

Dear Families,

MHS: "Excellence in Action"

April 2009

Spring Family Weekend at Milton Hershey School will be here before we know it on May 8 – 10! Please plan to visit with your student(s) on-campus and take advantage of all the fun activities and learning experiences the School has arranged for you and your child/children during that Weekend. This year's stage production, "Peter Pan," will entertain you with its magic and wonder. **As you plan your weekend with your child/children, please remember to inform houseparents, SBA mentors, or TL resident advisors as soon as possible about your visitation plans so they can arrange schedules in their respective residences accordingly.** Take a few minutes to look through this flier and see what's going on all weekend long.

MHS FAMILY WEEKEND VISITATION POLICY

Saturday, May 9

Visitation for all Divisions begins at 8:30 AM on Saturday, May 9.

- If your student has co-curricular obligations as part of the weekend's activities, please make sure they honor those commitments prior to visitation.

TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD DOES NOT LOSE A LONG WEEKEND,
PLEASE FOLLOW IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUNDAY.

Sunday, May 10

- Students who are out visiting overnight on Saturday night must check in with their houseparents at Chapel and be seated with their student home prior to 8:45 AM.
- **If your student does not return for Chapel Service, this weekend will be counted as one of their five long weekends. ALSO, HE/SHE WILL LOSE AN ADDITIONAL WEEKEND, ACCORDING TO HOME LIFE POLICY.**
- **If your student arrives late and/or is dressed inappropriately, he/she will lose one of their five weekend visits.**
- At 8:50 AM the doors to the Auditorium will be closed. Guests who arrive after that time will be invited to watch the Service live on the Upper Level of the Dining Room.
- You are welcome, and encouraged, to sit with your child's student home. If you have siblings enrolled, you may all sit together as long as you've made prior arrangements with the houseparents.
- Everyone is expected to remain in their seats until the conclusion of Chapel Service.
- Visiting on Sunday is from 10 AM – 5 PM

The MHS program focuses much attention on development of character and teaching your child/children to respect and manage responsibilities both to self and others. For this reason, being on time and neatly dressed are vital expectations as we gather for time that is sacred to our School family. We continue to be grateful for the opportunity for us to work with families to help shape and develop character for future generations.

Finally, if parents/sponsors wish to visit their student in their school building on Friday, May 8, they must contact the school main office before May 7, to make arrangements. Contact information is on the next page.

We look forward to seeing you on-campus for Spring Family Weekend next month!

Warm Regards,

Jay Garvey
Coordinator, Family Relations and New Student Transitions
Springboard Academy and Middle Division

Judy Smith
Coordinator, Family Relations and New Student Transitions
Elementary and Senior Divisions

SPRING FAMILY WEEKEND

MAY 8 - 10, 2009

Schedule of Activities



~ Friday, May 8 ~

Academic Visitation Opportunities – All Divisions

Parents/sponsors who wish to visit their student in their school building on Friday, May 8, must call the main office of the school the child attends before May 7 to make reservations:

Elementary Division (Memorial Hall) visitation will take place from 1 – 3 PM. Please call 717-520-2400 or 520-2401.

Middle Division (Catherine Hall) visitation will take place from 8 AM – 3 PM. Please call 717-520-2600.

Springboard Academy (SBA) visitation will take place from 8 AM – 3 PM. Please call 866-552-4755.

Senior Division (Senior Hall) visitation will take place from 7:40 AM – 2:25 PM. Please call 717-520-2804.

Elementary Division Home Life Administrators One-on-One Parents/Sponsors Meetings

Home Life Administrators (HLA's) for Elementary Division will be available on Friday afternoon to meet with you. Please call your HLA **in advance** to make an appointment. If you don't have their direct telephone numbers, please call Elementary Division Home Life – Fanny B. Hershey Memorial Hall Elementary School: 717-520-2900 or 520-2410.

