



MOUNT CLEMENS SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS

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ADMINISTRATOR'S ARENA

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER HOLIDAY EDITION

Dear Parents and Students,

The conclusion of the first marking period (10 weeks) brings us to the end of football, volleyball and junior high girls' basketball seasons. This means that the high school basketball season is right around the corner. Be on the lookout for games and tournaments starting in December. Time really does fly. Our coaches and athletes have been doing a great job keeping Bulldog and Bather Pride alive and well. I would like to extend my thanks to you, the parents, whose tremendous support makes all these programs such a success.

The junior high and 9th grade students have just completed a long round of MEAP testing. We will be anxiously awaiting the results. Thank you parents for making sure your students were in attendance during these very important test days.

The junior high attended their first Halloween dance and had a great time socializing with their peers. Thank you, parents and staff members, for making the dance a memorable one for the junior high.

We are about to be interrupted by several days off for the students, for the Thanksgiving and Winter Recesses. The first semester does not end until after the Winter Recess on January 15, 2010. This poses a slight retention problem for studies gained before the winter recess. We don't want the student's struggling during semester final exams after they have been on vacation. Please help by making sure that your sons and daughters actively review their course work during their long breaks.

Parents, remember that your support at home is a dynamic part of student success in the classroom. Please get involved in your child's education. Talk with your kids about their school day; help them with their homework; provide a quiet workplace for them; and let them know that you are confident that they will succeed. Encourage your students to wear their IDs. Contact the school office to find out how you can get involved.

I hope everyone has a safe and joyous holiday season!

Sincerely,

Michael Bruce,
MCCS Secondary Campus Principal

ADMINISTRATOR'S ARENA

Continued...

Dear Parents,

The Mount Clemens Junior High students recently had a Halloween dance. The students dressed in their Halloween costumes and had a howling good time. Thanks to the parents and teacher volunteers who helped with the supervision of the students.

With the students, we recently celebrated a Birthday Breakfast. Those students who had birthdays during the month of September and October were treated to apple juice, assorted doughnuts and fruit. We will be doing birthday breakfasts for each month for all of our wonderful students.

The "Caught You Being Good Card" will be given to students who are making an extra effort in our building to do the right things and make good choices. Our students will be treated with a treat from the cafeteria, given something by their teacher or the main office.

As our Girls' Basketball and Boys' Football seasons come to a close, we would like to thank those students for their consistent hard work in the classrooms, on the field or in the gymnasium. Also a tremendous thank to the coaches, parents and teachers for their continued support.

We are starting FEED-A-FAMILY. The Junior High and High School students would like to donate baskets of food to feed needy families in the community during this Thanksgiving season. Staff and students may donate non-perishable food items. We would also like to collect \$10.00 per classroom to help purchase a turkey for each and every basket. Our goal this season is to help 40 families. The top classroom meeting this goal, wins a pizza party.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Dr. Pamela Bilbrew, Dean of Students

Dear Bather parents,

The administration and staff at Mount Clemens High School would like to express its dismay and growing concern with what it views as an overall lack of appropriate conduct from our students.

We have been experiencing an unusual number of incidents including:

- Failure to follow school and classroom rules
- Profanity
- Disrespect and,
- Disregard of verbal Direction from school personnel

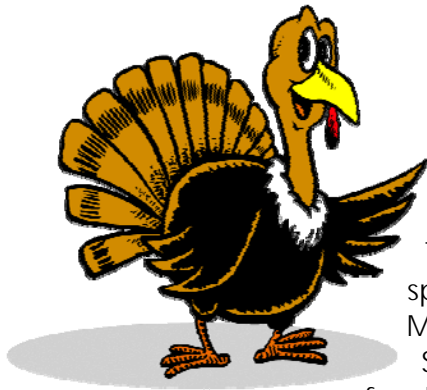
As you are aware, this type of behavior is included in the District-Wide Student Behavior Standards and is detrimental to the learning environment.

We strongly encourage you to discuss these standards with your child keeping in mind that no student is permitted to – by law – disrupt the learning environment at the expense of other students.

If you are experiencing difficulties with your child at home and would like some assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at: 586-461-3413 or 3418, or via email at: johnsons@mtcps.org, or Mr. Bruce, principal at 586-461-3491 or via e-mail at: brucem@mtcps.org or your student's counselor, Mr. Pelham (A-K) at 586-461-3420 or Ms. Simmons (L-Z) at 586-461-3419.

