



# MOUNT CLEMENS SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S ARENA

Dear Parents and Students,

We are anxiously awaiting the results of the Michigan Merit Exam test that our juniors took back in March. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the juniors for their excellent behavior and academic focus during these stressful three days.

I am currently working on the 2010/2011 master schedule. The students will soon be submitting their course requests for the next school year. I will do everything that I can to see that the students receive the best possible class schedule. Students will have more interest-based choices with the Creative Arts and Communications Academy and the Medical Bio-Science Academy both in full swing next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the girl's soccer, boy's baseball, girl's tennis and track teams for the way they represent Mount Clemens High School. The student athletes, coaches and parents deserve a lot of credit for exhibiting a true sense of sportsmanship and teamwork.

Parents, we need your help in encouraging the students to keep working hard right up to the last day of school. With summer approaching, students tend to lose focus. The spring months bring warmer weather and more comfortable close, so please remember that our school dress code is still in effect (see dress code policy). We are also experiencing problems with students being late to class, so please check this edition for more information regarding tardiness.

Don't forget to tell your friends and family about the opening of our new Medical Bio-Science Academy next fall. We would love to have them join the Mount Clemens High School family.

Sincerely,

Michael Bruce,  
MCCS Secondary Campus Principal

# ADMINISTRATOR'S ARENA

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Bather Parents,

Well, we've finally reached the third card marking and we're in the home stretch. We need to inform you of several changes that will occur for the remainder of the school year.

The attendance policy in its current version was designed to address tardiness and school attendance as it dramatically affects student achievement. The current tardy policy addresses the issues of being on time for instruction, and we make every attempt to stress this to students on a daily basis. Since the start of second semester, we continue to have issues with students not reporting to class on time and it has become increasingly difficult for teachers to complete lessons, and assist student with assignments when they are asked to repeat information and instructions for other students who are consistently late to class.

As such, the high school has developed, at least for the remainder of this school year, an addendum to the currently policy that will involve hall sweeps every day and every hour. Please note: that students who do not comply and continue to be late for classes will be suspended accordingly. Additional details regarding the policy will be forthcoming.

As always, we recognize that emergencies arise, so please remember to contact the attendance office within the 48 hour period in order to clear your child's absence on any given day depending on the nature of the emergency.

Lastly, please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns at 586-461-3413 or 586-461-3418 or via e-mail at: [johnsons@mtcps.org](mailto:johnsons@mtcps.org).

Sincerely,

Scott Johnson  
Dean of Students

## *Senior Class 2010 – Calendar of Events*

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Senior Class Picture	Wednesday, April 20, 2010	TBA	HS Gym
Auditions	Tuesday, April 27, 2010	TBA	Large Auditorium
Top Ten Dinner	Monday, May 10, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
Honors Night	Wednesday, May 12, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Small Auditorium
Prom	Friday, May 14, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Concorde Inn
Commencement Practice & Final Exams (5-8)	Monday, May 24, 2010	7:30 a.m.-9:08 a.m. 9:12 a.m.-11:00 a.m. P.M. Finals	Large Auditorium
Final Exams (1-4) Class Picnic	Tuesday, May 25, 2010	A.M. Only 11:15 a.m.	Courtyard
All Night Party	Wednesday, May 26, 2010	7:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.	High School
Cap/Gown Pick-up & Ticket Distribution	Thursday, May 27, 2010	1:30 p.m.	Small Auditorium
Cedar Point	Friday, May 28, 2010	TBA	
Commencement	Wednesday, June 2, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Large Auditorium

*\*Note: Seniors report to the small auditorium at 6:00 p.m. on June 2, 2010 (Graduation Day)*



Congratulations to all Business Professionals of America members that attended the State Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids, March 18 – 21, 2010. It was a huge success and our local chapter had a wonderful experience. Thank you to Ms. Plair and Mrs. Baldrige for chaperoning and helping our students reach for success. Of our ten students that participated in competition, two of them placed and will attend the National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Anaheim, California in May 2010. Jennifer Berggren placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Michelle Alwardt placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, both in Digital Media Production. The girls had to create a 1-2 minute video promoting next year's NLC

in Washington, D.C. In addition, Tiffany Baldrige, served as our state officer and helped plan the event for the 3,000 plus attendees. She will also be attending the NLC as a voting delegate and conference intern.

We will begin fundraising efforts so that our students can represent Mount Clemens High School on the national level. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to help defer the costs (approx: \$1,000), please contact Mr. Wagner at 586-461-3429.



