and how that energy is converted to kinetic energy along the roller coaster. In short, it was to experiment with

By Fatima Magana energy and velocity changes. I wanted to know what was

difficult this year and Wyatt Kelly answered me saying, "Building the frame was easy but getting the track to work was difficult." He then added he learned that, "humans are complicated." Rachel Honsinger similarly said, "Finishing the product and planning what the track is going to be was hard." On Friday, Oct. 30 in Ms. McDowell's class, the students got the chance

to present their project to the school and other students were able to vote for a favorite. In case you missed it, the Mickey and Minnie mouse roller coaster won as favorite. During the presentation, I tested the different sized and themed paper roller coasters with a marble. Few roller coasters lacked velocity and I found them to be creatively impressive. Overall, congratulations on the students who completed a momentus academic project!

to participate!

SURVIVING FINALS WEEK

By: Kaitlyn Devine Finals can be a stressful time but, there are several ways to make the week much more tolerable. The most important thing is to be prepared; turn in all your missing assignments and stay on top of the new ones, these next few weeks can make or break your grade. Start studying the material as soon as possible by reviewing topics you had trouble with throughout the semester. The most efficient way to study is to break up the material into small amounts so you have time to understand the material and learn rather than cramming the night before. It is also important that you take study breaks however, try to refrain from social media. If it's hard to bring yourself to study try studying with a group, your friends might understand something that you were confused about and may be able to explain it in an easier way to understand than a teacher would (plus it's easier to suffer together). Lastly never sacrifice sleep to study, your mental health is far more important than any grade will ever be. During the week of finals try to: get plenty of sleep, stay hydrated, and eat properly. Besides everything will eventually work out the way it's supposed to so, don't stress to much.





MCAA MUSIC WEEK

By: Gaby Villagomez

Do you like music? Is your playlist filled with so many song that you cant even keep track of them all? If so, then go to MCAA Music Week at MHS South Auditorium. During Music Week there are performances every night. To start up the week on December 3 at 7 pm is the Band Concert, including the Beginning, Concert, Jazz Bands and Drumline. On Tuesday, December 4th there is a piano recital for Piano 1 and 2 at 5 p.m. Followed at 7 p.m. is Intermediate and Advanced

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Piano along with the Advanced Guitar Recital. The piano will include many pianists and songs from many different eras such as the Baroque, Romantic, Classical, and Contemporary eras. Some students even composed their own musical pieces to fully express their passion for music. On December 5th at 7 pm is the Silver Strings Concert. On December 6 at 6 pm is the Choral/Vocal Tech Concert.

On December 7 and 8 at 7 pm there is a Dance Recital. Hope to see you there!!!

On October 26, the Halloween dance was held for students of all grades at the MHS cafeteria from seven to ten at night. The senior class set up the dance with several decorations, including a huge blow up dragon, tables with spider rings and glow sticks, and artificial spider webs. The haunted house was a big hit, costing one dollar. The pop-up

By Jacob Austin

HALLOWEEN DANCE

people screaming in the dark room with bloody footprints and dolls frightened me. It was amazing, lively, and fun. I personally loved it! Everyone was dancing and having the best time! It was located in the MHS cafeteria at 7 to 10 at night. If you didn't go you really missed out with this memorable night. The senior Fatima Magana said "It was

well put together and the seniors worked hard". I completely agree it was amazing! Can't wait till next year!









A look at the costume contest from many angles and participants.



THANKSGIVING POLL-FAVORITE FOOD

THE NOSE

By: Mrs. McDowell

This is for all of you who wondered but were afraid to ask: "Mrs. McDowell, what happened to your nose?"

In September when I went to my regular dermatologist appointment there were two worrisome spots on face which were biopsied for skin cancer. The one on my nose came back positive for basal cell carcinoma, a common form of skin cancer. Because it was on my face a surgical procedure call "Moh's Surgery" was performed. This is where they remove one layer of the affected skin, prepare it for the microscope to see if the edges and beneath the layer still has cancer. Well mine did, 5 layers down and a spot larger than a dime. The skin was removed down to the cartilage. Because it was so deep it took about three weeks to heal to the point where they could start the reconstruction process, which is where I am currently at. The stitches have been removed and it will take about 2 months to completely heal. I was awake for both surgeries, it was no fun, both lasted about 4 hours. I grew up in Phoenix, before the invention of sun screen. You have sunscreen available, use it so you don't have to go through what I did!

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By: Kailee DeVaughn

On November 3, Ariana Grande released a single titled "Thank U, Next." She wrote this song about her ex boyfriends and her growth from all of her past relationships. Not too long after the release, memes have been posted of her lyrics "One taught me love, one taught me patience, one taught me pain." Justin Bieber took to twitter and said "Thank you next is a bop. My favorite song. Least this song is smash. Fire." The song is the title track and primary single of Ariana's upcoming Album, Thank U, Next.

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With Thanksgiving coming up around the corner, a poll was done on people's favorite Thanksgiving food. Here are the results of the poll. Mashed potatoes won with 12 votes, turkey in second with 11 votes, macaroni and cheese in third with 5 votes, corn in fourth with 3 votes, and candied yams and sweet potatoes tied with 2 votes each. It was ironically fun and interesting to know what meal people enjoy in Thanksgiving.

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