

Families and Guardians,

- **The Testing Schedule for Final Exams is below.** Please make sure to post this at home and arrange for rides **now**.
- **Congrats to the MSHS Fine Arts Department for a job well done on Moana Jr!** The show was terrific. We are so proud of you and incredibly grateful for Ms. Whiteside's talents and efforts. Thank you to the generous donors!
- **The field trip form and signed waiver for the end-of-the-year trip to Bravoz are due tomorrow, Wednesday, 8 May 2024.**

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.

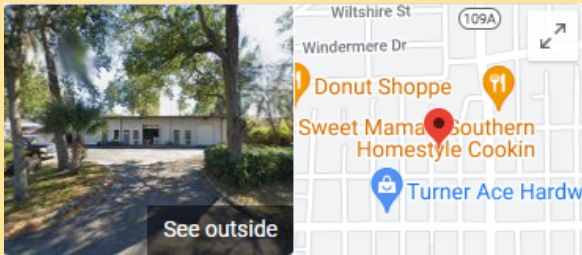
# WEEKLY HAPPENINGS



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|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Mondays</b>    | <b>NO Math Tutoring in May</b>                                                                                          |                                                                           |
| <b>Tuesdays</b>   | <b>Writers' Lab --- FINAL LAB is 14 May 2024</b><br>with Ms. Brock<br>2:45-3:45 PM, in classroom                        |                                                                           |
| <b>Wednesdays</b> | <b>***NO DRUMLINE</b>                                                                                                   | <b>Crochet Club</b><br>with Mrs. Giles<br>2:30-4:00 PM, free in classroom |
| <b>Thursdays</b>  | <b>Student Government</b> with Mrs. Koci<br>(every other Thursday; see calendar below)   2:45-3:30 PM, in the classroom |                                                                           |

# MOANA

 [Click HERE](#) to view the slideshow that played in the lobby as part of the pre-show entertainment. An **album of photos** will be shared in the coming week; stay tuned for the link and for details on how to **purchase a recording** of the performance.



All of us at Morning Star High School would like to give a **HUGE shout-out** to the Greuter Family and the folks of **Better Bulb**.

The day before the show, our spotlight exploded, and Mr. Greuter, a longtime friend of MSS and former parent, saved the day. Within fifteen minutes, our spotlight was back up and running, and rehearsal was moving at the speed of light again.

Apart from saving Ms. Whiteside from having a stroke, this has special meaning to Ms. Brock. The Greuter Family was the first family, nearly two decades ago, to start the parent-led effort of petitioning the Diocese for an addition to MSS: a high school able to serve 9th-12th grade students with learning differences.

God always has a plan, and Holy Spirit sure takes us on some wild Goose Chases, doesn't He? Y'all, Jesus is F-U-N!

**PLEASE support this incredible business and family!**

## Better Bulb

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**Phone:** (904) 744-7161

# CALENDAR



May

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|    |                                                                      | 30 Month of the Military Child @ 9 AM<br>Writer's Lab 2:45-3:45 PM                                        | 1 Crochet Club 2:30-4:00 PM                                                                                  | 2                                                                                                            | 3 Moana @ 7 PM - CTK -- ALL HS MUST attend                                                                     | 4  |
| 5  | 6 NO MATH TUTORING                                                   | 7 Writer's Lab 2:45-3:45 PM                                                                               | 8 Crochet Club 2:30-4:00 PM                                                                                  | 9 Senior Mass                                                                                                | 10 Bravo's End of the Year Celebration Trip Sponsored by Student Gov't & The Mizelle Family                    | 11 |
| 12 | 13 NO MATH TUTORING                                                  | 14 Writer's Lab 2:45-3:45 PM                                                                              | 15 May Crowning<br><br>Crochet Club 2:30-4:00 PM                                                             | 16 SENIOR FINAL EXAMS -- Regular 2:45 Dismissal                                                              | 17 SENIOR FINAL EXAMS -- Regular 2:45 Dismissal                                                                | 18 |
| 19 | 20 SENIOR FINAL EXAMS -- 11:10 DISMISSAL; NO ASC<br>NO MATH TUTORING | 21 SENIOR FINAL EXAMS -- 11:10 DISMISSAL; NO ASC                                                          | 22 SENIOR FINAL EXAMS -- 11:10 DISMISSAL; NO ASC<br><br>UNDERCLASSEMEN FINAL EXAMS -- Regular 2:45 Dismissal | 23 SENIOR FINAL EXAMS -- 11:10 DISMISSAL; NO ASC<br><br>UNDERCLASSEMEN FINAL EXAMS -- Regular 2:45 Dismissal | 24 Senior Luncheon<br><br>SENIOR FINAL EXAM MAKE-UP DAY; UNDERCLASSEMEN FINAL EXAMS -- 11:10 DISMISSAL; NO ASC | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Memorial Day -- NO SCHOOL                                         | 28 UNDERCLASSEMEN FINAL EXAMS -- 11:10 DISMISSAL; NO ASC<br>M&H Baccalaureate Mass - 7 PM at Sacred Heart | 29 UNDERCLASSEMEN FINAL EXAMS -- 11:10 DISMISSAL; NO ASC                                                     | 30 UNDERCLASSEMEN FINAL EXAMS -- 11:10 DISMISSAL; NO ASC                                                     | 31 UNDERCLASSEMEN FINAL EXAMS (Make-Up Day) -- 11:10 DISMISSAL; NO ASC                                         |    |

