

Mineola High School Board Report/November 2012

Auto Mechanics/VICA/Mr. Callison- These classes are very full and students have various projects in progress. Mr. Callison has had representatives from UTI, Lincoln Tech, TSTC (Waco) and the US Army in to speak to these classes about futures in those areas. Students are currently working to raise funds for the March Car Show.

Student Council/Ms. Hay – Student Council has participated in a very successful blood drive already this year along with red ribbon week to show support of drug-free lifestyles. Stuco will be hosting a canned food drive starting on Wednesday, November 14. MHS Stuco has worked hard these first couple of months to establish some positives for our school. Stuco will continue to support the school and organizations to help our students and community. Stuco is looking at helping with a cystic fibrosis organization in the near future.

FFA/Mr. Dossett, Mrs. Shipp - The Greenhand FFA Quiz team won 3 contests last week (Alba-Golden, Lindale & Waskom). The Greenhand Chapter Conduction team won 1st place at the Lindale Contest. The Senior Chapter Conducting team won 2nd place at Waskom. The Radio Team won 1st place at Lindale. The Senior Leadership teams won the sweepstakes award at the Alba-Golden contest. Teams will compete at the district level on Wednesday, Nov. 14.

Drama/Mr. Seaton - The opening night performance of *Godspell* was great. More performances will be held on Friday, 11/16; Saturday, 11/17; Friday, 11/29 and Saturday, 11/30. They will also have a Dinner Theater at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 09.

Sophomore English/Mrs. Quattlebaum, Mr. Woodard – The sophomore field trip to the Dallas Holocaust Museum on Wednesday, November 07 was informative and interesting to our students. They heard a Holocaust survivor speak, and everyone thought that was the best part of the trip. It helped the students understand this important time in history as well as preparing them to read the novel *Night* by Elie Wiesel in English class.

Library/Mrs. Stuart – The library CREW members have pulled hundreds of old, yellow, damaged books from the fiction shelves. Circulation to date (including summer checkouts) is over 3,000 items. The library provides a virtual library via the web pages with access to many databases and eBooks 24/7/365. Soon, more that 250 eBooks will be available to read on any of our computers, iPads, iPods or smart phones. Free apps are available for personal devices.

Tri-County College Fair/Mrs. Dudley, Mr. Epps, Ms. Harvey - The annual Tri-County College Fair will be held in the Mineola High School Gymnasium on Monday, November 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There are expected to be 50+ colleges, universities and military branches represented at the fair. Six area high schools will participate. A new barcode system will be utilized to transmit student information to desired colleges and universities. Students will sign-up online and complete an information sheet on the internet. Through this process, students will receive an individual barcode. The representatives will be able to scan the barcode thus giving students more time to answer questions instead of filling out forms. All information will remain confidential and accessible only to those who the students allow to scan the barcode.

Band & Choir/Mr. Oliver – The band played in the Veterans Day Parade in Mineola on Saturday and performed at the ceremony at the gazebo. They were mentioned several times for their excellence and appearance. They were named Best in Show. This Monday, the band and choir performed at the MHS Veterans Day Program and their performances were simply outstanding. On Tuesday, 11/13, the band performed at the Kiwanis/Civic Center Patriotic Concert. Several choir members are featured in solos and duets in the drama department's production of the musical *Godspell*. Nearly every lead role is held by a choir or band member. November has been a good month for music at MISD.

Veterans Day/Mr. Stephens, Mrs. Dudley, Joyce Williams, Jim Phillips- The 2012 Veterans Day Program was a well attended success. All campuses were represented in the program. Our local marine recruiter and Keynote Speaker, Staff Sgt. Juan Torres was able to connect with even the youngest students by beginning with his childhood heroes, the

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and the Power Rangers. We received the unexpected bonus of a second speaker when SSgt. Torres was able to bring his Commanding Officer, Major Karl Tinson, of the US Marine Corps Recruiting Station in Dallas, to our event. Major Tinson gave a very moving and uplifting speech and was a wonderful addition to the program.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Introduction of Honor Guard American Legion Post 296	Michael Nugent	
Meaning of Pledge.....	Zachary Hurst	
Pledge of Allegiance (National).....	Morgan Massey	
Pledge of Allegiance (State)	Chase Wedding	
Introduction of National Anthem	Antonishia' Holmes	
National Anthem	Jillian Brandon	
Opening Remarks	Brittany Witt	
Meaning of Armistice/Veterans Day.....	Shane Kirk	
In Flanders Field.....	Sydney Cox Brittney Johnson Marisa Ledkins	
Pilot Club Essay Winner.....	Emily Phonsnasinh 4th Grader	
Introduction of 1st Grade Choir.....	Linlee Palmer	
<i>American Tears</i>	Jillian Brandon Calli & Corban Mize 1st Grade Choir	
VFW, American Legion, Marine Corps League Essay Winner <i>Is the Constitution Still Relevant?</i>	Brittney Witt	
Introduction of Speaker	Sarah Troccoli	
Keynote Speaker	Staff Sgt. Juan Torres U.S. Marines	
Speaker.....	Major Karl Tinson U.S. Marines	
Introduction of Choirs.....	Madison Gould	
<i>To Those Who Serve/Thank You Soldiers</i>	MHS & MMS Choirs	
MHS & The Military	Neal Warnick Maddie Wood Sarah Teo	
Recognition of Veterans	Caleb Sneed	
<i>A Salute to the Armed Forces</i>	MHS Band	
Moment of Silence.....	Olivia Heard	
TAPS.....	MHS Trumpeteers	
Intro to <i>God Bless America</i>	Zoe Isaacs	
<i>God Bless America</i>	MHS Band	
<u>Ushers*</u>		
Cody Gross	Gage Hussey	Reggie Rumfield
Richard Wilcoxson	Jacob Hodges Woods	

*The MHS Seniors serving as ushers today have enlisted in the military.

Mineola High School FFA Update

The MHS FFA teams competed at District on Wednesday, November 14th with the following results:

AG. ISSUES FORUM – 2nd Place – Advancing to Area

- Sara Hubbard
- Shane Kirk
- Levi Madsen
- Cassidy Rose
- Abby Tunnell

GREENHAND CHAPTER CONDUCTING – 1st Place – Advancing to Area

- Sparkle Dennis
- Chance Dowdle
- Zoe Isaacs
- Cheyenne Ryan
- Presley Talley
- Abby Tunnell
- Emily Wilkerson

GREENHAND CREED SPEAKING – 1st Place – Advancing to Area

- Maliya Nixon

GREENHAND QUIZ – 1st Place – Advancing to Area

- Sparkle Dennis
- Zoe Isaacs
- Presley Talley
- Emily Wilkerson

JOB INTERVIEW – 1st Place – Advancing to Area

- Sarah Trocolli

PUBLIC RELATIONS – 1st Place – Advancing to Area

- Tony Aguilar
- Hannah Meason
- Micayla Stanley

SENIOR CHAPTER CONDUCTING – 2ND Place – Advancing to Area

- Tony Aguilar
- Ashton Baucum
- Jana Block
- Annie Crenshaw
- Lukas Huff
- Zachary Hurst
- Callie Walters

SENIOR QUIZ – 2nd Place – Advancing to Area

- Jana Block
- Cassidy Rose
- Callie Walters

SENIOR SKILLS – 2nd Place – Advancing to Area

- Lukas Huff
- Shane Kirk
- Levi Madsen

These nine teams competed at the Area competition on Saturday, November 17th at Hallsville High School. Results were not available at posting time.