



Mustang Hoofnotes

For The Parents, Staff, Students And Community Of Merritt Island High School

The Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are about a month away from the end of the school year. This year has been one full of success and growth as we continue to strive for excellence in all we do. In just a few short weeks, our senior class will celebrate graduation and walk across the stage to receive their diplomas, signifying the end of their journey at Merritt Island High School. Throughout their time at Merritt Island High, this year's senior class has excelled in academics, athletics and in extracurricular opportunities, leaving behind an impressive legacy. I am hopeful that our graduating class will reflect back on their time at MIHS fondly as they begin to make their mark on our community.

As we prepare for the end of the year it is important that our students maintain a focus on academics and academic achievement. Please continue to work with your student(s) on the importance of attendance, grades, and behavior. The month of May will bring the testing season upon us with AP exams, EOC and FSA assessments, and final exams. While this may be a stressful time it is also an exciting time as students get to demonstrate their mastery of state standards and comprehension of classroom content. There is no doubt that our students are prepared and will perform to the best of their abilities.

We truly appreciate your continued support and assistance in making our school such a great place. I wish our graduating seniors all the best in their next endeavors and I hope all of our underclassman have a terrific summer break. We look forward to having our returning students back on campus in August.

GOOOOOOOO MUSTANGS

James Rehmer, Principal

Graduation Cap Decorating Guidelines

SENIORS

Please take into consideration the following rules when decorating your graduation cap. Failure to follow these rules will result in the removal of the cap before the ceremony.

It is appropriate to put the following on your cap:

- Thank a parent, grandparent, teacher, friend
- Recognize the university you will be attending
- your graduation year
- the branch of the military you will be joining

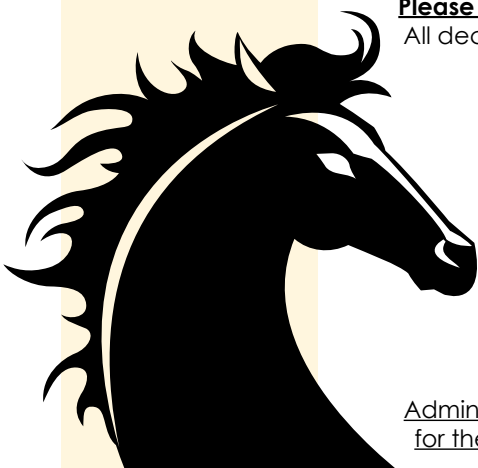
Students, we highly suggest you trace your cap onto cardboard and decorate the cardboard. In case you make a mistake you can start over with a new piece of cardboard. We will not furnish new caps if you mess yours up decorating. After you decorate it, stick it to your cap with double-sided tape or Velcro stickers. Velcro tape can be purchased at any fabric store, Target, Wal-Mart and throughout many CVS and Walgreens stores.

Please keep in mind the following restrictions concerning your cap:

All decorations must be in line with our school's mission and vision statement.

- Cannot contain any advertisement, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that: Refer to drugs or controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons or be of a sexual nature.
- Cannot denote an affiliation with gangs or which advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students.
- Cannot be obscene, profane, vulgar, or lewd.
- Cannot include numbers other than the graduation year.
- Cannot threaten the safety and welfare of any person.
- Cannot make noise. No bells, horns, or anything that makes noise.
- Only the flat, top area of the mortar board may be decorated. There may be nothing hanging down or protruding up from any of the sides of the cap.

Administration will reserve the right to disallow anything that is not considered appropriate for the commencement ceremony.



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Testing Update

Please be mindful of scheduling any appointments on test dates as our window for testing is very tight. Please make sure that students arrive to school on time as testing begins promptly at 8:45 AM. Electronic devices of any kind are not permitted in the testing rooms and is cause for invalidation. Upon completion of assessments, students will resume their regular schedule.

ASSESSMENT	DATE(S)	GRADES	NOTES
FSA Reading	May 1-7	9th & 10th	In their English class
AP Exams	May 6-17	Students taking an AP course	Visit link for times set forth by College Board (7:30 AM and/or 12:00 PM) https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/exam-dates-and-fees
Geometry EOC	May 13 & 14	Students in Geometry course	2 sessions, must take both sessions for a score
Algebra EOC	May 15 & 16	Students in Algebra 1/IB course	2 sessions, must take both sessions for a score; score of 3 or higher needed for graduation requirement
Biology EOC	May 20	Students in Biology/Integrated Science	One session
US History EOC	May 21	Students in US History course	One session

Collegiate Counselor Update

Collegiate High School/ Dual Enrollment:

For students currently in Dual Enrollment, appointments for EFSC summer classes are in process for TERMS C and D, with start dates June 10 and June 24.

