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MCPO MISSION STATEMENT

Promoting partnership between parents, teachers, students, administrators, and the greater Mountain Crest High School (MCHS) community to create and support an environment where MCHS students can learn, grow, and succeed.

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WE LOVE OUR MC SWIM TEAM - PAGE 10

Excitement at the Stang Aquatic Center!

Upcoming Events

MCPO Ping Pong Lunch Activity: Feb 7-9

Sweetheart's Dance: Feb 10, 8 pm @MC Commons

Blood Drive: Feb 12

MC Choir Concert: Feb 13, 7 pm

State Swim @ BYU: Feb 16-17

State Girls Wrestling: Feb 14-15

State Boys Wrestling: Feb 16-17

NO SCHOOL: Feb 16 & Feb 19

Orchestra Concert: Feb 21, 7 pm

Guitar Concert: Feb 22, 7 pm

State Girls & Boys Bball: Begins Feb 20

Region Debate: Feb 24 @ Bear River

NO SCHOOL: Feb 26

Caprielle Review: Feb 26, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

New Term Begins: Feb 27

Talent Show: Feb 5, 9 am

State Debate: March 8

Prom: Cache County Fairgrounds, 8 pm

Student Gov't Election Meeting: March 11

Band Conert: March 13, 7 pm

MC Theatre's Antigone, Now: March 21-23 & 25

NO SCHOOL: March 22

UPCOMING THEATRE EVENTS:

- * *ANTIGONE, NOW* auditions are February 7
- * MC's Horsin' Around Improv Troupe auditions are February 20
- * *ANTIGONE, NOW* is March 21, 22, 23, and 25
- * Improv Show dates are April 18, 19, 25, 26, and 27

Watch for show details!



FROM THE MCPO BOARD:

40 YEARS OF STRIVING

This year supportive administrators, teachers, coaches, and parents have cheered on MC students in the classroom and various extracurricular activities. There's been exciting wins and tough losses, but one thing that dominates MC culture is that a Mustang never gives up.

As MC turns 40 this year, we celebrate all the successes and challenges over the years that have shaped generations of resilient students and citizens. Thank you to all those who support MC students in whatever arena. Please keep cheering, keep supporting, and keep showing up for our students and school. They deserve our best!

Let's make the last months of the 2024 schol year at MC the best it can be. How? Look through the "Upcoming Events" section in this newsletter, or on MC's website calendar and attend a theatre production, concert, or sporting event. MC students and faculty are working hard. Email a teacher a "thank you" for their work with students. Consider making a donation to the Class of 2024 Graduation Party (see next page), and think about how you can volunteer with the MCPO next year. There's so much good happening at MC - be part of it in its 40th year.

Join the MCPO at our next meeting on Wednesday, March 6 at 8 pm in the classroom near the commons. All are invited!



ADMIN'S MESSAGE:

ADDITIONS COMING!

As an administration we would love to tell our community, teachers, parents, and students thanks for making a difference every day.

We are so thankful for all the community support at MC activities, and we are excited about some additions. Right now we are expanding the main concessions stand, adding heat to the outdoor bathrooms, constructing a new baseball/softball practice facility, and making needed adjustments in our counseling center.

We will continue to do whatever we can to improve everyone's experience at MC!

We are open to new ideas and solutions to helping improve MC. We are always looking for ways for students, teachers, parents and community to be a part of being the difference at MC!

MC
Administration

\$20 for 2024 GRAD PARTY!

THE MCPO SPONSORS, PLANS, AND
CHAPERONES AN AMAZING GRAD
PARTY FOR THE GRADUATING
SENIOR CLASS.
THE GOAL IS TO RAISE ENOUGH FUNDS
FOR FOOD, GIFT CARDS, PRIZES, AND
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PLEASE DONATE TO THE MCPO
FOR YOUR SENIOR.

