



MHS to present “The Music Man” as spring musical

Meredith Willson’s, “The Music Man,” will be presented as Muhlenberg High School’s 36th Spring Musical on Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21 at 7:30 pm in the high school auditorium. This year’s show will be an all-district musical and will feature a cast of over a hundred as well as a spectacular Dream Band finale featuring musicians from every band in the district.

Jonathan Steiner will play the title role of the spell-binding salesman, Harold Hill, while **Stephanie Rohrbach** is featured as the aloof librarian, Marian Paroo. Supporting roles include **James McCarty** and **Alexandra Casper** as Mayor and Mrs. Shinn, **Joshua Nanna** as Marcellus, **Malory Kolbe** as Mrs. Paroo, and **A. J. Evans** as Winthrop Paroo. The Barbershop Quartet, a major force in the musical is composed of **Michael Molina** (tenor), **Dylan Radka** (lead), **Drew Leib** (baritone), and **Kevin Trout** (bass). The lead dancers are **Jessica Drobnick** as Zaneeta Shinn and **Andrew Gustafson** as Tommy Djilas.

In addition to the performance dates, a complimentary Senior Citizens’ performance will be given on Thursday, March 19 at 7 pm. We hope that you have made the Spring Musical a tradition in your family and mark your

calendars for this year’s exciting show. We expect tickets to go fast for this popular show, so reserve your seats early! **All tickets are \$8.00 and can be obtained in several ways:**

1. Visit the box office in the high school lobby from 6:15 to 8 pm on the following dates: February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 16, 17. In addition, tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances will be available before and after the Senior Citizen’s Performance on March 19 as well as at the door on the nights of the performances.

2. Purchase tickets at the Muhlenberg Music Festival (Saturday, March 7).

3. Visit our website and download a ticket form to order your tickets via mail order: (<http://www.muhlenbergplayers.org>)

4. Fill out and mail in the following form. Tickets will be mailed to you. **All mail orders must be postmarked no later than March 4.**

(Note: Mail orders will be processed beginning February 17)

Mail Order Ticket Form

The Music Man - March 20 and 21 at 7:30 PM

Please fill out and return the following form with your payment and a **self-addressed stamped envelope**. We will choose the best seats available at the time we receive your order. Please fill out the form completely.

Name _____

Phone _____

Date	#Tickets	Cost/Ticket	Total
3/20 7:30 pm	_____ X	\$8.00	_____
3/21 7:30 pm	_____ X	\$8.00	_____

Total Amount Due _____

Mail to: Tickets • 3309 Fairfield St. • Laureldale PA 19605

Full day kindergarten begins in 2009-2010

Muhlenberg School District is delighted to announce that on January 14, 2009, the Board of Directors approved the implementation of full day kindergarten beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

Both full and half day options will be available. Parents who prefer their child participate in a half day program will need to complete a form that will be included in registration packets which will be mailed in March.

2008-09 Grants

Each year Muhlenberg School District applies for and receives numerous grants that provide valuable revenue to enhance programs and services for our students. Most grants are very specific in their purpose and include detailed requirements as to how the funding can be spent. This year, we are pleased to inform residents that for the 2008-09 school year, our grant funding totaled over \$1,624,097. The grants, their amounts and their focus on listed below:

Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth • \$27,936
• Funding for High School, Middle School and Manito Alternative Education Programs.

Accountability Block Grant • \$307,946 • K-3rd Grade Class Size Reduction

ACT: Accountability to Commonwealth Taxpayers • \$484,885 • Instruction and support for academically struggling student and professional development for teachers

Classrooms for the Future • \$158,935 • Integration of Technology into MHS Classrooms

Dual Enrollment • \$3,006 • Support for students to complete post-secondary coursework for increased achievement

Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities • \$7,631.
• Support building programs that focus on prevention of violence, bullying, drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse and mental health services

Safe Schools Initiative • \$33,528 • Continuing comprehensive and collaborative programs designed to enhance safe schools plan and achieve a safer learning environments

Title I, Improving Basic Programs • \$374,100 • Assist low achieving students to attain proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening

Title I, School Improvement • \$85,000 • Additional support for struggling readers at the elementary center.

Title II, Improving Teacher Quality • \$98,792 • Reduce class size and provide professional development on effective practices for reading, mathematics, science and social studies.

Title III, Improving Language Instruction • \$32,338 • Pull out and extended school day education for ESL and bilingual students.

Urban Development Program • \$10,000 • Student Assistance Services for MHS

District NEWS

Muhlenberg SD Foundation News

The Muhlenberg School District Foundation was formed in November 2004 as a collective effort of an advisory board of judges, lawyers, clergy, educators and other professionals, most of whom are Muhlenberg High School alumni who remain committed to Muhlenberg. As the Foundation starts its fifth year members thought the community would be interested in its activities:

The Foundation's on-going Wake-Up program for third graders has been received successfully by everyone. Twice a week tutors are matched up with a third grader for math and reading. To date our tutors have worked with over 50 students. Mike Arndt from the YMCA and the Muhlenberg Community Library cooperates with the Foundation to run this program.

