The Student Recognition Breakfast for Quarter 1 was held at the Glass Onion on Tuesday, November 27, 2012. Eleven students were nominated for awards by members of the faculty for a variety of reasons, including improvement in academic achievement, positive attitudes, motivation and notable service to the school. These students serve as role models for other students and are helpful to their peers. Principal William Lawson congratulated all the students, addressing the recipients, their families and the nominating teachers. UD#3 Board Chair, Leonard Barrett presented the award certificates. Also in attendance, were Superintendent Dr. Gail Conley, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Carol Fenimore and Curriculum Leaders Cindy Atkins, Casey O’Meara and Pam Pezzulo. The students in the Culinary Arts Program, under the direction of Woody Danforth, provided a wonderful array of breakfast items.

The students recognized were as follows:

- Connor Collins was nominated by Cindy Atkins for achievement in science.
- John Eastman was nominated by Deb Karpak for achievement in health class.
- Mikaela Gardner was nominated by Jay Harrington and Perry Lessing for math achievement.
- Aaron Gerow was nominated by Marshall Eddy for achievement in art.
- Hailey LaBounty was nominated by Carole Hall and Katharine Scribner for achievement in science and English classes.
- James Lincoln was nominated by Michele Forman for achievement in world history class.
- Amanda Moricette was nominated by Perry Lessing for achievement in math.
- Carly Newton was nominated by Cathy Stoddert for achievement in English class.
- Lyndsy Quenneville was nominated by Tim O’Leary for achievement in English class.
- Ajah Tier was nominated by Karen Greene and Kate Carroll for achievement in English and Advisory.
- Isabel Velez was nominated by Jim Calder for achievement in Driver’s Education.
**HODY Selections**

This year, Lejla Mahmuljin and Luke Benz have been selected to represent MUHS at the annual Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership (HODY) Conference. This conference brings together tenth grade leaders from high schools around Vermont to discuss social, business and political issues as well as help develop their leadership skills. The Vermont Conference will take place May 23rd-26th at the Vermont Technical College Campus. Congratulations to this year’s representatives.

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**College Applications**

The guidance office wants to remind seniors that January 1st in a common due date for applications. Since this deadline is during our holiday break, it is important for students to talk with teachers and counselors at least one week prior to the start of vacation to make sure all recommendations are sent. Our goal is to have all supporting documents submitted prior to December 21st.

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**Junior College Planning Night**

When faced with over 3800 two and four year colleges, it’s understandable why so many of our junior students struggle with their college search. To help students and parents better understand the college selection process, the guidance department is sponsoring an evening presentation on January 24th at 7:00pm in the auditorium with Jerry Flanagan Vice President of Admissions and Enrollment Management at St. Michael’s College. Jerry’s presentation is filled with stories from a professional as well as personal basis that we know will help clarify many of the questions that arise regarding selecting a college. We hope that you and your son/daughter will be able to attend and bring any questions you may have. If you would like more information about the presentation, please call the guidance department at 382-1195.

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**Governor’s Institute-Winter Weekend**

Winter Weekend, held in February, is an exhilarating and inspiring academic weekend for all Vermont 9th-12th grade students. At Winter Weekend students take on a intellectual challenge in Engineering, Information Technology, Arts or Current Issues, spend the weekend on a college campus, gain exciting new skills and ideas, and explore future career paths. In all GIV Institutes, students are surrounded by their peers, make new friends from all over Vermont, and connect with professionals who support their passion and curiosity for learning.

Each student at Winter Weekend picks one strand to be their primary focus for the weekend. Past strands have included things like:

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**ARTS**

Check out the Governor’s Institute Web site for more information, www.GIV.org, or visit the guidance office.
Financial Aid Information

Parents of seniors applying to colleges should check with each college to determine which financial aid forms are needed. For most colleges, the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form) is the only required form to complete. This form cannot be submitted until after January 1st however, most college financial aid officials recommend that you submit the application in early January. The online form can be found at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/ . (The correct form for 2013-2014 will not be available until January 1st). There are a number of colleges that require an additional financial aid form, the Profile. If one of the colleges that your son or daughter is applying to requires the Profile, then it is important to begin the registration process for that application as soon as possible. The Profile can be found at the following link: https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp

With both forms, make sure you use the financial aid form for the 2013-2014 school year. If you have any further questions about financial aid don’t hesitate to call the guidance office, VSAC, or a college financial aid office.

Parents of Sophomores and Juniors

Don’t let your student miss the Community College of Vermont’s free, non-credit Introduction to College Studies course, which will be offered in Middlebury this spring, Wednesdays from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. Students who successfully pass ICS can apply for a voucher to take a FREE college course at CCV, any of the other Vermont State Colleges, or another partnering school while they are still in high school or the summer immediately following their senior year. Last year, over 1,100 students took Introduction to College Studies, and many are now enrolled in college courses. In fact, 76% of students who successfully completed ICS over a 3-year period are now enrolled in college. To register, apply online at www.ccv.edu. Call 388-3032 if you have questions.

VSAC Forms Night

On January 16th at 7:00pm, Carrie Harlow from VSAC will once again be on hand to help parents apply for financial aid. Carrie will be using the Learning Center computer Lab to help parents get started on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form). Since we have a limited number of computers, space is limited. If you are interested in participating in the forms night, please reserve a spot by calling Mary Anne Bearor at 382-1195.
Students Awarded for Efforts in Transportation Challenges.

