

Merritt Island High School



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WELCOME BACK! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It is with a heavy heart that we say farewell to our tech specialist Sharleen Vani! Sharleen has now officially retired! Good for her, but she will greatly missed. Media Specialist Christy Zieres will now be responsible for the weekly newsletter – wish me luck! If you have any news to add, please email me at zieres.christy@brevardschools.org

MERRITT ISLAND HIGH SHOWCASE TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH:

Merritt Island High School will be strutting their stuff for all interested incoming students. The showcase is open to all students and parents who are interested in MIHS.

6:00 – Parent sign-in in front of the auditorium

6:30 – Brief meeting in the auditorium welcoming parents and students

7:00 – Parents and students are released to the gym to circulate and talk to MI students about all the clubs, sports, and activities that are available here. There will be over 30 groups represented.

This is a great opportunity to show our community everything we have to offer, so please help spread the word!

NEW GRADE BOOK ACCESS: FOCUS

Parent PIN letters were sent home last month. If you did not receive one, please call our office 454-1000 ask for Sheila Beal. Student access is ready using their student ID and password. **Semester grades will be posted January 15th.**

NEWS FROM THE MEDIA CENTER:

Merritt Island High, along with other Brevard County schools, has subscribed to an OverDrive account for its students:

With OverDrive, our students and staff can:

- READ eBooks.

- LISTEN to audiobooks.
- WATCH streaming video.

To access:

1. Go to: <http://brevardschools.lib.overdrive.com>
2. Select Merritt Island High
3. Sign-in with student #
4. You can also add BPS OverDrive to your Launchpad. BPS Launchpad is available as an app for your phone as well.

Books are available for Kindles! Any questions or requests, please see Ms Zieres in the media center.

10TH GRADE PARENTS AND STUDENTS

- Your 10th grade student may have shared with you that College Board released PSAT test results on line before the winter break. This coming Thursday, January 17, Mrs. Small will be meeting with 10th grade English classes to pass out the paper score reports for interpretation and future college planning. If you are interested in hearing the PSAT presentation that your students receive please bring the score report and attend the PSAT Parent Meeting Thursday in the schools MEDIA CENTER.
- PSAT/College Board information will be shared in addition to information on Bright Future Scholarships, Career and College Planning, and 2019-20 course registration.
- Students are welcome too. The meeting will begin at 5:30pm and run to 7:00 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congrats to the Varsity Girls soccer team for their win over Heritage High School last night 7-0. Goals were scored by Lexy D., Grace H., Maddie M., Julia H., and Sydney C.

NEXT WEEK'S LOOK AT ACTIVITIES FOR MIHS:

Monday 1/14/19

Girls Soccer @ Satellite 5:30pm
Girls Basketball @ Heritage 6:00pm

Tuesday 1/15/19

SAC Meeting in Media Center @ 4:00pm
MIHS Showcase in Auditorium/Gym @ 6:00pm
Boys Soccer @ Bayside 5:30pm
Boys Basketball @ Edgewood 5:00pm

Wednesday 1/16/19

Sophomore Guidance Presentation, Periods 1-7 in Auditorium
Girls Basketball vs Eau Gallie (Home 6:00pm)
Girls Soccer CCC Playoff @ Westshore 6:00pm
Football Awards in Cafeteria @ 4:00pm
Football Awards in Auditorium @ 6:00pm

Thursday 1/17/19

PSAT Parent Night with 10th Grade Counselor @ 5:30pm in Media Center
Boys Soccer CCC Playoff vs Eau Gallie (Home, 7:00pm)
Boys Basketball vs Heritage (Home 5:15pm)
Girls Basketball @ Palm Bay 6:00pm

Friday 1/18/19

Boys Basketball @ Cocoa Beach 5:00pm

Saturday 1/19/19

MUSTANG MALL:

The MIHS Mustang Mall has warm clothes for the cold weather! Families and students please come by and shop on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8:00- 8:45 a.m.! Please contact Dr. Wendy Blyth if you would like to shop and cannot make it at that time. blyth.wendy@brevardschools.org

MIHS MUSTANG PARENT ORGANIZATION (MPO)

The next Report Card Incentives take place Friday, January 18th. It is a treat for those students receiving a 3.5 GPA or higher for the grading period. MPO needs lots of full-sized candy bars to hand out during both lunches that day. If you can donate a box of full-sized candy bars, please drop them off by the front office by Wednesday, January 16th labeled "MPO."