Sincerely,

Scott Johnson, Dean of Students



"FEED - A - FAMILY"

The *"Feed-a-Family"* program is one of many sponsored by Student Assembly (SA). With the help of Mount Clemens Junior High and High School students, Student Assembly is able to donate baskets of food to feed needy families during the Thanksgiving season. Staff and students may donate any non-perishable food item (s).

We'd also like to collect \$10.00 per classroom to help purchase a turkey for each and every basket. Our goal this season is to help 40 families. The top classroom meeting the goal, wins a pizza party!

Food will be collected from classrooms on November 23, 2009

Suggested (non-perishable) food items, staff and students may consider donating:

Soup	Gravy	Puddings
Potatoes	Hot Chocolate	Crackers
Yams	Flour/Sugar/Coffee	Macaroni & Cheese
Candies or Nuts	Juices	Peanut Butter/Jelly
Fruit	Stuffing	Cereals
Vegetables	Paper Goods (plates, napkins, silverware, cups etc...)	

Please remember someone else this holiday season.



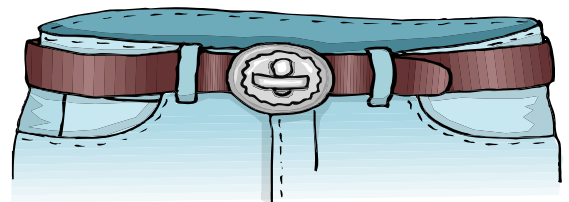
ATTENTION: ALL PARENTS,

For the safety of Mount Clemens Junior and High School students, parents picking up their students are not permitted to enter the bus loop off of South Bound Gratiot.

Parents, effective immediately, enter the parking lot off of Church Street or you will be ticketed.

ATTENTION: ALL STUDENTS -

Saggy /Baggy Pants are a violation of the MCHS student code of conduct/dress code policies. Students who continue to violate this directive will be sent to Mrs. Allen, E105, counseling office to be secured (zip-tied). Please wear a belt and make sure your pants are pulled up at all times. ***Repeat offenders will face disciplinary action.***



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

BY: ALETHEA SIMMONS AND RODGER PELHAM

College Applications: Now is the time to complete college applications and to continue scholarship searches. Parents of seniors are encouraged to visit potential colleges with their student to determine if that school is a good fit for their child. It is recommended that students complete the college application process by Thanksgiving. The majority of colleges prefer that students complete on-line applications, although we do have hard copies available in the counseling office. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch are eligible to receive up to three fee waivers for college applications. If students complete an on-line application, be sure to print the counselor section of the application and bring it to Mrs. Allen in E105, counseling office. We must have an authorization to release transcripts on file before we can send information to prospective colleges and/or universities.

College and Career Center: The new College and Career Center is now open and available for student and parent use to assist with scholarship searches and in the college application process. We also have a lot of useful information regarding careers, tips on navigating high school successfully as well as, military opportunities, all available in the career and college center.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our **Financial Aid Night** will be held on **Wednesday, November 11, 2009** at 7:00 p.m., in the new media center located across from the main office. This is an opportunity for parents of seniors to get information on completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Nancy Gibson, from Macomb Community College will be our guest presenter. See page 4 for more information

The **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** test will be administered during school hours on Tuesday, November 17, 2009. This test is for juniors and/or seniors. Taking the test does not constitute a commitment to the Armed Services. The test is free of charge. Students may sign up in E105, counseling office.

Registration deadline for the December ACT is Friday, November 6, 2009. Mount Clemens High School is a tests site for this date. Those seniors who would like to retake the ACT, and who qualify for free/reduced lunch may use a fee waiver to cover the cost of the test. Fee waivers are available in E105, counseling office on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see your counselor.



Peer tutoring is now available: Beginning November 2, 2009, tutors in all subjects will be available for an hour after school on Mondays and Tuesdays. If you are in need of tutoring, see Mr. Bosek in the new College and Career Center.



The Macomb County Sheriff's Marine Division will be conducting boater's safety classes for Mount Clemens Junior High 7th graders during the week of November 9th – 13th, 2009.