The Foundation paid for the after-school program for middle school students during its first year. It was held at Faith Evangelical Congregational Church on North Temple Boulevard under the auspices of the Muhlenberg Community Partnership and the Olivet Boys' & Girls' Club.

Our Foundation financially supported an excellent motivational speaker for the high school as part of their "No Place for Hate" program. The Foundation also paid for a student's Advanced Placement test and bought books from author Jacklyn Woodson who in turn signed and distributed them to students in the middle school. We also paid for books as part of the Read-A-Thon program.

The Foundation paid for a software computer program in English and Spanish bought by the Community Library as part of its after-school homework program and cooperates with the Reading-Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center by offering to help needy Muhlenberg students who may require special items as part of their vocational program.

The *Muhlenberg & Me* memory book has temporarily been delayed but is planned to be published in 2009. We hope to get a few more advertisements to offset our publishing costs. This fundraising effort and the book are being spearheaded by Donna Reed, Class of 1971. Stay tuned!

The Foundation is sensitive to the students, their teachers, and the schools as they cooperate with us so that we may help our students get the best education possible. Thanks to everyone for your continued support. Please contact the president, Nate DeLuca at 610-921-0419 with any questions, ideas, and suggestions. **To contribute to the Foundation you may send your donation to: MSD Foundation, c/o Nate DeLuca, P. O. Box 245, Temple, PA 19560.**

Muhlenberg Elementary Center Kindergarten Registration/ Screening



Parents of resident children who will be five years of age on or before August 31, 2009 and who are not presently enrolled in the Muhlenberg School District will follow a three-step registration procedure.

1) *Return a completed census report form to Mrs. Barbara Moyer at Muhlenberg Elementary Center.* The census report form was included in the January 2009 issue of the Muhlenberg Newsletter. A second copy can be obtained by calling the elementary center office (610-921-8028). A "registration packet" containing all of the necessary forms will be mailed in early April to families who have listed a kindergarten-age child on their census form. **Please call our school office if you have completed and returned the census form and have not received your "registration packet" by April 13.**

2) *Complete the registration forms at home before April 22.*

3) *With your child, attend a kindergarten registration / screening session:*

Dates: April 22, 23, and 24, 2009

Times: A.M. session: 9:30 – 11

P.M. session: 1 – 2:30

Location: Muhlenberg Elementary Center LGI Room

An interpreter will be available on April 23, 2009 at the 1 p.m. session and April 24, 2009 at the 9:30 a.m. session to assist second language families and their children.

Please call our school office no later than April 20, 2009 to register for one of the six sessions.

Parents of children who have completed kindergarten elsewhere and will be enrolling as first grade students may stop by the Muhlenberg Elementary Center office to complete registration forms at their convenience.

School Board News

School board members attended an inhouse workshop on January 22 presented by Mrs. Pamela Price, Director of Board Development Services for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. Topics included the Board's Role in School Government, Areas of School Board Responsibilities, the Board's Role as Policymakers, Board Relations and Communication, and Team Building.

The three hour session provided a great opportunity for board members to hone their skills as board members and strengthen their role in the governance of the Muhlenberg School District.

Muhlenberg School District 2009 Spring Aquatics Program

Registration for all Spring classes will be **Thursday March 5, from 6 to 8 pm** in the **Pool Lobby** at the High School. You may register for classes after these dates by phone as long as spaces are still available; some classes fill quickly so don't wait to sign up. All activities require a minimum number of participants in order for them to run. **Please bring identification of District Residency. There is an additional \$5.00 fee for Non-Residents interested in any classes except Recreational Swimming, which is only offered to residents of the Muhlenberg School District.**

Swimming Lessons

There will be "five" 2-week sessions to choose from: 1st Session: March 16 to 26 • 2nd Session: March 30 to April 9 • 3rd Session: April 13 to 23 • 4th Session: April 27 to May 7 • 5th Session: May 11 to 21

Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 5:30 to 6 pm or 6:10 to 6:40 pm. The first night of each session children that don't know their level will be tested so they are in their appropriate levels. There are a limited number of spaces available; classes are filled on a first come first serve basis. Minimum age requirement = 4 years old.

COST: \$40 Per session

Parent/Tot Swim Classes

There will be "two" 5 week sessions to choose from: 1st Session: March 17 to April 16 • 2nd Session: April 21 to May 21

Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:45-5:15 pm. Classes

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will be available for children 6 months up to their 4th birthday. Each child must be accompanied in the water by an adult. Basic swim skills and water adaptation will be taught.

COST: \$40 Per Session

Pool Rentals

The pool is available on most Saturday/Sunday afternoons to hold birthday parties and or pool rentals. Professional certified lifeguards are provided. Please call 610-921-8078 ext. 4223 for available pool time.

