

Students' academic success celebrated

Right before Thanksgiving break, several MV students were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements. Mr. Osterhaus and Mrs. McDermott presented academic letters and bars to the following students:

Seniors - 3.400 GPA Juniors - 3.400 GPA

2nd Year - Bar

Shea Burcham
Dannielle Burkle
Lucas Orcutt

3rd Year - Pin

Kaela Clemen
Anna Deutmeyer
Trista Elgin
Brianna Fischer
Jeorgia Harmon

Avery Holtz
Saige Hunt
Carter Klaren

Erin Knipper
Jenavieve LeGassick

Ella Mensen
Zach Mineart

Kennedy Rausch
Dylan Schmuecker

Taylor Schmuecker
Emilee Supple

McKenna Thompson

1st Year - Letter

Alia Domeyer
Lucas Knipper

Lance McShane
Harold Mohr

Josie Teymer

2nd Year - Bar

Payton Brown
Chantel Crowley

Cadence Freiburger
Jake Gellersen

Toby Grimm
Livia Hermanson

Kody Hoeger
Lily Huber

Addison Hucker
Isabel Imler

Lainey Knipper
Keira Leytem

George Livingston
Kaitlyn Nolan

Maddyx Rieniets
Haley Ronnebaum

Cecily Trenkamp

Sophomores - 3.600 GPA

1st Year - Letter

Lili Bauers
Joellen Beitz

McKenna Bush
Sebastian Charles

Logan Clemen
Kayla Flanagan

Ava Goldsmith
Alexis Halverson

Kelsey Hoeger
Jada Knipper

Leah Reicher
Lacy Reth

Matthew Schaul
Ella Wulfekuhle



Sophomores



Juniors



Seniors

Cheer team acknowledges team contributions



The MV cheer team held its awards celebration Nov. 27 to recognize some outstanding contributions. Awards presented include:
Most hours cheered: Sami DeMoss, Isabella Mensen and Livia Hermanson
Most Community Service hours: Josie Teymer and Kaitlyn Nolan
Superior Face Painting: Jesús Rumbo and Isabella Mensen

Team-selected awards:

Lead by example: McKenna Thompson and Livia Hermanson
Awesome Attitude Award: Sami DeMoss
Always CHEERS you up: Maddyx Kemp
Everyone's BFF: Josie Teymer
Rookie of the year: Ava Goldsmith
Most Improved: Jesús Rumbo
Heart of the Team: McKenna Thompson

Dodgeball tournament leads into break



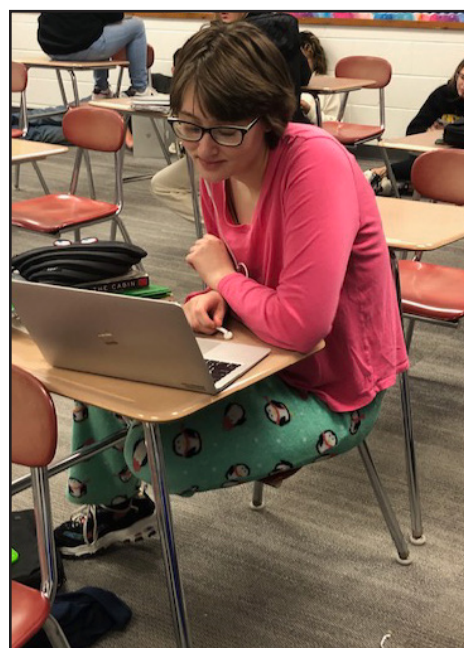
The student council organized a dodgeball tournament for the day before Thanksgiving break.

Above: Students take on the teacher team.

Right: Matthew Schaul is double-armed for battle.



Giving hearts



PK-12 students and staff joined in the 10th anniversary of Giving Tuesday by making donations to wear pajamas or jeans for the day. Money raised went to Delaware County's Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapter which provides beds and bedding to children in need. Above: Autumn Nelson dons her pajamas while working on math.

Sharing advice



Before the academic awards presentation last week, MV Class of 2022 graduate Liz McDowell spoke to the seniors about planning for college academically and financially. She indicated the importance of embracing academics and volunteer opportunities. Liz spoke to the students as part of her Christine Hixson Opportunity Scholarship program at ISU.

Dance team brings home some hardware from state

Des Moines and Wells Fargo Arena has been bustling with energy, excitement and talent this week during state dance competition.

MV competed Wednesday and had lots to celebrate.

The team earned an Academic Award of Excellence with its 3.00-3.49 average GPA for the team.

Maddyx Kemp danced a beautiful solo which earned a Division 1 rating.

In the team competition, Grease 2 Pom theme finished fourth in its class, and Jock Jams Hip Hop finished fifth.

For the third year, the team also was recognized for its community service.

Be sure to catch this talented group at winter sporting events.