Community Service Graduation Requirement. All students are now required to complete a certain number of community services hours to meet graduation requirements. Community Service Logs are available in E105, counseling office. The following number of hours is what each graduating class must earn:

- Class of 2010: 10 hours
- Class of 2012: 30 hours
- Class of 2011: 20 hours
- Class of 2013 and beyond: 40 hours

The following is a list of opportunities for students to earn community service hours:

Cairns Community Center, Saturday, November 21, 2009

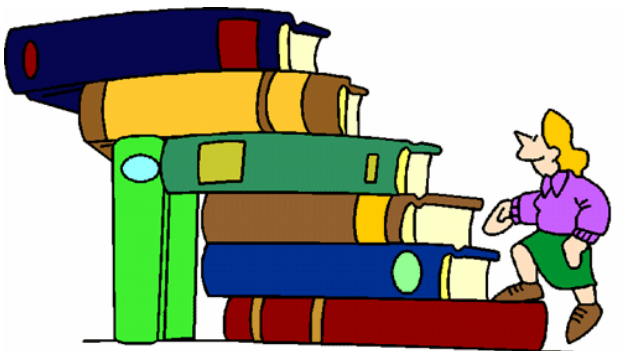
- Assemble Food Baskets
- If you are interested, contact Mr. Darold Gholston at 586-464-0728

Cairns Community Center, Thursday, November 27, 2009

- Serving Thanksgiving Dinner between 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- If you are interested, contact Mr. Darold Gholston at 586-464-0728

The Selfridge Military Air Museum

- Assist volunteers in the maintenance of the museum and its exhibits.
- If you are interested, contact Lt. Col. Lou Nigro at 586-239-6768 or via e-mail at: 127.wg.selfridgeairmuseum@miself.ang.af.mil



A very special thank you goes out to Ms. Burks, parent volunteer, for helping out in the counseling office and main office of the high school.

Your help is greatly appreciated, thank you so much!



Please support the Mount Clemens High School Sophomore class *"Toys for Tots"* campaign. We have expanded to include all MCCS buildings. You may bring your **NEW** unwrapped toy to: *Washington Academy, Seminole Academy, Lincoln Center, King Academy, Mount Clemens Junior High School or Mount Clemens High School*. Donations are being accepted from Tuesday, December 1, 2009 through Thursday, December 16, 2009. Mount Clemens High School students may turn in their toy(s) to their 2nd hour teacher.

In addition, the Mount Clemens Athletic Department will be collecting toys at the December 11, 2008, Girls' Basketball Games – Home at 5:50 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please bring a new unwrapped toy.

Thank you for your continued support!

Bath City Beat

Bath City Beat Reporters attended the Broadcast Career Builder Conference on Friday, October 30, 2009 at Lansing Community College.



They attended workshops on preparing college portfolios, preparing for a career in today's media market, how to market themselves as well as technical workshops like Final Cut Pro and Adobe Audition. This conference was designed for high school and college-level students. They will take away from this opportunity the ability to produce a Bath City Beat news package of the event documenting their day.

Teacher of the Month

Mrs. Paula Geiger

Mrs. Geiger grew up in a small town located in the hills of Northwestern Pennsylvania called Sheffield. To give you an example of the size of my town, Mrs. Geiger says: "we had no stop lights, no movie theatre and the nearest fast food restaurant was 16 miles away".

Mrs. Geiger graduated in a class of 47 students (largest at the time). That's why Mount Clemens and the school seems so large to her. Mrs. Geiger's family consisted of Mom, Dad and her older sister Nancy.

Mrs. Geiger says: "she loved to explore, ride her bike, roller-skate and read". Paula had lots of woods and streams nearby to enjoy. Since her world was so small, she could travel anywhere through the books she read, looks like Librarian in the making. After high school, Paula attended and graduated from Edinboro State Teachers College and began her career as a high school librarian. Several years later, she earned her Masters in Communication from Clarion State Teachers College.

After getting married, Mrs. Geiger and her husband moved to Michigan and she worked for Goodrich Schools for 11 years as a Librarian at all levels. She has three daughters, Jennie, a 4th grade teacher at Sunset Ridge Elementary in Arizona, Tara lives in Washington, D.C., and is a policy writer for a government contractor that works with foreign governments on programs to bring them into the 20th century and Annmarie is a Owner/Timing Registration Director for 3 Disciplines Racing. You might want to check out their website at: www.3disciplines.com.

At home now it is just Mrs. Geiger, her husband and their dog Pepper. Her current loves are knitting, camping, fishing and still reading a good book.