COST: \$100 hour

Water Aerobics

There will be "one" 10 week session: March 16 to May 20, Monday & Wednesday Classes begin at 6:45 pm (50 minute class)

This is a 50 minute mid to high energy cardiovascular and muscular endurance class in the shallow and / or deep water. Water equipment is used in the toning portion of both classes along with flotation belts in the deep end. *

COST: \$50

Water Walking

There will be "one" 10 week session: March 16 to May 20, Monday & Wednesday Classes begin at 7:45 pm (30 minute class)

This is a 30-minute striding movement class through the shallow water. This class offers a low cardiovascular and muscular toning workout with low impact movements. Great for all fitness levels, but especially beginners or anyone with rehabilitative needs. *

COST: \$40.00

(If you wish to combine this with water aerobics your cost for both would be \$80.00)

Recreational Swimming

March 16 to May 29, Monday thru Thursday 10 am to 1 pm (No REC swim on 5/25) Friday 7 to 8:30 pm (The pool will be cleared 10 minutes before we close. Also: Monday & Wednesday 6 to 7:15 am

REC swim is provided for Muhlenberg School District Residents only of all ages. Proof of residency is required at all Recreational Swims. Memberships will be given to those who wish to join for the session. Otherwise, the cost is on a daily basis. Children 12 years of age or younger must be accompanied by an adult at all times. NO NON-RESIDENT GUESTS.

COST: Family Membership - \$70 • Individual Membership - \$35 • Daily - \$3

Competitive Stroke Clinic

Every Saturday 9 to 10:15 am • April 4 to May 16 (No clinic 4/11) * For All Ages

This clinic is designed for those interested in working on their stroke technique along with starts and turns to get a head start on the Summer season. This clinic is designed for students who can swim at least 50 yards (2 laps) of 2 or more competitive strokes.

COST: \$40.00

Competitive Diving Clinic

Every Saturday 9 to 10:15 am • April 4 to May 16 (No clinic 4/11) For All Ages

This clinic is designed for students who want to learn or improve on their competitive diving skills. Learn new dives while perfecting your skills.

COST: \$40.00

Water Polo Clinic

Monday/Wednesday/Friday • March 23 to May 22 • 3 to 4:30 pm • *(8th grade and up)

This water polo clinic is recommended but not required to students who are familiar with basic polo skills and have some understanding of the sport. Conditioning, advanced skills, and strategy will be emphasized in a TEAM atmosphere.

COST: \$20.00

*(Elementary School & Middle School, up to 7th grade)
Tuesday/Thursday • March 31 to May 22 • 3:30 to 4:30 pm

This program provides an instruction to competitive water polo for students with limited or no competitive water polo experience. Elementary School or Middle School age students who are comfortable in both the deep and shallow water are encouraged to try water polo.

COST: \$40.00

If you have any questions regarding any of our programs please feel free to contact the pool office at 610-921-8078 ext. 4223 or e-mail Mike Stambaugh at stambaughm@mail.muhlsd.berksiu.k12.pa.us

*Schedule may change

Spring Sports Schedule

Soccer

Girls Varsity and JV

3/14	Tulpehocken Junior/Senior HS	Away	10AM
3/18	Ephrata	Home	4PM
3/23	Oley Valley Senior High School	Away	4PM
3/25	Blue Mountain High School	Away	5:45PM
3/27	Conrad Weiser	Home	5:45PM
3/28	Muhlenberg Tournament.	Home	TBA
3/30	Exeter Township High School	Home	5:45PM
4/1	Fleetwood High School	Away	5:45PM
4/8	Wilson	Home	5:45PM
4/9	Twin Valley High School	Away	5:45PM
4/15	Daniel Boone Area High School	Home	5:45PM
4/17	Reading High School	Away	5:45PM
4/18	Palmyra Tournament v Palmyra	Away	11AM
4/20	Conrad Weiser	Away	5:45PM
4/22	Fleetwood High School	Home	5:45PM
4/24	Twin Valley High School	Home	5:45PM
4/27	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Away	5:45PM
4/29	Blue Mountain High School	Home	5:45PM
5/4	BCIAA Playoffs	Away	TBA
5/6	BCIAA Playoffs	Away	TBA
5/8	BCIAA Playoffs	Away	TBA

Head Coach: Dan Houck

Head Boys Coach: Anthony Greene

Assistant : Glenn Reed, Allison Yoder

Girls Junior High

4/1	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Home	4PM
4/3	Exeter Township High School	Away	4PM
4/8	Twin Valley High School	Home	4PM
4/15	Wilson Central Junior HS	Away	4PM
4/17	Conrad Weiser	Home	4PM
4/20	Reading Central Catholic HS	Away	4PM
4/22	Fleetwood High School	Away	4PM
4/24	Wyomissing Area	Away	4PM
4/27	Fleetwood High School	Home	4PM
4/29	Blue Mountain High School	Home	4PM
5/1	Wilson Southern Junior HS	Away	4PM
5/6	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Away	4PM
5/8	Exeter Township High School	Home	4PM
5/13	Twin Valley High School	Away	4PM
5/15	Wilson Central Junior HS	Home	4PM
5/20	Conrad Weiser	Away	4PM

