

MANHATTAN JR. HIGH NEWSLETTER

Thursday, April 30, 2015

Ron Pacheco - Principal

EARLY DISMISSAL & LAST DAY

Wednesday, June 3 will be an early dismissal day. The junior high will dismissal at 12:00 p.m. The last day will be June 4th; dismissal is at 1:30pm.

8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP

The 8th grade class will be going to Great America on June 1. Information has been sent home to all eligible students.

8TH GRADE NIGHT

The graduating class of 2014 will celebrate *8th Grade Night* on Friday, May 29, 2015. The evening will begin at 6:00 at MJHS for eighth graders and their families. Students will remain at school after the awards ceremony for dinner and their dance. Permission slips and information have been sent home with your child. Please direct questions to Mrs. Schussler or Mrs. Watson.

GRADUATION

8th grade graduation will be Wednesday, June 3, at Lincoln-Way Central Fine Arts Center. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. 6 tickets will be issued on June 3 to the students. There will be more information given to 8th grade students, as we get closer to the date of graduation.

SUMMER CAMPS

Boys Basketball – @ Jr. High, June 8–11,	8:00 – 9:30 am	2-5 grades (next year)
	9:30 – 11:00 am	6-8 grades (next year)
Volleyball – @ Jr. High, June 8 – 11,	12:00 – 1:30 pm	1-5 grades (next year)
	1:30 – 3:00 pm	6-8 grades (next year)
Cheerleading - @Jr. High, June 8 – 11,	8:00-9:30 am	6-8 grades (next year)
	10:00-11:30 am	3-5 grades (next year)
Girls Basketball - @ W.C., June 8-11,	8:30 – 10:00 am	2-5 grades (next year)
	10:00 – 11:30 am	6–8 grades (next year)
Track - @ Jr. High, July 27 – 30,	9:00 – 12:00 pm	4-6 grades (next year)

Applications for all camps above are due back by May 15, 2015.

Band Camp @ Jr. High, July 20 – Aug. 13,	7:30 – 12:00pm
5 th gr. French Horn & Trumpets	Mon & Wed 7:30-8:15am
5 th gr. Trombones & Baritones	Mon & Wed 8:15-9:00am
5 th gr. Percussion	Mon & Wed 9:00-9:45am
Marching Band (gr.6-8)	Mon & Wed 10:00-12:00pm
5 th gr. Flutes & Oboes	Tue & Thur. 7:30-8:15am
5 th gr. Clarinets	Tue & Thur. 8:15-9:00am
5 th gr Saxophones	Tue & Thur. 9:00-9:45am
Marching Band	Tue & Thur. 10:00-12:00pm

Orchestra/Choir Camp @ Jr. High, July 27 – Aug. 13, 8 – 4pm	
9:00, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15 - 4 th Beginner Orchestra Class	
12:30 – 1pm	5 th Orchestra switch to bass class
1:00 – 1:45pm	Entering 5 th gr. Orchestra Rehearsal
1:45 – 2:30pm	Entering 5 th , 6 th , 7 th , 8 th Choir rehearsal
2:30 – 3:15pm	Enter 6 th , 7 th , 8 th , Orchestra rehearsal
3:15 – 4pm	IMEA Choir Assist.

P.E. UNIFORMS

We are excited to announce that the Jr. High Physical Education suit is being updating for the 2015-2016 school year!! Students will still be allowed to wear their old uniform if they choose. The new uniform will be available for \$17.00 (no change in price:) They will be available August 11, 2015 from 9 – 1pm during locker-move-in.

SUBSTITUE

If you or someone you know would like to sub for the District as a teacher, aide, or nurse you need to contact Diane Ponshe in the Business Office 815-478-4527.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Sports physicals for the 2015/16 school year will be conducted for MJHS students on May 27 at 8:00 am. Cost of the physical is very reasonable at \$20. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity as it provides eligibility for students to try out and participate in all sports for the entire school year. This eliminates physicals expiring mid sports season, last minute doctor appointments, pulling students out of school, and time lost from mom or dad's busy schedule. Forms will be sent home closer to the date. Please call the MJHS nurse with any questions. 815-478-6090.