Mrs. Kamilah Karim- Tipton

Mrs. Tipton is the proud daughter of Mamie Davidson and the late Haywood Davidson. She was born in LaGrange, Georgia, but has lived in Michigan since 1969. She graduated from East Depot Street High School in 1966. Mrs. Tipton participated in the marching band, concert choir and dance group. She received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Detroit where she majored in Special Education and her Master's Degree in Education from Mary Grove College. She decided to major in Special Education because she loves a challenge and believes that all students can learn if given the opportunity and right environment.

She loves to make a difference in her student's lives. Kamilah is married to the love of her life, Mr. John Tipton. They are the proud parents of a combined family of 8 children. Education has always been the driving force in their family. They have two teachers, Rashidah and Bryan, three businessmen, Abdur, Hasssan and John, a nurse, Monique, a beauty consultant, Shelly and a truck driver, Yusuf.



They also have 15 wonderful grandchildren. WOW, what an awesome family.

Kamilah has three adorable sisters, Willie Kearney of Franklinton, NC; Dorothy Davidson-Owens (Freddie) of Jonesboro, GA; and Valerie Padgett of College Park, GA.

She has been employed by the Mount Clemens Community School District since 1985. She is presently teaching 10th-12th grade Math and English. She has served as a Lead Teacher, Department Head, Cheerleading Coach, and Junior Class Sponsor and presently as Student Assembly Advisor. Teaching and working with the students in extracurricular activities bring a lot of joy to her life.

She is a devoted member of the Oak Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church where she sings in the choir, serves on the Shepard Care and Woman Connected Ministries. Kamilah and her husband allow their faith to be the guiding force in their lives. She loves traveling and having lots of fun with her husband, family and friends. Kamilah hopes to retire in a couple of years and travel all over the world.

Mount Clemens High School College and Career Center

We are happy to announce the opening of our new College and Career center located directly across from the cafeteria. The College and Career center will open sometime in October and will offer students and parents' information on colleges, careers, jobs and much much more.

The College and Career center will work closely with the Counseling Department to provide a variety of services geared to help students set goals for success. We will provide books, videos and a computer lab for career search opportunities and much more.

Some of the services that will be included are:

- *Academic Success Counseling*
- *Help with finding a college/university*
- *Assistance with the college admissions process*
- *Financial aid information and application process*
- *Resume Writing*
- *Career Planning*
- *How to search for scholarships*
- *Workshops*



Student success advisor, Mr. Bosek, will also be available to those students who may be struggling with certain classes and want to improve their performance in order to raise their grades.

It is our desire and hope that Mount Clemens High School students will utilize the resources available within the College and Career Center to prepare for a rewarding and productive future.





Congratulations to the following Mount Clemens High School students for earning *Perfect Attendance* awards for September

Rachel Achatz
Dakota Hillegas
AmandaJean Reechia
Alexandria Velfling

Chavonne Delridge
Kamiri Jefferson
Pearle Sipsock
Airrica Waters

Mia Estell
Quintin Jefferson
Destiny Stevens

Junior High School Media Center "Target-ed"



Target supports Mount Clemens Junior High students with a grant of \$500.00 for books for their newly renovated Media Center. Last spring, Mrs. Geiger, the junior high school librarian was contacted by Margaret Guinan from the Shelby Township Target about supporting our junior high library. Books were then ordered from volunteers from First Book Marketplace and delivered this fall. On Friday, September 25, 2009, volunteers from the Target store, located at 26 mile road and Van Dyke helped check in and shelve books in order to get the media center ready for student usage. Target will be working with Mrs. Geiger throughout the 2009-2010 school year on other projects which will enhance and support the Junior High Media Center. *Thank you Target for your dedication to our students!*

Students of the Month – September

By: Department

Chavonne Delridge – English
Pearle Sipsock – History
Achcy Johnson – Science
Kayla Mohny – Spanish
Jessie Turner – Business
Renauld Jefferson - Mathematics



Outstanding freshman for the month of September - Chelsea Zielinski



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

Wednesday, October 7, 2009
Thursday, October 8, 2009
Friday, October 30, 2009
Tuesday, November 3, 2009
Wednesday, November 18, 2009
Wednesday, November 25, 2009
Monday, November 30, 2009
Wednesday, December 9, 2009
Monday, December 21, 2009
Monday, January 4, 2010

Early Release
Parent Teacher Conf
Class A.M. Only; K-12
No Classes; K-12
Early Release
Thanksgiving Recess
Classes Resume
Early Release
Winter Recess
Classes Resume



Yearbooks

Dear Parents and Students,

Get your pictures in the yearbook! The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events of you and your friends just having fun, we'd love to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have. The following information is how you can submit your photos on-line:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 400005838 and password: Bathers
- Browse to select the photo (s) you wish to upload
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information
- Click "Save Details"

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is February 1, 2010.

