



Principals' Bulletin

December 2011

ASD Mission Statement

Antietam's Commitment:

A community partnership pledged to lifetime achievement.

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Message from the Principal

Melissa G. Brewer, Ed.D.

Hello! We're rapidly approaching the end of the first semester, which always seems to come too quickly.

As we near the end of this semester I want to alert all parents that mid-term-exams will be conducted on Thursday, January 12th, Friday, January 13th, and Tuesday, January 17th.

It is important for parents and guardians to heed the 11 AM dismissal on these three days. I will post the schedule when it is finalized on the school's website.

And, not too far into the second semester, we will begin the process of Course Selection for the 2012-13 school year. Grade levels will experience meetings during which I, along with

the counselors, will provide Course Selection Sheets, Manuals, and general guidance for the process.

By late January, the 2012-13 Course Selection Manual and Grade Level Course Selection Sheets will be available on the school's website.

Please come to my next Principal's Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, January 19th to meet with me and other parents for a discussion on topics immediately relevant to the MSHS. Thank you for working with us to improve the lives of your children!

Message from the Assistant Principal

Jason B. Deane

In November, we celebrated National Anti-Bullying Week.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Delp, the 8th grade Health classes organized and kicked off a week of activities designed to raise awareness of bullying issues.

Each day of the week, students wore specific clothing to convey a message related to bullying. The 8th grade students also made posters and spread the word for all students to participate.

Their efforts served as a catalyst for several upcoming activities to help students discover their common interests and understand their differences.

The use of Peer Mediation and Guidance Meditation have also shown very positive results in helping students resolve conflict in a positive manner.

Dates to Remember

Dec 14	Winter Concert 7 PM MPPC
Dec 15	Principal's Advisory Committee - CANCELLED
Dec 26 - Jan 2	Winter Break - School Closed
Dec 30	Registration Deadline for SAT I & II (test date Jan 28)
Jan 3	School Resumes
Jan 9	Evening Guidance Hours 5:30-7:30 PM (A-K)
Jan 12 & 13	Mid Term Exams - 11 AM Dismissal (MSHS only)
Jan 16	Holiday - School Closed
Jan 17	Mid Term Exams - 11 AM Dismissal (MSHS only)
Jan 18	End of 2nd Marking Period
Jan 19	Principal's Advisory Committee 7 PM MSHS Library
Jan 23	Evening Guidance Hours 5:30-7:30 PM (L-Z)
Jan 27	In-Service Day - No School for Students
Jan 28	SAT I & II
Feb 6	FAFSA Filing Workshop 5:30-7:30 PM MSHS Library
Feb 10	Registration Deadline for Sat I (test date Mar 10)
Feb 16	Principal's Advisory Committee 7 PM MSHS Library
Feb 17	In-Service Day - No School for Students
Feb 20	Holiday - School Closed
Feb 22	3rd Marking Interim Reports
Feb 24	Early Dismissal - 12:30 PM
Feb 25	Pops Concert & Art Show 7 PM @ MPPC

National Honor and Junior National Honor Society

The annual National Honor Society Induction program was held November 9, 2011 at the Mt. Penn Primary Center. This year the Society inducted one senior and thirteen juniors to National Honor Society.

Class of 2012

Erika Martorell

Class of 2013

Brittany Boas	Kiersten Merkel
Michael Gierula	Woodbine Ostagne
Kaley Harman	Emily Pepper
Bryce Keller	Scarlett Pennington
Johanna Koch	Katherine Tinder
Katerina Krohn	Stephen Worrall
Bayley Machemer	

Two freshman and eleven eighth-graders were inducted to the National Junior Honor Society.

Class of 2015

Marilyn Benvenuto

Joshua Mitchell

Class of 2016

Leah Baer	Zosia Miller
Cierra Bard	Christian Ostagne
Kiara Chisolm	James Phyrillas
Alexia Dynda	Briela Rau-Cook
Marta Koch	Erik Therrien
Megan McIntosh	

Congratulations to the new members of the National Honor Society and National Junior Society!



Computers Available (students and the community)

Starting in December, Antietam School District would like to open a computer lab during selected evenings to help meet the needs of the community. For whatever reason, if you or your child needs access to a computer or the internet, you will be able to come to a district lab to do so.

This initiative will be starting Monday, December 12. Every Monday that school is open, the computer lab (room 403) in the high school will be open from 3:00-7:00 PM. You will be able to enter through the front lobby and proceed straight up the steps to the lab.

During these open sessions, the Instructional Technology Coach, Dan Richards, will be available to assist any of your needs: school related, job related, or personal. Some example possibilities for you and your child might be as follows, but the list could be endless.

- Complete school homework and/or projects.
- Learn how to use programs used at school.
- Access Skyward, our student information system.
- Learn how to use Microsoft Office products more efficiently such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.
- Setup or use an email account.
- Put a resume together.

- Search for career openings.
- Research colleges and other post-secondary opportunities.
- Skype with family members around the world.

If you have any questions or would like to be contacted with specifics, feel free to email Dan Richards at drichards@antietamsd.org or call 610-779-3545 ext. 127.

Additionally if you are looking for services at home and have a child in school, Comcast has a promotion to provide internet service at a reduced price and a low-cost computer for those that financially qualify.

For details, you can call 1-855-846-8376 or visit InternetEssentials.com.



Join us!