Right: Pictured with the trophies is front row from left Maddyx Kemp, McKenna Thompson and Livia Hermanson; back row: Sami DeMoss, Isabella Mensen, Kaitlyn Nolan, Josie Teymer, Clairra Gray and Titi Morgan.



Girls basketball starts off season with 2-1 record

by Toby Grimm

It's cold outside and girls hoops are back at it again.

The girls team started out their season on a good note facing the Central City Wildcats last Tuesday night at home. At halftime, the score was all tied up at 27, but our MV Wildcats came out hot outscoring Central City 37-15, to win by a score of 64-42. The team was led by Haley Ronnebaum scoring 23 points, followed by freshman Grace Richter with 14, Bianka Ronnebaum had 12, and Leah Reicher with 8. The rebound column was led by Richter (9), followed by Jada Knipper and Bianka Ronnebaum (6 each), Haley Ronnebaum (5), and Alexis Halverson (4). Bianka Ronnebaum completed her double-double with 10 assists, Haley Ronnebaum had 5, and Knipper had 3. All of this combined to give them their first win of the season and a good push of momentum going into the long Thanksgiving Break.

Within the break, Rivalry Saturday took place. The girls team traveled to Kirkwood Community College to take on Central Elkader. The team got off to a slow start and never recovered, falling short by a

final score of 40-48. Haley Ronnebaum led in scoring (17), followed by Ella Mensen (6), Bianka Ronnebaum and Alexis Halverson (5), and Jada Knipper (3). Knipper and Halverson grabbed the most boards (4), and Bianka Ronnebaum and Ella Mensen (3). Bianka Ronnebaum distributed the ball with 6 assists, followed by Haley Ronnebaum and Kennedy Rausch both having 3.

Tuesday night the Wildcats traveled nearly two hours to compete against the Irish of Prince of Peace, coming home with a decisive victory.

Tonight, the team travels to Winthrop to take on the Buccaneers of East Buchanan. The stats for these games will be in the next issue.



Grace Richter fights for control of the ball in the matchup with Central City. (photo by Dannie Burkle)

Student of the Week

Ben Weber



You've been nominated because of your solid work ethic shown in your job and at school. What helped you develop a good work ethic? My parents are definitely an inspiration. Other than that I was taught that hard work leads to salvation.

This past summer you worked with a crew who was older than you. How did you learn to work with adults? Experience helped a lot, but it also helped that the crew I worked with was easy going and laid back people

What are your future plans? I will be attending Kirkwood for a few years to earn my diesel tech and auto tech certification.

"Ben is such a genuinely nice person. He helped my husband at McDermott Concrete this summer and they all loved him! They would sing "Bennie and the Jets" every morning when he walked into the shop. He also helped me a couple of weeks ago by going to our shop in Cascade to get 5 gallon buckets of left over re-rod scraps for the Christmas light projects in one of Mr. Palmer's classes. Thank you, Ben! You are so kind!"—Mrs. McDermott

MV TEL-ALL

compiled by Lily Huber

Only about 11% of those addicted to drugs or alcohol in 2009 actually received treatment for their substance abuse disorder.

Fine Artists of the Week

Name: George Livingston

What role did you play in the musical?

Grandpa Joe

What was your favorite part of the show?

My favorite part of the show was singing with Charlie (Kaitlyn) and Willy Wonka (Jesús) inside the Wonka-Vator.

They both acted as my musical role models, so sharing a song with them felt like a privilege and an honor. It felt almost like a strange form of repayment to them and everyone who accepted me into the musical.

What makes the musical such a team-activity? To create a musical production you need many skilled and willing members to make it happen. You need actors, singers, make-up artists, wig wranglers, stage crew, set builders, sound crew, lights, pit band, and so much more. Every performance was all hands on deck to create something truly magical.

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? I would want to be Pseudolus from the musical *A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum*.



Name: Cadence Freiburger

What role did you play in the musical? I was

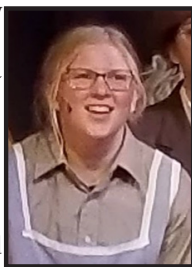
Mrs. Bucket as well as a cook for Willy Wonka.

What was your favorite part of the show?

My favorite part was just the whole build up to performances. I loved putting my heart and soul into making sure the musical came together both on-stage and back-stage (for set), and I loved seeing everyone else having fun on stage with each other.

What makes the musical such a team-activity? In the musical, you really have to learn how to depend on others, support others, and be dependable. You always need to be a positive presence on stage and when others need help. A lot of musical is helping others succeed and get better, and the other part is letting others help you become better. If you can't work as a team like that, the musical is surely going to be more difficult to pull together.

If you could play any role in any musical, what would it be? Being in *Waitress* would be fun, but I don't necessarily have a specific role I'd want to play. *Beauty and the Beast* would also be a fun musical to be a part of.