April 22, 2019 is the Fall 2019 start for registration appointments. Walk-ins begin on Monday, May 6.

It is imperative that students meet with their MIHS school counselor to complete the DE registration form(s) required and return three (3) EFSC schedules and a Text Book/Materials List to the MIHS Media Center. **NOTE:** Once school lets out at the end of May, students risk missing the opportunity to register for EFSC courses and the ability to receive books or vouchers if they are missing any of the DE requirements.

Early Admissions/Upcoming Seniors:

Students planning to attend EFSC full time during the senior year are considered Early Admissions. 2020 Graduates who applied for Early Admissions but had "outstanding" requirements (with the acceptance of; 1 credit HS English, 1 credit HS Science Elective; 1 credit HS Social Studies Elective, 1 HS credit in Math, ½ credit in Performing Arts) will need to provide grade or proof of completion to the MIHS counselor by August 1st. If GPA or graduation requirements are NOT met, the student will not qualify for Early Admissions. *Students may NOT co-enroll in both college and high school or online classes while full-time at EFSC so eligibility is non-negotiable.*

Important "Pending" Fall Dates:

Fall 2019 EFSC START: Monday, August 12, 2019

August 12-15 Drop/Add

Please consult the EFSC website for the most updated academic calendar and information:

- www.Easternflorida.edu/academics/academic-calendars

Collegiate HS Bus Riders 2019-2020:

Students riding the Collegiate HS Bus in the fall will meet in the Media Center on the first day of school during 3rd and 4th periods and **ALL** Fridays and days when EFSC does not hold class. There is a check-in sheet in the Media Center so please ensure you check-in UNLESS a parent is checking you OUT officially through the attendance office. Students may NOT wander the halls or visit other classrooms during their EFSC class time. Please do not jeopardize your status in the Collegiate HS program by breaking protocol.

Additional questions? Contact the MIHS guidance office (321) 454-1005 or EFSC (321) 632-1111.

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Registration 2019-2020

Registration packets were given to students the first of April. All signed paperwork was to be returned, with 2 acceptable (current) proofs of residency included. If the paperwork was not complete, we have returned it to the student to be corrected and returned to the front office before the end of this school year.

Having all your registration paperwork turned in and filled out correctly expedites your registration process in August. Please check with your student to make sure the entire packet has been completed and turned in to their 5th period teacher or to the front office.

Please be sure to inform the school if your address, phone numbers, or contacts change during the school year. We need to be able to contact you with important information via mail or phone.

Thank you for your assistance in this very important process.

Debbie Lubbers
Assistant Principal of Curriculum

Guidance Counselor List

- Ms. Campbell class of 2019 and class of 2023
- Ms. Luthman class of 2020
- Ms. Small class of 2021
- Ms. Tournade class of 2022
- Ms. Robertson all ESE students
- Ms. Dearmin all Collegiate students

If you would like to meet with your student's counselor, please contact Ms. Bankston at 454-1005.

Upcoming Launch

StangSat, the school's satellite, is part of the Air Force's STP-2 mission. It is scheduled to launch on this upcoming Falcon Heavy.

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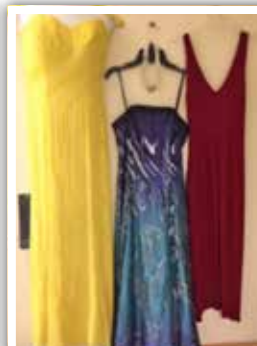
Merritt Island High School Mustang Mall Spring News

By Dr. Wendy Anne Jesser (Blyth)

The Merritt Island HS Mustang Mall is open for shopping for prom attire! The MIHS Prom is April 27, 2019. The Mustang Mall has a wide variety of gorgeous prom dresses, sharp looking suits, shoes, and accessories for all students to come in and find that perfect outfit all for free! Articles in the Mustang Mall have been donated by MIHS staff, families and Merritt Island businesses, Georgianna UMC, and the community. Thank you to my volunteers, Ms. Janie Hall and Ms. Jeanne Betar. Our MIHS Mustang mall resembles a boutique store!