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CLASS OF
2024

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GRADUATION PARTY



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CALLING ALL CANDIDATES:

2024 STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ELECTION SCHEDULE:

Monday, March 11: Packets
Available

Monday, March 11: Mandatory
Election Meeting for ANYONE
interested in running for
Student Gov't, FLEX

Monday, March 18: Packets
Due by 3:00pm

Tuesday, March 19: Candidate
Meeting, 8:00am

We will let you know if your
election will have a Primary.

Primary Election Voting from
Tuesday, March 19 @ 8:00am to
Thursday, March 21 @ 2:30pm.

Thursday, March 21: Candidates
notified of Primary Election
results by 3:00 pm

Friday March 22: Videos
due by 3:00 pm

Monday, March 25: Candidate
Posters up beginning @ 6am

Monday, March 25: Candidate
Assembly, 9am

March 26-28: Candidate
Interviews, Flex

Final Election Voting Monday,
March 25 @ 8:00am to
Thursday, March 28 @ 3:00pm



The MC Parent Organization is pleased to spotlight the **MC Custodial Staff**. We're grateful for the time and energy they dedicate to our Mustang community. Thank you!
They make a difference every day!

We have an amazing custodial staff at MC!! They take care of a wide variety of things. They make the building a safe and clean environment, making sure each area is ready for school or activities that are held at the school. There are many extracurricular activities at MC and their staff is an integral part of each event's success.



They take care of maintenance issues throughout the building. In addition, they are in charge of maintaining outside areas, including mowing, some sprinkler repair, and snow removal. During the summer months, they deep clean the whole building from the ceiling to the floor.

What do our custodians love about working at MC?

Robert Hearn: "The interactions with kids."

Franco Barrera: "I enjoy the atmosphere, students and faculty along with the friendships I've formed."

Jared Leishman: "I grew up in Hyrum and went to MC and now I get to work at MC. I love the school spirit and community we have here."

Brandon Pulsipher: "A friendly work environment creates a positive atmosphere. MC is a great place to work!"

Riley Maughan: "I like the people, they are so kind and caring."

Glade Smith: "I love working here. Everyone is treated equal and included in all that is going on."

Wendy McBride: "I love interacting with the kids and faculty."

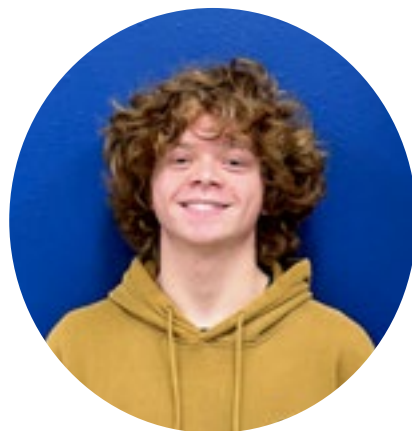
Holly Liechty: "I like orange and blue, and the people that wear those colors!"

Ryan Cooper: "The atmosphere is great at MC and how we work as a team from administration, teacher, faculty, and staff. Being able to meet so many different people that comes through MC."

December Cache Valley Bank Mustangs *of the Month*



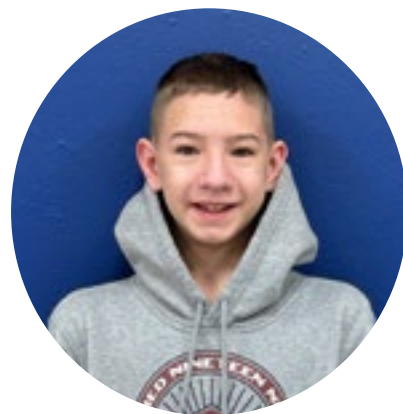
CHASE SUMMER – *Senior*
Parent(s): April & Thane Summers
Hometown: *Hyrum*
What Chase likes about being a Mustang:
MC music! “I am a huge music nerd. Love it to my soul.”



MILES HEITZ – *Junior*
Parent(s): Heidi & Glen Multrey
Hometown: *Wellsville*
What Miles loves about being a Mustang:
“I like all of the activities and clubs the school has.”



MADELYN LEMUS – *Sophomore*
Parents: Ruth Yamira Perez Carias & Hector Manuel Miranda Espinoza
Hometown: *Hyrum*
What Madelyn loves about being a Mustang:
Madelyn loves to study at Mountain Crest and get good grades. She also loves the activities.



