

MORNING STAR HIGH SCHOOL

NEWS & NOTES



Families and Guardians,

Welcome back! This week’s newsletter has **LOTS of information**. Please make sure you read it in its entirety.

- **UPDATED timeframe for Play Rehearsals: Thursdays, 3:15-5:30 PM**
- **ALL High School students are required to be AT THE PERFORMANCE on MAY 3rd at 7 PM. Student' call times** (arrival times) will be sent out later this month.
- **ALL STUDENT GOVERNMENT members** need to attend this week’s meeting on Thursday after school..

Our best,

THE MSHS TEAM

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

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 5:30 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



<p>Mondays</p>	<p>Math Tutoring with Mrs. Carter 2:45-3:30 PM, free in classroom</p>	
<p>Tuesdays</p>	<p>Writers' Lab with Ms. Brock 2:45-3:45 PM, in classroom</p>	
<p>Wednesdays</p>	<p>Drum Line with UNF Music Mentors & Mrs. Militante 3:15-4:00 PM *Note time change* on the green</p>	<p>Crochet Club with Mrs. Giles 2:30-4:00 PM, free in classroom</p>
<p>Thursdays</p>	<p>Moana Rehearsal with Ms. Whiteside 3:15-5:30 PM, Media Center</p>	<p>Student Government with Mrs. Koci (every other Thursday; see calendar below) 2:45-3:30 PM, in classroom</p>
<p>Fridays</p>	<p style="background-color: #cccccc;"> </p>	

CALENDAR



April						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 *NO Math Tutoring*	9 📖 Writer's Lab 2:45-3:45 PM	10 🥁 Drum Line 3:15-4:00 PM 🧶 Crochet Club 2:30-4:00 PM	11 ✝️ Mass @10 AM @CTK (3 rd Quarter Honor Roll & MSHS Pillar Awards following) 🏛️ Student Government Rehearsal 3:15-5:30 PM	12 📖 Book Club 2:45-4:00 PM	13 🎓 GRAD BASH
14	15 📖 Math Tutoring (Mrs. Carter's room till 3:30 PM)	16 📖 Writer's Lab 2:45-3:45 PM	17 🥁 Drum Line 3:15-4:00 PM 🧶 Crochet Club 2:30-4:00 PM	18 🏛️ Rehearsal 3:15-5:30 PM	19	20
21	22 📖 Math Tutoring (Mrs. Carter's room till 3:30 PM)	23 👦 Junior Class Retreat @ UNF 📖 Writer's Lab 2:45-3:45 PM	24 🥁 Drum Line 3:15-4:00 PM 🧶 Crochet Club 2:30-4:00 PM	25 🏛️ Student Government 🏛️ Rehearsal 3:15-5:30 PM	26	27
28	29 📖 Math Tutoring (Mrs. Carter's room till 3:30 PM)	30 🇺🇸 Month of the Military Child 📖 Writer's Lab 2:45-3:45 PM				

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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



Musical Updates

🌸 **May 3rd @ 7 PM in the CTK Gym** 🌸

- All play rehearsals are now **Thursdays 3:15-5:30 PM**.
- Show shoes are **DUE on Monday, 15 April 2024**.
- **Ads and shout-outs are available for purchase**. Please see the MSS schoolwide newsletter link or contact [Abbie Johnson](#) for more information.
- **ALL MSHS Students are REQUIRED to attend the May 3rd performance at 7 PM.**

Introducing: Crochet Club!

Do you want to make hats, animals, and so much more?
Join our  Crochet Club!

Mrs. Giles is sponsoring a Crochet Club that meets on Wednesdays after school. 2:30 pm to 4 pm.
Starting tomorrow, April 10.
Meets in Mrs. Giles' classroom.

Tomorrow, you do not need to bring anything to the meeting. We will discuss what to bring next time.

Morning Star High School

Coop Scoop *Learning with the Cluckspeare Chickens*



New slots have been added to the monthly donation opportunities on [Signup Genius!](#) The sweet ladies of **Cluckspeare Coop** require **birdseed** and **fresh veggies**. Every \$10 donated is worth an hour towards Parent Volunteer hours. It's a win/win!

