

**MANHATTAN JR HIGH
NEWSLETTER
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REMINDER

Just a reminder winter break begins December 23, 2011 through January 9, 2012. School resumes on Monday, January 9, 2012. No school on January 16, 2012 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day & Teacher Institute. Early dismissal day on January 13, Jr High is 12:00 PM, Anna McDonald 12:45, and Wilson Creek 1:00 PM.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

Call your child's school phone number (Manhattan Jr. High - 815-478-6090), or the district phone number (815-478-6093). Then, press 5 to hear updated information about school closings.

Parents have other options to receive information on whether our school will follow PLAN A: School is closed or PLAN B: School will begin one hour later than usual. These options are as follows:

1. Listen to WJOL Radio (1340 AM), WGN Radio (720 AM), WBBM Radio (780 AM), CBS Channel 2, NBC Channel 5, ABC Channel 7, WGN Channel 9, Fox Channel 32 and CLTV Cable.
2. By touch-tone phone call 312-222-SNOW. You will be prompted to enter our main phone number 815-478-4527.
3. Access the website www.emergencyclosings.com. Once connected, search for Wilson Creek School for information. Parents can sign-up to receive an e-mail notification through this website.

EARLY DISMISSAL: If it becomes necessary to close school during the day, an announcement will be made on WJOL (1340 AM) radio. Our school will attempt to contact Wilson Creek, Anna McDonald, and requested Manhattan Junior High parents, only in the event of an early dismissal. Make sure your child has proper instructions as to what to do!

PARENTS

If you **haven't** provided your email address or it has changed, please send an email to: gjohnston@manhattan114.org

If you have a child receiving free lunch, your family may qualify for affordable home Internet service. This program, provided by Comcast, is called Internet Essentials. Home Internet service for a low cost as well as low cost computer purchases can be obtained through this program. You may call Comcast toll-free at 1-855-8-INTERNET to see if you qualify as well as enroll. For more information, you can go to www.InternetEssentials.com.

GRADUATION PICTURES

8th grade graduation pictures are on January 25, 2012.

REPORT CARDS

The second quarter ends January 13. Report cards will be ready January 20.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Take a break on cooking: come have dinner and fun with us!
Please join us for a community wide Family Fun Night
Manhattan Jar High's main fund-raiser
Friday, February 10, 2012 at Manhattan Jr High from 6:30-9:00.

FOOD... Pizza, Hot dogs, chips, sweets and drinks.
FUN... Dodgeball game in the gym.
Classrooms will be set up with games, crafts, bake sale and more!
Also an inflatable in the Library.

Cost is only \$1.00 per family to enter.
All food and games will be paid for in tickets.
Advance Ticket Sales Available!
Bug \$15 worth of tickets for only \$20
Or
\$.50 each at the door
the night of the Family Fun Night.

BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED!

Please help make Family Fun Night a successful and fun family event. It will take place at the junior high on Friday, February 10th! We are in need of baked goods to sell at our Bake Sale. Items can be delivered to the junior high on Friday, February 10th and dropped off in the office. Thank you for your support and hope to see you there!

DONATIONS & RAFFLES

If you own a business and would like to donate (monetary) or a raffle item, that would be greatly appreciated. If you work for a business that would like to help out also they can mail the monetary donation to the school: MJHS, 15606 W Smith Rd, Manhattan IL 60442 or contact the office 815-478-6090 for someone to pick up the raffle item.

SUBSTITUTE NURSE & AIDES NEEDED

We are in need of substitute nurses and teacher aides. If you or someone you know would like to substitute please have them contact me at: gjohnston@manhattan114.org

SCIENCE CLUB - BURIED TREASURE!!!

Our next session of Science club will run from January 25 - February 15. We will meet weekly on Wednesday from 2:30-3:15 to study that, which is under our feet! The focus will be on mining and identification of minerals and gems, with lots of hands on problem solving to step it up beyond what we can do during the regular school day. Space is limited to 30 participants. Permission slips will go out after break. A big thank you to Exxon Mobil who helps fund our Science Club.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

8th: McKenzie Schultz, Kayla Leggero, Katie Forsythe, Abbey Rose, Sammy Deninger, Alexis Rodgers, Alie Vanderbent, Jenny Healy, Yasmine Pantoja, Amelia Westergaard.

7th: Sam Cambron, Taylor Lawless, Skyler Marotta, Emily Martinsen, Anna Ramirez, Allison Stonis, Kailey Wager, Kaitlyn Shepard.

6th: Abbey Baez, Jolie Boros, Hayley Corbett, Hannah Falejezyk, Lexi Filafusi, Courtney Goetz, Zoe Richardson, Lauren Schultz, Jessica Smith.