Thank you and enjoy the rest of the school year!

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

Emcee Senior Picture Specifications



Seniors should make arrangements to have their pictures taken by a reputable studio. Yearbook photos must be turned in to Ms. Clemens in E201, no later than Monday, December 7, 2009.

Studios should follow the following specifications for submission to the yearbook:

Pose	Head and Shoulders
Finish:	Full Color, Glossy
Background:	Medium blue background (solid or mottled)
Head Size:	1 ¼" to 1 ½" from the top of hair to chin
Trim Size:	2 ½" by 3 ½" die cut – no rounded corners
Restrictions:	No props, no hands on face, no cap and gown pictures and no artistic treatments of any kind.

Glossies or digital images should be hand delivered by the student *unless other arrangements have been made between the yearbook advisor and studio.*

For clarification, please call Ms. Renee Clemens, yearbook advisor at: 586-461-3418, or via e-mail at clemensr@mtcps.org



A special *"THANK YOU"* goes out to Mr. Don Worrell, Director of School and Public Libraries for his generous donation of books to the Mount Clemens High School Media Center. The new titles were chosen from books donated to the public library. Once they are processed they can be found in a designated "New Book" area of the library ready for students and staff to enjoy. Throughout the

year, the process will be repeated and these new books will make their way onto the shelves of the newly renovated Mount Clemens High School Media Center.

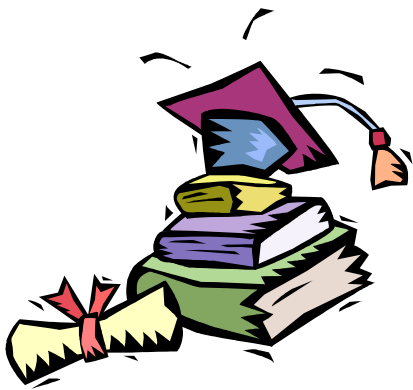
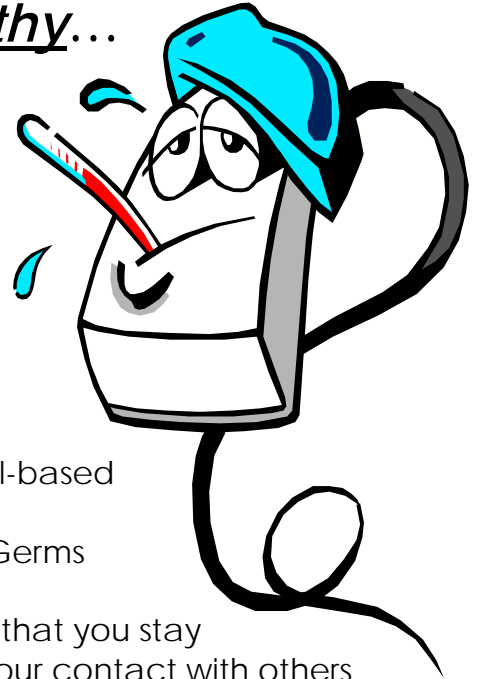
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What You Can Do To Stay Healthy...

Influenza (the FLU) is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.

Take everyday actions to stay healthy, for example:

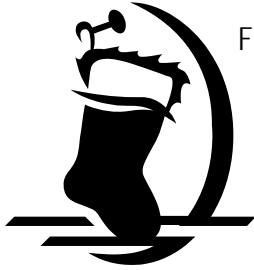
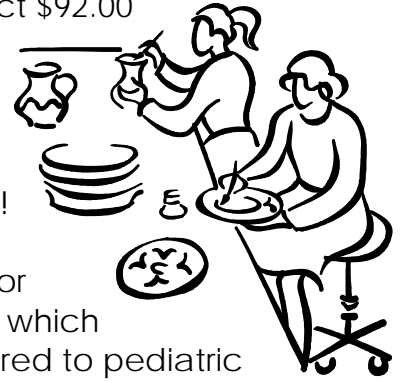
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work and/or school and limiting your contact with others to keep from infecting them.