Head Coach: Josh Ressler

Assistant : Bill Mease

Softball

Girls Varsity

3/12	Owen J Roberts High School	Home	4PM
3/20	Schuylkill Valley H.S.	Home	4:15PM
3/21	Palmyra High School	Away	10AM
3/23	Emmaus High School	Home	4PM
3/25	Hamburg	Away	2:15PM
3/27	Fleetwood High School	Away	4:15PM
3/28	Pottstown High School	Home	11AM
3/30	Oley Valley Senior High School	Away	4PM
4/1	Twin Valley High School	Home	4:15PM
4/8	Conrad Weiser	Away	4:15PM
4/11	Daniel Boone Area High School	Home	12PM
4/15	Wilson	Home	4:15PM
4/17	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Away	4:15PM
4/18	Kutztown Area Senior HS	Away	7PM

4/20	Reading High School	Home	4:15PM
4/22	Twin Valley High School	Away	4:15PM
4/24	Exeter Township High School	Home	7PM
4/27	Daniel Boone Area High School	Away	4:15PM
4/29	Conrad Weiser	Home	4:15PM
5/1	Fleetwood High School	Home	7PM
5/2	Lower Dauphin High School	Home	7:30PM

Head Coach: Jeff Egan

Assistant : Erika Sager, Roger Sager

Girls Junior Varsity

3/12	Owen J Roberts High School	Home	4PM
3/20	Schuylkill Valley H.S.	Home	4:15PM
3/21	Palmyra High School	Away	12PM
3/23	Emmaus High School	Home	4PM
3/25	Hamburg	Away	4PM
3/28	Pottstown High School	Home	11AM
4/1	Twin Valley High School	Home	4:15PM
4/17	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Away	4:15PM
4/18	Kutztown Area Senior HS	Away	4:15PM
4/20	Reading High School	Home	4:15PM
4/24	Exeter Township High School	Home	4:30PM
5/1	Fleetwood High School	Away	4:15PM
5/2	Lower Dauphin High School	Home	6PM

Girls Junior High

4/7	Kutztown Area Senior HS	Away	4:15PM
4/8	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Home	4:15PM
4/14	Exeter Township High School	Away	4:15PM
4/16	Conrad Weiser	Home	4:15PM
4/21	Wilson Central Junior HS	Away	4:15PM
4/23	Oley Valley Senior High School	Home	4:15PM
4/27	Twin Valley High School	Home	7PM
4/28	Wilson Southern Junior HS	Away	4:15PM
4/30	Kutztown Area Senior HS	Home	4:15PM
5/5	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Away	4:15PM
5/7	Exeter Township High School	Home	4:15PM
5/12	Conrad Weiser	Away	4:15PM
5/14	Wilson Central Junior HS	Home	4:15PM
5/19	Oley Valley Senior HS	Away	4:15PM
5/21	Wilson Southern Junior HS	Home	4:15PM

Head Coach: Jeff Haas

Assistant : Randy Mutter, Frank Koharcheck

Girls Pony

4/8	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Home	4:15PM
4/14	Exeter Township High School	Away	4:15PM
4/27	Twin Valley High School	Home	5PM
5/5	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Away	4:15PM
5/7	Exeter Township High School	Home	4:15PM

Baseball

Boys Varsity

3/12	Tulpehocken Junior/Senior HS	Home	4PM
3/16	Owen J Roberts High School	Home	3:45PM
3/20	Central Dauphin	Away	4PM
3/24	Northern Lebanon Sr HS	Home	7PM
3/27	Fleetwood High School	Home	7PM
3/28	Stroudsburg High School	Home	7PM
4/1	Twin Valley High School	Away	4:15PM

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Winter Sports Schedule

4/6	Daniel Boone Area HS	Away	4:15PM
4/8	Conrad Weiser	Home	7PM
4/13	Schuylkill Valley H.S.	Home	7PM
4/15	Wilson	Away	4:15PM
4/17	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Home	7PM
4/18	Wyomissing Area	Away	12PM
4/20	Reading High School	Away	7PM
4/22	Twin Valley High School	Home	7PM
4/24	Exeter Township HS	Away	4:15PM
4/25	Palmyra High School	Away	12PM
4/29	Daniel Boone Area HS	Home	7PM
5/1	Conrad Weiser	Away	4:15PM
5/2	Red Lion Tournament	Away	10AM
5/2	Red Lion Tourn Consolation	Away	3:30PM
5/2	Red Lion Tourn Championship	Away	6:15PM
5/4	Fleetwood High School	Away	4:15PM
5/8	BCIAA Baseball Tourn Home	TBA	
5/11	BCIAA Baseball Semi's Away	TBA	
5/13	BCIAA Baseball Finals Away	TBA	

Head Coach: Brian Kopetsky
Assistant : Paul Hummel, Rich Kolka, Mike Rohrbach

Boys Junior Varsity

3/12	Tulpehocken Junior/Senior HS	Home	4PM
3/16	Owen J Roberts High School	Home	3:45PM
3/20	Central Dauphin	Home	4PM
3/24	Northern Lebanon Sr HS	Home	4PM
3/25	Pottsville Area High School	Home	4PM
3/27	Fleetwood High School	Away	4:15PM
3/28	Stroudsburg High School	Home	4:30PM
4/1	Twin Valley High School	Away	4:15PM
4/6	Daniel Boone Area HS	Away	4:15PM
4/8	Conrad Weiser	Home	3:45PM
4/13	Schuylkill Valley H.S.	Away	2:55PM
4/15	Wilson	Home	4:15PM
4/17	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Away	4:15PM
4/20	Reading High School	Home	4:15PM
4/22	Twin Valley High School	Home	4PM
4/24	Exeter Township High School	Away	4:15PM
4/25	Palmyra High School	Away	12PM
4/29	Daniel Boone Area HS	Home	4PM
5/1	Conrad Weiser	Away	4:15PM
5/4	Fleetwood High School	Home	7PM