Dying Words

by Cadence Freiburger

Sir Isaac

Newton was born on January 4th of 1643 in Woolsthorpe, Lincolnshire, England. He spent most of his time with his grandmother after his mother remarried, and he attended the King's School in Grantham before attending the University of Cambridge's Trinity College in 1661. In school, Newton studied classical philosophy, but— in private— he preferred a more modern approach, having notes titled "Certain Philosophical Questions" for his personal readings. Newton was forced back home in 1665 when Cambridge was struck by the Great Plague. The mathematician then began forming his theories on color, light, and calculus. Since he was back home on the family farm, it's rumored that his ideas on gravity were inspired by an apple falling from a tree. When he returned to Cambridge, Newton invented the telescope and became the new professor of mathematics. He also discovered that white was a combination of all colors during these studies on refraction. He often argued with another scientist, and it ended in him having a breakdown that caused him to retreat from the public. This allowed him to return to his studies on gravity and chemistry. During this time, he discovered the Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy. This propelled Newton's popularity, and he was then knighted. Newton was also believed to be the founder of calculus, but since there are no records of his work, it's still debated.

On March 31, 1727, Newton died peacefully in his sleep before being buried in Westminster Abbey. Before he died, Newton reportedly said:

"I don't know what I may seem to the world. But as to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the seashore and diverting myself now and then in finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than the ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me."



Best Buds



Jocelyn Kelchen and Joellen Beitz
by Grace Richter

How did the two of you meet?

Jocelyn & Joellen- We met through school but got really close in choir because we sat by one another. We also were both part of the musical as well.

What is your favorite memory you have with each other?

Jocelyn- My favorite memory would be the Dairy Queen runs.

Joellen- I don't even know. There are literally so many. We have a few really good moments, most being funny because I have road rage and Joey finds it funny. I was going from DQ to Walmart and it's just across the street, but it was like four to five o'clock so it was "rush hour." I found an opening, and a lady was in the turning lane, but I hadn't seen her. I thought she had already passed me until she started turning and I was like uhhh okay. Then Joey was making fun of me so I yell "in my defense, I didn't see the lady in the turning lane." We then joked about it all night.

What song best describes your best friend?

Both- "You've Got a Friend in Me"

What celebrity do you think your best friend looks like?

Jocelyn- SpongeBob.

Joellen- Louise from Bob's Burgers, but only if she had blonde hair.

What does a typical hang out look like for you?

Jocelyn- Messing around in Manchester.

Joellen- We do like driving around and messing around in Manchester. We tend to go out to eat and run around Walmart. Sometimes we find other things to do, but this is about it.

Where do you see your best friend in the future?

Jocelyn- At college.

Joellen- I am not sure. There are a lot of different things I can see Joey doing. She will probably be in college doing something and then getting a good job.

Cutie

by Lily Huber

This Cutie is a freshman who lives outside of Hopkinton. He's involved in football, basketball, baseball and speech. A fun fact about him is that he owns chickens. *Last week's Cutie was Leah Reicher.*



what's up?

What is a song or album that you could listen to on repeat?

by Lily Huber

Jake Gellersen: The album *All Love Everything* by Aloe Blacc... or Walmart Radio!!

Harold Mohr: "When It Rains It Pours" by Luke Combs

Lacey Barry: "Love Lost" by Mac Miller The Temper Trap

Dannie Burkley: "Dying Breed" by Colby Acuff

Jayln Ross: Probably "Rock in a Hard Place" by Bailey Zimmerman

Mr. Dunlap: *The Best of Van Morrison* album

Devin Meeks: "Elephant" by Tame Impala

Mrs. Besler: Pretty much anything Eric Church or Ed Sheeran

Kennedy Rausch: "Harry's House" by... you should know

Cadence Freiburger: Probably the folk-lore album by Taylor Swift

Addie Vorwald: "Fall in Love" by Bailey Zimmerman

Lukas Chesnut: "American Heartbreak" by Zach Bryan

Chewy Schaul: The album *Graduation* by Ye

Kenyon Baker: Anything Lil Baby

One at a Time

by Arianna Nolan

I remember when I was younger I couldn't wait to grow up. I was so excited for the new opportunities in life and the good things that were to come. But, what I didn't realize was that I was wishing my life away. Every single day I wished for a new one to come, and I didn't appreciate what was in the moment. All the good things that could have happened that day never came because I was too focused on the next day. People are always wishing that they would be out of high school, and then go to college, and then live their own lives without their parents. Or sports players wish that they were older so they could have a bigger part in what they are doing. But this should not be the way that we think. If we are always thinking about the future, and not appreciating the present, then nothing good will happen. All those good things that you are thinking about happening in the future will never come true if you don't do something now.