**Upcoming May Calendar Notes:**

- **NO MONDAY or TUESDAY MATH TUTORING** in May.
- **Crochet Club** will continue to meet on **Wednesdays**.
- **Writers' Lab ends on 14 May 2024** for the school year.
- **Students are dismissed at 11:10 during Final Exams --- NO AFTER-SCHOOL CARE for HS students.** MAKE PLANS NOW for someone to pick up your child if you cannot.
- Student Gov't and The Mizelle Family are sponsoring an End-of-the-Year Celebration at **Bravo's on Friday, 10 May 2024**. More information and permission slips will be sent home in the coming days. Please be on the lookout.

# FINAL EXAM SCHEDULES



**Students are required to wear full uniforms on final exam days.** All students must be picked up promptly at 11:10 on their testing days unless noted; there are **no** exceptions. ASC is **not** available for high school students on final exam days.

| Seniors                                     |                                           |                        |                         |                        |                           |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Thurs.<br/>May 16</b><br>*2:45 Dismissal | <b>Fri.<br/>May 17</b><br>*2:45 Dismissal | <b>Mon.<br/>May 20</b> | <b>Tues.<br/>May 21</b> | <b>Wed.<br/>May 22</b> | <b>Thurs.<br/>May 23</b>  |
| Spanish                                     | Religion                                  | Consumer<br>Math       | ELA                     | Science                | Economics &<br>Government |

**Senior Make-Up Day:** Friday, 24 May 2024. Students not needing to make up an exam only need to report to school at 11:15 for the Senior Luncheon.

| Juniors                                   |                                             |                        |                         |                        |                          |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Wed.<br/>May 22</b><br>*2:45 Dismissal | <b>Thurs.<br/>May 23</b><br>*2:45 Dismissal | <b>Fri.<br/>May 24</b> | <b>Tues.<br/>May 28</b> | <b>Wed.<br/>May 29</b> | <b>Thurs.<br/>May 30</b> |
| Religion                                  | Spanish                                     | Science                | SS                      | Math                   | ELA                      |

**Make-Up Day:** Friday, 31 May 2024. Students taking a make-up exam must wear their full uniform.

| Sophomores                                |                                             |                        |                         |                        |                          |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Wed.<br/>May 22</b><br>*2:45 Dismissal | <b>Thurs.<br/>May 23</b><br>*2:45 Dismissal | <b>Fri.<br/>May 24</b> | <b>Tues.<br/>May 28</b> | <b>Wed.<br/>May 29</b> | <b>Thurs.<br/>May 30</b> |
| Religion                                  | Spanish                                     | SS                     | Science                 | ELA                    | Math                     |

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| Freshmen                                  |                                             |                        |                         |                        |                          |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Wed.<br/>May 22</b><br>*2:45 Dismissal | <b>Thurs.<br/>May 23</b><br>*2:45 Dismissal | <b>Fri.<br/>May 24</b> | <b>Tues.<br/>May 28</b> | <b>Wed.<br/>May 29</b> | <b>Thurs.<br/>May 30</b> |
| Religion                                  | Spanish                                     | ELA                    | Math                    | SS                     | Science                  |

**Make-Up Day:** Friday, 31 May 2024. Students taking a make-up exam must wear their full uniform.

# OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS



**Makaley Binder and Ray Carpenter secured Superior designation for the 2024 NCTE Achievement Award in Writing by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)!**

The NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing is a school-based writing program established in 1957 to encourage high school students to write and to recognize some of the best student writers in the nation. Only students who are juniors may participate. Schools in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, US territories, Canada, and American schools abroad can nominate students for the writing program.

Makaley is passionate about writing, visual and performance arts, reading, and animals, most notably her golden and constant companion, Corbin. Ray is actively involved in his youth group, loves writing and reading, and enjoys creating visual arts projects.

This year, schools nominated 633 students. From the United States, students were nominated from 44 states, as well as Guam and Washington, D.C. Internationally, teachers nominated students from Canada, Greece, Jordan, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand. Two to three independent judges evaluated each submission holistically on content, purpose, audience, tone, word choice, organization, development, and style.

Ms. Brock, the ELA teacher at MSHS, said, "Makaley's writing and collage reflected her present mindset and growth as an individual and an author. She has not only found her voice, but she is also using it, and I couldn't be more proud or excited to see what she says next. Raymond took a harrowing experience that could have broken others and turned it into something beautiful. But that's the gift of art, isn't it?"



# REMINDERS



- **Senior Final Exams** are **16-17 May 2024** and **20 May 2024 - 23 May 2024**. Students leave campus at 11:10 AM following their exam. There is **no ASC** for **Senior** students. *(Students will not be dismissed early on 16 May or 17 May 2024.)*
- **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. *(Underclassmen's Religion Final will be held from 20 May to 23 May; Mrs. Giles will give specific information to each class. Underclassmen students will not be dismissed early on the day of their Religion or Spanish Finals.)*
- **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](#).