

MORNING STAR HIGH SCHOOL

NEWS & NOTES



Families and Guardians,

Next week is **Catholic Schools Week**. We will celebrate our faith all week long with a variety of activities. **Bishop Pohlmeier will celebrate mass with us on Friday, 2 February 2024, at 10:00 AM** in the Christ the King sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.

If your student is part of the musical, they must attend all practices they are called to.

Not only does student participation count toward each student's Fine Arts grade, but our musical is made possible by the hard work and dedication of the time, treasure, and talent of **ALL** of us. Please help us teach the lifelong skills of accountability and dependability. When students are out, unfair work and stress are placed on other students.

The Student Service Hour deadline (4 March 2024) is quickly approaching. Students are responsible for completing their forms and submitting them to Mrs. Carter. Blank copies of the forms are located outside of her classroom.

Date changes **are highlighted** throughout the MSHS News & Notes.

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. 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 A.M. - 3:15 P.M.
- **An excuse note (written or emailed) from a parent or doctor is required whenever a student is absent from class.** Notes are required to receive makeup assignments, including tests and quizzes. Students will receive zeroes for any missing work. (See the [Parent/Student Handbook](#) for additional information.) **Click [HERE](#) for the [MSHS Unexcused Absence Make-Up Work Policy](#).**
- The student dress code, including personal grooming, is required. Details are on p. 23 of the [Parent/Student Handbook](#).
- **Student Service Hours** are due **4 March 2024**. Juniors and Seniors who complete their hours after the due date may not participate in any Junior/Senior activities. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Carter, HS Coordinator, or Mrs. Giles, MSHS religion teacher.
- **Family Volunteer Hours** for the 2023-2024 school year are due to Sr. Elise in May. Please reach out to Sister with any questions or concerns.
- **Moana Rehearsals are Thursdays from 3:15 P.M. to 4:40 P.M.** Please check your emails for updates from Ms. Whiteside. Attendance and participation in the annual MSHS production is part of each student's Fine Arts grade.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS



Mondays	Math Tutoring with Mrs. Carter 2:45-3:45 PM, free in classroom	
Tuesdays	Writers' Lab with Ms. Brock 2:45-3:45 PM, in classroom	
Wednesdays	Drum Line with UNF Music Mentors & Mrs. Militante 3:15-4:00 PM *Note time change* on the green Spots are still available. Contact Mrs. Militante to sign up!	
Thursdays	Moana Rehearsal with Ms. Whiteside 3:15-4:30 PM, Media Center	Student Government with Mrs. Koci (every other <i>Thursday</i> ; see calendar below) 2:45-3:30 PM, in classroom
Fridays		



Drum Line *UPDATE*:

- Registration is OPEN.
- Drum Line will be moving to **Wednesdays**.
- **HS Time Change: 3:15-4:00 PM.**

CALENDAR



January/February

28 	29	30 Writer's Lab	31 **Senior Fees (\$200) DUE** Drum Line 3:15-4:00 PM Top Golf	2/1 Student Gov't Rehearsal 3:15-4:30	2/2 Mass 10:00 AM (@CTK) with Bishop Pohlmeier Noon Dismissal *Regular uniform*	3
4	5	6 Writer's Lab	7 Drum Line 3:15-4:00 PM	8 Rehearsal 3:15-4:30	9	10
11	12	13 Writer's Lab	14 Ash Wednesday *Sr. Yearbook Ads DUE* Drum Line 3:15-4:00 PM	15 Rehearsal 3:15-4:30	16	17
18	19	20 Writer's Lab	21 Drum Line 3:15-4:00 PM	22 Rehearsal 3:15-4:30	23	24
25	26	27 Writer's Lab	28 Drum Line 3:15-4:00 PM	29 Rehearsal 3:15-4:30		

Upcoming Masses:

- **Bishop's Mass** Friday, **2 February 2024**, 10:00 AM @CTK
- **Ash Wednesday**, **14 February 2024**, 10:00 AM @CTK
- ****DATE CHANGE** Junior Ring Mass** on Thursday, **7 March 2024**, 10:00 AM @CTK

Upcoming Events:

- **Junior Retreat** ***DATE TO BE DETERMINED*** at UNF ****Parents provide transportation to/from -- start planning now****

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REMINDERS



- **Student Service Hours** (mandatory 25 hours/year) are **DUE** Monday, 4 March 2024.
- **Senior Final Exams** are **20 May 2024 - 23 May 2024**. Students leave campus at 11:10 AM following their exam. There is **no ASC** for **Senior** students.
- **Final Exams for Underclassmen (9, 10, 11)** are **27 May 2024 - 31 May 2024**. Students leave campus at 11:10 AM following their exam. There is **no ASC** for high school students. Begin planning **now** for pick-up arrangements.

