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Student Achievements

SkillsUSA would like to congratulate the students that competed in the Region 3 Skills Competition.

- James Feuerstein placed 1st in Technical Drafting
 - Allyssa Adkisson placed 1st in Restaurant Services
- They are eligible to compete in the SkillsUSA Florida State competition in April to represent Mount Dora High School.

Congratulations to the Mount Dora High FFA Dairy Judging Team. They placed 13th out of 147 teams in the State Dairy Championships.

Our team members are:

- Nikki Zubowicz
- Coralie Gosnell
- Luis Hernandez-Rincon
- Sami Zubowicz (*High Scorer*)

Theater News

We had 35 students compete at the District Theatre Festival. Students competed in both performance and technical theatre events.

Our kids did an amazing job! Cory Dempsey won 1st place for his costume design for “Sweeney Todd” and Sydney Kuntz placed 2nd for her costume construction of “Miss Saigon”. Our students excelled in their tech events and were praised for the CAD work by professional Set designers (Shout out to Ms. Brisson on that one!). We also had several students receive straight superiors including Vernesha Reed and her solo musical and Makayla Kuerth for her solo musical. Many individual events received Superior and Excellent ratings.

Our big success of the weekend was our one act “Poof!”.

- Ndia Lamar won “All Star Cast Member”.
- Molly Homich won “All Star Crew Member”
- Vernesha Reed won “Outstanding Performance by and Actress in a One Act” out of all 14 plays that competed.

Best of all our One Act was selected as 1 of 3 to represent our theater district at the 2020 State Theatre Festival this March. This is a HUGE success for our troupe!

2 Student Calendar

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2020

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MARCH	March 12 March 13 March 16-20 March 23 March 28	End of Third Grading Period (Thursday) Non-Student Day/Teacher Work Day (Friday) Spring Break/Student Holiday (Monday-Friday) Classes Resume/Fourth Grading Period Begins (Monday) Prom @ Lake Receptions
APRIL	April 10	Non-Student Day (Friday)
MAY	May 18 May 25 May 29	Graduation @ 7 PM Memorial Day/Paid Holiday (Monday) Last Day of Classes/End of Fourth Grading Period (Friday)
<i>Storm Make-up Days will be determined as needed</i>		

Debt List

Students who are on the debt list will need to clear up all outstanding fees. If a student remains on the debt list, he or she will not be allowed to attend school functions OR receive their diplomas the night of graduation. See the Media Specialist, Dr. Carlton if you have any questions.

Caps & Gowns

*Online Ordering Information - Feel free to place your orders online ONLY through balfourfl.com. It is imperative that you use this site as the colors have to be exactly the same.

Cost for cap & gown: The cost is now \$75. The price will increase by \$10 for each deadline missed.

Grad Bash 2020

Date: April 25, 2020

Time: 5pm - 4am

Tickets: \$105 (*dues must be paid to purchase*)

Senior Breakfast

Date: May 7, 2020

Time: 6:30am

Place: Cane Cafe

It is during Senior Breakfast that caps/gowns and yearbooks will be distributed.

Baccalaureate

Sunday, May 17, 2020

5pm, First Baptist Church of Mt. Dora

Graduation

Date: May 18, 2020

Time: 7pm - **Doors will close 10 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. As families are not permitted to save seats, we suggest you arrive with your entire party before entering the auditorium.**

Venue: Real Life, Clermont 1501 Steve's Road, Clermont, FL 34711

- Real Life is charging MDHS a minimal amount for use of the facility. To reciprocate their generosity, we ask that all families bring a few cans of non-perishable food items to the ceremony. In addition, the senior class will host a food drive leading up to graduation.

Senior Information

2020

Did you know that you can find out the dates of events from school website? Click on the INFORMATION tab on the main page then click the CALENDAR link. You can scroll through the dates and click on events to get more information.

Senior Photo

NEW!! Senior Panoramic Photo in Courtyard - Retake is scheduled for 2/21 at 9:50 am

2020 Remind

Join the class of 2020 Remind to receive the latest updates!

*****As of August 20th, new members MUST join the second Remind Group (Senior Class 2020b) by texting: @a7772k TO 81010**

Class Dues

Senior class dues are \$10 and can be paid through the payment option at the bottom of the MDHS main website. Students may also bring cash or check to Ms. Lannon in guidance.

Attendance

In accordance with district policy, **no one with more than 10% absences (18 days)** for the school year will be permitted to walk at Graduation.

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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.

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.

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

John M. McKay Scholarship

Required notification to parents/guardians of students with disabilities:

Your child may be eligible to participate in the **John M. McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Program for the 2019-20 school year.**

In order to be eligible for the McKay Scholarship Program, a student must apply for the program prior to withdrawing from public school. The student must have an Individual Education Plan (IEP), or 504 Accommodation Plan issued under s. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (with duration of more than six months), and:

- Have been enrolled and reported for funding in a public school for the school year prior to applying for a scholarship (Grades K-12); or
- Have been a prekindergarten student who was enrolled and reported for funding in a Florida public school during the school year prior to applying for a scholarship; or
- Have attended the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind during the preceding school year's student membership surveys (Grades K-12).