*Congratulations Michelle, Jennifer and Tiffany. Good Luck at Nationals! A job well done*



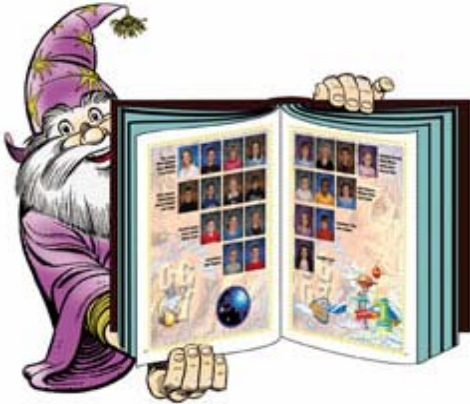
**Community Service Graduation Requirement.** All students are now required to complete a certain number of community services hours to meet graduation requirements. Community Service Logs are available in E105, counseling office.

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



Congratulations YES Club for becoming 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in the Statewide Scrapbook and Poster Competition which was held on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University on March 26, 2010. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Gayla Folsom and the Michigan Works students along with Mrs. Carter for their support during this spring conference. ***Congratulations YES Club!***



The **2010 Mount Clemens High School Yearbook** has been sent to the plant for publishing! The yearbook would not have been published without the fundraising efforts of Mrs. Hannah Smith, Mrs. Regina Baldrige and to the staff of Mount Clemens High School who together raised a total of \$2500. The yearbook will arrive and be distributed in late May 2010. Students who still wish to purchase a copy can reserve one of the 41 remaining copies with a \$10 down payment or pay the total cost of \$50 in full. A down payment is your commitment to payment in full. Students who do not pay will be debt slipped for the balance owed.

Please allow us to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our parents for making this yearbook possible. ***THANK YOU MRS. SMITH AND MRS. BALDRIDGE!***

*Thank You*



Relay for Life is the signature event of the American Cancer Society, where the community comes together to celebrate cancer survivors, to remember those lost, and to support those currently battling this disease.

Relay for Life of Mount Clemens will be held here, at Mount Clemens High School on June 12-13, 2010 on the high school track from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Please contact Ms. Hauler, for more information on starting a team at: 586-461-3400

In an effort to provide our students with the opportunity to improve their grades, the last quarter of this school year, we are expanding our Mount Clemens High School tutoring program to the following hours effective April 12, 2010:

**When:** Monday through Friday  
**Time:** 2:45 p.m. – 4:15p.m.  
**Location:** Mount Clemens College and Career Center





## Award Total Continues to Climb for Media Studies Program

The Macomb Cable Network has made a conscience effort to bring attention to the Creative Arts & Communications Academy programs at Mount Clemens High School this school year. By entering state and regional competitions, we are able to compare our program to other programs offered around the state.

*What are the results?* During the Orchard Lake Student Film Festival, **Mount Clemens High School seniors, Jennifer Berggren**, won the News category with her Bath City Beat story on Macomb County's efforts to attract foreign investors to our community. **Jackson McLaskey**, brought home an Honorable Mention in the Sketch Comedy category for the Bath City Beat bumper, "The Station", which is a satire of the popular television show, "The Office." At the Michigan Association of Broadcasters 2010 College and High School Radio and Television Awards, **Michelle Alwardt**, received an Honorable Mention in the News category for her Bath City Beat story about the Macomb County Clothing Swap.

Bath City Beat alumnus, Jacqueline Foisy, class of 2006 was recognized as her Central Michigan University team won the 2010 College Television Station of the Year. Jackie has since graduated and is working as the tour manager for Singers of United Lands. Seniors Michelle Alwardt and Jennifer Berggren entered the Business Professionals of America Digital Media Production event. Michelle and Jennifer took first and second place (respectively) at the Regional level. They placed second and third (respectively) at the State level and will now travel to Anaheim, California to compete at the National Leadership Conference. Jennifer also won a Career Technical Education Award from the Macomb Intermediate School District earlier this year.

With continuing facility tours, open houses, article in the Detroit News, Macomb Daily and C & G Journal, the word is spreading quickly throughout Southeast Michigan about the high standards set by the Academy. Macomb Community College is now offering matching college credits to Mount Clemens High School students who successfully complete the Media Studies Production class (Bather Babble). They academy team is working with other colleges to create similar, college-credit programs. They are continuing their efforts to partner with local businesses for revenue streams, internship opportunities, field trips, guest speakers and for used/unwanted equipment. For more information or to enroll your student in the Creative Arts and Community Academy, please contact Mrs. Allen at 586-461-3418.