YEARBOOK INFORMATION:

- Seniors, if you missed the first deadline, Senior Recognition Ad deadline has been extended to January 15, 2019. Paperwork is in front office.
- If you missed the first deadline and want to place a personal recognition ad in our 2018-19 yearbook, please do so!

GRADUATION 2019:

Graduation will be held at the Merritt Island High School football stadium on Thursday, May 23 at 7:00PM. More information will be communicated throughout the year.

PROJECT GRADUATION 2019 IS UP AND RUNNING:

- You can also find the flyer on our NEW Merritt Island High Website.

Surprise your friends and family for birthdays, anniversaries, or just for FUN!! Imagine the look on their face when they step outside and see their yard covered in Flamingos! Find the flyer on our webpage under PeachJar (<https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/all/schools/62642>) or contact **Tonya at (321) 543-4575.**

GUIDANCE:

INFINITE SCHOLAR ANNOUNCEMENT

Parents of Seniors and Juniors:

On Tuesday, January 15th, 2019 the Infinite Scholars Program is hosting a free scholarship fair at Rockledge High School from 4 - 7:30 pm. Don't miss the opportunity to meet with colleges and universities to discuss scholarship opportunities. Some colleges will be accepting students and awarding scholarships on the spot. Students need to register on-line at www.infinitescholar.org.

In addition, student need to bring with them to the fair:

- Multiple copies of their transcript from guidance
- ACT/SAT test scores,
- Letters of recommendation
- Essay titled, "Why I want to attend college?"
- Student Resume

Informational flyers will be found in guidance and the front office

SENIORS--

Create your FSA ID username and password. FSA stands for Federal Student Aid and your ID is required to be set up BEFORE you apply for FAFSA.

Here are some tutorials to help...

How to Create an FSA ID on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7ihhGk8mCY>

FASA and FSA ID Tips for Parents on YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdaGZASwjZU>

Are you planning to attend the University of Florida or Santa Fe College? Are you in need of **low-cost housing** that has an All-Inclusive deal? Do you need a place to call home away from home that has freshly cooked meals ready for you to enjoy? How about a place with 79 others who become a well diverse, friendly family? The **Cooperative Living Organization** (CLO) exists to provide UF AND Santa Fe students with financial ease of mind; a residency that focuses on providing a student-run cooperative where dorm-style room and board costs half as much as similar on campus arrangements. For more information, see Mrs. Bankston in Guidance.

The Foot Locker Scholar Athletes program awards scholarships to college-bound seniors across the nation for being exemplary leaders on their sports teams, in their classrooms and in their communities. Seniors who are entering a four year college or university, are current members of a high school sports team or are involved in after school sports, such as intramurals, martial arts, etc. and have maintained a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA may be eligible to apply. See Mrs. Bankston in Guidance for more information.

ALL DUAL ENROLLMENT STUDENTS AND COLLEGIATE HIGH:

Dear Parent/Guardian and Dual Enrolled Students:

Please read the following important information carefully!

TEXTBOOKS NEED TO BE PICKED UP!! All textbooks are ready. If you have a schedule change, you must bring in 3 copies to the media center even if you do not need new textbooks. Media Center will distribute schedules to counselors.

If students drop an EFSC course, they will need to visit the school and add another course from the approved course list before the end of DROP/ADD January 10, 2019. Administration will return to campus on January 7th. Students who DROP/ADD will need to meet with an EFSC advisor and then bring their new registration form to the school for approval. The only courses available for adding will be those on the current approved list.

If you any questions, please contact MIHS Guidance or Administration MIHS (321) 454-1000.

SCHOOL ADVISORY: NEXT MEETING JANUARY 15, 2019 4PM

All are welcome to attend our SAC (School Advisory Council) meetings in the media center. Any questions please contact Abby Saul at saul.abby@brevardschools.org.

E-NEWSLETTER ONLINE:

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Under Home, Featured Stories, More...

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The MIHS site is currently at: <https://www.brevardschools.org/MerrittIslandHS>

General school district information may be obtained from: <http://www.brevardschools.org>

Thank You, Christine Zieres zieres.christy@brevardschools.org