The school is off to a great start this year with MUHS peer leaders welcoming roughly 180 incoming 9th graders! Prior to the beginning of the school year, peer leaders spent half a day in leadership training with Mike Weber from You can Lead. Peer leaders worked on developing ways to build a sense of community with incoming 9th graders through experiential learning initiatives, problem-solving, and communication. The following day, peer leaders co-hosted a 9th grade orientation day with the MUHS guidance department. Peer leaders worked on class schedules with the 9th graders as well as finding time to get to know one another. Peer leaders then welcomed the 9th graders on August 27th for their first day of school. Peer leaders will continue to meet regularly with 9th graders this quarter, joining them twice a week during morning advisory.
**College Information Night for Juniors & Seniors**

Parents and students are invited to a College Information Night on October 9th from 7pm-8:30pm in the MUHS Auditorium. John Nordmeyer, from Middlebury College Admissions Office will be our guest speaker. Prior to John’s presentation, counselors will provide an update on the use of Naviance which is the software we use to research postsecondary schools, and submit transcripts, recommendations, and school reports to colleges. Please call the Guidance Department at 382-1195 with any questions.

**PSAT**

The PSAT is the practice or preliminary test for the SAT. The test is also the entrance test for the National Merit Scholarship program for juniors. This year, the PSAT will be given at Middlebury Union High School on Saturday, October, 18th. There will be no charge for juniors to take the test at MUHS. We encourage all junior students considering attending college to take the PSAT. Sign up is with Mrs. Bearor in the Guidance Office. Once students sign up, they will be given a PSAT bulletin that provides additional information about the test as well as a practice test. We do have a limited number of seats available so please encourage your son or daughter to sign up as soon as possible.

**SAT**

The first SAT of the school year is scheduled for October 11th. The regular registration deadline is September 12th. Late registration deadline is September 26th. The next available SAT is scheduled for November 8th with a registration deadline of October 9th.

**ACT**

The next ACT of the school year is scheduled for October 25th. The regular registration deadline is September 19th. The ACT is another college entrance exam that is accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the US. There are several colleges that will accept the ACT in lieu of subject tests. Please stop by the Guidance Office with questions about this opportunity.

**VSAC Paying for College Night**

On Wednesday, October 29th at 6:30pm, Carrie Harlow from the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) will be presenting the annual “Paying for College” evening program held in the auditorium. Carrie will help clarify issues related to the financial aid process including: how to apply for financial aid, which forms are required, and how financial aid is awarded. She will also be available to answer any specific questions parents may have about financial aid. For more information about the evening presentation, please contact the Guidance Office.

**Additional Items of Interest**

- If you are a member of a fall sports team and would like physical education credit for your participation, please sign up in the Guidance Office.
- Attention Seniors: The University of Vermont Early Action deadline is November 1st! UVM waives the application fee for any Vermont student who applies early action. Please see your counselor with questions.
On September 10th, the MUHS English faculty visited Town Hall Theater and Kate Gridley's exhibit *Passing Through: Portraits of Emerging Adults* and discussed ways to incorporate the exhibit into their work with students.

**In other News…**

The Clemson University based non-profit Write to Change pledged $300 toward Tim O'Leary's ongoing work encouraging young people to find, develop and refine a voice using digital media to enter into public discourse on topics of social worth.

Tim O'Leary and his students also completed a successful $350 fundraising campaign through DonorsChoose.org to purchase a large photographic backdrop for filming and photography and three continuous lighting instruments to complete the mini-studio.

Lastly, Tim O'Leary and two students will present their process and work on digital media and civic engagement to teachers from around the state on November 7th in Killington at Vermont Fest, sponsored by Vita-Learn and VT-ACSD, and supported by Middlebury College's Vermont Bread Loaf Teacher Network. Those involved in this process are continuously grateful for the support of this work.
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: October 18, November 22, January 10, March 28, May 16 and May 30. These dates were selected to correspond with the dates nearest to 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, 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 Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and is located in room H-103. Please call Ben Krahn or Tammi Beattie at 382 - 1165 if you have any questions.
Friday, September 26th – a school sponsored Bonfire for MUHS students will occur from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Creek Road soccer field parking lot. There will be music, cider, and cider donuts available.

Saturday, October 3rd - Student Senate presents the "Homecoming Dance" for MUHS students from 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Thursday, October 16th is the Student Picture re-take day. Students who ordered pictures during the first Picture Day and want retakes done need to bring the photos they received in with them on Picture Retake Day. Students ordering pictures for the first time need to bring in an order form and payment or verification of an online order. All students should have their picture taken for a photo ID and yearbook picture. There is no charge for this. Picture order forms are available in the Main Office or order online at mylifetouch.com.

Saturday, October 18th, the Middlebury Nordic Ski Team will have its annual Ski Sale from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There will be two wholesale vendors setting up in our cafeteria with Nordic, Alpine, and Snowboard equipment. They will also have a variety of ski clothing as well as ski and snowboard accessories available.

Parent Conferences - Thursday, November 6 and Friday, November 7, 2014. These conferences are 15 minutes each with the teachers of your choice and will provide you with an opportunity to receive specific feedback concerning student progress. The schedule will be: Thursday from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Parents may sign-up by calling the Faculty Administrative Assistant, Julie Dodson, at 382-1107 beginning October 1st.
The Latin and French branches of the World Language Department are excited to offer a language and culture trip to France and Italy this spring. In April, teachers and students of French and Latin will begin an adventure in Paris, exploring the “City of Lights.” They will continue to the Avignon, in the south of France, where they will experience both French culture and remnants of ancient Rome. They will then travel through the Alps to Florence, Italy and see the influence of Rome on the Renaissance before finishing the adventure in Rome, the center of the ancient Roman Empire. Seats are still available, if you wish to join us! Please contact Christine Heagy, cheagy@addisoncentralsu.org for more information.

On September 8th, MUHS hosted a school-wide assembly with Chris Waddell from One Revolution. Chris presented an interactive program, called Nametags, providing students with simple lessons about how to make difficult choices. By using his own personal story, Chris illustrated that "It's not what happens to you. It's what you do with happens to you." After a skiing accident which left Chris paralyzed from the waist down, Chris turned a traumatic event into a life changing opportunity. Chris went on to win 13 Paralympic medals, was a world champion in both winter and summer sports, founded One Revolution Foundation, is in the Paralympic Hall of fame and the US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, named in the Dalai Lama's Unsung Hero of Compassion, as well as a host of many more amazing accomplishments. Chris conveyed through his own personal struggles and triumphs that we all have the opportunity to choose how we respond to challenges before us.

On September 11th, MUHS welcomed the parents of the incoming class of 2018 with a parent BBQ and presentation by Pat Messerle. Pat Messerle, a clinical psychologist, spoke to the audience about adolescent strengths and challenges and what to expect from your student as they enter the high school years. Pat provided parents with strategies and tools to use as they navigate various scenarios and developmental stages with their adolescent. It was terrific to see so many parents come out for the BBQ and MUHS open house.
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