Boys Junior High

3/30	Schuylkill Valley H.S.	Home	4PM
4/2	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Home	4:15PM
4/7	Wilson Southern Junior HS	Away	4:15PM
4/9	Daniel Boone Area HS	Home	4:15PM
4/14	Conrad Weiser	Home	4:15PM
4/16	Wilson Central Junior HS	Away	4:15PM
4/21	Exeter Township High School	Home	4:15PM
4/23	Twin Valley High School	Away	4:15PM
4/29	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Home	4:15PM
4/30	Wilson Southern Junior HS	Home	4:15PM
5/5	Daniel Boone Area HS	Away	4:15PM
5/7	Conrad Weiser	Away	4:15PM
5/12	Wilson Central Junior HS	Home	4:15PM
5/14	Exeter Township High School	Away	4:15PM
5/19	Twin Valley High School	Home	4:15PM

Head Coach: Bill Kantner
Assistant : Matthew Hoelscher

	<i>Boys Pony</i>		
3/30	Schuylkill Valley HS	Away	4PM
4/2	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Away	4:15PM
4/9	Daniel Boone Area HS	Home	4:15PM
4/21	Exeter Township High School	Home	4:15PM
4/23	Twin Valley High School	Away	4:15PM
4/29	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Home	4:15PM
5/5	Daniel Boone Area HS	Away	4:15PM
5/14	Exeter Township High School	Away	4:15PM

Track

Boys/Girls Varsity

3/26	Elco	Home	4PM
3/28	Oxenreider Relay Carnival	Home	TBA
3/31	Schuylkill Valley H.S.	Home	3:45PM
4/7	Oley Valley Senior HS	Away	3:45PM
4/14	Twin Valley High School	Home	3:45PM
4/18	Stephen Meet	Away	TBA
4/21	Conrad Weiser	Away	3:45PM
4/28	Hamburg	Away	3:45PM
5/1	Shaner Meet	Away	3PM
5/2	Shaner Meet	Away	TBA
5/5	Fleetwood High School	Home	3:45PM
5/9	BCIAA Championships	Away	TBA

Head Girls Coach: Robb Gourley

Head Boys Coach: Anthony Greene

Assistant : Colin Powell, Marc Wolfe, Chris Young, Robert Dudek

Boys/Girls Junior High

4/8	Conrad Weiser	Away	3:45PM
4/15	Kutztown Area Senior HS	Home	3:45PM
4/17	Muhlenberg Boys Invitational	Home	4PM
4/20	Oley Valley Senior HS	Away	3:45PM
4/22	Schuylkill Valley H.S.	Home	3:45PM
4/27	Tulpehocken Junior/Senior HS	Home	3:45PM
5/4	Daniel Boone Area HS	Home	3:45PM
5/7	Wyomissing Area	Away	3:45PM

Head Boys Coach: Jim Bauer

Head Girls Coach: Robert Wolfe

Assistant: Nick Morrissey, John Winand

Tennis

Boys Varsity

3/12	Brandywine Heights	Away	3:30PM
3/13	Fleetwood High School	Away	2:50PM
3/18	Reading High School	Home	3:30PM
3/20	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Away	3:30PM
3/23	Wilson	Home	3:30PM
3/27	Twin Valley High School	Away	3:30PM
3/30	Exeter Township High School	Home	3:30PM
4/1	Pottsville Area High School	Home	3:30PM
4/7	Reading High School	Away	3:30PM
4/9	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Home	3:30PM
4/14	Wilson	Away	3:30PM
4/20	Conrad Weiser	Away	3:30PM
4/22	BCIAA Flight Tournament	Away	TBA
4/23	BCIAA Flight Tournament	Away	TBA
4/24	BCIAA Flight Tournament	Away	TBA
4/25	BCIAA Flight Tournament	Away	TBA
4/27	BCIAA Team Tournament	Away	4PM
4/28	BCIAA Team Tourn. Semi's	Away	4PM
4/29	BCIAA Team Tournament Finals	Away	4PM

Head Coach: Steve Simons

Fall 2008 All County

The following students were named all county in their respective sports:

Football

Nate Daniels: Offensive Back of the Year, 1st team Quarterback. 2nd Team All State, Section I Offensive Back of the Year, 1st team Quarterback.

Brett Fox: Defensive Back of the Year, 1st team Defensive Back and Wide Receiver, Section I Defensive Back of the Year, 1st team Defensive Back and Wide Receiver.

