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High School PTSA Announcements



Social Media Safety

Hosted in partnership with Representative Dan Miller, the PA Attorney General's Office and the Mt. Lebanon School District, the Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTAs is proud to present a Social Media Safety program on Wednesday, February 16th at 7pm in the Mt. Lebanon High School Auditorium. Learn how to keep children safe while using mobile apps, streaming services, gaming, social media, and more. This event will be livestreamed for those who are unable to attend in person.



PTSA Meeting

The next PTSA Meeting will be held on 1/20/2022 at 1:00 PM in room D205 at Mt. Lebanon High School. Please enter through the C-20 entrance and bring your drivers license/government ID so that you can get a badge to enter the building.

Winter Volunteer Opportunities

There are some great things planned for the coming months- including our Winter Blood Drive! Click [HERE](#) to volunteer to help



out!



Fundraisers for Grades K-12

Did you know that PTA Council maintains a fundraising webpage for all school related fundraisers throughout the district? Visit our page at <https://www.mtlsd.org/family/pta/fundraisers> to see how you can support our students at all grade levels AND to see how your school club/team/activity can share news about your upcoming fundraisers!



Community Flyers

Visit and bookmark <https://www.mtlsd.org/family/pta/community-flyers> to learn more about what programs are offered throughout the Mt. Lebanon community for our kids! From the Public Library to the Rec Center to Mt. Lebanon Sports and Scouts - we want to help you find opportunities in Lebo for your kids.

News from the Student Activities Office



Community Service Opportunities

Snow Shovelers Needed! - Qualifies for OUT OF SCHOOL hours

As the winter season approaches and snow begins to fall, there are many elderly and disabled residents who need help with shoveling snow from their sidewalk and driveway. Please email or call Mrs. Kolko (jkolko@mtlsd.net 412-344-2105) if you have a student who can help with shoveling. Assignments will be made so that the student can walk to the home of the resident requesting help. Out of School volunteer work credit can be given or the student can choose to be paid. Those arrangements are made between the student and the resident, but you can't be paid and receive volunteer work credit.

The current requests from community members are for folks who live on

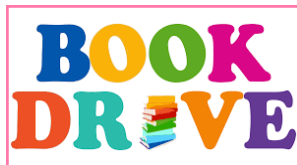
- Moreland Drive
- Parkway Drive
- Sleepy Hollow Road,
- Morrison Drive (2 homes)
- Beverly Road

- A car owned by a person who resides in the Baptist Manor

If you want Community Service credit, please use this form:

[Community Service documentation form](#)

Please stop by the Community Service table in the AO and sign up to help with the events listed above.



Book Drive

The Black Student Union officially launched as a club in the fall of 2021 with the purpose of creating a safe place to discuss issues and concerns that impact the lives of Black students and the Black community. The three pillars of the BSU are community, education, and service. So far this year, the club members have focused on building community and are preparing for the launch of their first service project.

Beginning January 3rd and going until January 31st, the club will be hosting a book drive in an effort to increase the representation of Black characters in the school district's classrooms and libraries. In order to secure donations from students, families, and community members, collection boxes have been placed in the foyer of every school building.

The flyer for the book drive can be found [here](#).

Thank you so much for your support of our students and this worthwhile service project.



Blanket Drive

The HS National Honor Society is hosting a blanket drive until January 21st, 2022. New or gently used blankets can be dropped off at the HS Library. Any high school student who makes a donation will be eligible for one hour of community service. Blankets will be distributed through GROW Living Stones.



MtL and Blue Devil Masks

MtL and blue devil MASKS are on sale for \$11.00 each cash or check (made out to MTLSD). The masks will be sold during the school day in the AO. Proceeds support Student Council.

Contact the AO office (412-344-2057 or jkolko@mtlsd.net) if you would like to make a purchase.

Blue and PINK MTL lanyards are for sale \$7.00 each



2021-22 Student Activities Calendar

Click [HERE](#) to view the 2021-2022 Student Activities Calendar

Please stop by the Student Activities office which is located on the 4th floor in the C wing (Science floor) and cantilevered over Center Court if you have any questions about events and activities at the high school.

