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12th Annual Gala

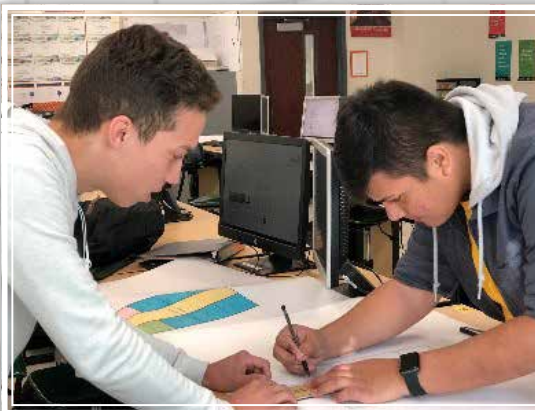
Farm to Table Dinner

This spring plan an exciting evening at the beautiful Stanley Pond Adventure Farm and enjoy a unique sit down dinner in the barn. The dinner is a family friendly fundraiser, hosted by Mount Dora High School students enrolled in either the Culinary Arts or Architectural Drafting program. Throughout the spring semester, the Architectural Drafting students have been designing restaurants with a farm to table décor theme in the hopes of publicly displaying 11 design teams' drawings in the barn during the event. The Culinary Arts students have planned the menu and will be using locally grown fruits and vegetables to prepare your four course dinner.

If interested, please join us at the Stanley Pond Adventure Farm in Astatula for the 12th Annual Gala – Farm to Table Dinner. The event will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27. Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$35.00 per person. In addition to the dinner, guests can enjoy a multitude of other fun activities including barn yard ball, tricycle races, super slide, hay ride and farm tour. If at the end of the evening you'd like to take a piece of the farm home with you, feel free to place an order for Stanley Farm's freshly picked sunflowers.

Our programs have been working hard to bring this event to life and look forward to seeing you across the dining table this spring!

For additional information and to purchase tickets please contact Mrs. Brisson by email: brissonc@lake.k12.fl.us.



2 Student Calendar

Mark Your Calendars!

May 1st & 2nd	9th Grade ELA FSA
May 3rd	Biology EOC
May 6th - 7th	10th Grade ELA FSA
May 6th	AP Government
May 7th	AP Spanish
May 8th - 9th	Geometry EOC
May 8th	AP Literature and European History
May 9th	AP Chemistry and Psychology
May 10th	US History EOC, AP US History
May 13th - 14th	Algebra 1 EOC
May 13th	AP Biology
May 14th	AP Calculus, AP Human Geography
May 15th	AP English Language
May 16th	AP World History
May 16th	Graduation at Real Life in Clermont
May 24th	Last Day of Classes (Friday)

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Notification of Out of Field
 Kimberly Capstraw, Guidance Counselor

2019

Important Information for Seniors

- The deadline for ordering Cap and gowns is April 1st. The cost is now \$85.00. Order online at Balfourfl.com.
- Project Graduation is in need of student/parent volunteers for various fundraisers. Please contact Stephanie King at 407-739-0256.
- Baccalaureate is Monday, May 13th at the First Baptist Church of Mt. Dora. Event is optional and begins at 6pm.
- Senior Breakfast: Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30am in the Cane Café. We will be handing out cap and gowns and yearbooks.
- Graduation: Thursday, May 16th, 7pm at Real Life Clermont. Entry fee is a non-perishable food item per person. Each graduate will receive 8 tickets.
- For further information, please check our Senior Web Page (linked to the MDHS main web page).



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Conferences

Parents are encouraged to schedule conferences with their child's Guidance Counselor during the school year to discuss credits, graduation options, post-high school plans and concerns. Please call our Guidance Desk to schedule.

Florida Statewide Grading Scale

MDHS utilizes the statewide grading scale, adopted by the FL Legislature in 2001:

Percent	AP / Dual Enrollment	Honor Classes	All Other Classes
90-100%	A – 6.0	A – 5.0	A – 4.00
80-89%	B – 5.0	B – 4.0	B – 3.00
70-79%	C – 4.0	C – 3.0	C – 2.00
60-69%	D – 3.0	D – 2.0	D – 1.00
0-59%	F – 0.0	F – 0.0	F – 0.0

College Visits

Juniors and Seniors in good standing may stop by Guidance to pick up a College Exploration pass to attend college presentations or visit college campuses.

Student Promotions

Please be aware that students who may be promoted from grade level to grade level may not be earning the appropriate credits. Each year credit checks are reviewed with students but it is always a good idea to monitor the GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS tab in Skyward to see what is still needed to graduate. In order to receive a diploma, students must maintain a 2.0 minimum GPA. In addition, students will have to show proficiency on FSA ELA and certain EOC exams (depending on your cohort year) or achieve a concordant score. For more information, please visit the MDHS website and make an appointment with your counselor to ensure you are meeting your specific graduation requirements.

