



Week of: 10 October 2023

Families & Guardians,

High school-specific "News & Notes" is emailed on **Tuesdays**. We hope this added resource will be helpful to your family. For schoolwide news and events, please see the weekly Morning Star newsletter.

Our best,

THE MSHS TEAM

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HOUSEKEEPING

We do our best to respond to emails, Dojo messages, etc., as quickly as possible during the school day. Our attention is focused on the students we are working with and teaching. Please allow us **24 hours** to reply to you. If you have a pressing matter requiring immediate attention, please contact the school at (904) 721-2144 and ask to speak to a member of our administration.

We respect and value your time with your families and ask you to do the same for us teachers. Our contract/contact hours are **Monday-Friday, 7:15 AM - 3:15 PM**.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Mondays	Math Tutoring with Mrs. Carter 2:45-3:45 PM, free in classroom	Drumline with Mrs. Militante & UNF 3:30-4:15 PM, in music room <small>HS students go to ASC until 3:30 (no charge)</small>
Tuesdays	Writers' Lab with Ms. Brock 2:45-3:45 PM, in classroom <small>Registration for 2nd quarter opens the week of October 16, 2023.</small>	
Wednesdays		
Thursdays	Rehearsal with Ms. Whiteside 3:15-4:30 PM, Media Center	Student Government with Mrs. Koci (<i>every other Thursday; see calendar below</i>) 2:45-3:30 PM, in classroom
Fridays		

For schoolwide announcements, please make sure to check the weekly newsletter sent out by email.

CALENDAR

October						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1.	2. Picture Retakes & Class Photos ELA Exam Brock (all grades)	3. Math Exam Carter (all grades)	4. Science Exams Koci (all grades)	5. Student Gov Mtg SS Exam Whitson/Carter (all grades) Rehearsal 3:15-4:30 pm	6. Noon dismissal/Dress down	7.
8.	9. No School	10. No School	11. Religion Exam Giles (all grades)	12. Mass 10 am CTK all welcome Spanish Exam Giles (9th & 12th) Rehearsal 3:15-4:30 pm	13. Spanish Exam Giles (10th & 11th) AR DUE for ELA PINK OUT	14.
15.	16.	17.	18.	19. Student Gov Mtg NOTE TIME 2:45-5 pm Rehearsal 3:15-4:30 pm	20. Project Chance or \$1 Dress Down	21.
22.	23.	24.	25. ARC Parent meeting @ 630pm	26. Mass 10 am CTK all welcome Rehearsal 3:15-4:30 pm	27. Fall Festival Brock's Book Club	28. Beach Clean-Up 8-11
29.	30.	31. \$1 orange & black dress down				