REMINDER FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

All Illinois children in kindergarten, second and sixth grades are required to have an oral health examination. A licensed dentist must complete these dental exams and he/she must sign the examination form.

Each child shall present proof of the dental examination by **May 15, 2015**. The examination must have been completed within 18 months prior to the May 15th deadline. The dental examination forms are available in the nurse's office.

The state has also provided "Waiver" forms for families who may have difficulty obtaining a dental examination at this time. These forms are available in the nurse's office and are completely confidential. Please contact the nurse's office if you are unable to obtain the required dental examination at this time, so we can discuss the steps that will need to be taken to assure your child's compliance with the state's regulations regarding dental exams.

BAND NEWS

Sat. May 2: Symphonic Band goes to Great America. Students will need to report to the JH by 5:30am.
Wed. May 6: Beginning Band Sign Up for current 4th graders, 3:30-5:30pm at the JH in band room.
Wed. May 13: Spring Band Concert, 7:00pm in JH gym, grades 5-8.
Wed. May 13: MANDATORY Band Booster Meeting, 6:15pm, in JH gym, band parent's grades 5-8.
Tues. May 19: Symphonic Band goes on Spring Tour to Anna McDonald and Wilson Creek during school day.
Tues. May 19: Band Auditions for 2015-2016 school year. 3:30-7:30pm.
Thurs. May 20: Band Banquet, grades 5-8, at Wilson Creek Elementary School, 5:00-8:30pm
Wed. June 3: Symphonic Band to perform at 8th grade graduation at LWCHS, 7:00pm
Please contact Mrs. Pedziwater with any questions at cpedziwater@manhattan114.org.

ORCHESTRA & CHOIR

Good luck to our Demon Orchestra, Demon Choir, Madrigals and Lady Demons Choir, as they compete in the I.G.S.M.A. state competition on Saturday, April 25th! Good luck musicians! They will travel the following Saturday, May 2 to Zion-Benton HS to compete in the national contest, Music In The Parks. Go DEMONS!!!!

May 7th Everyone is invited to the district string orchestra performance by our 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The concert is free, here at MJHS, and begins at 7:00 p.m.

May 14th Everyone is invited to the district choral concert by our 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. The concert is free, here at MJHS, and begins at 7:00 p.m.

FOUNDATION NEWS

The next Foundation meeting will be on Thursday, May 21, at the Junior High Library, 6 PM. Please watch for the 2015-16 school calendar to come home with current students the last week of school! We provide one calendar per family and it will come home with the youngest student in the district.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

In May, Student Council will be focusing on a fundraiser to help the Manhattan Food Pantry. During the week of May 18th on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, we will be collecting non-perishable food donations from the students before the start of their school day. For every two items donated students will be given one raffle ticket or will be given three raffle tickets for 5 items. Students may also receive one raffle ticket for each dollar they bring in. The more they bring in the more raffle tickets they can earn. A winner will be chosen from each grade for a cheese pizza to be delivered at their lunch. To kick off this important fundraiser, both non-perishable food items and monetary donations will also be collected at the beginning of the Bags Tournament on May 1st. Again, students may bring in non-perishable items or money to receive raffle tickets. Please encourage your child to bring in items/money for the pantry. The summer months can be challenging for the as their stock of items can get very low. We are hoping for a successful food drive by Manhattan Jr. High.

TEAM ASSET: The Lincoln Way TEAM Asset for the month of May is Planning for a Successful Future. As a parent it is important to remember that your attitude about your child's education is everything. If you have a positive attitude about school, there is a very good chance your child will as well. Even if you don't understand what they are doing at school, you still can help your teen by following these simple tips:

1) **Share your ideas about the importance of education with your child.**

Talk about ties between what your teen is learning today and how that knowledge might be used in the future. Begin to talk about their possible education goals. If you begin to think about goals, your teen may as well. Talk about technical and professional schools in your area, careers that you find interesting, or people you have met that seemed to enjoy their work.