All MIHS students and their families are welcome to come in and shop for free. We are open Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. The Mustang Mall has all types of clothes besides prom attire, as well as toiletries, school supplies and non-perishable food. If you would like to make a donation, please bring items to Dr. Wendy Jesser (Blyth) or the front office. If your community group or business would like to donate, please contact Dr. Wendy Jesser at jesser.wendy@brevardschools.org. Our needs fluctuate from time to time. We would love to have your support! Currently The Mustang Mall is in need of backpacks, TI 30x IIs calculators, notebook paper, graph paper, index cards, dividers, pens, pencils, colored pencils and data sticks. Our school supplies are running low and we are going to be gearing up for the start of the next school year soon.

Thank you to all who donate. If you would like to come in to visit or shop at a time other than Tuesday and Friday Mornings, please contact me at the above email address. Please pass the word that the MIHS Mustang Mall is open to all MIHS students and families! Feel free to come in and visit our MIHS Mustang Mall! Gooooo Mustangs!



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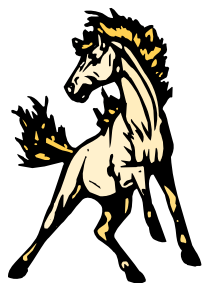
In the Know with the MPO

The MIHS Mustang Parent Organization (MPO) has been involved with many events this year! We could not have accomplished what we have so far without all of our generous volunteers and donations! Thank you!!

- We are currently planning a special luncheon for our teachers and staff in honor of Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. The teachers and staff of MIHS work hard to give our kids a high quality education in a safe and caring environment. Our luncheon is one small token of appreciation for them.
- The MPO has merchandise for sale in the front office. We have socks and pop sockets (each for \$10) and magnets (\$5) available. Although we ask each family to donate each year at registration; we found the need for additional funding to maintain the activities and events we handle throughout the year. We are not asking any students or parents to sell these items, but they are made available should anyone wish to purchase one.
- Monetary donations for the 2019-2020 school year can be returned with registration packets or can be handed in at registration in August. Thank you in advance!
- Join the MPO Facebook page to keep up with school activities and volunteer opportunities. <MIHS MPO> Please note... A+ Thrift store has donated money to ALL Merritt Island schools for the last decade. It is run on the support of volunteers. It's a perfect way for your student to earn those Bright Future hours! Parent involvement is greatly appreciated as well. Donations of items are another way to support A+ Thrift.

We thank you for all of your support!

Respectfully,
Beverly Huff and Lisa Kercksmar



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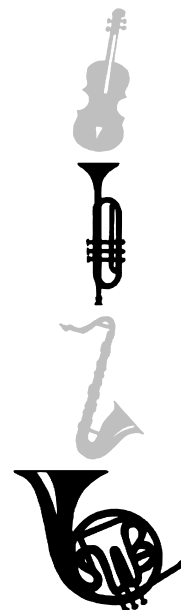
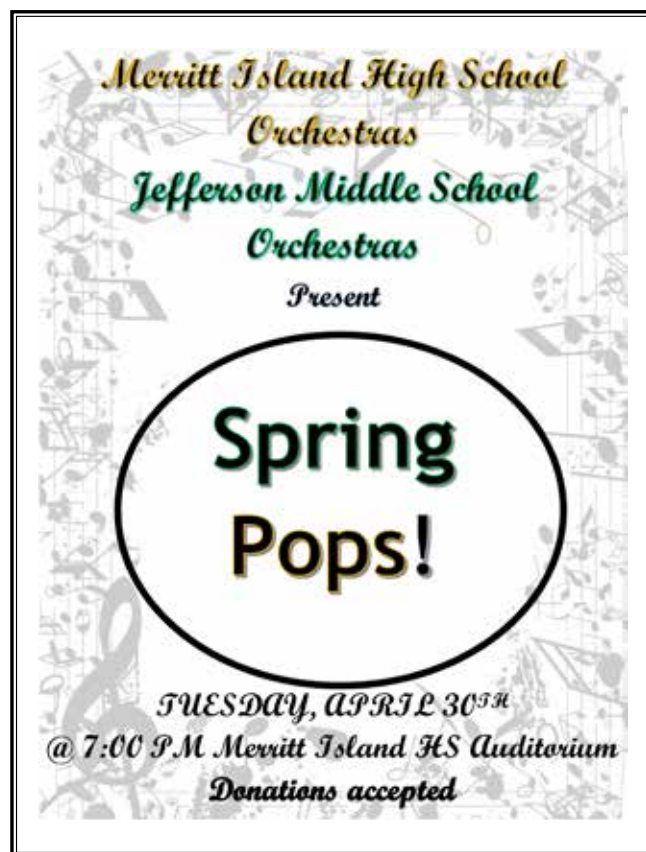
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Orchestra Final Show of the Year