Byron Dovalles: 1st team Offensive Tackle, Honorable Mention Defensive Line, Section I 1st team Offensive Tackle

Dylan Etzel: 1st team Defensive line, 2nd team Offensive Guard, Section I 1st team Defensive line, 1st team Offensive Guard.

Chad Wisniewski: 2nd team Linebacker, Section I 2nd team Linebacker.

Eric Thomas: Honorable Mention Running Back.

Tyrell Ellison: Honorable Mention Wide Receiver and Kick Returner, Section I 2nd team Kick Returner

Football players set records

Two Muhlenberg football players set new school records both this season and in their high school career.

Nate Daniels broke the following Muhlenberg High School records: Completions in a Game (24) vs. Hempfield (2008); Completions in a Season (150) (2008); Completions in a Career (300); Attempts in a Game (38) vs. Gov. Mifflin (2007); Attempts in a Career (553); Completion percentage in a season (59%) (2008); Yards in a Game (450) vs. Hempfield (2008); Yards in a Season (2,347) (2008); Yards in a Career (4,724); Touchdowns Passes in a Career (43); Only Berks County quarterback to throw for 2000 yards twice.

Brett Fox broke the following Muhlenberg High School records: Receptions in a game (10) vs. Boyertown (2008); Receptions in a season (63) (2008); Receptions in a career (106); Receiving yards in a game (258) vs. Hempfield (2008); Receiving yards in a season (971) (2008); Touchdowns receptions in a game vs. Hempfield (2008).

Andy Lesagonicz: Honorable Mention Offensive Tackle.

Rob Zeller: Honorable Mention Offensive Guard.

Jarrod Miller: Honorable Mention Center.

Matt Herbein: Honorable Mention Placekicker.

Ben Wallace: Honorable Mention Defensive Line.

John Evanoff: Honorable Mention Defensive Line.

Dylan Bradbury: Honorable Mention Linebacker.

Dimitri Ovid: Honorable Mention Linebacker.

Jon Steiner: Honorable Mention Defensive Back.

Cross Country

Kelsy Rushing: 1st team.

Tim Boyer: All-Division I.

Audrey Douglas: All-Division I

Field Hockey

Michele Schrift: All-Division II.

Kayla Hracho: All-Division II

Golf

Shane Hafer: All-Division II.

James May: All-Division II.

T.J. Mersinger: Honorable Mention.

Jason Sanders: Honorable Mention.

Alex Phillips: Honorable Mention

Soccer

Diego Miranda: All-Division II.

Chris Geddio: Honorable Mention.

Matt Hanley: Honorable Mention

Volleyball

Brianne Huber: Honorable Mention

Water Polo

Zach Chow: 2nd team.

Steve Hoxsie: 2nd team.

Lauren Bauer: 2nd team



Annual career day exposes students to occupations, opportunities

Muhlenberg Middle School held its fifth annual Eighth Grade Career Day December 16. Pennsylvania's Department of Education developed Career Education and Work standards with the idea that students should be provided with information and tools with which to plan for life after schooling. The Middle School Career Day activities are designed to expose students to a variety of occupations, career fields and continuing education opportunities available in the area. This year, due to an overwhelming response from people in our community and surrounding areas, we were able to open up activities to seventh and eighth grade students. Students heard short presentations from up to eighteen speakers including, doctors, nurses, an air traffic controller, lawyers, police officers, EMT's, a fireman, detective and our state representative to name only a few. Over fifty professions were represented throughout the day.

During the afternoon sessions, eighth grade students took part in interactive sessions led by the Director of

Admissions for Albright College, Kutztown University and Reading Area Community College. They learned about college applications, interviews and the many programs of study available. They heard first hand what expectations, qualities and activities post-graduate schools consider important in regards to student admissions. A fourth session led students through mock interviews and a discussion about completing job applications, appropriate attire and skills needed to obtain their job of interest. Seventh grade students spent time on community service projects such as

baking cookies and making crafts for the residents at Ageless Harmony Adult Daycare Center on Kutztown Road. A

group of students delivered the gifts and sang carols to the residents. Students also wrote letters and prepared goodie boxes to be sent as holiday gifts to our servicemen and women overseas.

Middle School NEWS

Visiting author inspires Middle School readers

Internationally recognized author Jacqueline Woodson visited Muhlenberg Middle School on November 7, 2008. Woodson, a Harlem, NY resident, kept 550 seventh and eighth graders' full attention for almost two hours.

She recited original poetry, read passages from her books, and discussed the writing process. Ms. Woodson described how she gets into the mind of teenagers to write from their point of view. The author has memorized almost all of her own work through considerable re-writing and revision. Ms. Woodson told students that she learned how to write by re-reading books she loved over and over again to learn how to create interesting characters and events. She became a writer to create characters who are more like herself. The theme of her books is caring about each other under all kinds of circumstances. Oprah

Winfrey recognized Woodson's book "The Other Side," the book "Feathers" won the Newbery Honor in 2008 as did "Show Way" in 2006. "Miracle's Boys," which won the Coretta Scott King Award was made into a mini-series. In 2006, Ms. Woodson received the Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement in writing for young adults.

To prepare for the visit students read books on their own and together in reading classes. They also explored Ms. Woodson's website www.jacquelinewoodson.com where they read about awards the author has won, biographical information, and book summaries.

