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MUHS BAND TRAVELED TO NEW YORK CITY TO MARCH IN THE 250th ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TIGER BOYS’ HOCKEY TEAM ON THE DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!

CONGRATULATIONS to Lisa O’Connor for:

2011 OUTSTANDING MATH TEACHER
VERMONT COUNCIL OF MATHEMATICS

Lisa O’Connor with MUHS Calculus II Class
MUHS RECEIVES WELLNESS AWARD

We are pleased to announce that Middlebury Union High School was chosen as the Gold Level 2011 Fit and Healthy School Wellness Award recipient. This award commends our school for its "commitment to creating a healthy school environment for students and staff." As a Gold Level winner, MUHS will receive a banner and $3000 to support continued wellness efforts for students and staff. The official award ceremony will be May 11 in Montpelier.

MUHS JAZZ ENSEMBLE PLACES FIRST AT FLYNN CENTER

The MUHS Jazz Ensemble, directed by Anne Severy, won first place at the 20th annual Vermont International Association of Jazz Educators Adjudication Competition at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts in Burlington, Vermont. MUHS competed against 21 other high school jazz ensembles from around the state. The first place finish earned the MUHS Jazz Ensemble a place in the evening performance. The ensemble performed along with the second place high school ensemble as well as the Vermont Jazz Ensemble.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE MUHS JAZZ ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS!
STUDENTS: Get the Learning Adventure of a Lifetime!

A Youth For Understanding USA (YFU) study abroad program is an experience that will immerse you in the lives, culture and community of a family and school in one of 60 countries around the globe. It is an opportunity for U.S. high school students to not only learn a new language, but to experience – in a year, semester, or a summer program – what life is really like in another part of the world. YFU provides an experience that will forever change how you think of yourself and your view of our global community. YFU awards over 300 scholarships every year.

Why study abroad?

- Increase your fluency in another language.
- Meet new people and forge lifelong friendships.
- Differentiate yourself on your college applications; gain preferred admissions and scholarships to participating universities across the United States.
- Learn how to interact with people from different backgrounds and cultures by sharing their lives.
- Gain a global perspective and be ready to meet the challenges of the future, as a person and as a leader.

For more information about YFU study abroad programs, visit www.yfu-usa.org.

PARENTS: Connect Your Family to the World!

Youth for Understanding is currently seeking warm, loving families in your community to host an international student. Imagine welcoming a young person from Brazil, Japan, Germany, Morocco, or one of over 60 countries into your home and creating a life-long connection to another part of the world! Breathe new life into everyday experiences and make American traditions even more meaningful as you share them with your new son or daughter!

Why host a foreign exchange student?

- Provide your family with a memorable international experience, a global education, and a friend/sibling/son or daughter for life.
- Expose your child(ren)—tots and teens—to new cross-cultural perspectives.
- Enrich your school and community.
- Make your child(ren) eligible for scholarships to go abroad.

For more information about hosting, contact Jodi Baier, YFU New England Field Director at 866-493-8872 or jbaier@yfu.org

Or start an application today at https://yfuusa.org/host-families/account-register.php
VTLSP, the Vermont Teen Leadership Safety Program, looks at all sorts of factors that increase the chances that a teen might get involved in high-risk behaviors. In honor of Sexual Violence Awareness Month we are making a show of support to survivors of sexual violence. The trauma and isolation that survivors often experience make them more vulnerable to substance abuse and other problems. We want to show that they deserve better, and that help isn’t far away. Look for our starry “Take Back the Night” bulletin board in April and join us in extending a message of courage and hope.

The 2011-2012 MUHS Peer Leaders have been chosen! This year we received the highest number of applicants to date. Ninety MUHS Juniors applied and ultimately 47 were chosen. Peer Leaders will begin their training next month as they prepare to welcome the 8th graders for a visitation day towards the end of this school year.

The MUHS Field and Stream Club held its first event in March. Local Taxidermist, Butch Braggs visited MUHS to demonstrate and review tanning hides. Approximately 25 students dropped in during their lunch block. We are looking forward to turkey calling in April.

