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MADRAS HIGH SCHOOL

MHS NEWS

From the Desk of Principal Carlton

It is always amazing how quickly time passes once the school year begins. We are nearly through our first quarter, the fall sports season and everyone is getting ready for the winter. Students and staff have done an excellent job of adjusting to our 7 period schedule and newly formed Sustained Silent Reading program, Buff Study Time, and the Freshman Academy. Our staff continues their focused professional efforts towards student achievement.

As the quarter closes may I remind you that Parent Conferences will be coming the week of November 9, 2009. Look for our schedule for conferences to be announced through the Pioneer, Spilya, KWSO, and by phone message. Remember, now that we are on the semester system, your child's report card is a progress report, final semester grades are the only grades that are listed on their fi-

nal transcript. **Grades will be mailed home but not until after parent conferences. A copy of your child's quarter progress grades will be available to you at the conferences.** I hope that you will be able take advantage of meeting with your child's teachers during conference time.

There have been many success stories for our fall activities. Players and coaches of all our teams, the cheerleaders and coaches, our band and director, JROTC Color Guard and their respective teachers, and the Student Council and advisor, are all congratulated for their hard work and positive efforts. Of special note was the introduction of Team Study Sessions prior to practice on Wednesdays by several of our teams. It is still a proven fact that students who participate in school activities tend to achieve

academically at a higher level. **Special recognition was recently given to our Varsity Girls Volleyball Team by the Dairy Farmers of America for having the 7th best team grade point average (3.67) for all 5A schools in the State of Oregon.**

On behalf of the MHS staff we thank you for your support with all school programs and activities. Your support of our student achievement efforts makes a positive difference for all our students. If you would like more information on our school goals, programs, Site Council or professional development efforts please give me a call at 475-7265.



Principal Gary Carlton

News from the Sports World by Paul Brown, A.D.

Fall sports seasons are coming to a close. We have had many exciting games throughout all of our programs. We are looking forward to the winter season and the new challenges

ahead. There is a Winter Sports parent meeting on November 3, 2009 at 6:30 in the high school commons. If you have a winter

athlete please come to this meeting and meet the new staff on board. Hope to see you there.

MHS PRINCIPAL—ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Gary Carlton, Principal of Madras High School, has been named the 2009 Administrator of the Year by the Oregon Business Education Association.

This is Mr. Carlton's 7th year at MHS where he has supported Business Technology Education and other Career and Technical Education classes of Computer Technology, FFA, Graphic Technology, Drafting and Woods. He continues to maintain current technological equip-

ment and labs to provide the most current curriculum and career pathways offerings for students.

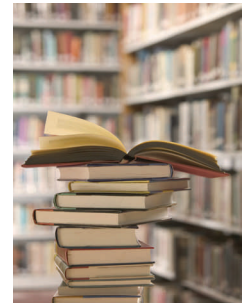
Mr. Carlton has a total of 37 years of experience in education—15 years as a classroom teacher and 21 years as an Administrator. He earned his BA in Social Sciences from Eastern Washington University and his MA in Educational Administration from Central Washington University.

Teachers at MHS appreciate Mr. Carlton's leadership style. He is warm, personable, and genuinely makes his staff feel valued and respected. He displays enthusiasm and concern for all students and members of the community.

We are very proud of Mr. Carlton's recognition from OBEA and appreciate his contributions to our students, staff, and community.

Parents, would you like to have an impact on the Madras High School? We are looking for parent volunteers to join the Site Council held the last Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Madras High School. Please call Principal Gary Carlton at 475-7265 for more information.

Hello, from the library at Madras High School. We have had a great start to the 2009-2010 year and look forward to you coming in so we can become acquainted! I have ordered many new books for our students to read, including a number of really well done graphic novels of Shakespeare, the classics, fiction and non-fiction. We are continuing to update our offerings and make the library a welcome and comfortable place for all of our great students at Madras High School. Please come on in and say hello. Take care and have a lovely fall! Catherine Sergeant



Parents of Seniors, take note!

Senior pictures are due to the yearbook no later than January 4th, 2010. They can be delivered to the front office or emailed to jswagger@509j.net.

The yearbook staff is also offering senior baby ads for purchase again this year. For those of you who are unfamiliar with baby ads, they are a special way to show your child how

proud you are of her or him. You can purchase an ad for them in the yearbook and then send us what you would like the ad to say. The prices for this year are:

1/4 page--\$65

1/8 page--\$45 (This is about the size of a business card and can only

fit one picture.)

Availability is limited due to space, so get your ads in early. Ads will be considered in the order that they are received and need to be paid for at the time of submission. We will be accepting them until **Jan. 30th** or when all spaces are filled. Contact Jessica Swagger for available sizes. 541-475-7265. Ex. 387.

