

MANHATTAN JR. HIGH NEWSLETTER

Monday, August 24, 2009

RON PACHECO - PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BACK

It's hard to believe another year is up and running. We look forward to working with your children. There are many new challenges and exciting times ahead of us.

Welcome to our new staff members. Joining our ever-growing "family" is:

Jennifer O'Neill – Reading Specialist
Andrea Kozlowicz – Math Teacher
Jason Frieri - Health Teacher
Christianna Hagen – Aide
Amy Guzek – Language Arts Teacher

SCHOOL PICTURES

Students will have their pictures taken on **Aug. 25**, during gym and health classes.

WHEN DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP STUDENTS

When dropping off students in the morning please enter the parking lot on the west end of the building. Drop students off at the doors on the north/west side of the building (by the band room). When picking students up after school, please pick them up in the west parking lot. This will help buses leave the school in a timely manner.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Just a reminder that there is early dismissal on Friday, Sept. 25 at 12:00 P.M. Teachers will attend afternoon meetings.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Back to school night will be on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 6:45 P.M. Please bring the schedule your child filled out for you. Maps will also be available for you. I look forward to seeing everyone. Parents are asked to report to the gym at 6:45. Students are not allowed to attend this event.

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCE

Please call the Jr. High office at 478-6090 to report your child absent. Answering machine is on at all times. Please specify the reason for his/her absence. If you do not call, you must send a note with your child to the office upon his/her return to school. If we do not receive notification (by phone or note) your child's absence will be UNEXCUSED. The call must be made by a parent or supervising adult.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Preferred Meals, is our new lunch provider. They will utilize a computer generated accounting system, just as we have in the past. Students are provided with photo I.D. lunch card. Students **must** use the I.D. when purchasing lunch. Payments can be made anytime during the month. Lunches cost \$2.75 this year. Replacement I.D.s are available for \$5.00. Students will not be allowed to incur a negative balance. Students with negative lunch balances will not be able to purchase lunch until the balance has been paid. Cheese/crackers and milk will be provided to students who do not have money in their account only twice.

GOOD LUCK

Our Manhattan Band is participating Saturday, Sept. 5 in the Manhattan Fun Day Parade.

PROGRESS REPORT AND REPORT CARDS

Progress report and report cards will be sent home with students. They will come home in a brown envelope that needs to be **signed and returned** to homeroom teachers.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Boys volleyball tryouts are Monday, August 24, 2:30 – 4 p.m. All students trying out **MUST** have a sports physical on file.

PARENTS

We will be using e-mail addresses for the newsletters, lunch menu's and other important info to get to parents. Please fill out the attached form with your address info.

STUDENT NAME: _____

MOM E-MAIL: _____

DAD E-MAIL: _____

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

- Aug. 25 Fall Pictures
31 Girls Basketball Try-outs 4 – 6 p.m.
- Sept
- 2 PTO Meeting @ W.C. 9:30 a.m.
 - 3 Cross Country @ Troy 4 p.m.
 - 7 No School – Labor Day
 - 8 Boys VB @ MJHS 4 p.m.
Cross Country @ Martino 4 p.m.
 - 9 Back to School Night – 6:45 p.m.
 - 10 Boys VB @ Mokena 4 p.m.
Cross Country @ Liberty 4 p.m.
 - 11 PTO Back to School Family Night – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
 - 15 Boys VB @ Summit Hill 4 p.m.
Cross Country @ MJHS 4 p.m.
 - 16 Cross Country @ Hufford 4:30 p.m.
Band Booster Mtg. 7 p.m.
 - 17 Boys VB @ MJHS 4 p.m.
Cross Country @ MJHS 4 p.m.
 - 19 Cross Country @ Troy 9 a.m.
 - 22 Boys VB @ MJHS 4 p.m.
 - 23 Girls BB @ MJHS 4 p.m.
 - 24 Boys VB @ Hickory 4 p.m.
Cross Country @ MJHS 4 p.m.
 - 25 Progress Reports Sent Home
Early Release 12:00 p.m.
 - 28 Girls BB @ MJHS 4 p.m.
Fall Picture Retake Day
 - 29 Boys VB @ Homer 4 p.m.
Cross Country @ MJHS 4 p.m.
 - 30 Girls BB @ MJHS 4:15 p.m.