Also in March, MUHS students presented their Public Service Announcement that combats underage drinking at the Marquis Theater. MUHS students joined with The Addison County Prevention Partnership in October to work on the Addison County Teen Prevention Project. The final product was the Public Service Announcement.
Green Mountain Boys’ State

Each summer, young men from around Vermont will attend the Green Mountain Boys’ State Conference. This program offers training in the practical processes of self-government and good citizenship as practiced in a democratic society. This year, the conference will be held at Lyndon State College from June 19th through June 24th. Eligible candidates must be juniors at their respective high school. Applications are available at the guidance office and must be returned by April 15th. Contact the guidance office for more information at 382-1195.

Local Scholarship Application

Senior students should have received a copy of the local scholarship application in their advisory. Please make sure your senior completes the packet as accurately and neatly as possible and returns the application to the guidance office by April 29th. If you have any questions, contact the guidance office at 382-1195.

Virtual High School Courses

Over the past two years, MUHS has had many students enroll in an online class with Virtual High School. These online classes offer enrichment opportunities for our students to explore subjects ranging from screenwriting to biotechnology. A list of classes is available in the guidance office or at www.goVHS.org.

Students interested in taking a VHS class next year should stop in the guidance office to talk with their counselor and pick up a registration packet.

Middlebury College Courses

Each semester, Middlebury College offers the opportunity for eligible seniors to enroll in a class. Additional information about this program is available in the guidance office. Students planning on taking a fall course should meet with their school counselor prior to spring break as well as pick up an application.

SAT Registration

Any students interested in taking the SAT or SAT subject tests on June 4th will need to register by May 6th. For more information about registration as well as practice questions for the SAT, go to the College Board Web site at www.collegeboard.com.
**Fancy a Trip to England?**

During April vacation of 2012, Cathy Stoddert will be leading a student trip to England with ACIS Educational Tours. MUHS has not travelled to the United Kingdom in many, many years, so this is a fresh and exciting opportunity. Educational travel like this allows for a better understanding of the world through direct authentic experience.

Furthermore, Western literature is the core material in MUHS’ English courses; visiting London, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Oxford, Salisbury, Bath and Stonehenge gives student direct experience with its origins. We will soak in the cultural experience, but ACIS’—and our—emphasis on learning will focus on play production and Shakespearean performance, West End drama, British literary traditions, and the intersection of history, politics, and the arts. The 9-day tour will depart from Boston and arrive in London.

For more information and to sign up for the trip, contact Ms. Stoddert at ext. 1174 or at cstoddert@addisoncentralsu.org. Cheers!

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**English Department News**

The MUHS English Department has solidified plans to take approximately 150 ninth and tenth grade students to a late September 2011 performance of *Of Mice and Men* at the Town Hall Theater. Steinbeck's play will be performed by the Middlebury Actors Workshop. Please visit www.middleburyactors.org for more information. We'd like to thank Doug Anderson, Bill Lawson, and Sean Farrell for continuing to support this growing relationship between our department and the Town Hall Theater.

The AP English classes at MUHS have also made plans to take an overnight trip in late May to Hartford, Connecticut. They will visit Hartford Stage to see a production of August Wilson's *Gem of the Ocean* and attend a brief discussion afterwards on the play and author. They will then tour the Mark Twain House and Museum the following morning in Hartford before returning to Middlebury. Please visit www.hartfordstage.org and www.marktwainhouse.org for more information.
On March 11-13, the senior play, *Oliver*, was performed by an ensemble cast. Rachel Getz played Oliver, Bowen Abbey performed the role of Fagin, Nina Edson was Nancy and Jane McCabe portrayed the Artful Dodger. The musical was directed by Shannon Bohler-Small. Liz LeBeau was the music director and Annette Franklin was the accompanist. Profits go to Project Graduation.
During February break, the MUHS SCOHR (Student Coalition on Human Rights) took a trip to Honduras to help the local people in a village in Trujillo. The group helped build a three room school for an expanding village. The six students on the trip were accompanied by SCOHR advisors, Gayle Weiss, and Larry O’Connor. The six students were: Bronwyn Worrick, Rosalie Wright-Lapin, Emma Nordmeyer, Marley Tran, Tamara Volkert, and Kasara Lear. They spent six days working out in the sun mixing cement, moving cinder blocks and building three classroom walls. The children and locals came and helped out after school hours were over. Although the school was not complete by the time SCOHR left, a sense of accomplishment was felt by students. They were recognized by the mayor and rotary club of the town at a special gathering of the townspeople. The hard work, the beautiful people, and the warm Caribbean waters will definitely not be forgotten after returning home to the freezing weather of Vermont.
Addison Central Teens