### **REMINDER!**

All debts must be cleared with Mrs. Campau before your cap and gown will be issues. Please see Mrs. Campau in the main office prior to cap and gown pick up on Thursday, May 27, 2010.

## ***Graduation Dress Code***

*In order to maintain the dignity of commencement, we are requesting that all seniors observe the following dress code guidelines:*

**Girls:** should wear a light material dress with the appropriate length so that it is not longer than their graduation gowns. Shorts, slacks, jeans, flip-flops and gym shoes are prohibited. Flat shoes are recommended to avoid tripping and falling.

**Boys:** should wear dress or khaki pants and white shirts. Jeans, sandals and gym shoes are prohibited.

## ***Senior Pranks***

Parents, please caution your students that vandalism of school property or violations of the Mount Clemens High School Student Code of Conduct and Civil Infractions will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action will be taken against those students who violate this administrative directive.

Mount Clemens High School is proud to announce the following students and their artwork was accepted into the Anton Art Center's Secondary Student Art Show. The students are as follows: **Laura McCarty** for her painting of Michael Jackson as a youngster, **Branden Jackson** for his needlepoint covered basket and **Diandre' Johnson** for his ceramic box. ***Congratulations to our art students for a job well done!***



Mount Clemens High School Art students will be taking a walking field trip to the Anton Art Center on April 12, 2010 to see The Annual Macomb County Secondary Student Art Show. The art show displays 500 works of art from students in grades 7-12.

Creative Arts and Communication Academy students will also be taking a field trip on May 6, 2010, to the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA). Not only will they be visiting the museum itself but will also be seeing a special show "**Through African Eyes.**" More than ten years in the making, this groundbreaking exhibition explores the complex, 500 year-old relationship between Africans and Europeans, as seen through "**Through African Eyes.**" The exhibition will feature 100 of Africa's finest three-dimensional artwork and utilitarian objects execute in wood, ivory, metals and textiles in diverse materials.



Summer school is an excellent opportunity for students who may have failed classes to make up their credits. Additional information will be forthcoming.



Mount Clemens High School students learn about and prepare for future careers at Macomb Community College Summer Career Academies 2010

### **Macomb Community College, Career Academies 2010**

Macomb Community College will be offering Summer Career Academies specifically for high school students.

- ❖ Experience actual college programs
- ❖ Identify your Career Pathway goals
- ❖ Earn College credit
- ❖ Hands-On experience

#### **Law Enforcement**

Course#: 75506                      Fee: \$165  
 Mon-Fri                              9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.  
 East Campus, MCC Criminal Justice Ctr.

#### **Robotics**

Course #: 75512                      Fee: \$165  
 Mon-Fri                              8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.  
 South Campus, R-128

#### **Culinary/Pastry Arts**

Course#: 75508                      Fee: \$165  
 Mon-Fri                              9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.  
 Center Campus, Cultural Center, K Bldg

#### **Biotechnology**

Course #: 75514                      Fee: \$130  
 Tues-Fri, July 6-9, 2010      8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.  
 Center Campus, R-226

#### **Fire Service**

Course#: 75509                      Fee: \$165  
 Mon-Fri                              9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.  
 East Campus, Emergency Training Ctr.

#### **Renewable Energy**

Course #: 75515                      Fee: \$130  
 Mon-Thur,                              August 10-13, 2010  
 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.  
 South Campus, S Bldg, South Lobby

#### **Media and Communication Arts**

Course#: 75510                      Fee: \$165  
 Mon-Fri                              9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.  
 South Campus, R-128

#### **Veterinary Technician**

Course #: 75511                      Fee: \$165  
 Mon-Fri, June 21-25, 2010  
 Center Campus, E-114              9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

*The above classes will be held:  
 June 21-25, 2010, unless otherwise noted.*

#### **Veterinary Technician II-Exotic Animals**

Course #: 75513                      Fee: \$100  
 June 29-July 1, 2010              9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.  
 Center Campus, E-114

Scholarships to cover tuition for the summer academies are provided for Mount Clemens High School students through the Alliance for Academic Excellence Grant.

Additional information is available by calling Mrs. Katherine Zuzula at: 586-461-3746.

