

MICHIGAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

THE PARENT CONNECTION

NEW BEGINNINGS...

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MSD DRAMA CLUB REHEARSALS

REHEARSAL ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13

5:30—7:30 pm in the MSD Auditorium. *No rehearsal on Monday, March 12.* Tickets will be on sale after April 16 in the Main Office. If you have questions about the Drama Club, please contact Frieda Morrison, Director, at morrisonf@michigan.gov.

Academic Bowl

CONGRATULATIONS to our students who competed in the Mid West Regional Academic Bowl at Texas School for the Deaf last weekend. MSD's team members were Anna McCall, Erik Middlewood, Jon Stec and Christian Young. Check out the Academic Bowl website: <http://academicbowl.gallaudet.edu/main/archives/000178.html>.

Angela Laguardia, Head Coach

Academic Bowl '07



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

NO SCHOOL

MONDAY

MARCH 12

NO DRAMA REHEARSAL

DORMS WILL OPEN AT

4:30 PM ON

MONDAY, MARCH 12.

Classes resume on Tuesday, March 13, at 7:55 am.

DRAMA REHEARSAL TUESDAY MARCH 13

**5:30—7:30 pm
MSD Aud**

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Popcorn Sale

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

50 CENTS A BAG

We will collect money on Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday

(March 13, 14 and 15).

Popcorn will be delivered to classrooms on

Friday, March 16.

Thanks for your support!

The Middle School

The Middle School is also collecting used ink cartridges and cell phones. Drop off in the Main Office or Room 124. Thanks!

MICHIGAN OPTIMISTS COMMUNICATION CONTEST

Auburn Hills Morning Optimists are hosting a statewide contest in collaboration with OCC Optimist Club and OCC Deaf Friendship Club open to students through the 12th grade residing in

Michigan's lower peninsula. Students may use sign language, an oral presentation, or a combination of both to compete. The presentation must be at least 4 minutes, but no longer than 5 minutes. Prizes include a medallion at the regional level, plaque or a \$1,500

scholarship at the Michigan District level. Competition will be held on April 28 at the OCC Auburn Hills campus. The topic for the contest is "My Biggest Challenge Is..." Deadline for registration is March 28. For information, contact Kathy Gaita at kgaita1@comcast.net

Summer ASL Classes at Oakland Schools

JUNE 18—21—KID'S SIGN CAMP

JUNE 25—28—KID'S SIGN CAMP

JULY 2—6—ADULT BEGINNER'S WEEK

JULY 9-12—ADULT INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED WEEK

Contact Oakland Schools Professional Development Institute for more information:

Through Deaf Eyes

Wednesday, March 21

Check your local PBS station for time.

This two hour documentary explores nearly 200 years of deaf life in America from 1814 to present. It represents the shared experiences of American history—family life, education, work and community connections from the perspectives of deaf citizens—a story of conflicts, prejudice and affirmation that reaches the heart of what it means to be human. The documentary conveys a broad range of perspectives on deafness.

PBS Characteristic for March: Leadership

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE SANDRA EVANS SCHOLARSHIP

AFSCME Local 188 has established a scholarship to be awarded to a senior who will be attending college. To apply, you must: Be accepted in a college or trade school, Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, Possess leadership qualities and Submit a 250 word essay. The Essay topic is "How Did Attending MSD Prepare You for the Future?"

ALL SENIORS may apply, but priority will be given to dorm students, then day students, then CIP students.

Give your completed essay to one the of Sandra Evans Scholarship Committee Members (Myrtel Brown, Joyce Lee or Florida Parks-Wickliff). Students may get help on the essay from teachers, staff or parents.

Deadline is May 3, 2007, at 5:00 pm.

Rehearsals for MSD Drama Club

MARCH— ALL MARCH REHEARSALS: 5:30—7:30 PM IN MSD AUD
March 13 (Tuesday) March 19 (Monday) March 26 (Monday)

APRIL—ALL APRIL REHEARSALS: 5:30—7:30 PM IN MSD AUD
April 2 (Monday) April 16 and 17 (Monday and Tuesday)
April 23 and 24 (Monday and Tuesday) April 30 (Monday)

MAY—ALL MAY REHEARSALS: 5:30—7:30 PM IN MSD AUD
May 1 (Tuesday) May 7 and 8 (Monday and Tuesday)
May 14 and 15 (Monday and Tuesday)

School Performance: May 16 at 10:00 am
Performances on May 17 and 18 at 7:00 pm
Drama Banquet: May 24 at 6:00 pm TBA

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HOME OF THE TARTARS

The Parent Connection is issued weekly by the Michigan School for the Deaf Parent Information Office for distribution to parents and guardians of MSD students.

Articles may be submitted to Becky Calaman, MSD Parent Information Office at 810 257 1486 v/tty or 810 257 1490 fax or calamanr@michigan.gov.

All events must include a contact name, phone number and/or email address.

Deadline for submission of articles is Noon on Wednesday.

Articles received after Noon on Wednesday will be considered for the following week's newsletter.

Notice

It is the policy of the Michigan School for the Deaf not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, hearing loss, height, weight, or marital status in its programs, services or activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquires regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Human Resources Coordinator, 1667 Miller Rd, Flint, MI 48503 , (810) 257 1400 (v/tty).

Tickets for Flint Generals Hockey Game

We have received **FREE** tickets to the Flint Generals Hockey game on March 21! *Any day students wishing to attend, please see Lucinda Baugh in the dorm for tickets. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis. Day students **MUST** be transported and supervised by parent or guardian.*

Any questions, contact Lucinda Baugh at the Dorm, 810 257 1465.

THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE DEAF AWARENESS NIGHT ON FRIDAY, MARCH 30.

The Detroit Pistons vs. the New Jersey Nets. Game time 8:00 pm.

The National Anthem will be signed. Interpreters will be at concession stands.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, contact Melissa at

248 377 8768 or MNeiderheide@PalaceNet.com.

September 29, 2007

10:00 am—5:00 pm

Deaf Celebration Day

Summit Place Mall

Waterford

For information, contact

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