

MORNING STAR HIGH SCHOOL

# NEWS & NOTES



Families and Guardians,

The third nine weeks ends next week. As we start the final nine weeks of the school year, please ensure your student is **present** and **prepared**. Help your child finish the year strong.

- Check that uniforms are tidy and complete.
- Review planners nightly to keep track of goals, homework, and exams.
- Plan for exam prep and pick-ups.

Information and sign-up links for Summer Reading, Summer Writing, Summer Math, and Summer SAT-Prep Cohorts will be sent home within the next few days. Please be on the lookout.

We look forward to seeing you this Thursday at mass for the Junior Mass and blessing of the Class Rings.

**Date changes are highlighted.**

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](#).
- **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



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

# CALENDAR



## February/March

25	26	27 Writer's Lab	28 Reconciliation & Penance Service Drum Line 3:15-4:00 PM	29 † Stations of the Cross Student Government Rehearsal 3:15-4:30	3/1 Lenten Retreat NOON DISMISSAL Regular Uniform	2
3	4 Service hours DUE	5 Writer's Lab	6 AR DUE Drum Line 3:15-4:00 PM	7 Rehearsal 3:15-4:30	8 NO SCHOOL for Students	9
10	11 NO SCHOOL for Students	12 Writer's Lab	13 Drum Line 3:15-4:00 PM	14 UNF Visitation "Summer Camp" the Musical, CTK Gym @ 7:00pm Rehearsal 3:15-4:30	15	16
17	18	19 Writer's Lab	20 Drum Line 3:15-4:00 PM	21 Rehearsal 3:15-4:30	22	23
24	25	26 Sophomore Retreat Writer's Lab	27 Drum Line 3:15-4:00 PM	28 No School SPRING BREAK	29 No School SPRING BREAK	30 No School SPRING BREAK

**March 10** Senior Graduation Announcements. Seniors must have completed at least 75 hours of Christian Service to receive announcements.

**March 11** Diocesan Professional Day/No School for Students

**March 14** UNF Visitation

**March 26** Sophomore Retreat-Most Holy Redeemer Church (8:00 am-3:00 pm) (\$30 plus optional lunch \$5.50)

**\*\*For schoolwide announcements, please check the weekly newsletter sent out by email.\*\***



March 28-April 5

No School/Easter Break

April 13

Grad Bash for Seniors-Universal Studios Theme Park (\$TBD)



# REMINDERS

- **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 24 May 2024, 28 May - 31 May 2024. (Friday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday)** 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.
- **FAFSA Deadlines = 30 June 2024** is the Federal Deadline. Please note that **15 May 2024** is the submission deadline for Florida colleges, universities, trade schools, etc. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

# AROUND CAMPUS



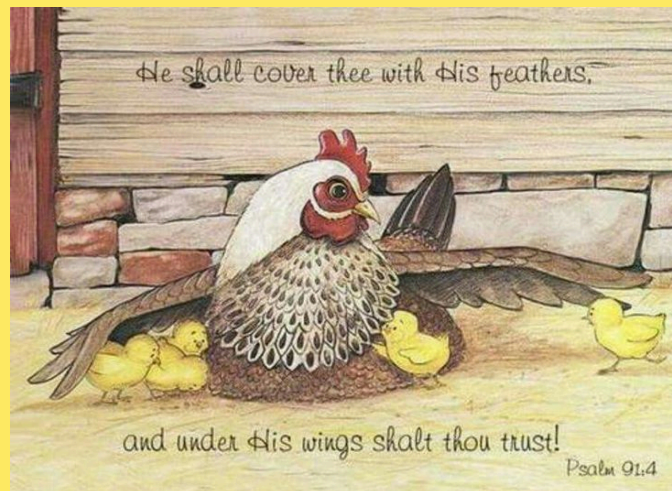
## Curtain Call!

Come out and support the efforts of the lower school as they perform their spring musical,

**Summer Camp the Musical**  
on Thursday, 24 March 2024,  
at 7:00 PM  
in the CTK gym.



## MSHS Cluckspeare Coop



 [CLICK HERE](#) to help us create a **sensory experience** for our chickens.

### March's **imPECKable** Donors:

The Martin Family  
The Cavin Family  
The Walker Family

## **Egg-traordinary News:**

Tuesday morning, Freshmen students collaborated with Ms. Brock to prepare breakfast for all of high school.

**MSHS teachers** provided bananas, our chickens' favorite fruit, and juice with **farm-fresh (or school-fresh) scrambled eggs** for students to enjoy.

*The eggs were graciously and lovingly provided for us by the high school hens, **Lady Macbach, Shrew, Lady Kluck, and Juliet.***



**Click [HERE](#)** for **photos and videos** of the breakfast and our latest adventures!

# IN THE COMMUNITY



Click [HERE](#) for more information about the ZooTeen!  
Program and how to earn service hours at the Jacksonville Zoo and  
Gardens.