



I. Academic Update

- a. Freshman students have taken the Explore test, a precursor for the ACT.
- b. Sophomore students have taken the Plan test, the second precursor for the ACT.
- c. Junior students have taken the PSAT, the test that determines National Merit Scholars.
- d. ACT testing has begun for this year. Juniors and seniors will continue testing throughout the school year. Occasionally a sophomore will take the ACT, but it is more common to take it for the first time as a junior.
- e. All results received will be sent home with first semester grades.

II. Athletics/Activities

- a. MH-MA students took first place in Class 3A-2A-1A at the Washburn Math Day. A little pressure was on Steve Cooper, new math teacher, because our students have won this competition for several years in a row.
- b. Scholars' Bowl competitions have begun. Mr. Greg Morgan is the teacher advisor, and he has both Varsity and Junior Varsity teams.
- c. The fall play is a musical, *Alice in Wonderland*. It will be performed on Friday at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. This is our first year to try the Sunday matinee. The director, Mr. Mark Henderson, welcomes feedback as to what you think of this format.
- d. Lights of Love Mass will be held in the MH-MA Chapel on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 5:00 p.m.
- e. Chris Prestegard has officially resigned as head football coach for Maur Hill - Mount Academy. He currently intends to continue teaching and will begin work toward a Master's Degree.
- f. Basketball practices begin on Monday with "two a days."
- g. Some students will be wrestling at Atchison High School.

III. Buildings & Grounds

- a. We have an anonymous donor who is paying to have all remaining windows and all exterior doors replaced on the academic building. The windows in the Penning Science Wing were completed when the science rooms were renovated. Out of many projects that were presented, the windows were selected by the donor.