SENIORS: Remember that in order to be eligible to participate in the Graduation Ceremony you must be in attendance at least 90% of the school days.

Transcript Requests

Part of the college application process involves having an official transcript sent from MDHS. Students can request a transcript by coming into Guidance and filling out a transcript request form. Paper transcripts are sent for a fee of \$2.00 per transcript.

Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarship opportunities are posted and updated regularly on the MDHS website: www.lake.k12.fl.us/mdh. Many have links to apply online. New this year, MDHS is proud to announce that we are starting a Scholarship Academy with seminars and presentations during READY TIME in Guidance and after school assistance with the application process.

Fastweb.com is a free scholarship search that finds national scholarships tailored to the student. You can also study college comparisons, financial aid and student loan tips.

Floridashines.org is a great tool to begin the journey into what comes next after high school with resume builders, career inventories, job finders, college and technical training information.

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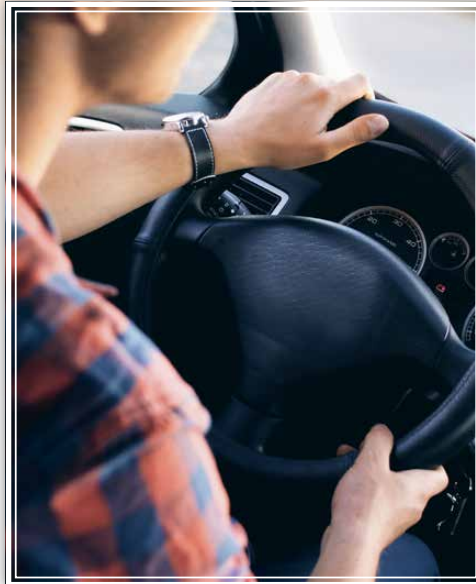
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Instructional Performance Assessment

Florida Statute 231.29 requires that parents be given an opportunity to provide input into the instructional performance assessment of teachers. During the course of the school year, your comments and suggestions are welcome. Please feel free to contact the school or send any commendations or concerns relevant to your student's education.

Deliveries to the Office

Please do not deliver food items to the office for students other than your own. Due to food allergies we cannot allow you to bring food for students other than your own.



Behind-the-Wheel Driving Instruction for Lake County High School Students

The Lake County School Board, in partnership with the Lake County Board of County Commissioners, is offering scholarships for Behind the Wheel Driving classes to eligible Lake County High School Students. To be eligible, as student must be a Lake County resident, currently attend high school or be a registered home school student, have proof of automobile insurance and possess a valid Florida Learner License at least one week prior to the first day of class. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and are not based on financial need. For more information call 352-253-6780.

School Volunteers

Anyone interested in volunteering, chaperoning field trips or working with students must be an approved volunteer. Please fill out the volunteer application at www.lake.k12.fl.us and let Dr. Slack (Slackc@lake.k12.fl.us) know you applied. The process takes approximately 2 weeks.

Checking Out Students

For the safety and security of all students, parents must come into the Attendance Office to check out their child. Students are not permitted to check out for lunch.

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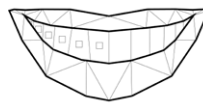


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MDHS Attends 2019 Central Florida Construction Career Days

On February 1, the Architectural Drafting 2, 3 and 4, attended the 2019 Construction Career Days at The Central Florida Fair Grounds in Orlando.

As soon as the students step off the charter bus they are surrounded by people, equipment and props from the Department of Transportation and various construction businesses and organizations. When the students enter the exhibit area they are able to mingle among representatives from local colleges and contractors and learn information about their career path for a job in the field of construction.

The day is structured into learning labs. This year the MDHS students had a learning lab where Vulcan Materials presented information about mining and construction aggregates. Then the students moved onto a lab presented by the Florida Department of Transportation. There they learned about testing soil for stability. The company that uses radar to monitor traffic for Orange County also presented to the students on their technology and its applications. The students also went to lab on surveying and were able to use the equipment and practice surveying. Another learning lab informed students about the rising use of drones in construction. After the lecture, students were able to fly the drone. The highlight for all the students was being to use the heavy equipment and to go up on the high lift.

Rachel Hawk was impressed by the plethora of job opportunities that she was able to see during this event. During the event she was able to fly a drone, operate a backhoe and go up in a high bucket lift truck.

This field trip allows the students to see many of the items that they are learning in the classroom being applied to the 'real world'.



ROTC NEWS

Congratulations to the members of our JROTC Drill Team for their outstanding results at the Space Coast Invitational Drill Competition at Melbourne High School in Melbourne, FL on the 23rd of February. The 23 members were able to bring home the First Place trophy for Platoon Armed Exhibition commanded by Senior Brianna Williams and choreographed by Seniors R.J. Hartwell and Marissa Spitz, the First Place trophy for Squad Armed Exhibition commanded by Spitz, and the Third Place trophy for Platoon Armed Regulation commanded by Sophomore Deontae Robinson. Freshman Frank Garcia and Junior Mia Terkos placed first in their group during the physical training competition which included push-ups, sit-ups, and a 600 yard run. Hartwell also picked up the First Place trophy for Armed Solo Exhibition. They now are preparing for their last competition of the season which will be held at Walton High School in Defuniak Springs and they, along with other cadets from the program, will visit Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, FL and also visit the Air Force Armament Museum. Way To Go Canes!!



