



Monticello High School Newsletter

September 2016

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year at Monticello High School! We are off to an excellent and busy start so far. We have added 25 new staff members, in various roles, to our team this year. We have had a great opening week and we look forward to many more!

As I walk into our classrooms and learning spaces, I am pleased to see our students engaged in deep thinking and learning experiences that are centered around our lifelong learner standards and 21st century skills. This year, our theme continues to be "We embrace students, inspire learning, and innovate opportunities." Our staff works hard to build relationships with one another and our students, get students engaged in their learning, and provide opportunities for innovative work to happen. I am very proud of each and every person in our school community because of this work and so much more.

I want to take this opportunity to remind you of a few important upcoming dates:

- September 5 – Labor Day, No School
- September 14 – Back to School Night (6:30-8:30)
- September 26 – No School for Students
- October 1 – Homecoming Dance
- October 6 & 20 – Parent Conferences (4:30-7)

Thank you for supporting Monticello High School and your child's education. Our doors are always open for questions, concerns, or ideas. Please feel free to reach out to me or anyone on the Monticello High School administration team.

Welcome back and we are looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jesse Turner, Ed.D.

Athletics Site Updated

The Monticello Athletic Department has a new website this year, www.MonticelloMustangs.org. Please visit this site for athletic schedules and team information throughout the year.

Student Sports Passes are available for purchase in the Athletics Office. These passes are good for admission to all regular season home athletic events for the entire school year.

The Cross Country teams ran to the summit of Old Rag during their preseason training camp at Graves Mountain Lodge.





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- Wed., 10/19** – Senior Meeting, 10:30 (Auditorium)
- Wed., 10/26** – Senior Order Date, All lunch shifts
- Thur., 10/27** – Senior Order Date, All lunch shifts
- Tues., 11/1** – Sophomore Ring Meeting, 10:30 (Auditorium)
- Thur., 11/10** – Sophomore Ring Orders, All lunch shifts
- Fri., 11/11** – Sophomore Ring Orders, All lunch shifts
- Wed., 12/7** – Senior & Sophomore Order Makeup Date, All lunch shifts
- Thur., 12/15** – Deadline for Discount Group Pricing for Senior Orders. All orders after 12/15 at regular prices.
- Tue., 4/11** – Senior Delivery, All lunch shifts
- Wed., 4/19** – Sophomore ring Ceremony, 10:30 (Forum)



French Foreign Exchange Program

Since 2006, students from Monticello High School and the Lycée Ledoux, a high school in Besançon, France, Charlottesville’s sister city, have participated in a homestay exchange every other year. This exchange has offered opportunities for students of both schools to learn about the language, family, school life, and culture of their partners. Students from Besançon visit in the fall; students from Monticello will have an option to travel to France during spring break.

A group of thirty-four students and three teachers from Lycée Ledoux will visit Charlottesville from October 5-17. These students are on an intensive science track and will observe medical, scientific, and technological fields as well as places of cultural interest. They have studied English for six years and speak it well. Historically, the students from Lycée Ledoux have been courteous guests grateful for our hospitality, and have been excellent models for American students.

Several host families are still sought. Please contact Barry Keith at bkeith@k12albemarle.org to learn more about this opportunity. Families are welcome, though not

required, to participate in both hosting and in traveling to France.



Monticello Hoofprint

Visit the student-run online newspaper for student news and updates: <http://mhshoofprint.com>. For more information, see Mrs. Deegan.

Growth in AP Courses

Our Monticello German Program continues to grow. This year the AP German 5 course has enlarged from four to eighteen students!

Staff Shout-Outs!

Congratulations to Dr. Sarah Stallings, a new member of the Mustang English Department. This summer, Dr. Stallings earned her EdD in Education and got married. We are thrilled to have you in the MoHS family, Dr. Stallings!

Monticello Drama

Monticello Drama is busy!

The VHSL Theatre team held auditions for the comedy farce, “Tardy,” which is a collaborative one act play that has been developed over the years by Ms. Michel and the drama writing group. Our student director this fall is senior Morgan Hall! (pictured at Live Arts where she was this summer’s assistant stage manager) The conference festival is at Turner Ashby on Oct 22.

Our Virginia Theatre Association festival entry is the “Necessary Trouble,” a one act drama written and directed



by senior Courtney Grooms.(pictured leading last year’s VTA workshop) Also to be presented at the VTA conference (Oct 27-30 in Norfolk) is a student led workshop: “Actors of Color in High School Theatre.” The workshop will be led by Amaya Wallace and Courtney Grooms.

Our first event this year is our Fall One Act Fundraiser on Friday, October 21 at 7PM. We will present both one act plays as well as a variety of other musical and dance pieces.



Fresh Starts 9th Grade Academy

Monticello Staff welcomed 166 new Mustangs this year before the school year started for the Fresh Starts 9th Grade Academy. Students met teachers, learned schedules, did team building activities, ate snow cones and cupcakes, and enjoyed each other’s company.



Laptop 1:1 Initiative

Monticello High School students and teachers will continue the student laptop 1:1 initiative, providing all students with a laptop to use at home and at school. Please contact Mr. Gillespie if you have any questions about your student’s laptop or if your child has not yet received his or her computer. Permission forms are available in the main office and on the Monticello homepage.

New Monticello Staff

Welcome to the following new faculty and staff:

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| James Hall | Anthony Smith |
| Hilary Harveycutter | Jerrod Smith |
| Julia Easton | Sarah Stallings |
| Ross Garner | Christopher Stanek |
| Vada Holcomb | Jeannette Stott |
| DeAndra Irving | Najwa Tatby |



Torey Jones
Kelly Kroese
James McClung
Daneene Mitchell
Luke Robbins
Tonya Scott

Kelsey Terpay
Erica Terrell
Lauren Thomas
Jennifer Timms
Andrea Wahl
Patricia Yurkovich

Our new faculty and staff started the school year with a tour of Albemarle County Public Schools' southern feeder pattern, visiting our students' neighborhoods and streets.



Mr. Bredder wins CBIC Award

On Thursday, May 26, Monticello Computer Science and Engineering teacher Eric Bredder was named Educator of the Year by the Charlottesville Business Innovation Council (CBIC). Formerly the Red Apple Award, CBIC recognizes one K-12 educator who has set an example of incorporating principles of innovation, entrepreneurship, invention, and/or technological achievement in a classroom setting. The Recipient of the CBIC Educator of the Year Award will receive a \$2,500 CBIC Technology-in-Education grant.



Opening Soon!
Hours of Operation:
First 20 minutes of each block
All of Mustang Morning