\$1 or more

Pink out

for Breast
Cancer
awareness



Friday,
13th October

Informative Parent Meeting

Parents of students 13 and older

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

6:30 pm

MSS Media Center



Employment

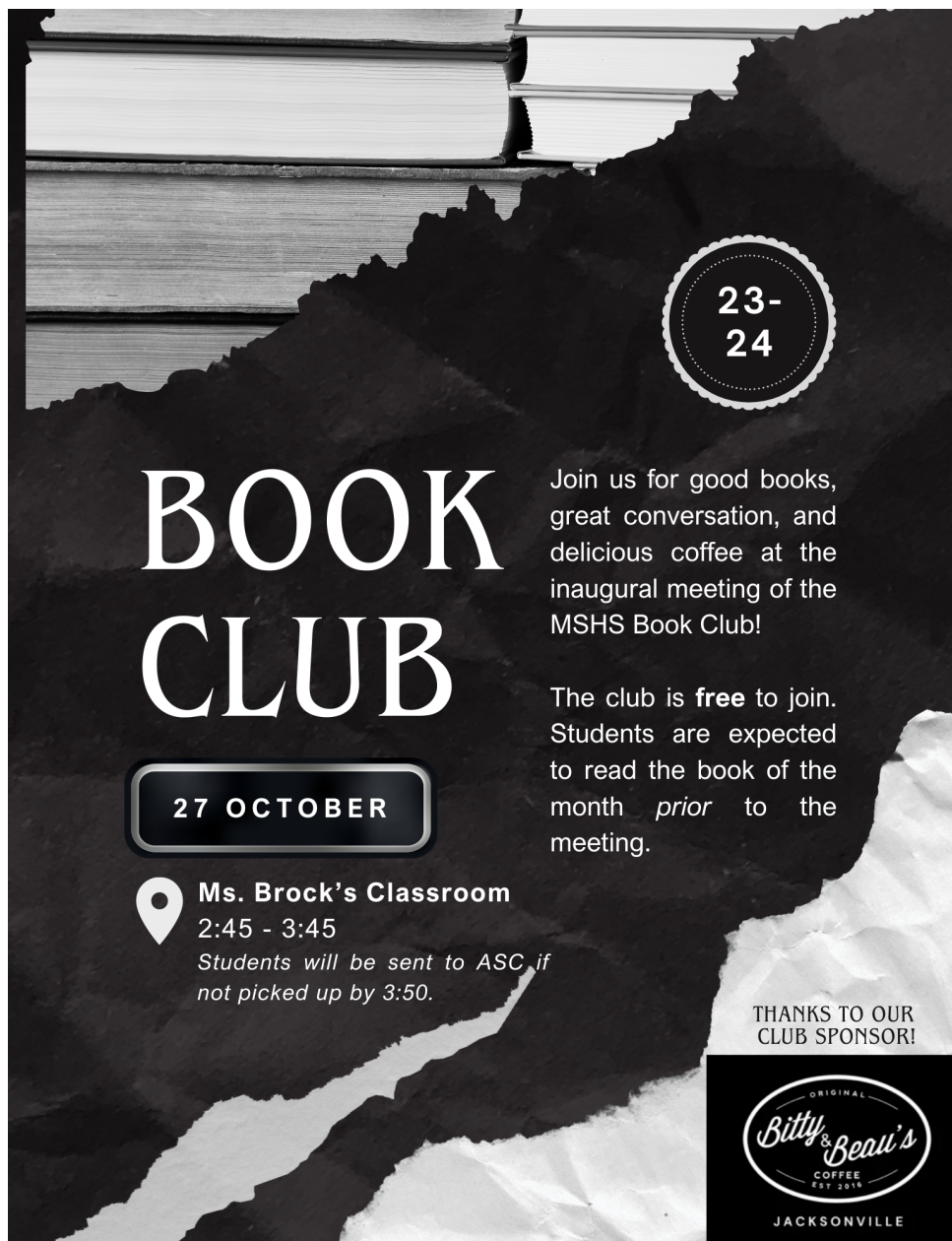


**Arc of
Jacksonville**



Advocacy

*Parents will receive
volunteer hours*

A poster for a book club meeting. The background is a collage of torn paper, with a stack of books visible in the top left corner. The text is primarily in white and black.

23-24

BOOK CLUB


27 OCTOBER

Ms. Brock's Classroom
2:45 - 3:45
Students will be sent to ASC if not picked up by 3:50.

Join us for good books, great conversation, and delicious coffee at the inaugural meeting of the MSHS Book Club!

The club is **free** to join. Students are expected to read the book of the month *prior* to the meeting.

THANKS TO OUR CLUB SPONSOR!



ORIGINAL
Bitty & Beau's
COFFEE
EST. 2019
JACKSONVILLE

A banner for a beach clean-up service project. The background is a photograph of a sandy beach with waves crashing onto the shore.

Beach Clean-Up Service Project

28 OCTOBER 2023 | 8 AM - 11 AM
WITH COACH WHIT

AROUND CAMPUS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS MRS. KOCI, SPONSOR

October 13:

MSHS Student Government is sponsoring this year's **PINK OUT**. Thank you, Student Gov't! Money raised will be donated to a scholarship near and dear to the Morning Star High School family. Stay tuned!

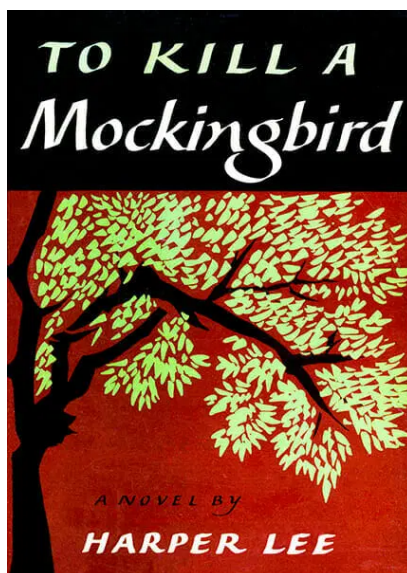
October 19:

Student Government Meeting | 2:45-5:00 PM | Mrs. Koci's Classroom

*Please note the extended meeting time. Students will be making the Halloween Boo-Grams, one of our largest fundraisers of the year. Pizza will be provided.

BROCK'S BOOK CLUB OCTOBER'S BOOK SELECTION - TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

A literary classic, Harper Lee's To Kill A Mockingbird examines the American Deep South during the 1930s and follows one lawyer's crusade against blind hatred and racial injustice. For [permission slips](#) and book copies, please see Ms. Brock. Book Club is free and open to all MSHS students. October's meeting is **Friday, 27 October 2023**, after school from **2:45 - 3:45** in Ms. Brock's classroom.



RESPECT LIFE MONTH - MSHS DIAPER DRIVE -

October is Respect Life Month. In honor of this, we are doing a Diaper Drive for a local ministry in the Jacksonville area. Any size of diapers is welcome and appreciated. Please turn in diapers to the front office or send them in with your student to their homeroom teacher.



SERVICE HOURS BEACH CLEAN-UP WITH COACH WHIT

Students interested in earning **2 service hours** on **28 October 2023** must register with Coach Whit and submit a signed permission slip. See Coach Whit for details.