2) **Be careful not to pass on negative attitudes about school that may be a part of your own past experience.**

Without realizing it, you could start your child off on the wrong foot by recalling bad memories from your own school days. Giving our kids the idea that school is too difficult, that teachers are unfair, or that school isn't important will discourage them from doing well. Instead, talk about your friends from school, your favorite teachers or your best subject. If school was a bad experience for you, you might tell them you made the mistake of not liking school and you don't want them to do the same.

3) **Help your teen get organized to do homework.** Create a workable space free of distractions and have supplies readily available. Set aside time every day for academic work. On those rare occasions when there is no homework, use that time for your child to read. Setting aside an academic hour (or two) nightly early on in your child's school years will set the stage for good homework habits. If homework still isn't getting done, talk to the teacher about ways to help. A joint effort may work better than "laying down the law."

DIGITAL CORNER: It is almost every time you look around, our teens have discovered a new website or app. This month we are going to focus on a website and livestreaming app that can best be described as "creepy"-**YouNow**. This "reality" site provides users the opportunity to watch others from around the world listen to music, eat, brush their hair, or even sleep. There is an entire hashtag (#sleepinguard) on YouNow devoted to watching people sleep. Users can browse other channels for #girls, #guys, #ask questions, #truth or dare, or the quintessential teen favorite: #bored.

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According to the latest stats, roughly 4 million members create and watch more than 100 million webcasts on YouNow each month, and millions more are drawn to the website just to watch and comment on other livestreams. More than a third of YouNow users are between the ages of 13 and 18, and another 40 percent are in their early 20s.

If this is not enough to make parents nervous, there is even more to worry about this site. There is money involved. As broadcasters stream, they can also live chat with users on the site. Everyone can watch and participate in this chat. Generally, users ask inane questions that the broadcaster answers live. If a user really likes a broadcaster, he or she can "tip" them with points, points that are purchased with real money. The broadcaster gets to keep some of that tip, also in real money, after YouNow takes its cut. Users can also pay to "pin" their post or question to the top of the chat board, enhancing the likelihood that it catches the broadcaster's attention.

Although the service's terms of YouNow forbid members under the age of 13, nudity or other sexual content, and the sharing of personal information, and the fact that the site employs a multilingual team of moderators around the clock to enforce those rules, you can see users as young as 11 broadcasting from their bedrooms, or young girls blowing kisses for "tips".

YouNow is indeed questionable and does need parental oversight. To find out more go to:

<http://www.mnn.com/family/protection-safety/blogs/parents-have-you-heard-of-younow-your-teen-has>

IMPORTANT DATES

May	1	Progress Reports Ready Bean Bag Tournament 2:30 – 5:00PM PTO Spring Dance 6:30 – 9:00PM
	2	B-O-C Competition, Music in the Parks in Gurnee
	6	Track @ Martino 4:00PM
	7	Spring Orchestra Concert (4 th – 8 th) @ MJHS 7:00PM
	12	Track Conf. TBA
	13	Band Concert (5 th – 8 th) @MJHS 7:00PM
	14	Choral Concert (5 th – 8 th) @ MJHS 7:00PM
	16	Track Sectionals 9:00AM TBA
	20	Orchestra/Choir Banquet @ MJHS 6:00PM
	21	Band Banquet @ Wilson Creek 5:30PM
	22	Track State
	23	Track State
	25	No School
	26-29	Full Day for all students
	29	8 th Grade Night @ 6:00PM
June	1	Great America Trip 8 th gr.
	1-2	Full Day for all students
	3	10:30PM dismissal for 8 th grades, they need to provide own ride. 12:00PM dismissal for grades 6-7 12:45PM dismissal for grades 3-5 1:00PM dismissal for grades K-2 Graduation @ LWC 7:00PM, 6 tickets will be issued
	4	1:30PM dismissal for grades 6-7 2:15PM dismissal for grades 3-5 2:30PM dismissal for grades K-2