

## MJHS October Newsletter

1. Traffic Flow Revisions - The company that was hired to build our new school had their engineers to study our traffic flow for a couple of weeks. Their findings recommended that we switch the traffic flow for private vehicles to drop off and pick up in the back of the school. Therefore, as of Monday Oct. 9, 2017, we will begin that process. A diagram of the new traffic flow chart will be sent home on Thursday Oct. 5 with your child.

2. Meet the Teacher Night(s) - Meet the Teacher Night will be scheduled for Monday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> for 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Monday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> for 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Tuesday Oct. 17 for 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The AVID program and contract signing will be Tuesday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause to some of our families that have multiple children at various grade levels. However, due to the expected parental turn out and the parking availability, we want to make every effort to make this event a pleasant experience.

Our neighbors at Cumberland Presbyterian Church as well as Eastern Hills Church of Christ have graciously offered the use of their Parking Lot for these nights. Therefore, as a courtesy, we ask that our guest respect their property as well as not park in the grass and/or block any driveways. The Reunion Inn is not available for parking and we ask that you respect their property. Due to the potential need for emergency vehicles to access their property, as well as ongoing visitors for their residents we have agreed to ask our guest to not park or block their drive or property at any time.

3. Fundraiser – Our current Fundraiser ends this Friday Oct. 6. Fundraisers provide a rewarding experience for our students. They learn responsibility and work ethic required for worthy causes. 100% of the funds go back to our students to provide rewards and incentives. We sincerely appreciate your support in our efforts to provide students an enjoyable side to the education process.

4. Incentive Programs – We will be providing Incentive programs for students who meet certain criteria each 6 week. The first 6 weeks ends in just two (2) weeks, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. The Criteria for this 6 weeks includes: 2 or less tardies (not including 1<sup>st</sup> period), no failing grades, no more than 1 unexcused absence, no major referral, no more than 1 minor referral, and no detentions (Lunch, After School, and/or Saturday Detention).

5. Jean Day - Students may wear Jeans on Friday's for 2.00. Jeans may not have any holes or frays in them (Again, no holes or frays whether they are fully or partially patched, covered or uncovered). Students that violate the privilege to wear jeans will have those privileges suspended.

6. Spirit Shirts – MJHS, MHS, MISD spirit shirts may be worn on Friday's at no cost.

College Shirts – May be worn on Thursday's at no cost, however, uniform bottoms must be worn.

\*\*\*We will announce to students over the intercom if there is any variation of these special dress days.

7. Back Packs – Due to safety measures, Back Pack's must be mesh or see through as per the 2017-18 supply list. Students have until October 20<sup>th</sup> to make those adjustments.

8. Drop Off and Pick Up Times – Due to supervision, do not let your child out of the vehicle prior to 6:50 and all students must be picked up by 3:35. Our staff that works after school duty work day is officially over at 3:35 each day. Therefore, please make appropriate transportation arrangements.

9. Check outs after 2:30. Unless a student has a Doctor, Dental, Court appointment or Funeral to attend, we ask that you please do not check out your child after 2:30. It affects your child’s attendance and quality of work in the classroom.

10. Walkers – There are no designated crosswalks to cross on East Travis Street at the school. Parents are encouraged to provide arrangements for student to be transported by private vehicle or bus.

Please do not park at the two Churches, Apartment Complex, and/or Assisted Living Facility and have your children cross the street on East. Travis. It is a liability that you would incur if your child was injured in an accident. We have instructed our staff to not serve as a traffic monitor (motor or foot traffic). Please drive into the traffic flow that is designate for private vehicles.

Walking on grass and irrigation pipes – Pedestrians are to stay on the sidewalk. Please do not walk on the grass, dirt, or irrigation pipes. The sod and the dirt needs to remain level in order for the roots to take hold in the ground.

