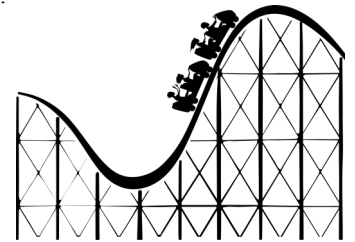




The Roller Coaster of Parenting

Raising children is often like a roller coaster ride. There are ups and downs that can be a real challenge. Over the summer, our children will have more unstructured time than they do during the school year. Try to find some positive activities for them to participate in. It is also an opportunity to spend "family time" doing fun, outdoor things.



Regardless of the time of year, keep in mind the *18 Memos From a Child*, by an unknown author. These are great reminders for us, as parents, as we go through the stages of raising our children.

1. Don't spoil me. I know quite well that I ought not to have all I ask for. I'm only testing you.
2. Don't be afraid to be firm with me. I prefer it. It makes me feel secure.
3. Don't let me form bad habits. I have to rely on you to detect them in the early stages.
4. Don't make me feel smaller than I am. It only makes me behave stupidly "big".



5. Don't correct me in front of people if you can help it. I'll take much more notice if you talk quietly with me in private.
6. Don't make me feel that my mistakes are sins. It upsets my sense of value.
7. Don't protect me from consequences. I need to learn the painful way sometimes.

8. Don't be too upset when I say, "I hate you." It isn't you I hate but your power to thwart me.
9. Don't take too much notice of my small ailments. Sometimes they get me the attention I need.
10. Don't nag. If you do, I shall have to protect myself by appearing deaf.
11. Don't forget that I can't explain myself as well as I should like. That is why I'm not always accurate.

12. Don't be inconsistent. That completely confuses me and makes me lose faith in you.
13. Don't put me off when I ask questions. If you do, you'll find that I stop asking and seek my information elsewhere.
14. Don't tell me my fears are silly. They're terribly real and you can do much to reassure me if you try to understand.

15. Don't think that it's beneath your dignity to apologize to me. An honest apology makes me feel surprisingly warm towards you.

16. Don't forget how quickly I'm growing up. It must be very difficult for you to keep pace with me, but please try.

17. Don't forget that I don't thrive without lots of love and understanding, but I don't need to tell you that, do I?

18. Please keep yourself fit and healthy. I NEED YOU!



UPCOMING EVENTS SUMMER CALENDAR

8th Grade Dance 6:30-8:30pm (MJHS Gym)	May 6
Sports Awards Night 7:00pm (MJHS Gym)	May 8
Academic Honors Night 7:00pm (MJHS Gym)	May 9
8th Grade Trip / 7th Grade Grill-in 7:00pm (MJHS Gym)	May 11
8th Grade Science Fair 3:30-5:00pm (MJHS Gym)	May 12
IESA Sectional Track Meet (9am) Tuscola High School, Tuscola, IL	May 13
11:30am Dismissal - SIP Day Last Day for Students	May 19
No School - Teachers Institute	May 22
<u>Girls' Basketball Camp</u> Grades 4-6 (10am-12pm) - Ross Gym Grades 7-8 (10am-12pm) - JH Gym	May 23-26
Report Cards Issued	May 23
<u>Boys' Basketball Camp (HS Gym)</u> Grades 2-4 (8am-10am) Grades 5-8 (10am-12pm) Grades 9-12 (1pm-3pm)	May 30-June 2
<u>Girls' Volleyball Camp (HS Gym)</u> Grades 7-8 (10am-12pm)	June 5-9
MJHS Cheerleading Camp 8:00am - 12:00pm	July 17-20
School Registration (8am - 7pm)	August 2
First Day for Students 11:30am Dismissal	August 15



MJHS News Shorts



FAREWELL

We would like to wish a fond farewell to Mrs. Kathy English and Mrs. Brenda Pearison. They are both retiring this year after many years of providing excellence in education at MJHS. Best wishes to the both of you! Thank you for the lives you touched and the memories you created.



TECH 2017

Marshall Junior High 8th graders will represent our school in the annual "Students for the Information Age" TECH 2017 event held on Tuesday, May 9 at the Illinois State Capitol Building in Springfield where hundreds of students and teachers will represent schools from throughout the state. At the event, students will show the public and members of the IL Senate and House of Representatives how technology is being used in the classroom to increase student engagement and improve achievement.



MJHS Honors Nights

On Monday, May 8, at 7pm we will have our annual sports awards night recognizing our student-athletics. Then on Tuesday, May 9, at 7pm we will have academic honors night in recognition of student performance in the classroom. Please have your student check the attendee list in the office for honors night. Thank you!

Have you been persuaded, or read a good book, lately? WE HAVE!

Mr. Curry's language arts classes are currently writing persuasive essays. Several students have chosen a topic to attempt to "persuade" their parents of some issue. I wonder how those will turn out?

Also, Mr. Curry's literature classes just completed their literature circle projects and presentations. Each group chose a historical fiction novel and each student chose their role of either a Summarizer/Biographer, Character Analyzer, Conflict Coordinator, History Detective, or Culture Connector. Student groups did a wonderful job in sharing and teaching the class about their novels.



Mrs. Pearison's Class 'Heads West'

Conestoga wagons, wagon trains, and pioneer life were the focus of Mrs. Pearison's history



class's last unit of the year.

Westward expansion of the United States was researched, with activities that included; Lewis and Clark mapping, building covered wagons, and compiling and gathering a list of supplies that would fit in an 18 x 4' covered wagon. Baking cornbread and making homemade butter concluded the unit on pioneer life.

Message from the Principal

As we see another school year start coming to an end, I would like to take this opportunity and thank some very important individuals. You, parents.

To the parents of 8th graders, thank you for two years with a great group of kids! With your support and involvement of academics and activities, the 8th graders will be going on to high school well prepared.

To you 7th grade parents, thank you for your cooperation in the transition of your kids from 6th grade to junior high. Next year it should be easier for them and you. We look forward to them starting the 8th grade on a positive note.

Sincerely,
Tony Graham, MJHS Principal

8th Grade Science Fair

Mark your calendar for Friday, May 12 for the 8th grade Science Fair! Students will present their projects to Rose-Hulman students, A.K.A. the "Judges". Parents, guardians, and the community are welcome to come between 3:30-5:00pm to see all of the creative science projects.



April Students of the Month

Each month will have a different character trait that will be focused on when selecting deserving students. This month's character trait was **Trustworthiness - inspiring complete reliability and confidence in his/her truthfulness, integrity, and discretion**

Congratulations to our April Students of the Month!



**7th Graders: Tyson Kessler and Alayna Atwood
8th Graders: Dylan Stillwell and Morgan Livingston**