“Free” Money Available to Our Schools

If you are already a Safeway shopper, you could help raise money for our schools by simply enrolling at escrip.com or calling

1-800-400-7878. Once enrolled, up to 4% of your qualifying purchases are credited to the school of your choice

every time you shop with your Safeway Club Card. What an easy way to help improve our schools!

Buff Time: A New Opportunity at MHS

The 09-10 school year at MHS opened with several changes. We are now on a seven period semester schedule rather than a five period trimester schedule and an extra fifteen minutes has been added to our school day. That extra time is utilized in a couple different ways. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays the whole school is involved with Sustained Silent Reading at 11:00am. The more we read the stronger readers we become, so we are taking the time to prioritize this essential life skill. On Tuesdays

and Thursdays, we all have Buff Time.

Buff Time is fifteen minutes at the end of 4th period dedicated as a study time. Students are expected to bring their materials from other classes to work towards completion of their coursework and preparing them for upcoming assessments. In the month of September, all students participated in Buff Time. Starting on October 1, students earning a C or higher in all of their classes are eligible for release Buff Time. The Buff Time list is

updated every Monday. If students are eligible on Monday, they may choose to be released fifteen minutes early for lunch on Tuesday and Thursday of that week.

We appreciate everyone who takes the time to promote Buff Time as an opportunity for all students at MHS to raise their grades and have a choice in the weeks that follow.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE B.L.T?

The **Buff Learning Team** is a team of teachers working collaboratively to help the freshmen class of 2013 be as successful as possible while at MHS. The core group of five teachers meets 75 minutes each week to discuss students and planning. The entire team of nine teachers meets an additional 75 minutes each month discussing student achievement and cross-curricular projects.

In September and October, the BLT has focused on establishing individual student goals and encouraging all freshmen to utilize a common organizational tool – the blue binder. They have also gathered data on effective vocabulary instruction across content areas. This month, the B.L.T. will be shifting their data focus to individual student success utilizing a variety of interventions targeting graduation progress. The measurement for this goal will be the percentage of freshmen earning Cs or higher in all of their classes becoming eligible for Buff Time release if they so choose. One step towards helping all students is the new B.L.T. Study Hall Wednesday and Thursday after school. Encourage a freshman you know to check it out!

B.L.T STUDY HALL
Wednesdays – Mr. Tyler’s Room 40 - 3:25-4:00 p.m. Mr. Kollen’s Room 34
Thursdays – Mrs. Brown’s Room 36 – 3:25-4:45 p.m.
B.L.T. TEACHERS
Garrett Apland, Sharon Brown, Scott Coles, Adrienne Fullmer, Cody Kollen, Julie Marino, Mike Risso, Nate Tyler, and Katrina Venters.

Prescription Drug Dump

At a recent event, *Prescription Drug Conversation*, sponsored by the Jefferson County Prevention Task Force, one of the speakers reported that with the exception of marijuana, more teens abuse prescription drugs than any other drug. Among other reasons, prescription drugs are fairly accessible to young people. In an effort to impact the accessibility of prescription medications, the Jefferson

County Prevention Task Force has arranged for a prescription drug dump from November 16-20, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. each day at either the Madras Police Department or the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. Community members are encouraged to take their unused and no longer needed medications to one of these locations. To protect the patient's identity, labels may be removed or markers will be avail-

able at both locations to mark out identifying information.

Please do not flush these medications because water supplies can be impacted and disposing in the garbage cannot guarantee that the medicine would not get in the wrong hands. Please join in this effort to dispose of these prescription pills in a safe, healthy manner!



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Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 3 Winter Sports Mtg 6:30 pm
- Nov. 6 Inservice/no school
- Nov. 9 First Day of Winter Sports Practice
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day/No School
- Nov. 10-13 Parent Teacher Conferences/No School
- Nov. 13 Sadie Hawkins Dance 8-11:30 pm
- Nov. 18 2 Hour Late Start/Guideroom
- Nov. 19 Financial Aid Night 7 pm
- Nov. 25-27 Thanksgiving Break/No School
- Dec. 19-Jan 3 Christmas Break/No School

MHS PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE:

Nov.10 4:30—8 pm in the Commons

Nov.12 8 am-3pm teachers in their class rooms

4-7 pm Warm Springs Community Center

Please Donate Your Bottles and Cans!

Students, parents, and volunteers of the Madras High School Graduating Class of 2010 would like to collect your bottle and can donations to raise money for the All Night Drug and Alcohol Free Graduation Party. For drop off or pick up information, please call (541) 771-6698.