After listening to Ms. Woodson in person, middle school students were inspired to continue reading her 20 books. Ms. Woodson autographed hundreds of her books,

then joined about 30 students in the library for a luncheon where she answered more questions, gave each student a book, and revealed the plot for her next book.

To make the most of her visit to Berks County, Ms. Woodson stopped at the Fairgrounds Market for some pecan pie to take home.

The visit was funded by Muhlenberg PTO with support for books from the Muhlenberg Education Foundation.



Visiting author Jacqueline Woodson discusses her writing with Muhlenberg Middle School students.

Middle School student participates in county naturalization ceremony

On September 24, 2008, **Kathryn Turner**, an eighth grade student at Muhlenberg Middle School, attended the Naturalization Ceremony at the Berks County Court-house as a representative of the Children of the American Revolution.

Kathryn congratulated each of America's newest citizens with a handshake and presented each of them with a small American flag to honor their accomplishment.

At each Naturalization ceremony, various community organizations such as the Children of the American Revolution, the League of Women Voters of Berks County, the Literacy Council of Reading-Berks County and other groups are on hand to welcome these people into the American family.

A REMINDER

**To Residents of
Muhlenberg School District
Your Local Earned Income
Tax Return for 2008**

MUST BE FILED BY APRIL 15, 2009

Anyone who has earned income, regardless of age, for the year 2008, must file a tax return if they lived in the Muhlenberg School district. Even if your employer has withheld and paid your tax, this return must be completed. This obligation is incurred by anyone who is a wage earner, farmer, unincorporated business (including partnership and individual proprietorship) and ALL OTHERS who received earned income or profits for services rendered.

Failure to file on time will result in a penalty and interest charge of 12 percent per annum and additional costs of collection. Regulations also provide a \$500.00 fine for refusal to file or other violations.

Residents of Muhlenberg School District are required to file a tax return, EVEN IF THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED A FORM THROUGH THE MAIL. Forms may be acquired by contacting the:

Berks Income Tax Collection Bureau

920 Van Reed Road, Wyomissing PA 19610

Telephone: 610-372-8439

Fax: 610-372-1102

Website: berkseit.com

**Muhlenberg Athletics
Baseball Club
invites the public to its
"All You Can Eat"
Pasta Dinner**

**March 14
3:30 to 8:30 PM
Muhlenberg HS**

**Adults \$7.50
Children under 12 \$5**

Take out available,
bring your own dishes

Elementary **NEWS**

Fifth Grade walks "10K a Day" with Rotary program

Recent research indicates that somewhere between the ages of nine and 15, American children become couch potatoes. The physical activity of American adolescents places them at high risk for major health concerns including diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease. Parents, educators, health care providers and community members recognize these health risks will greatly compromise our children's quality of life.

The Hamburg, Kutztown, Muhlenberg and Shoemakersville Rotary clubs, through a Rotary International grant, have partnered with Hamburg, Holy Guardian Angel, Kutztown, Muhlenberg and Schuylkill Valley school districts to raise student awareness of their activity levels by giving every fifth grade student a quality walking pedometer to monitor and improve individual classroom activity levels.

Beginning on September 22, 2008, each fifth grade student was given a high quality pedometer and a step log. For six weeks, students recorded their daily steps and physical activity with the goal of reaching the recommended daily 10,000 steps.

Muhlenberg HS Renaissance leaders attend conference

Twenty-seven Muhlenberg Renaissance Committee members attended a leadership conference for high school students from across eastern Pennsylvania. The workshop, held at Oley Valley High School, was entitled "You Can Change Your School Through Effective Student Leadership" and focused on issues such as respecting diversity, preventing violence, modeling positive behavior, developing specific interpersonal skill, and ideas for making a difference at school.

The 27 students attending this memorable experience were: 12th grade – **Mackenzie Krott, James McCarty, Devon Noble, Miki Onwudinjo, Charles Rothermel, Kelly Russo, Jonathan Steiner, Molly Swift and Emily Vogel.**

11th grade – **Samantha Keller, Meaghan Kemmerling, Timothy Nye and Emilie Pinkasavage.**

10th grade – **Hali Goodman, Kathleen Kissinger, Christopher Krott, Peter McGinley, Cali Tsopanis-Sellari, Megan Wentzel, Christine Wert and Maryrose Yerger.**

9th grade – **Tyler Chlebowski, Keaton Hain, Jordan Holder, Erica Ligenza, Laura Pinkasavage and Kelly Yerger.**

The students were accompanied by Ms. Denise Zielinski and Assistant Principal Kevin Vanino.

The seminar was very inspirational. The students found out that teamwork plays a major role throughout the entire day. The conference coordinator, Jack Chambers of Chester Springs, PA, said the main goal was to prove that it takes only one person to make a change. The committee reported on the positive aspects of Muhlenberg Renaissance activities, rewards and incentives for staff and students.