BAND NEWS

January 18, Wednesday: Band Booster Meeting, 6:00pm in the JH Band Room.

January 21, Saturday: Lincoln Way All Star Festival for select band students at Summit Hill Jr. High School in Frankfort.

January 26, Thursday: Beginning Band Concert, 7:00pm in the JH gym.

February 4, Saturday: Band Education Day, all day at the JH.

February 13-27: Spring Fundraiser TBA

February 18: Solo and Ensemble Contest at Hilda Walker in Tinley Park

ORCHESTRA & CHOIR NEWS

Thank you to all who participated in our fundraiser! It is appreciated very much!

If your child is participating in the Illinois Grade School Music Association Solo and Ensemble contest, all information must be turned in to Mrs. Pacheco by Tuesday, January 10th.

STUDENT COUNCIL

December was a busy and lucrative month for Student Council. To raise money for our community's Angel Tree Network, Student Council held a fundraiser during students' lunch periods. Students could purchase stars for their grade's tree for 25 cents or steal a star from another grade's tree for 50 cents. The grade who had the most stars on their tree after the fundraiser ended would be awarded a Dodgeball tournament for their grade. 7th graders won the competition; but more importantly, we raised \$325 in order to purchase Christmas gifts for children in need. Student Council then went out shopping to purchase the gifts and had a blast wrapping all the presents afterward. Student Council would like to thank all the students at Manhattan Jr. High for their participation in this fun event.

ORIGAMI GROUP

The origami group will be meeting during 6 consecutive Wednesdays in January and February (starting Wednesday, January 11th) during homeroom time. Anime drawing will begin immediately following for six consecutive Wednesdays starting in February and ending in March. There are still some spaces available. If interested, please see Mrs. Nass for a permission slip.

HANDS TO HEARTS CRAFT CLUB

The next meeting of this group will be on Friday, January 27th during homeroom. At that time we will be making Valentine crafts for the senior's February luncheon program at the Manhattan Park District.

PARENT/COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Hands of Hope Counseling Services: Provides a range of therapeutic services to children, adolescents and adults. Staff is experienced in a variety of treatment modalities including marital, family, and play therapy. Individual, family, couples, and child/adolescent counseling are all available. Counseling groups are also available and include anger management, domestic violence, and substance abuse. Special accommodations are made to individuals and families who are struggling financially and who qualify for services at a reduced rate based on income. Most PPO insurance coverage and Medicare Part B also accepted. There are various locations in Will County for their offices. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call their Central Intake unit at 1-800-240-7011.

Catholic Charities: Provides food and travel vouchers as well as vouchers for clothing and furniture. Will also provide (if you qualify financially) for financial assistance for prescriptions and rent/mortgage assistance. Call 815-774-4663 for more information. Operates out of Catholic Charities' Daybreak Center located in Joliet.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 23 -

Jan 8, 2012 Winter Break - **No School**

Jan 9 School resume

10 6BBB @ Hilda Walker 4PM

7th & 8th BBB @ Summit Hill 4PM

11 GVB @ Home vs. Huffed 4:30PM

Athletic Boosters Meeting 7PM

12 6th BBB @ Anna McDonald vs. Bently 4PM

7th & 8th BBB @ Home vs. Martino 4PM

Foundation Meeting @MJHS 6PM

Orchestra/Choir Booster Meeting 7PM

13 End of 2nd qt.

Early Release 12:00PM

16 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Institute/Martin Luther King

17 7th & 8th BBB @ Home vs. Peotone 4PM

18 6th BBB @ Anna McDonald vs. Oakview 4PM

7th & 8th BBB @ Home vs. Liberty 4PM

GVB @ Coal City 4:30PM

Student Assembly - Cyber Bullying

19 GVB @ Home vs. Bourbonnais 4PM

20 Report Cards Ready

6th BBB Conference Tournament @ Homer

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Band - LW All Star Festival @ Summit Hill

23 7th BBB Regionals

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GVB @ Martino 4PM

25 7th BBB Regionals

8th Graduation Pictures

26 7th BBB Regionals

GVB @ Hickory Creek 4PM

27 8th play info meeting 2:30 - 3:10

Women's Club Dance 7 - 9PM

28 8th BBB Regionals

30 8th BBB Regionals

GVB @ Home vs. Manteno 4:30PM

Orchestra/Choral Carnation Sale begins

31 8th BBB Regionals

GVB @ Troy 4PM

8th gr. Play auditions 2:30 - 5PM

For information or directions you may check the website: www.manhattan114.org