



UPCOMING EVENTS

ILMEA Jazz Festival at Eastern Illinois University	Nov. 6
Marshall Schools Foundation Talent Show (6:00-8:00pm) Location: MJHS	Nov. 7
Veterans Day Program (1:00pm) Location: MJHS 	Nov. 10
Progress Reports for 2nd Quarter	Nov. 10
Clark County Jazz Festival	Nov. 17
ILMEA Band/Choir Festival at Effingham, IL	Nov. 18
7th Girls' Basketball Regional hosted by Lawrenceville JHS	Nov. 18 to Nov. 22
Early Dismissal (2:00pm)	Nov. 21
No School Thanksgiving Break 	Nov. 22 to Nov. 24
8th Girls' Basketball Regional hosted by Teutopolis JHS	Nov. 27 to Dec. 1
Marshall Community Christmas Parade	Dec. 2
MJHS Chorus Concert (6:30pm)	Dec. 5

Don't let electronic devices derail your student's studies.

Sometimes it seems that junior high schoolers are permanently attached to their phones, tablets, and other devices. They text from the minute they wake up until they go to bed. They share funny videos and pictures with their friends. They scroll through social media.

So it's no surprise that students often try to use their phones while they're working in class or doing homework. But several research studies show that the more time students say that they text, use social media or read online while they do schoolwork, the lower their grades are.

Students often think their devices can help with their work. After all, they can watch a video of the Pyramids while studying history. They can check their answer to a math problem. There is just one problem: Kids seldom stay focused on the work they are doing. Pretty soon, they click from the history video to the latest internet joke. From then on, history or math is not their focus.

What can you do to help your child stay focused on his/her work and not on their smartphone? Here are some tips:



1. **Talk about multitasking** - and how research shows it doesn't work. Students need to focus while studying or they will not learn.
2. **Follow the rules** regarding devices in class. Many school have a "parking lot" where student must leave their phones.
3. **Limit the use of devices** during homework time. Studies show that the more time students spend multitasking, the longer their studies take.
4. **Be a role model yourself.** Family time is important. Don't check your phone during those crucial time, such as dinner or (especially) in the car.

Source: K. Kowalski, "When Smartphones Go to School," Science News for Students

Message from the Principal

Dear MJHS Parents:

As we move deeper into the second quarter of the school year, classes and activities are in full swing. Yet, sometimes parental involvement decreases during the junior high years. Don't let this happen to you. There are wonderful events that take place at Marshall Junior High School that you can share with and/or

show support to your student through theirs or friends' activities. As you can see from this months upcoming events calendar November is a busy month full of activities to participate in and experience. You may not be able to make every game or event, but try to make as many as possible. When you cannot be there, let your child know

that your heart is with them.

Another way that you can show support is to volunteer to help out with a dance, game, or field trip. Your participation will show your student that their education and their activities are important to you. Have a great upcoming holiday season.

It's a Great Day to be a Lion Cub!

Tony Graham, MJHS Principal



MJHS News Shorts



CANNED FOOD DRIVE COMING SOON!

We will start our annual canned food drive after Thanksgiving Break. This is a PSC (*Principal's Student Challenge*) Event. Meaning, students will be challenged by Mr. Graham to bring in a certain number of items. If students are successful in the challenge, Mr. Graham must partake in something out of the ordinary and perhaps unpleasant. Collection will take place after Thanksgiving Break till December 14. More information will be share after Thanksgiving Break

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

On Friday, November 10 at 1:00pm, the junior high will host the annual 5th grade Veterans Day Program. This is a wonderful program that recognizes our local veterans and current service men and women. We hope to see you there.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Marshall JHS hosted the girls' LEIC Conference Basketball Tournament from Oct. 20-26. We are proud of our 7th and 8th grade teams for their accomplishment. **7th Grade (3rd Place) 8th Grade (LEIC Champs)**



8TH GRADE STUDENTS PARTAKE IN LAWMAKING PROCESS



8th grade students in Mr. Whitmore's civics class were able to see how our government works by partaking in a simulation. Civics classes elected a President of each class after listening to some riveting campaign speeches from the candidates. As the President and Vice President were elected, the rest of the class was randomly assigned to different branches of the government. There was a House of Representatives, a Senate,

a Supreme Court, and the Cabinet. Then as a government, they were tasked to create a healthy lunch menu. Supreme Court gave their interpretation of what healthy meant; Executive Branch laid out their agenda (menu items) and created an executive order; as the Legislative Branch broke out into committees to research healthy foods and create bills. Bills had to be passed by both houses of Congress, signed or vetoed by the President, and finally declared constitutional or unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. Hopefully this simulation gave a clearer picture of how our government works. Pictures are of 6th and 7th Hour Civics: Back Row: President and Vice President. Front Row: President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Chief Justice, and the Speaker of the House.



Students, Cell Models, and Science

In Mrs. Miller's 8th grade science class students recently learned about plant and animal cells. Students made cell models that identified specific cell parts and their functions. The students did an outstanding job putting together creative models. For a bonus, the cells were voted on by MJHS staff for specific categories. The winners for the following categories were:
Most unique animal cell - Mackenzie Sanders
Most unique plant cell - Kai Engledow
Most creative materials used - Alicia Gallant and Pablo Santos
Best of Show - Andrew Miller



EMAIL ETIQUETTE

In Mrs. Musselwhite's class, students are learning about the proper steps in sending an email. Students had to learn where to place the address of the person they were sending it to. Make sure that they had a title in the subject line and then when it came to typing the body of the email student had to use correct punctuation, spelling, and sentence structure. Students were introduced to autocorrect and other email capabilities that improve their written communication and sentence formation.



October 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 **RESPONSIBILITY, being accountable, the pursuit of excellence, and the exercise of self-control.**

Congratulations to our October Students of the Month!



**7th Graders: Jenna Clark and Eli Daugherty
 8th Graders: Cailin Morris and Robert Peters**

Friendly Reminder:

Parents, please make sure that if your student's after school plans change that the junior high office is notified by 2:30 so that the correct arrangements and contacts can be made.