MUHS Students participated in the UVM Design Aiken/TASC Challenges at UVM’s Patrick Gymnasium with 32 other teams from Vermont and New Hampshire on Saturday December 1, 2012. This year’s challenge was transportation. The students created a cross-bow device using Ms. Koretz’s old alpine skis and shot a tennis ball down a 30m track in 3.24 seconds. The team was the 1st Runner Up for Test Track Best Time. Their advisor is MUHS math teacher, Jay Harrington.

Congratulations!
Knitting in Advisory!

This semester, Faith Scaramucci’s 9th grade advisory has been learning how to knit! Mrs. Scaramucci, along with her assigned Peer Leaders, Sawyer Hescock, Nora McLaughlin and Mac Groves, have helped to get all 11 students in the advisory knitting hats and scarves. This has been a terrific way to start the day, with one student commenting, “I look forward to this every day.”

Knitting has been gaining popularity at MUHS since its introduction during Wellness Day 2010. Faith Scaramucci is always looking for yarn and needle donations!
English 100 class studying *To Kill a Mockingbird*
Hands-On Learning in Montréal for French Students

On Monday, November 19, MUHS students in French 2, 3, and 4 got a chance to practice their French across the border in Québec. The day began with a scavenger hunt at a supermarket outside the city, giving students a chance to spend time looking at labels, learning new vocabulary, and even discovering unfamiliar foods! They then explored the “Marché Atwater,” an indoor farmers market with vendors selling everything from fruits and vegetables and cheese to extravagant “gâteaux au chocolat.” After some exploring and some lunch at the market, the students got a beautiful view of the city and river below from the top of “Mont Royal,” the mountain the gives Montréal its name. They then explored the old city on foot, followed with a trip to Saint Jean-sur-Richelieu on the way home. In Saint Jean, students had another chance to use their French to do some shopping and order some dinner. Special thanks to Marcie Bolton who helped us chaperone and took wonderful pictures! Thanks also to all of the students who participated; it was a wonderful learning experience for us all. Merci et à bientôt!
Save the Dates - Success Saturday

Success Saturday is back! The Learning Lab will be open for tutoring from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: January 12, March 2, March 30, and June 1. These dates were selected to correspond with the dates nearest interim grade reports and the end of each quarter. Students must sign up in advance in the Learning Lab. Snacks are provided. Success Saturday is a great way to stay caught up or to get caught up, to study for a test, to possibly redo a test, or to work on a paper.

The Learning Lab provides tutoring in a positive and supportive environment. Tutoring is available to all MUHS students for all subjects and classes. Tutoring is provided by two licensed teachers, peer tutors, Middlebury College students, and community volunteers.

The Learning Lab is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and is located in room H-103. Please call Jim Burnett or Tammi Beattie at 382 – 1165 if you have any questions.
ACT values teen culture as an essential part of the broader community. It provides a fun, safe and welcoming place for teens to hang out, and promote teen contributions through programs, activities, and outreach.

Drop-in Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 3 – 6pm
Wednesday and Friday: 3 – 7pm

ACT is open to all youth in 7th to 12th grade from the ACSU school district. Through its Youth Advisory Council (YAC), ACT sponsors dances, fund raisers, community service projects and much more—by and for teens. ACT provides a fun, safe and welcoming place for teens to hang out, be with their friends, listen to music, play foosball, pool, board games, be creative and do art projects and eat snacks.

UP-COMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Youth Advisory Council Meeting: Wednesday December 12th 4:30 to 6pm (pizza at 5:30pm)
“DREAM - ACT - DO” is the motto of our YAC meetings. Teens decide what they want to see happening at the Teen Center and plan, organize and implement programs and activities.

Magic on Mondays: Every Monday from 4 – 6pm
Stop by Addison Central Teens every Monday from 4 – 6pm to play MAGIC the Gathering, trade cards, build decks, or learn how to play the game. Staff and experts will be on hand to answer questions, build decks or to simply play against. All levels and abilities are welcome and encouraged to play!

ROLL BASS: Friday Dec. 7th 8 – 11pm
Zaita and Stanky.o present ROLL BASS in the Middlebury Municipal gymnasium. Also featuring Leprachaun NINJA and with sounds by DJ Dizzle. Tickets are only $5 at the door!

Community Supper: Friday December 7th 3:30 – 7pm
The community supper is an annual Friday Night tradition at the congregational church in Middlebury. Help Addison Central Teens choose a menu, cook and serve members of our community. This is a really fun event and a great opportunity for community service. You get to have a wonderful home cooked meal and delicious deserts!

DJ SKATE NIGHT: Saturday Dec. 8th, 22nd 8:00 – 10:00pm
Co-sponsored by Friends of Middlebury Hockey and Addison Central Teens. Enjoy classic roller rink style skating on the ice at the Memorial Sports Center, 296 Buttolph Drive, Middlebury. All ages and abilities welcome - $5 adult - $3 students. Skates are available for rent and the concession stand is open.

Nutritional Outreach and Mentoring (NOM) Cooking Class: Wednesday Dec. 5th 4:00 - 6:00pm
Love to COOK? Love to EAT?? Middlebury College volunteers will be hosting cooking classes at the teen center. The cooking classes will focus on shopping, preparing, cooking, and of course eating healthy meals, while being conscious of staying on a budget. Help us decide what you would like to prepare, shop for and make for NOM cooking classes.

Co-Directors: Colby Benjamin: colby@addisonteens.com
Jutta Miska: jutta@addisonteens.com

ACT is located in the Middlebury Municipal Building; enter on College Street across from Samas Café.
Middlebury Union High School

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