If your child meets these requirements you may receive a scholarship for your child to attend a participating private school. Parents may also choose another public school within the district's school choice plan or another public school in an adjacent school district. In order for a student to be eligible for the program, an intent to participate in the McKay Scholarship Program must be filed on the Department of Education's School Choice website (www.floridaschoolchoice.org) prior to withdrawing from public school. The deadline to apply for the first payment period for private school McKay for the 2019-20 school year is **July 3, 2019**. Parents interested in public school choice McKay need to call the district McKay contact at 352-253-6600.

This notice does not guarantee your student's eligibility. To learn more about your child's educational options, contact the Department of Education, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice Information Hotline at 1-800-447-1636 or visit the website at www.floridaschoolchoice.org and select the John M. McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities Program option. You may file your intent online. For more information, contact your school or Sharon Rodgers, ESE Program Specialist, at (352) 253-6630.



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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.

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.

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.

Notification of Out of Field

Florida state law requires that Mount Dora High School notify a parent or guardian when a teacher in a district school system is assigned teaching duties in a class dealing with subject matter that is outside the field in which the teacher is certified.

Cameron Porch, who is currently instructing your child in HOPE, meets the criteria for parental notification under this law. The teacher is currently working toward certification in the desired area, HOPE.

Based upon a review of the teacher's educational background, I believe that Cameron Porch is qualified to successfully deliver instructional services to your child.

Bruce Heggie, who is currently instructing your child in ESE, meets the criteria for parental notification under this law. The teacher is currently working toward certification in the desired area, ESE.

Matthew McDaniel, who is currently instructing your child in ESOL, meets the criteria for parental notification under this law. The teacher is currently working toward certification in the desired area, ESOL.

Based upon a review of the teacher's educational background, I believe that Matthew McDaniel is qualified to successfully deliver instructional services to your child.

Erik Segalini, who is currently instructing your child in ESOL, meets the criteria for parental notification under this law. The teacher is currently working toward certification in the desired area, ESOL.

Based upon a review of the teacher's educational background, I believe that Erik Segalini is qualified to successfully deliver instructional services to your child.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

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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.



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Mt. Dora High School ATHLETICS

Athletic Department Contacts

Athletic Department	Name	Email
Administrator of Athletics	Kyle Bracewell	bracewellk@lake.k12.fl.us
Athletic Director	Bill Larkin	larkinw@lake.k12.fl.us
Assistant Athletic Director	Jason Hutchins	hutchinsj@lake.k12.fl.us
Athletic Trainer	Brandy Feagan	feaganb@lake.k12.fl.us

Fall Sports

Sport	Name	Email	Start Date
Bowling (B/G)	Cody Watkins	Watkinsc1@lake.k12.fl.us	July 29, 2019
Cross Country (B)	Erik Belanger	Belangere@lake.k12.fl.us	July 29, 2019
Cross Country (G)	Cody Adkinson	adkinsonc@lake.k12.fl.us	July 29, 2019
Football			July 29, 2019
Golf (B/G)	Ted Dwyer	dwyert@lake.k12.fl.us	July 29, 2019
Spirit Cheer	Lizz Schlotter	schlottere@lake.k12.fl.us	
Swimming (B/G)			July 29, 2019
Volleyball	Kevin Gifford	giffordk@lake.k12.fl.us	July 29, 2019

Winter Sports

Sport	Name	Email	Start Date
Weightlifting (G)	Jason Hutchins	hutchinsj@lake.k12.fl.us	October 14, 2019
Soccer (B)	Eric Zachman	ezachman19@gmail.com	October 21, 2019
Soccer (G)	Brian Farwell	farwellb@lake.k12.fl.us	October 21, 2019
Basketball (G)	Susan Heggie	heggies@lake.k12.fl.us	October 28, 2019
Basketball (B)	John Liptak	Jlip14@yahoo.com	November 4, 2019

Spring Sports

Sport	Name	Email	Start Date
Weightlifting (B)	Jason Guido	guidoc@lake.k12.fl.us	January 7, 2020
Softball			January 21, 2020
Track (B/G)	Cody Adkinson	adkinsonc@lake.k12.fl.us	January 21, 2020
Tennis (B/G)	Rodney Torrance	torrancer@lake.k12.fl.us	January 21, 2020
Baseball	Chad Drosiek	drosiekoc@lake.k12.fl.us	January 28, 2020

Athletic Clearance

All students must be cleared with a current physical that is uploaded to www.AthleticClearance.com prior to participating in any conditioning, practice or athletic contests. Please see Mr. Larkin, Athletic Director if you need assistance.

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.