On Tuesday, April 30th, the Mustang Orchestras will be performing their annual Spring Pops! concert at 7:00 PM in the Merritt Island High School Auditorium. Music that has become immortal from the movies, Broadway, TV, and radio will be performed live on stage by your Mustang Concert, Sinfonietta, and Symphonic Chamber Orchestras! Featured artists will be our Mustang Orchestra Senior Class of 2019, Noah Walters, Leilani Flores, Noah Garutti, Destiny Brown, Victoria Hubbard, Jordan Tomberlin, and Sophia Ward (pictured above) who have a combined total of 50 years of playing on their instruments! All are welcome to celebrate these students' accomplishments and enduring music! Admission is free but donations are accepted.



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Students who have already applied can check their status online at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org. Log in using the username and password that was created when you applied. This information was emailed to you at the time of application. If you can't find this information, there is a "forgot userID/Password" link.

If your student has not applied for Bright Futures, please encourage him/her to apply now. Students must apply before graduation, in order to be evaluated for the Bright Futures scholarship.

- Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org
- Click on "State Grants, Scholarships & Applications"
- Click on "Create a Student Account"
- After creating an account, you can then proceed to the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)

All parents of seniors should complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Your student may have created a FAFSA ID in the Fall during English class, but they did not do the FAFSA application at that time. If you have not already completed the FAFSA, please go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to apply on-line and to find more information. This application will determine if you are eligible for federal financial aid for college, such as grants, loans, and work-study opportunities.

Parents, as we approach graduation, please help your student stay on track and finish their high school career with excellence. If your student is currently taking online classes, please monitor their progress and ensure they complete all online courses by May 1st. Pay close attention to attendance, grades (via FOCUS), and contact your School Counselor if you have any concerns about your student's status with meeting graduation requirements.

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Fall Sports 2019

Start up for Fall Sports is right around the corner and some have conditioning over the summer. If you plan on participating in one of the following sports, please be prepared. Practice dates all start before the start of school, so make sure you have the appropriate paperwork completed and the necessary information!

PAPERWORK NEEDED FOR ALL SPORTS: There is a paperwork package available in the front office or on the Merritt Island Web page under Athletics. This paperwork includes a DOCTOR'S PHYSICAL and all must be completed before a student can condition, train, or tryout for a sport.

SPORT	COACH/EMAIL	CONDITIONING
Football	Head Coach: Hurlie Brown hurlieb@gmail.com	Contact coach for information
Volleyball	Head Coach: Angie Patrick Patrick.angie@brevardschools.org	Open gyms: June 3rd Monday/Weds nights 6-8 p.m. This is for MIHS girls entering 9th -12th grade.
Swim & Dive	Head Coach: Christy Zieres Zieres.christy@brevardschools.org	Summer conditioning highly recommended – contact Coach Zieres for information.
Cross Country	Head Coach: Pat Campbell	Summer conditioning highly recommended – contact Coach Campbell for information
Golf	Boy's: Art Friedman artfriedman@seagullbeachclub.com Girl's: Janet Whalen Whalen.janet@brevardschools.org	Intramurals Tuesdays at Fred Gay Golf Facility 4:30- 6:00 Thursdays at Savannahs 4:30- 6:30
Bowling	Head Coach: Julie Fernandez Fernandez.julia@brevardschools.org	Contact coach for information

Volleyball Info

- Volleyball Clinic for 4th-9th grade girls and boys June 10-13!
- Islandvolleyballclinics.com for registration.
- Open gyms start June 3rd and they will be most Monday/Wednesday nights 6-8 p.m.
- This is for MIHS girls entering 9th-12th grade.
- Make sure an athletic packet is completed prior to attending.
- Email Coach Angie Patrick if you have any questions.
- patrick.angie@brevardschools.org
- Tryouts are July 29th! Time TBD.