SENIOR CLASS NEWS



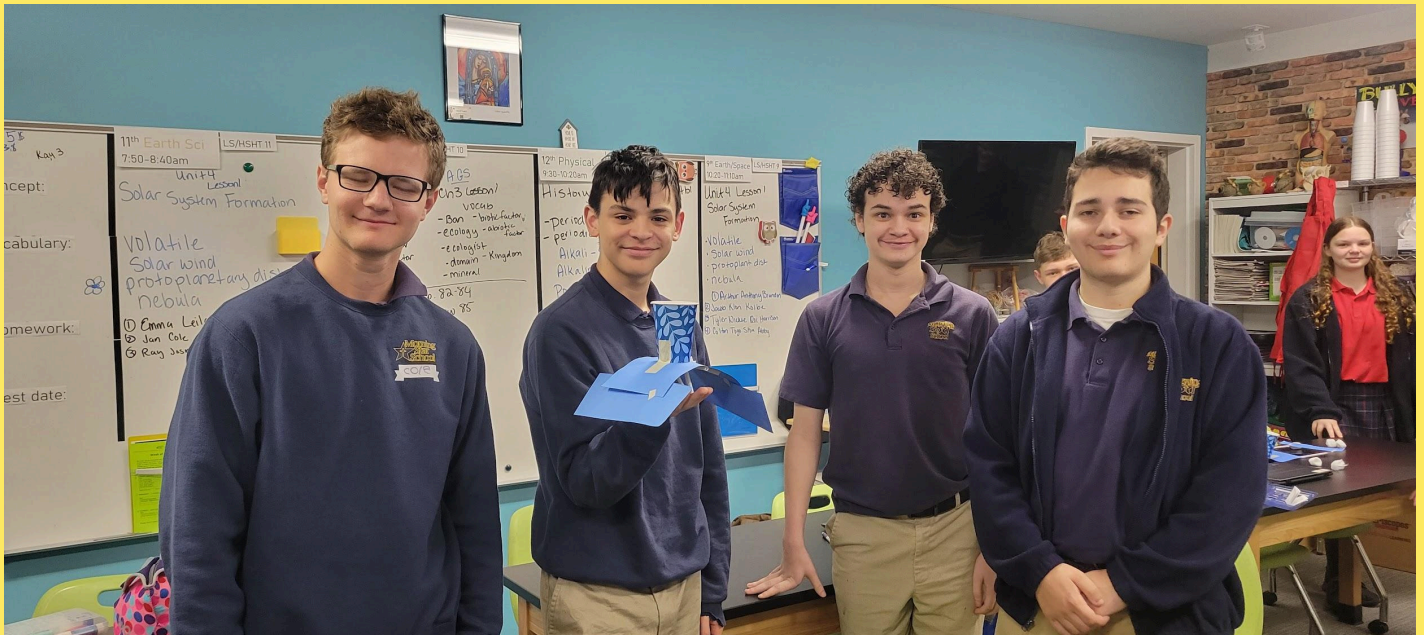
- **Senior Fees** (\$200) are **DUE** by Wednesday, 31 January 2024.
- **Senior Yearbook Ads** and dedications are due Wednesday, 14 February 2024. **[CLICK HERE](#)** for more information.