3 – 6 PM Student Plant Sale and Open House

Horticulture Center

Purchase perennials and tropical plants grown by students under the expert direction of the MHS horticulture staff. Students will also be giving tours of the facility including the Apiary as well as the main display collection of over 200 plants. You'll also be able to observe the 2009 Monarch Watch Butterfly Garden as it begins to emerge. Directions to Horticulture Center: follow 322 East to intersection at Homestead Road (starting point). Continue on 322 to Meadow Lane. Turn left onto Meadow Lane, then turn right onto first road on right that is not a residential driveway. Follow road to Y, then bear right. The Horticulture Center is the large building on the right.

6:30 – 8 PM Spartan Family Network Meeting

Community Recreation Center
Pavilion (next to Pool)

MHS staff, parents and sponsors will gather to hear Lewis Webster, Senior Director of Student Character and Leadership, talk about the MHS Centennial (the School is 100 years old this year!), as well as the direction the School will be moving in the future. Light picnic-style snacks will be provided. **Discount Hersheypark tickets will be sold for \$20 per person for all ages while supplies last. (Regular price: \$51.95.) Cash only.**

Directions to Pavilion: From the intersection of Route 322 East and Homestead Road, continue on Route 322 East, then turn right onto Meadow Lane. Continue on Meadow Lane and turn right onto Brook Drive. From Brook Drive, turn right into Parking Lot D. The Community Recreation Center is on your left; the Pavilion is directly behind it.

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8:30 AM **Visitation Begins for All Divisions**

9 – 10 AM **Hersheypark Tickets For Sale**

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Founders Hall
Porte Cochere Entrance

9 – 10:30 AM **Entering the Senior Division**

Senior Hall Forum

Gain a closer look at scholastic and residential expectations as well as student health services as Mr. Skip Weber, Principal; Mr. Tim Wasielewski, Home Life Director; and Ms. Cindy Kelly, Coordinator of Health Services conduct an orientation program ***for parents and sponsors who have children in 8th grade*** and who will enter the Senior Division next school year.

9 AM – 12 Noon **Student Health Services – All Divisions (Appointments must be made *in advance*.)**

Student Health Services staff will be available to meet with you. Please call your student's counselor, social worker, or the Health Center before May 7 to make an appointment. If you don't have their direct phone numbers, please call the Divisional Coordinators of Health Services at 717-520-3333 or the Health Center at 717-520-2180.

9:30 AM – 12 Noon **8th Annual MHS Juried Student Art Show**

Clyde Stacks Visual Arts Center Gallery

Come out and see the amazing array of Pre-K through Grade 12 artistic talent and expressions in this year's MHS Juried Student Art Show. The Purchase Award and Honorable Mention Award prizes will be presented at a special, yet brief, ceremony at 10 AM in the Gallery.

10 - 11 AM **Entering the Middle Division**

Catherine Hall Cafeteria

This is a special orientation program for parents/sponsors of current 4th graders. Gain a closer look at scholastic, home life, and health service expectations from Mrs. Deb Brown, Principal; Mr. James Carter, Home Life Director; and Mrs. Heather Teter, Coordinator of Student Health Services. In addition, an overview of After School Activity Program will be explained and a short tour of the Middle School will be given. Directions to Catherine Hall and Parking Information: Off of Hershey Park Drive, turn onto Hotel Road and make the 2nd left. Follow this road back & make a right turn into the parking garage. Enter parking garage stairs and take to top level where the enclosed walkway to the school building is located.

10:30 AM – 12 Noon **Career Planning and Student Work Programs**

Senior Hall Main Office

Art Kline, Associate Director of Transition Services; and Barbara Closky, Coordinator of Student Work Programs, will be available to answer questions regarding career planning or student work programs. *Parents/sponsors who would like to meet with either of them must call 717-520-2802 prior to May 7 to make a 15-minute appointment.*

11 AM – 12 Noon **Transitional Living Tour**

Caaba and Fulton

This is a special tour for parents/sponsors of Rising Seniors (current 11th graders). Come meet the staff and visit a Transitional Living home to understand more about this exciting program.