ZACH ASHBY – *Freshman*
Hometown: *Mendon*
Parent(s): Marci Ashby
What Zach loves about being a Mustang:
Way to go Zach!

January Cache Valley Bank Mustangs *of the Month*



KYLIE HOBBS – *Senior*

Parent(s): Ryand & Stephanie Hobbs

Hometown: *Wellsville*

What Kylie likes about being a Mustang:

“The teachers here are so kind and understanding.”

DARCY CHRISTENSEN – *Junior*

Parent(s): Heidi & Nate Christensen

Hometown: *Hyrum*

What Darcy loves about being a Mustang:

“I love the staff here. I feel like all my teachers truly want the best for me and will do everything they can to help me get there.”



KATE BRADY – *Sophomore*

Parents: Corey & Tiffany Brady

Hometown: *Wellsville*

What Kate loves about being a Mustang:

“The incredible people!”

EMERSYN RAYM – *Freshmen*

Parent(s): Michelle & Jon Raym

Hometown: *Wellsville*

What Emersyn loves about being a Mustang:

“My MC family!”



Good News at MC!

Email tarabone@msn.com when you see positive MC happenings - we want to share the good news!

"It's a Stang Thang!"

As part of Mountain Crest's vision this year to "Be The Difference! Every day. Every person. Whatever it takes," staff members are on the lookout for students quietly doing good.

Recent students who were honored include **Cayden Chalmers, Axton Carter, and Erin Duecaster.**

Congratulations! Thanks for making a difference at MC.



Mustang Brain Power

We the People

Mountain Crest's AP U.S. Government and Politics class competed in the State 'We the People' Competition on February 2nd at Utah Valley University.



As a part of this competition, students were required to write four-minute speeches and prepare for six minutes of questioning based on a specific government topics. Thank you teacher Sari Sparks for preparing students!



Mountain Crest took 3rd place at State and the Unit 6 (Jamison Ellis, Karsten Bone, Macguire Anderton, and Zoie Hoffman) took 1st place for their speech and research about the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

These students spent a lot of time learning and researching, and will use that knowledge to be awesome future leaders of our country and the world!

Academic Olympiad

On January 31st, eight Senior students represented MC at the yearly Academic Olympiad competition at Utah State University.



These students are selected based on their advanced classes taken, ACT scores, and teacher recommendation. Students are assessed on their knowledge of Science, Math, Language Arts, and Social Studies through four tests and then a trivia competition called the Battle for Olympus.

Our team this year did a great job and won 2nd place in the Battle for Olympus. Thank you to Mariah Peel, Isabelle Rogers, Jocee Toone, Caden Rupp, Carter Hale, Grady Fluckiger, Ethan Harris, and Spencer Weaver for representing Mountain Crest so well! And thank you too for teachers Sari Sparks and Christina Barrington and all the work they did to assist these students.

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Grit & Grace Prevail

Congratulations to the Mountain Crest Girls Wrestling team! Way to take first place at the 4A Divisional state qualifying meet February 1. Good luck at State February 14 -15.



MC Boys Wrestlers Look to State

In a tough Divisional A meet February 3, the returning State Champion MC Boys Wrestling team finished third, but will send 13 wrestlers to State. Good luck at State February 16-17 at Utah Valley University. We're cheering you on!

Mustang Musicians Perform at All-State

Last fall, high school musicians across Utah prepared for All-State Band, Orchestra, and Choir auditions. The process is described as highly competitive. Mountain Crest was fortunate to have three musicians accepted to perform with the All-State Band and Orchestra at Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City during January.



Congratulations to Mountain Crest's **Stephen Hembree** for acceptance into All-State Orchestra and **Hannah Meeker** and **Aaron Yoder** for acceptance into All-State Band.

Sponsored by the Utah Music Educators Association, the experience is an opportunity for students to learn from and perform with top musicians from across the state. Congratulations!

Inclusion Day is March 6th!