Drop-in hours this spring:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 3 – 6 PM
Wednesday and Friday: 3 – 7 PM

ACT provides a Teen Center and after-school alternatives, which are welcoming, safe, and fun for all teenagers in the community. Teens have a place to hang out together and opportunities to plan, execute and enjoy programs, activities, special events and community service.

**Upcoming events for April**

Every Wednesday 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM (pizza at 5:00 PM): Youth Advisory Council (YAC) meeting.
“DREAM - ACT - DO” is the motto of our YAC meetings. Teens decide what they want to see happening at 94 Main and they plan and implement their programs and activities.
Every first and third Monday of the month from 4 PM to 6 PM: Swimming at Vermont Sun. Meet at 3:45 PM at 94 Main, located in the basement of the Middlebury Municipal Building.
**Friday, April 15, 2011 - 4 PM to 7 PM: German Dinner and a Movie:** come join Jutta (a native of Germany) and help prepare a real German meal: ‘Kaesespätzle’ (homemade noodles with cheese) for vegetarians, Schnitzel (pork cutlets), ‘Fleischpflanzerl’ (special spiced hamburger patties), Pommes Frites (French fries) and ‘gruene Bohnen’ (green beans) for meat lovers. DESSERT SURPRISE!!
**Friday, April 29 from 8 PM to 11 PM: Spring Fever Dance.** Come join us and dance the night away in a strobe light and glow stick illuminated Municipal Gym. DJ Dizzle and his crew will get your heart pumping to great techno beat.
**Friday, May 6 from: “Foam Sword Battle” 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM** - Come to 94 Main (your teen center) during drop-in hours on any given week day and make your own foam weapon to “do battle” either individually or in teams in the Middlebury Municipal Gym.

**ACT supports the following events!**

April 11th from 11:00 AM until 1 PM: Fifth Annual Sports Team Fun Run
The MUHS boys and girls lacrosse teams will be hosting a 5k fun run. The run will begin at the flag pole near the Middlebury College track. All participants are encouraged to receive pledges that will benefit the multipurpose Fucile Field on Creek Rd. The pledge money raised will be split 50/50, half benefiting the Fucile Field and the other half benefiting an organization of the participants’ choice.
**Sat Apr 30, 9-12, Ilsley Library Community Room: BETTER BICYCLING.** Novice and experienced bicyclists: Increase Your Knowledge, Safety and Fun in Middlebury. The $25 course fee includes 3 hours of instruction, course manual, light refreshments, and certificate of completion. Participants become eligible to win a Night Bike Safety Kit (lights, reflector vest) which they can use in the Night Bike Ride (to kick off the Way to Go Commuter Challenge) from May 16-20. This is part of Middlebury Energy Committee’s “Ways to Go Campaign.” For more info: Laura Asermily, 388-9478 or lasermily@yahoo.com

**ACT WISHLIST:** We are looking for donations of a hammer, screw-drivers, pliers, a socket set, duct tape, a digital camera and a sturdy coffee table. Money donations are appreciated as well.
AND we are always in need of chaperones for our daily drop-in hours and/or special events.

More info? Check our website at: [www.addisonteens.com](http://www.addisonteens.com), call ACT at: 388-3910
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