12 Noon – 2 PM **Family Lunch**

Founders Hall Dining Room

An assortment of luncheon foods will be served. ***Discount Hersheypark tickets will be sold for \$20 per person for all ages while supplies last. (Regular price: \$51.95.) Cash only.***

12 Noon – 4 PM **MHS Gear for Sale**

Founders Hall Rotunda

Visit the Alumni Association tables to purchase your very own Spartanwear, MHS mementos and gift items.

12:15 – 12:45 PM **Overview of Transitional Living**

Founders Hall Dining Rooms #1 and #2

This is a special session for parents/sponsors of Rising Seniors (current 11th graders) / just off of the Upper Level Dining Room
Important information will be shared as your student enters a new phase of life.

12:45 – 1:15 PM

**Information Gathering for parents/sponsors
of the MHS Class of 2009 (current Seniors)**

Founders Hall Dining Rooms #1 & #2
(just off of the Upper Level Dining Room)

Milton Hershey School is dedicated to providing your child the best opportunity for success. Come and learn more about the new program, "Twelve Plus." The purpose of this program is to create opportunities designed to fully support the success of our young graduates. Jim Case, Associate Director of Transitional Living, will be on hand to highlight this exciting program and explain how together we can provide the greatest opportunity for your child's success.

1 – 4 PM

Tours of the MHS Heritage Center and Department of School History

Kinderhaus

The MHS Heritage Center provides all students with an opportunity to learn about the history of their School and Milton and Catherine Hershey. The Heritage Center, the "family attic" of the School, features exhibits, photographs, objects, and artifacts that tell the story of the history and traditions of the School. Visitors will be able to tour the facility, see School films from the past, as well as a short film about Kinderhaus. Directions to Kinderhaus: From Founders Hall, proceed northwest on Meadow Lane. At the intersection of Meadow Lane and Governor Road (traffic light), continue straight. The Kinderhaus driveway is the first one on the left.

2 – 4 PM

An Afternoon at the Movies

Founders Hall Dining Room

Enjoy some family time and watch a movie together.

7 PM

2009 Spring Family Weekend Show: PETER PAN

Founders Hall Auditorium

Based upon Sir James M. Barrie's 1904 play about the boy who refuses to grow up, the story begins in the London nursery of Wendy, John, and Michael Darling, where the three children are visited by Peter Pan. With the help of his tiny friend, the fairy Tinkerbell, Peter takes the three children on a magical flight to Never Land. This enchanted island is home to Peter, Tink, the Lost Boys, Tiger Lily and her Native American nation, and the scheming Captain Hook who is just as intent on defeating Peter Pan as he is from escaping the tick-tocking crocodile. "Peter Pan" is a show that will entertain all ages! Come see the fun and magic of Peter Pan.

~ Sunday, May 10 ~

Transportation Announcement: A shuttle will be provided on Sunday from Copenhagen Parking Lot to Founders Hall from 7:30 – 8:40 AM. The last shuttle to Founders Hall will leave at 8:40 AM. Also, the shuttle will go back to the parking lot when Chapel is finished. The last shuttle returning to the parking lot will leave Founders Hall Porte-Cochere at 10:30 AM.

9 – 10 AM

Chapel Service

Founders Hall Auditorium

Parent/Sponsors and their families are invited and encouraged to attend our Sunday morning Chapel Service. Chapel music will be provided by our high school select choir known as "New Horizons". Also included in this Chapel Service will be the induction of deserving students into the MHS chapter of the National Honor Society. So this weekend does not count as one of your weekends, all students must be seated with their student homes and appropriately dressed for Chapel no later than 8:45 AM. At 8:50 AM, the doors to the Auditorium will be closed to begin the service. Guests who arrive after that time will be invited to watch the Service live on the Upper Level of the Dining Room.

10 – 11 AM

Refreshments-on-the-Run

Founders Hall Dining Room

Come get a snack prior to spending the day with your student or beginning your travel back home. Coffee, tea, fruit, and bagels will be available. ***Discount Hersheypark tickets will be sold for \$20 per person for all ages while supplies last. Cash only. (Regular price: \$51.95.)***