What I am trying to say is that you shouldn't wish your life away. You are all amazing people, and by wishing your life away you are taking away days that could be spent improving yourself or appreciating who you are.

Instead of wishing that it was tomorrow, you can do things in the present that are going to make the future even better than the day before. It's simple. Just make some life goals for yourself, and then draw out some steps on how you are going to achieve that goal. These can be long term goals or short term goals, depending on what you are trying to accomplish. Doing these goals can make you overall a better person, and it can change your life. Maybe later on you will find different life goals because of all the other short term goals that you have done. Also, these goals should be for yourself, not for other people. You should only change yourself if you want to, not because other people around you don't like the way that you act or the way you are.

My goal for you all this week is to make a goal for yourself. It can be a small goal or a bigger goal, so long as it is something that you are going to work for and something that will better yourself. I will do the same thing. I love you all and I will see you all next week!



Meet the Freshmen

Name: Lukas Chesnut
Siblings: Kaela and Kylie
Activities you plan to be in: Football and basketball
Favorite subject: Math
Career aspirations: Owning a business
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, trapping, and playing guitar
Something cool about you: I have a bird dog.

Name: Dexter Dietiker
Siblings: Trish, Raven
Activities you plan to be in: Baseball
Favorite subject: Study hall
Career aspirations: Welder
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, riding.
Something cool about you: I own four rabbit dogs.

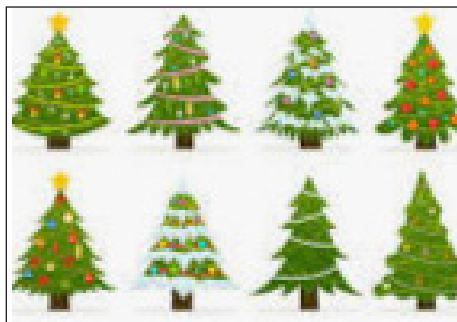
Name: Gavin Timmerman
Siblings: Mya, Eli, Oliver.
Activities you plan to be in: Golf
Favorite subject: Art
Career aspirations: Piloting
Hobbies: Fishing, walking, working out
Something cool about you: I have had a job since I was 10.

Name: Macee Nolan
Siblings: Kaitlyn
Activities you plan to be in: Track, volleyball, basketball, softball.
Favorite subject: Math
Career aspirations: Masseuse, hair stylist, or chef.
Hobbies: Talking
Something cool about you: I have 2 bulged disks in my back.

Name: Lanni Beaman
Siblings: Payton Beaman, Casey Fry, Christie Fry
Activities you plan to be in: Volleyball, Basketball, track, softball
Favorite subject: Spanish
Career aspirations: Anything in the medical field
Hobbies: Playing sports and hanging out with my family and friends
Something cool about you: I have a dog named Maggie Sue.

—typist: Grace Richter

Hall Smarts



by Maya Smith

Now that Thanksgiving has passed, it's time to get into the Christmas Spirit! This week, these students' knowledge of Christmas trees were tested.

How many Christmas tree farms are there in the U.S.?

Anna Deutmeyer: 2.6 million
Allison Hogan: 5,000
Logan Clemen: 10,000
Gavin Timmerman: 2,300
Answer: 1,500

When was the first Rockefeller tree lit?

Anna: 1965
Allison: 1931
Logan: 1920
Gavin: 1987
Answer: 1933

Where does the tradition of the Christmas Tree come from?

Anna: They decorated a tree to worship Jesus.
Allison: WW1
Logan: Germany
Gavin: Paris
Answer: Germany

What was the first state to recognize Christmas as a holiday?

Anna: New York
Allison: Alabama
Logan: Idk
Gavin: Iowa
Answer: Alabama

Making a list and checking it twice

Should any of these tasks be on your to-do list?

- ◇ Seniors: Complete the FAFSA
- ◇ Set up a college visit
- ◇ Make an appointment with Mrs. Moorman to talk about planning your future work plans and class schedules for next year.
- ◇ Congratulate Mr. Palmer on his recent achievement of becoming a Certified Volunteer Fair Manager.
- ◇ Send an email to an elementary teacher who reminds you of the fun of winter and the holidays.
- ◇ Create an activities resumé that includes a list of all of your activities, honors, volunteer work, and work experience.
- ◇ If you have any grandparents, think of questions you can ask them to get to know them as people who were once your age. Then ask them!
- ◇ Clean out your locker.
- ◇ Send Mrs. Temple your favorite English/language/school-related meme to add to her bulletin board.
- ◇ Wish the wrestlers best wishes for their tournament tomorrow.
- ◇ Wash your hands. With soap. Seriously.
- ◇ Sanitize your phone.
- ◇ If your keyboard and screen feel gross, see Mrs. Temple before school or during second hour. She can help you clean it with computer-safe cleanser. It takes approximately 30 seconds.
- ◇ Smile because you have people who care about you.