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Sport Schedules



Baseball Schedule

Tue Mar 3	4:00pm - 6:00pm JV vs. Tavares (FL) 7:00pm - 9:00pm Varsity vs. Tavares (FL)
Fri Mar 6	4:00pm - 6:00pm Varsity @ Ocoee (FL) 4:30pm - 6:30pm JV vs. Ocoee (FL)
Tue Mar 10	4:00pm - 6:00pm Varsity @ Real Life Christian Academy (Clermont, FL)
Wed Mar 11	4:00pm - 6:00pm JV @ Ocoee (FL) 4:30pm - 6:30pm Varsity vs. Ocoee (FL)
Thu Mar 12	4:00pm - 6:00pm Varsity vs. Umatilla (FL)
Fri Mar 20	6:30pm - 8:30pm Varsity @ Lake Highland Prep (Orlando, FL)
Mon Mar 23	3:00pm - 5:00pm Varsity vs. Bartow (FL)
Tue Mar 24	4:00pm - 6:00pm JV vs. Windermere Prep (Windermere, FL) 4:30pm - 6:30pm Varsity @ Bartow (FL)
Fri Mar 27	5:00pm - 7:00pm Varsity vs. Mount Dora Christian Academy (Mount Dora, FL) 6:00pm - 8:00pm JV @ Mount Dora Christian Academy (Mount Dora, FL)

Tue Mar 31	4:00pm - 6:00pm JV vs. South Lake (Groveland, FL) 7:00pm - 9:00pm Varsity vs. South Lake (Groveland, FL)
Wed Apr 1	4:00pm - 6:00pm JV @ Deltona (FL) 7:00pm - 9:00pm Varsity @ Deltona (FL)
Fri Apr 3	4:30pm - 6:30pm Varsity vs. Windermere Prep (Windermere, FL)
Tue Apr 7	4:00pm - 6:00pm JV vs. Eustis (FL) 7:00pm - 9:00pm Varsity vs. Eustis (FL)
Thu Apr 9	4:00pm - 6:00pm JV @ Eustis (FL) 7:00pm - 9:00pm Varsity @ Eustis (FL)
Tue Apr 14	4:00pm - 6:00pm JV @ Tavares (FL) 7:00pm - 9:00pm Varsity @ Tavares (FL)
Wed Apr 15	6:00pm - 8:00pm Varsity @ Wildwood (FL)
Fri Apr 17	4:30pm - 6:30pm JV @ Apopka (FL) 7:30pm - 9:30pm Varsity @ Apopka (FL)
Tue Apr 21	6:00pm - 8:00pm Varsity vs. Wildwood (FL)
Wed Apr 22	7:00pm - 9:00pm Varsity @ South Sumter (Bushnell, FL)

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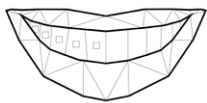
Softball Schedule

Tue Mar 3	5:30pm - 7:30pm Varsity @ Tavares (FL)
Wed Mar 4	6:00pm - 8:00pm Varsity @ South Lake (Groveland, FL)
Mon Mar 9	5:30pm - 7:30pm Varsity vs. First Academy (Leesburg, FL)
Tue Mar 10	4:30pm - 6:30pm Varsity @ DeLand (FL)
Tue Mar 24	5:00pm - 7:00pm Varsity vs. Normal West (Normal, IL)
Thu Mar 26	5:30pm - 7:30pm Varsity @ First Academy (Leesburg, FL)
Fri Mar 27	5:30pm - 7:30pm Varsity vs. Lake Minneola (Minneola, FL)
Thu Apr 2	5:30pm - 7:30pm Varsity vs. South Lake (Groveland, FL) 7:30pm - 9:30pm Varsity vs. River Ridge (New Port Richey, FL)
Mon Apr 6	5:30pm - 7:30pm Varsity vs. Ocoee (FL)
Tue Apr 7	7:00pm - 9:00pm Varsity @ Eustis (FL)
Mon Apr 13	5:30pm - 7:30pm Varsity vs. Tavares (FL)
Tue Apr 21	6:00pm - 8:00pm Varsity @ South Sumter (Bushnell, FL)
Thu Apr 23	6:00pm - 8:00pm Varsity @ Umatilla (FL)

3/7/2020	Brian Jaeger Elite Classic	Showalter Field
3/12/2020	The Villages Meet #1	The Villages High School
3/13-3/22	Spring Break	
3/24/2020	Storm Relays (Top athletes only)	Celebration High School
3/27/2020	Astronaut Invitational	Astronaut High School
4/2-4/4 (Depends on events qualified in)	Pepsi Relays (Must Qualify)	University of Florida
4/7/2020	Lake Sumter Championship	Mount Dora Christian Academy
4/20/2020	Districts	The Villages High School
4/30/2020	Regionals	Satellite High School
5/13-5/14	States	University of Florida

Weight Lifting

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Bus	Start
3/2/20	Monday	The Villages	Away	2:00	3:30
3/5/20	Thursday	South Lake, MDCA	Home		3:30
3/11/20	Wednesday	Wildwood, East Ridge	Home		3:15
3/23/20	Monday	Umatilla, MDCA	Home		3:30
3/25/20	Wednesday	Lake Sumter Invitational	Away - South Sumter	2:05	4:30
4/1/20	Wednesday	South Lake	Away	2:00	3:00
4/8	Wednesday	District Tournament	Trinity Prep	9:30	1:00

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- Cameron Porch- PE and Head Football Coach
- Brendan Kennedy- Social Studies and Softball
- Luther Justice- Social Studies
- Erik Segalini- English
- Matt McDaniel- English

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