January/February 2016



Scholarships

There are many scholarships available to students to assist in funding their post-secondary education. Students and families are directed to Naviance Family Connection to search for local, Pittsburgh Foundation and other scholarship applications. Students also have access to a national scholarship search engine.

Naviance provides a comprehensive national scholarships search through Sallie Mae. Students should sign in to their Family Connection account and go to <My Colleges> <Scholarships> to begin the scholarship search.

Students: click here to access Naviance.

PSAT SCORES: The College Board has announced that scores will be available online January 7th. If you do not already have a College Board account, please go to College Board to create an account.

Mt. Lebanon High School

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Financial Aid Night

Don't miss the

Financial Aid Presentation

Tuesday

January 5, 2016

7:00 PM Fine Arts Theatre

Michelle Anderson from Washington and Jefferson College will discuss the financial aid application process.



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NACAC College Fair—February 4 & 5, 2016

The 2016 NACAC
Pittsburgh National
College Fair will be
held Thursday, February 4, 9am - 12pm &
6:30pm - 9pm. And
on Friday, February 5,
from 9am - 12pm at
the David L. Lawrence
Convention Center.

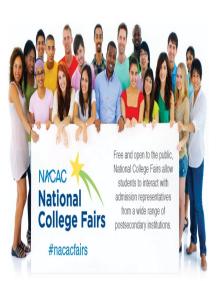
We encourage students to register individually for the fair here prior to the event. By registering early, students will be able to print a pre-registration form to bring to the fair. This form enables them to electronically transfer their contact information to the institution of their choosing.

To find out more information about the college fair, and to see a list of what schools will be at the fair and information on the workshops available click here.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

No transportation will be provided by MTLSD for this event.

Students should fill out a pre-approved absence form if they plan to attend. Click here to print form.



Local Financial Aid Nights

Washington & Jefferson College: For many families, securing financial aid to help fund the cost of college is critical. The financial aid process can easily appear overwhelming, especially to those families who are submitting an application for the first time. For this reason, representatives from Washington & Jefferson College's Office of Financial Aid are here to help!

W&J will host a <u>free</u> event where parents and students will learn what they need to do to apply for all types of financial aid. The program will explain how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is required to qualify for most student aid

programs such as the Pennsylvania State Grant, Federal Pell Grant, institutional awards and low-cost federal student and parent loans.

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. @ Yost Auditorium, The Burnett Center

This is a great opportunity for your students and their parents to get information about the financial aid process and to ask questions if they have encountered problems completing their FAFSA. We appreciate your efforts in promoting this event to your school community.

Please have students sign up for the event by contacting the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@washjeff.edu or 724-223-6019.

La Roche College

Community Financial Aid Night

Wednesday, Jan 27, 2016 from 6:30—8:00 PM in the Science Center 103.

Open to Parents and Students.

FAFSA ChangesFor 2017-2018

There are big changes coming to the FAFSA for the 2017-2018 school year. Click here for more information We will host another Financial Aid meeting next fall to address the upcoming changes for the 2017—2018 school year.

Parkway West Career and Technology Center Visit

Parkway representatives will be here on January 28th from 9-11 AM to answer questions that students have regarding Parkway and it's programs. Students who currently attend Parkway will also be present to give information and answer questions. The meeting will be in F-309. Students wishing to attend should stop by the Counseling office and register and pick up a pass.

Parkway West Career and Technology Center offers high school students the opportunity to gain immediate employment and/or advanced placement within many area colleges and technical schools. Students interested in exploring the following programs: Auto Body Repair, Automotive Technology, Cosmetology, Nail Technician License, Culinary Arts, Digital Multimeida, Health Assistant, Phlebotomy Technician Certificate, Pharmacy Technician Certificate, Informational Technology Essentials, Public Safety Technology, Construction Technology Cluster consisting of HVAC/R, Masonry, Welding Technology and Electrical Systems Technology, Veterinary Technology, Sports Medicine Rehabilitation Therapy Technology.

Please click here to explore the Career Majors they offer.

Please <u>click here</u> to see the Academic Course offerings.

<u>Click here</u> for new Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Therapy Technology (SMARTT) program description.

Shadow Experience at Parkway

Students interested in possibly attending Parkway may shadow two programs to determine if they are interested in applying. Interested students will be permitted to ride the Parkway bus (permission required). If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Schneider in the HS Counseling Office at 412.344.2063 or by email: eschneider@mtlsd.net.

Cum Laude

The Cum Laude rehearsal and ceremony will be held on March 3, 2016. Rehearsal will be held that morning at 7:15am and the ceremony will be held at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium. 2016 inductees will be notified by mailed invitation in early February.

Graduation Is coming!

In a few short months, assuming all requirements are met, seniors will be graduating. We are now in the process of preparing a list of graduate names for our diploma company and the high school's commencement program. A letter with additional information will be sent home by the end of January.

NCAA Night



NCAA Night will be held on Wednesday February 3, 2016 @ 7PM in Room D-205.

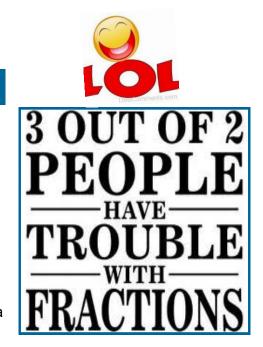
Please join John Grogan and Shelly Saba for a night entitled "College Recruiting Simplified".