Judith Kolko, Student Activities Director
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2022



CAPS AND GOWNS

All seniors will receive an email on Wednesday, January 5th that contains a



CLASS OF 2022 COMMENCEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you want to order Class of 2022 Commencement Announcements, please

link to complete an order form for Class of 2022 Commencement attire (cap, gown, hood, and tassel). Payment for these items is not needed until May or June 2022.

The order form is to be completed by January 24, 2022.

If a senior qualifies for an honor cord, additional information to order an honor cord will be sent to those seniors at a later date. Please contact the Student Activities office with questions.

visit Balfour's website at

www.balfour.com

Please place your order by April 1, 2022 to be assured of receiving your order in a timely manner.

Good News from the Classroom



Congratulations!

The following Mt. Lebanon HS teams of students earned medals in the Dick Smith Memorial Invitational of Science Olympiad on December 11th, 2021 (medals just arrived this morning, so I will photograph the students as they swing by my room to pick them up). This was a nation-wide competition with 73 high schools.

Codebusters: junior **Vishnu Venugopal** and sophomores **Henry Ellwein** and **Ashley Wei**

Green Generation: juniors **Victoria Finizio**, **Anvi Tatkar**, and **Donna Wang**, as well as sophomore **Molly Hoover**

Trajectory: sophomores **Kobe Brown** and **Noah Seaman**

Chemistry Lab: junior **Victoria Finizio** and sophomore **Teba Latef**

Congrats to all!

Congratulations to both Mt. Lebanon Science Olympiad teams. Each team earned medals in five events at the Carnegie Mellon Science Olympiad Invitational on Saturday, January 15th.

3rd place in Cell Biology... Donna Wang & Victoria Finizio

3rd place in Codebusters... Vishnu Venugopal, Ashley Wei, and Anvi Tatkar

4th place in Codebusters... Gus Kollar, Henry Ellwein, and Yash Botre

4th place in Write It, Do It... Josh Ghil & Hudson Hackley

4th place in Green Generation... Donna Wang & Victoria Finizio

5th place in Detector Building... Nadia D'Arrigo & Henry Ellwein

5th place in Dynamic Planet... Shohjahon Abdusamatov & Rushil Kakkad

5th place in Environmental Chemistry... Akash Schmid & Yash Botre

5th place in It's About Time... Vishnu Venugopal & Lucian Mikush

5th place in Remote Sensing... Nadia D'Arrigo & Ellie Greenbaum

Other team members who competed include:

Annie Du, Grace Goslin, Kobe Brown, Krishna Dhiman, Logan Kuhlman, Melanna Palaschak, Noah Seaman, Teba Latef, Tessa Ternullo, Tiffany Wang



Congratulations Wrestlers!

Maclane Stout (senior) won the Powerade Wrestling Tournament hosted at Canon McMillan High School. The Powerade Tournament is regarded as the #1 High School wrestling tournament in the country. Mac joins his brothers, Kellan and Luke, to each win a Powerade Wrestling Championship.

Mac is currently ranked #1 in the WPIAL and # 1 in the PIAA at 189 pounds.

A second wrestler, Edjiro Montoya (sophomore), is currently ranked # 5 in the WPIAL at 106 pounds.

-Coach Allemang



Coming Soon: The Addams Family

Technical Theatre students are working on the upcoming spring musical --The Addams Family. Keep an eye out for additional information!

Community News



The Denis Theatre Presents
Pittsburgh Perspectives

**Building a New Life in a New Country:
 Welcoming Afghan Families to Pittsburgh**

A virtual community dialogue

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26

7 PM - 8:30 PM

LIVE ON ZOOM AND FACEBOOK

Can you imagine? A new language. Different cultural norms. New schools.

Find out how Pittsburgh is responding to the needs of refugee families and how you can help.

FEATURED PANELISTS:



Ginny Barnicoat
 Refugee Support
 Committee Member,
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Sloane Davidson
 Founder and CEO,
 Hello Neighbor



Jordan Golin, Psy.D.
 President and CEO,
 JFCS — Jewish Family and
 Community Services



Larry Lebowitz
 Founder and Chair of the
 Immigration Group,
 Dentons Cohen & Grigsby



Jon Delano, Moderator
 President, The Denis Theatre
 Foundation

FREE!

To register, visit denistheatre.org



Pittsburgh Perspectives is a series of interactive community discussions exploring contemporary issues with local thought leaders.

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