# *Class of 2010*

## *Top Ten Seniors*

Austin Distlerath, Valedictorian  
Michelle Alwardt, Salutatorian  
Merell Turner, Salutatorian  
Patrick McKeon  
Valerie King

Laura McCarty  
Latasha Brownlee  
Jackson McLaskey  
Sarah Tinkler  
Katie Okerhjelm

### *Class Song*

*The Man in the Mirror – Michael Jackson*

### *Class Colors*

*Red and Gray*

### *Class Flower*

*Pink Mountain*

### *Class Motto*

*“If you can imagine it, you can achieve it.  
If you can dream it, you can become it.”  
-William Arthur Ward*

### *Special Recognitions:*

**Austin Distlerath**, MCHS senior and valedictorian, will represent The Class of 2010 as our ***Brightest and Best*** on WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 during the summer months. On May 15, 2010, Austin will join outstanding graduating high school seniors throughout the county for a videotaping and picnic at Broadcast House in Southfield, Michigan. Austin plans to attend Adrian College in the fall, majoring in Exercise Science. He has been selected to play on Adrian’s college football team.



**Michelle Alwardt**, MCHS co-salutatorian, has been selected to represent Mount Clemens High School at the ***All County Academic Team Gold Division Banquet***. The dinner will be held at Villa Penna on Wednesday, April 28, 2010. All members of the All County Academic Team will be featured in the Macomb Daily. Michelle plans on attending Oakland University this fall, majoring in pre-med.



**Sarah Tinkler**, MCHS Top Ten senior, has been chosen as ***Student of the Week*** for the Macomb Daily. Sarah will receive a scholarship and she plans to major in Nursing at University of Michigan –Ann Arbor.



# Counselor's

**Scheduling for the 2010-2011 School Year:** Scheduling has begun for the 2010-2011 school year. Current 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders have received a packet of scheduling materials to bring home to share with their parents. Once you have reviewed the materials, please sign the course selection sheet and send it back to school with your student by the deadline indicated on the letter. We will be visiting the classrooms of current 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders over the next few days. They will also receive scheduling materials to bring home to share with parents. Please take the time to give your valuable input and make sure that your student returns a signed course selection sheet by the deadline on the letter attached to their materials.

**Seniors:** If you have applied to several colleges/universities, please be sure to see Mrs. Allen in the counseling office to let her know where you have decided to attend. A final transcript must be sent to your college/university of choice. Also, if you have not brought in a copy of your acceptance letter(s) to the counseling office, please do so as soon as possible.



**A Note to Students:** This time of the year always seems to be the most difficult time to stay focused on your educational goals. The weather is getting nicer and students begin to spend less time on schoolwork and more time outside. Keep in mind that you only have three weeks left of this school year before summer break (except for those who will be attending summer school). You must continue to complete and turn in homework if you want to finish the school year with a strong grade point average (GPA).

**2010 PSAT:** The PSAT/NMSQT is the best preparation for the SAT Reasoning Test. Students who will be in 11<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2010-2011 school year who take the test and meet other program entry requirements may enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation programs. All students who take the PSAT will receive an official score report in critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills and will see how their scores compare to those of other students across the country. For more information, visit [www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart).

Although you must be in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade to qualify for the National Merit Scholarships, students in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades are encouraged to take the test to get a head start on improving academic skills needed for success in college and beyond. If you are interested in having your student take the test on October 13, 2010, please contact your student's counselor, Mr. Pelham (A-K) at 586-461-3420 or Ms. Simmons (L-Z) at 586-461-3419. **The cost of the test is \$13. The fee must be paid by June 10, 2010 in the counseling office so that a test can be ordered for your student.** A limited number of fee waivers are available for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students only who qualify. These will be given out on a first come first served basis.

**Summer Program Opportunity:** The University of Michigan School of Nursing is offering their GENESIS II Project (Gaining Excellence in Nursing Education: Students Intensifying Scholarship), a two week summer residential program to high school students who are entering grades 9-12 for the upcoming school year. All applicants must have earned a "B" or better in all high school math and science courses, have strong writing skills, and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. Applicants should also be interested in a career in nursing and be considered economically or educationally disadvantaged, including racially and ethnically underrepresented persons within the nursing field or from a medically underserved area. Application deadline is April 30, 2010. Applications are available in the counseling office and at [www.nursing.umich.edu/oma](http://www.nursing.umich.edu/oma) under the GENESIS Project link.



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

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