[CLICK HERE to SIGN UP!](#)

Thank you for helping serve tasty treats to the four feathered friends who unconditionally serve our students with love and enrichment.



April's Feathered Friend: We offer a special shout-out to **MSS's Mr. Mark**, who helped beautify the chickens' area *and* rehome native, protected flora from the Peace Garden. Thank you for going above and beyond, Mr. Mark!

MSHS Summer Cohorts Subject-Area Enrichment, SAT-Prep, and Credit Recovery

Summer Learning Cohorts, taught by Mrs. Carter and Ms. Brock, will be offered in June at MSHS. Students entering 9th-12th grades in August 2024 can choose from the following areas:

- Math Enrichment
- Writing Enrichment
- Reading Enrichment
- SAT-Prep*
- Credit Recovery*

**Requires pre-approval by Mrs. Carter. Please email Mrs. Carter for more information.*



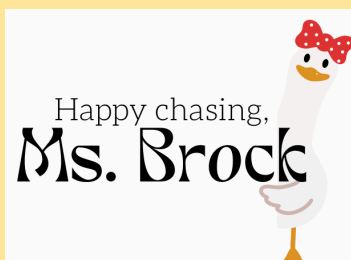
CHRIST ON CAMPUS



Goose Chasing...Seeking Holy Spirit

This week in meditation, we are looking to Paul's letters for guidance and inspiration. We believe in setting aside time each day after lunch to pause for some Vitamin J (AKA Jesus).

Matthew 18:20 promises that when two or more gather in His name, He is with us. We encourage you to pause on weekdays at 11:45 to breathe deeply, quiet your body, calm your mind, and join us in prayer.



Here's a peek into our meditation hunts this week:

(Colossians 1:11) (ACTION STEP) = Write Down 9 things to pray for Christians based on Paul's letter to the Colossians. Crop

Pray they... Pray this DAILY for [redacted]. This is prayerful surrender.

1. understand GOD's will (1:9)
2. gain spiritual wisdom (1:9)
3. honor and please GOD (1:10)
4. produce every kind of good fruit (1:10)
5. learn to know GOD better and better (1:10)
6. be strengthened by GOD's power (1:11)
7. have great endurance + patience (1:11)
8. be filled with joy (1:11)
9. give thanks always (1:12)

• Paul's prayer to the Colossians, whom he'd never met, yet blessed:

(9 simple ways we can pray for other believers)

(Eph. 4:1) Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the LORD, beg you ←
to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.

God didn't put us here to start stuff + stir the pot. We have exciting adventures to go on and lives to help.

(Phil 4:1-2) ... Please, because you belong to the LORD, ←
settle your disagreements.

Paul, in his letters that were significant enough to one day become canon, took time to address the interpersonal relationships of the people in the church he's writing to. This shows up in multiple letters = IMPORTANT. (Eph)

② If it's important to the Fathers of the Faith, it definitely needs to be on my spiritual radar.

Phil 1:27-30 {live as citizens of heaven}

(v. 27) Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the GOOD NEWS about Christ. Then whether I come see you a gain or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit, fighting together for the faith, which is the GOOD NEWS. ★

- The church / Church / any spiritual body or group has enough opposition from the spiritual forces working against it on the 'outside'. We must stand united in our efforts, always — including how we live, treat one another, etc., or we sabotage ourselves. We do the devil's work for him when we fight against one another rather than the evil of the world by being a united force of love + peace.

- Roman Phalanx — Military formation
• Soldiers fought shoulder to shoulder, moved as if sharing one mind; had to be united in thought, movement, and mission.

(Christians are called to work together toward one thing: spreading the Gospel. This means loving the way Jesus showed us to love. Living the Gospel with one another spreads the Gospel. Let's start on campus.)

IN THE COMMUNITY



ARC High School High Tech

All of us at MSHS want to congratulate **Ms. Jessica Tucker, MSHS's HSHT Coordinator**, for being awarded by **The Able Trust** at this year's annual conference for her curriculum and programming provided at area high schools.

Thank you, Ms. Jessica, for your service to our students and the students of Jacksonville!

You give of your time, talent, and treasure.

We are blessed to have you and are thrilled you are being celebrated for your tireless efforts to serve the young adults of North Florida.