Our featured speaker is Rick Christenson, the Associate Athletic Director for Compliance from Duquesne University.

AP Exams

Advanced Placement Exams will be given at Mt. Lebanon High School the weeks of May 2-6 and May 9-13, 2016. Registration packets will be mailed to AP students at the end of January. However, these examinations are open to anyone who wishes to take one. Information is available on the HS Guidance website where you can print the registration form. The cost is \$92.00 per exam. If you have any questions, please contact your counselor or Mrs. Fournier @ cfournier@mtlsd.net or 412-344-2062.

If you are uncertain about your readiness for an exam, we encourage you to register prior to the deadline of February 26. You have the option to cancel the exam before Monday, April 25, 2016 for a **refund** of \$77.00.



SAT **REVIEW COURSES**

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

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MATHNASIUM

MT. LEBANON ACADEMY

MT. LEBANON EVENING PROGRAM

KAPLAN

HUNTINGTON LEARNING CENTER

THE PRINCETON REVIEW

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Mt. Lebanon School District does not endorse specific testing preparation options or providers. This list is provided for informational purposes only.

NEXT SAT TEST @ MTL is January 23, 2016

Students taking SATs at Mt. Lebanon should (A-2) along Cochran be dropped off at the auditorium entrance (A-2) along Cochran Rd.

Students parking onsite should use the Faculty / Staff parking the building.

All students should enter through the

Auditorium entrance Rd.

Once inside the building, follow the signs to the room assignments and the testing rooms.

Bring all required materials (see College lot on the south side of Board rules), or you will be turned away without refund.

MTLHS

Code: 393730

MTLHS Test Center Number: 39-442

Register here for an SAT test or go to: www.collegeboard.org

For test dates and registration deadlines click here.

For additional information please click here.

ACT Test—February 6, 2016 (Not at MTL)

Mt. Lebanon is **not** a testing site for the ACT test. However, Mt. Lebanon students wishing to take this test are encouraged to go to authorized test sites nearby.

It is recommended for students to take this

test in addition to the SAT. Please see your school counselor for information about the test.

MTLHS Code: 393730

Click here to register for the ACT.

Click here for test dates and registration deadlines.

Click here for more information on the ACT test.



Student 2 Student Tutoring

Student 2 Student Tutoring is a new program this year.

Are you having a hard time with your math homework?

Want to talk through the layout of your English paper with someone?

Need some help preparing for an upcoming test?

Come to Student Tutoring!

Tutors in *all subjects* will be available both

before and after school!

Interested in getting help?

Sign up here

Interested in becoming a tutor?

Sign up here.



Writing & Math Labs

The Writing Lab, located in Room B521, is available every period to conference with students on writing for classes, college applications, apprenticeships, scholarships, writing contests and other assignments. And before and after school.

Appointments are recommended to guarantee a spot! Same day conferences are often hard to schedule, so plan ahead!

For appts contact:

shmiller@mtlsd.net

The Math Lab is located in Room B616. Mrs. Trumbull can be reached at: ltrumbull@mtlsd.net

Click for current Math Lab Hours

TeenScreen

TeenScreen is a nationally-recognized program developed by Columbia University to identify risk factors associated with depression, anxiety, and alcohol and substance abuse. The program is free and completely voluntary and confidential. TeenScreen is available to all students in grades 7-12. Outreach will be working at the middle schools and high school in February and March 2016 to complete the screens. Information and parental consent forms will be mailed home the first week of January. If you have any questions regarding TeenScreen, please contact Emily Heim, MA at Outreach Teen & Family Services, 412-561-5405. **For more information, please visit:** Outreach Teen & Family Services.

9th Grade Individual Guidance Plan Meetings

Invitations to schedule a meeting with your 9th grader's school counselor will be mailed out at the end of January. These meetings will be scheduled to start at the beginning of March. Topics to be addressed will range from academic and social transition to high school to benchmarking the steps toward graduation from high school and beyond.

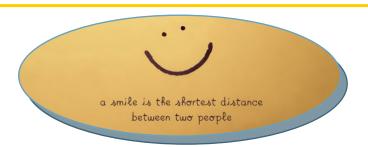
10th Grade Career Unit

During the week of February 3rd our 10th grade students will begin to meet with their counselors to do a career exploration unit. The students will use the Naviance program to begin to learn more about how their interests, skills, talents, and personality type impact their potential career path. If you would like to view the narrated version of the Career Unit PowerPoint Presentation, please go to the Guidance link on the High School web site and then click on 10th Grade Career Unit. The link for the PowerPoint is at the bottom of the page.

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LEAP @ CMU

Leap @ CMU is a summer enrichment program for high school students run by the Carnegie Mellon School of Computer Science since 1991.

At Leap you will interact with leading Carnegie Mellon computer scientists, visit the most cutting-edge local companies & create your own project from start to finish.

All applicants must take an "INTERESTING TEST," a collection of puzzles, brain teasers and mathematical problems. <u>Visit the website for test dates</u>.

Questions? Contact LEAP @ CMU on the web or by phone: 412.268.9497.

Click here for detailed information and online registration.

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