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Mt. Dora High School ATHLETICS



Not Just Your Average Softball Player

By Jordan Williams

Some people search for what they want to be when they grow up for their entire lives. Seniors are lost in the stress of starting the next chapter of their solo lives and juniors get buried under piles of English homework. Even working adults struggle to figure out what they want to be when they 'grow up.' Not Tori Carpenter, she knew what she wanted to do since she was five and has been pursuing her passion ever since. Instead of eating grass and hiding broken goods from your mom underneath the rug, five year-old Tori stepped out onto the softball field and instantly fell in love with the sport. From the way the clay feels underneath her cleats to the sound the bat makes when it meets the ball, her love for softball motivates her to excel on and off the field.

Schedules

Baseball 2018-2019

DATE/ TIME	OPPONENT / LOCATION
4/23 6:00p	Tavares (Tavares, FL) Game Details: Mount Dora Field
4/26 6:00p	@ Tavares (Tavares, FL) Game Details: Fred Stover Sports Complex
4/29 6:00p	Leesburg (Leesburg, FL) Game Details: Senior Night
4/30 7:00p	@ South Lake (Groveland, FL)

Track & Field 2018-2019

DATE	OPPONENT	BUS LEAVE TIME
April 27 (Sat)	REGIONALS- Show Walter Field - Orlando	8:00 am
May 3 & 4 (Fri & Sat)	STATE MEET- University of North Florida - Jacksonville	TBA
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Students Compete in SkillsUSA Region 3 Competition

The Mount Dora High, SkillsUSA Chapter in competed in the Region 3 Leadership and Skills Competition on February 21st and 22nd in Orlando, Florida.

Zoe Boone and Brandy Peek competed in Commercial Baking. Contestants demonstrate their knowledge and skills through scaling, mixing, preparing and baking five products.

Kara Henderson competed in Culinary Arts. Contestants demonstrate their knowledge and skills through the production of a four-course menu in a full-day competition.

Kerri Prince competed in Job Interview. The contest is divided into three phases: completion of employment applications, preliminary interviews with receptionist; and in-depth interviews.

Quinntin Draper competed in Restaurant Services and Placed 3rd. Contestants are tested on skills required in the "front of the house" of a fine restaurant.

James Feuerstein competed in Technical Drafting and placed 2nd. Contestants are required to find a solution for an industry developed problem by apply appropriate technical drafting skills and tools including computer-aided drafting (CAD).

Gabriel Rollins competed in Architectural Drafting and placed 3rd. Sean King competed in Architectural Drafting and placed 1st. Contestants use their drafting skills to solve an architectural problem using computer-aided drafting (CAD).

All students that placed 3rd or higher will move onto the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills competition that will held in Pensacola, Florida on April 7 to 10th.

Way to go CANES!



Not Just Your Average Artist

By Juan Aguiar

"The feeling of completing a work of art is one that cannot be replicated," said AP art student, Jennifer Aguiar. AP Art isn't the easiest class with all the projects, assignments, and portfolio work required. On average, the art work Jennifer creates takes about 2-3 days. "At times, I'll be painting on a canvas and time just flies, one minute my bedroom is filled with sunlight and when I decide to look up, it's completely dark." In Jennifer's eyes, the amount of time it takes to finish her work doesn't really matter because it brings her joy and excitement.



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- **Bowling** - Theresa Lawson - lawsont@lake.k12.fl.us
- **Volleyball** - Mary Pinkowski - pinkowskim@lake.k12.fl.us
- **Swimming** - Ariel Bentancourt - betancourta@lake.k12.fl.us
- **Golf** - Ted Dwyer - dwyert@lake.k12.fl.us

Winter Sports

- **Boys Basketball** - Ariel Bentancourt - betancourta@lake.k12.fl.us
- **Girls Basketball** - Mary Pinkowski - pinkowskim@lake.k12.fl.us
- **Girls Weightlifting** - Jason Guido - guidoj@lake.k12.fl.us
- **Boys Soccer** - Patrick Criner - crinerg@lake.k12.fl.us
- **Girls Soccer** - Brian Farwell - farwellb@lake.k12.fl.us

Spring Sports

- **Baseball** - Chad Droseiko - droseikoc@lake.k12.fl.us
- **Softball** - Jessica Castiglione - JCastiglione@stu.edu
- **Boys Weightlifting** - Jason Guido - guidoc@lake.k12.fl.us
- **Track** - Marilyn Orr - orrm@lake.k12.fl.us
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