SENIOR CALENDAR CLASS OF 2010

Event	Date	Time
Auditions	Tuesday, April 27, 2010	TBA
Top Ten Dinner	Wednesday, May 5, 2010	6:30 p.m.
Honors Night	Thursday, May 13, 2010	6:30 p.m.
Commencement Practice	Monday, May 24, 2010	8:12 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Final Exams (5-8)	Tuesday, May 25, 2010	A.M. Classes; P.M. Finals
Final Exams (1-4)	Wednesday, May 26, 2010	A.M. Only
Class Luncheon	Wednesday, May 26, 2010	11:15 a.m.
Cap/Gown pick up/Graduation Ticket Distribution	Friday, May 28, 2010	TBA
Commencement	Wednesday, June 2, 2010	7:00 p.m.

The National Art Honor Society was able to collect \$92.00 during the October Parent/Teacher Conference, by selling their ceramic bowls, all made by Mount Clemens High School students, members of the NAHS. All monies collected is then donated to the Salvation Army. Thank you for your continued support!



For the Christmas holidays, the National Art Honor Society will be decorating and filling stockings, which will be given to local area hospitals and delivered to pediatric wards. The monies used to buy these stockings and the stocking stuffers are collected throughout the year from the sales of cold water bottles.

YES
Club

The YES Club will collect non-perishable food items and distributing five baskets to need Mount Clemens High School families.

In December, the YES Club will be sponsoring their 9th Annual Senior Citizen Holiday Party. Students will prepare a hot meal, along with Christmas Cards and some entertainment for the residents of Clem Tower.

Mrs. Rhodes Foods and Nutrition class will once again prepare their **Annual Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 24, 2009**. Students from Foods I and Foods II will prepare the feast and set up, buffet style. Please stop by and enjoy a home-cooked meal prepared with you in mind.



Discovering Dentistry...



A look at our Mount Clemens Junior High 7th grade scientists doing an inquiry lab on discovering dentistry, under the supervision of Ms. Kirkland.

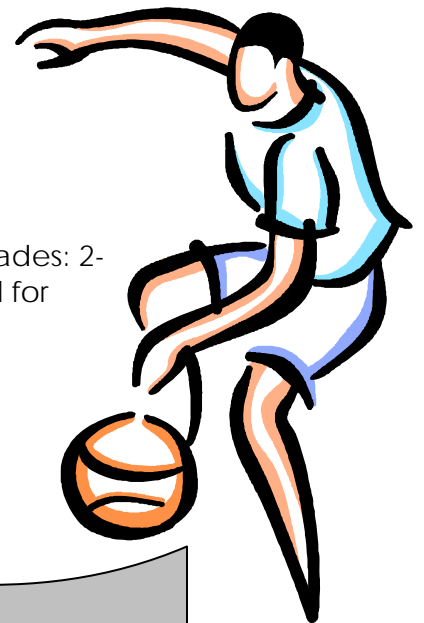
Students from left to right are: Centrus Williams, Brelynn Andrews and James Merlo

Detroit Arsenal Youth Sports & Fitness presents:

Basketball Season 2009-2010

- First clinics will be held on December 15th and 16th, 2009
- Grades 2-4; 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Grades 4-6; 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Games and practices will be played at Washington Academy
- Grades K-9
- Cost: \$40.00 per child
- Practices and games will start on January 5, 2010
- Season will conclude at the end of March 2010
- Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Grades: 2-4 & 4-6; Wednesdays for Grades: 7-9, Fridays for bitty ball for Grades: K-1.
- Bitty Ball will start on January 8, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Registration started November 1, 2009. For more information and to register please call: 586-574-9730.



COACHES NEEDED!

MOUNT CLEMENS HIGH SCHOOL
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MOUNT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN 48043



Statement of Assurance of Compliance with Federal Laws

It is the policy of the Mount Clemens Board of Education that no person on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, lack of English skills, or disability, be excluded from participation and be denied the benefits, or be subject to discrimination under program or activity and in employment; further the Mount Clemens Board of Education strictly adheres to provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, title IX the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Education policies and regulations prohibiting discrimination.

If you would like more information regarding this assurance, please contact:

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