Every Monday that school is open, the computer lab in the high school will be open for students as well as members of the community

**3:00-7:00 PM
Room 403**

Athletics

The Winter Sports Program gets underway soon! We hope to see you at our first home games and throughout the season.

Coed Varsity/JV Bowling - Mon Dec 12 @ 3:45 PM

MS Boys' Basketball - Thu Dec 15 @ 3:45 PM

Varsity Girls' Basketball - Fri Dec 16 @ 6 PM

Varsity Boys' Basketball - Fri Dec 16 @ 7:30 PM

MS Girls' Basketball - Tue Dec 20 @ 3:45 PM

JV Girls' Basketball - Tue Dec 20 @ 6:15 PM

Ticket prices for home basketball games:

- \$4 Adult
- \$2 Student
- \$2 Senior Citizen

Would you like to see the home-opening girls' and boys' basketball games for FREE?

On the Friday, December 16th, the first double-header girls' and boys' basketball games will take place at 6 PM and 7:30 PM respectively.

Patrons will be able to see both games for the price of one ticket OR if you bring in **two non-perishable food items** you will get in for FREE!

The Athletic Department will be conducting a food drive for the Greater Berks Food Bank or the Berks County Veterans Association.

Recommended items for collection are:

Non-Perishable Food

- Cereals
- Peanut butter
- Grains (rice, oatmeal, etc.)
- Dry milk
- Pasta
- Snack items (crackers, fruit snacks, cookies)
- Beans
- Fruit juices (no glass containers)
- Canned goods such as: tuna fish, meats (chili, stew, etc.), fruits, vegetables, soups (preferably chunky soups)

Personal Hygiene Items

- Shampoo
- Bath soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes

Baby Items

- Baby shampoo
- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Baby lotion

Mark your calendar!

Spring sports physicals will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd

Physical forms are available in the high school office

Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular Activities

Student Council

This year, Student Council, on behalf of AMSHS, has adopted a family for Christmas. Members held pretzel sales on Tuesdays and Thursdays during October and November to help support this endeavor and have decided to continue to hold the sales through December. A PJ Day on Friday, December 23rd will also benefit this cause.

In addition, Student Council is asking students and staff to contribute the following items:

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| 7th Grade | Paper Towels |
| 8th Grade | Toilet Paper |
| 9th Grade | Trash Bags |
| 10th Grade | Dish Soap |
| 11th/12th Grades | Any and all types of cleaning supplies |
| Staff | Any of the above |

In addition to the items listed above, the family could also use an iron, ironing board, shoes, sheets, blankets, cleaning supplies as well as 'fun' items for the children.

Donated items may be dropped off in Mrs. DiGiacomo's room (120) or given to a student council homeroom representative until Monday, December 12th .

Penn Alma

Cherish your school memories! Year-books are on sale through December. See Ms. Mosser for an order form.

Footlights Jr.

Footlights Jr. will present their very first production in December. 'JAMZ' Christmas Carol is a modern-day re-telling of the Charles Dickens' classic. The story follows a pompous rapper down his path to redemption.

The show will be presented on Friday, December 16th and Saturday, December 17th at 7:00 PM in the Mount Penn Primary Center Auditorium. Tickets are just \$5 and will be sold at the door.

What a great, family-friendly way to kick-start the holiday season.

Footlights, Jr. Presents:

'JAMZ' Christmas Carol
Mt. Penn Primary Center
December 16 & 17
7:00 PM

Tickets \$5

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Guidance

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A-K – Mrs. Schmoyer

L-Z – Mrs. Miklos

Registration Deadlines for SAT I & II

December 30 (test date January 28 SAT I & II)

February 10 (test date Mar 10 SAT I)

SAT I & II - January 28

SAT I - March 10

FAFSA Filing Workshop

Monday, February 6

5:30-7:30 PM - MSHS Library

Guidance Evening Hours

Monday, January 9

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Mrs. Schmoyer (A-K)

Monday, January 23

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Mrs. Miklos (L-Z)

2nd Annual Clothing Swap

Ms. Bauer, Antietam’s Family and Consumer Science Teacher will conduct the 2nd Annual Spring Clothing Swap.

Gently used spring and summer clothing will be collected in Miss Bauer’s room (200) between 7:00-7:30 AM and during 9th period on Tuesdays and Thursdays on the following dates:

January 24th, 26th, 31st

February 2nd, 7th, 9th

The clothing swap will take place at 4:30 PM in the school cafeteria on the:

Wednesday, February 15th

Thursday, February 16th

Ms. Bauer is accepting gently used or new spring and summer tops, bottoms, shoes, and accessories of all sizes.

Not accepting undergarments, bathing suits, clothing with language or graphics that are inappropriate for school, any items that are stained or have holes as a result of wear.

Any Antietam student in grades 7-12 may participate in the event. Students can earn tickets for the event by donating clothing for the event or volunteering their time to help with the event.

Health Suite

A reminder to parents - if your child visits the doctor and receives any vaccinations or shots, please be sure to ask the doctor for an updated copy of the child’s immunization records. Be sure the doctor logs the date of the shot and/or vaccination.

Please send a copy of the updated immunization record to the school nurse so your child’s school record can be updated.

When your child graduates, they will receive their card listing all of their immunizations. This information is useful for a variety of reasons such as college and job applications.

Clothing Collection

Tuesdays and Thursdays
January 24th, 26th, 31st
February 2nd, 7th, 9th

Clothing Swap

February 15th & 16th
4:30 PM
MSHS Cafeteria

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