Support MC's Unified teams and Life Skills classes by purchasing an Inclusion Shirt by February 11. They are selling t-shirts to spread the message of inclusivity and also to raise funds for their Essential Elements classrooms.

Visit:

www.successfund.com/inclusion2024
Select "Mountain Crest" at checkout, and all proceeds will come directly to MC. Thank you for your support!



MC Swim Team Excels

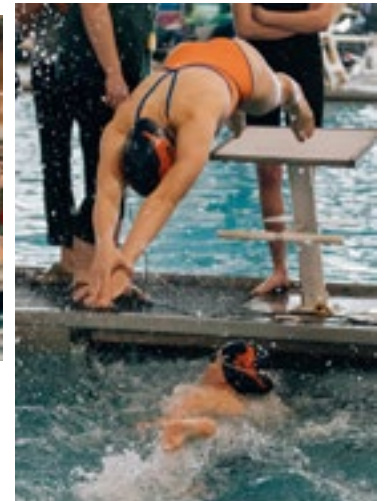
Since the beginning of October, every day at 6 a.m. - except Sundays - the Mountain Crest Swim Team filled the Stang Aquatic Center to practice the sport they love with teammates they love.

First year MC Coach Brayden Rigby says, "The level of dedication [of the team] is crazy. I've been really impressed."

He adds that a lot of swimmers went through adversity but there's been a positive atmosphere and they've worked hard this season.

The boys have been dominant in region swim and the girls have steadily improved during the season.

The team showcased fantastic swims at the Region Championship on February 3 and are on to state competition. Good luck and thank you for your hard work and representing MC so well!



Caprielles Compete

Under the direction of first-year coach Celeste Nealde, MC's Caprielles danced their way to the state semi-finals at Utah Valley University on January 31.

"We had a great season and the girls worked extremely hard. Their confidence has grown as a team and as individuals," Coach Nealde said. "Couldn't have asked for a better year. Truly these girls have so much to be proud of."



Congratulations Caprielles! Countless hours of hard-work paid off and the future looks bright. Support the Caprielles at the Caprielle Dance Review on February 26, 6:30 pm at MC.



Counselor Corner

We can't believe we are already over halfway through 2nd trimester! We are well underway with Junior Registrations. Please reach out to your counselor if you wish to attend the registration meeting with your Junior. We will begin registering other grades in February. Please watch for more information on that.

Now is a great time to sit down with your student and check powerschool as we are at mid-term. Powerschool is a great resource to check grades and attendance. Please always feel free to reach out to teachers with any questions or concerns or your school counselor. Thank you for all you do to support your student(s) and make MC so amazing!

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Another Successful Luncheon - Thank you Teachers!

Thank you to every MCPO volunteer who brought food for the teacher luncheon during Parent Teacher Conferences on January 22. The teachers were grateful and it's a wonderful way to say thank you to them.

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Celebrating 40 Years of MC Basketball

Forty years ago Mountain Crest High School (MCHS) officially opened its doors, but before then, all Cache County high school students went to Sky View High School (SVHS). To help commemorate 40 years of Mountain Crest and 40 years of MCHS and SVHS basketball, on January 26 at the MC home basketball game against SVHS, the crowd welcomed back the Mustang's first basketball coach John Neilsen and players from the 1983-84 MCHS and SVHS basketball teams!

Coordinated between the MCPO and Athletic Director Kevin Anderson, the event was an opportunity for friends to reunite and the current MC community to look back on our Mustang beginning. The former players traveled from Cache Valley, other parts of Utah, and even Turkey to reunite. They met prior to the game to tour the school, sat together during the game, and were honored during half time. They ended the night where else -- in the school cafeteria eating pizza and reminiscing.



Left to right: Terrell Baldwin and Marty Knowles ... like the good ole' days!



Left to right: Randy Funk, Rob Davidson, Terrell Baldwin, Coach John Nielson, Trent Mathews, Rod Stuart, Marty Knowles, Ryan Brown, Steve Jenson, Brian Mickelson, Steve Archibald, Brad Johnson.

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