AROUND CAMPUS

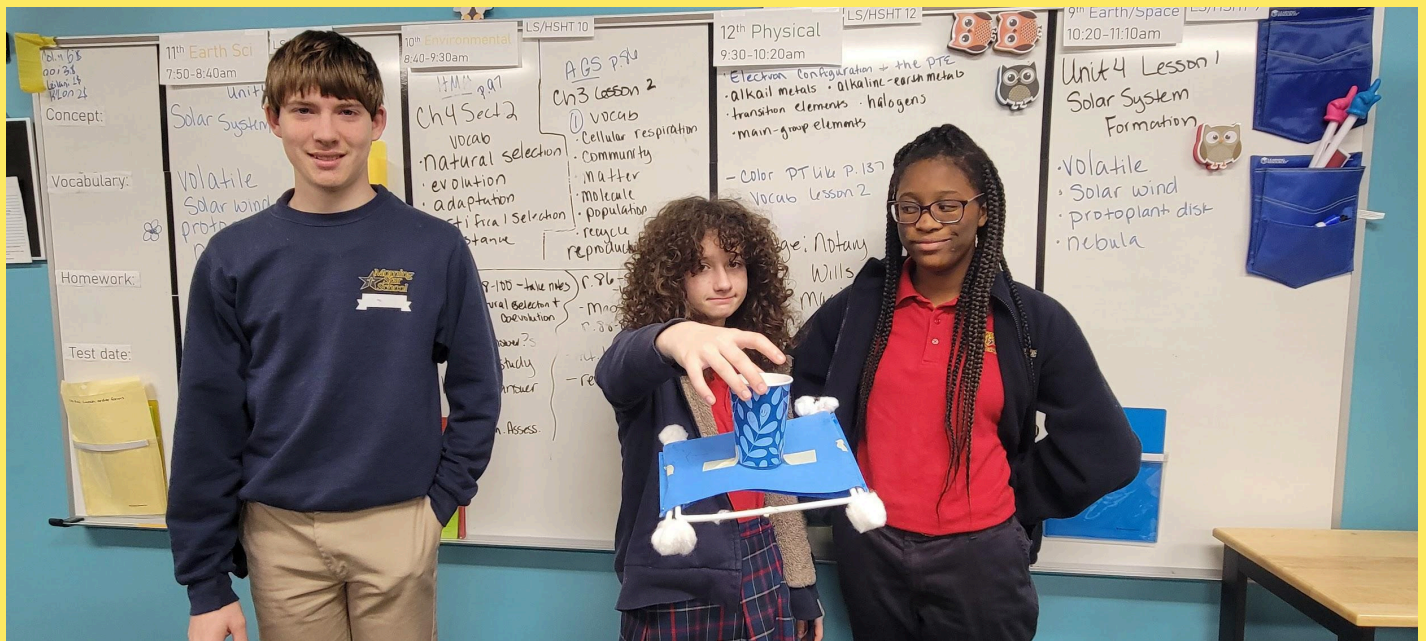


S.T.R.E.A.M. Mondays with Mrs. Koci

This week, students built Mars landers in science. You could say they were out of this world.



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Walking in Faith with Br. Stephen

Br. Stephen is back from his road trip to DC for the March for Life and is full of stories, lessons, jokes, and juggles for the students. Sophomores learned about the life of Sister Clare and the impact one life can have.



IN THE COMMUNITY



Click [HERE](#) for more information about the ZooTeen!

Program and how to earn service hours at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens.



Join us during Catholic Schools Week for
a Family Fun Event at Top Golf!

Wednesday, January 31
6-8pm

**** ALL SOFT DRINKS INCLUDED ****


Food and alcohol will be available to purchase.

\$150 FOR A BAY (UP TO 6 PEOPLE)

\$25 PER PERSON

[Click HERE to Register Online](#)



 Feb 02, 2024 7:00 PM EST

High School High Tech

Hello families and Happy New Year!

We are getting close to the game scheduled for our High School High Tech Program for FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2024, AT 7 PM.

Student tickets are paid for if you email me @jtucker@arcjacksonville.org.
I DO NEED to be personally emailed since I will be responsible for the tickets.

Anyone else who will be joining us, school staff, families, or friends can purchase their tickets from the below link.

This is because part of the ticket goes toward our students and also, you can go on the ice after the game with our group if you purchase your tickets at this link.

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Highschool2>

[If you have any questions, please reach out to me, not the schools. As, they are not the organizer for this event.](#)

[Also, I will NOT be providing transportation to this event. You will need to provide transportation for your students if they are coming without you.](#)

[Thanks so much and I hope to see you all there!](#)

Jessica Tucker
High School High Tech Coordinator