Highschool NEWS

Muhlenberg Student wins Student Paths education award

Korey Ferling, a senior at Muhlenberg High School, recently was chosen to receive a Student Paths Education Award. Korey will receive \$200 to help with his transition from high school to his future. Korey has plans to go to a technical school upon graduation in either drafting or mechanical engineering.

Student Paths is a free, nationally recognized program, used by high schools to help students be better prepared for their transition and exposed to different post-secondary choices and options. The program, which is coordinated locally by Beth Burnham, the career counselor at Muhlenberg High School, covers topics such as identifying interests and related careers, finding scholarships and what it is like to live with a stranger in a dorm room. Student Paths was founded by Chris Wills when he was a 20-year-old college student who had just gone through a challenging and frustrating transition himself, and who wanted to help students not make the same mistakes he did. The program is now used by over 700,000 students across the country.

For more information, please visit www.studentpaths.com.



Cell phone recycling program benefits High School activity

Did you receive a new cell phone recently?

The renaissance Committee is continuing its cell phone recycling fundraiser. Protect the environment and support the high school!

One hundred percent of the proceeds will help fund

MHS Renaissance program which rewards and encourages students to have a positive attitude, good behavior, attendance and academics. Please bring your old cell phones to Denise Zielinski at the high school.

Children and Hunger in the United States

The prevalence of hunger among children does not fully represent the extent to which children's diets and meals are disrupted by their families' food insecurities, according to the USDA Economic Research Service.

For example, among food-insecure households with children:

- 81% reported that at times during the year they had relied on only a few kinds of low-cost food to feed their children because they were running out of money to buy food, and 19% reported that this had occurred often.
- 52% reported that at times they could not afford to feed their children balanced meals.
- 25% reported that at times their children were not eating enough because the family could not afford enough food.



The USDA report released in November also indicated that:

- The families with the highest rate of food insecurity were headed by single mothers (30.2%), black households (22.2%), Hispanic households (20.1%) and households with incomes below the official poverty line (37.7%).
- States with families reporting the highest prevalence of food insecurity during 2005-2007 were Mississippi (17.4%), New Mexico (15%), Texas (14.8%) and Arkansas (14.4%).
- The highest growth in food insecurity over the last nine years came in Alaska and Iowa, both with a 3.7% increase in families who struggled to eat adequately or had substantial food disruptions.

Source: USDA, www.usda.gov

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Make A Difference In Our Teenager's Lives!

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MISSION

Muhlenberg School District is dedicated to providing a program of educational excellence that enables all students to attain their potential.

SHARED VALUES

- All students have the potential to become responsible citizens in our society.
- The home, school and student have shared responsibility for student achievement.
 - An informed and involved community is essential to the development of strong educational partnerships and quality programs.
- An effective school provides a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment.
 - Embracing diversity and individuality within the context of mutual respect promotes a positive learning environment.
 - Outstanding programs and effective instruction produce academic excellence.
- Participation in extra-curricular activities fosters self-confidence and positive attitudes.
 - Learning opportunities that integrate technology and develop higher level thinking skills empower students to succeed in a global society.
 - High expectations and commitment to continuous improvement are fundamental for high achievement.

VISION STATEMENT

The Muhlenberg School Community will promote academic excellence in a safe and nurturing environment, while celebrating unity, respecting diversity, and empowering all students to become contributing citizens in a global society.

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CALENDAR

February

- 3 Jr County Chorus Auditions, Gov Mifflin HS
4 Music Association, HS, 7 pm
Committee-of-the-Whole, HS, 7 pm
5-7 PMEA District 10 Orchestra Festival
9-20 PSSA Writing Assessment Window, Grades 5, 8 & 11)
10 Jr County Band Auditions, Gov Mifflin HS
Title III ESL Parent/Child Workshop, EC, 6:30 pm
11 School Board Meeting, HS, 7 pm
16 **No School for students**; teacher in-service
19-21 PMEA Region V Chorus
23-27 4Sight Testing Window, Grades 3-10)
25 MS Science Fair, 7-8 pm

Reminder: Due to the unstable nature of Pennsylvania winters, staff and students are reminded Feb 16, April 6-9 and 13 are possible snow make-up days

March

- 3 Spring College Fair, Alvernia
4 Music Association, HS, 7 pm
Committee-of-the-Whole, HS, 7 pm
5-7 PMEA Regional V Band
9 Guidance Night, Grade 11 Parents, HS Lecture Hall A-117, 7-9 pm
11 School Board meeting, HS, 7 pm
13 Regional Science Olympiad
16-27 PSSA Math & Reading Assessment Window (grade 3-8, 11)
19-21 PMEA Region V Orchestra
19 *Music Man* Sr Citizen performance, HS auditorium, 7 pm
20 Act 80 Day, early Dismissal
20-21 *Music Man*, HS Aud., 7:30 pm
24 Title I Moms and Dads Morning Coffee Workshop, EC Room B109, 9 am
HS Student Forums, HS Cafe, 5:30 pm
25 Title I Parent/Child Workshops, EC Cafe/LGI, 7 pm
26 HS March Madness Activity Night
27 Hank Hoffman Jazz Festival, HS Auditorium, 7 pm

Heads UP!

Kindergarten Registration • April 22, 23, 24

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