



MOUNTAIN CREST parent organization

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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.

AMERICA FIRST
Photo credit: Crystal Ruby Photography
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Upcoming Events

College Application Week

October 4 - 7

See Counselor Corner, page 9 for details.

Fall Break

October 13 and 14

MCPO Lunch Time Activity

October 19

PSAT Test Date

October 25 - Questions: monica.thompson@ccsdut.org

Horsin' Around Improv

October 20 and November 3 • 7 pm

Mctheatre.booktix.com

Scary Movie Assembly

October 24 • during Flex

EXEC Movie Night

October 24 • 6:30 pm

Band Concert

October 25 • 7:30 pm

Orchestra Concert

October 26 • 7:30 pm

Haunted Hallway

October 27 - 31

National FFA Convention

October 26-29

Dancing with the Stars Assembly

October 31

Midsummer Night's Dream Auditions

November 1 - 2 • see www.ccsdut.org/mountaincrest

Donations

Use the QR code below to make a MCPO \$10 Difference Donation for your family. Those who do receive weekly "At A Glance" emails with up-to-date MC info and 100% of donations stay at MCHS!



College & Career Resources Available to MC Families

This last week, we had our first Parent Teacher Conferences of the 22-23 school year - an opportunity for parents to come into the school and meet their student's teachers, ask questions, and get a feel for the school. There were also representatives from many Utah colleges with information and answers to important questions about college and a Parent University class to go over all the many college/post high school resources available to students and parents at Mountain Crest.

I came away that day reminded that MC has so many dedicated teachers who are willing to do whatever it takes to help your student succeed now, as well as many resources available to help your student with post-high school decisions.

Highlights all parents should know:

- Use Powerschool to your advantage! It is an efficient way to keep up on student progress, attendance, grades, etc. The sooner we catch a falling student, the easier it is to recover from the fall!
- The first week of October is Utah College Application Week and every Utah school has a promo code that waives their application fee! You can get those codes with a simple email to your counselor. They are good the whole month of October, but there are only so many codes available so the earlier students apply the better!
- The FAFSA application has just opened up for the 23-24 school year. If you have a senior who will be attending college next Fall, now is the time to start thinking about that. It isn't necessarily fun to fill out (usually takes about 45 minutes) but it is well worth it. Even if you don't qualify for PELL grants (money for college that doesn't need to be paid back), most universities use information from FAFSA to award extra money to students who have filled it out.
- We have a College Access Advisor who can answer questions about all the things that go into college admissions and scholarships. If you are wondering about deadlines or ACT requirements or deferment, contact Rachel Hollingsworth.
- We have a Career Center Advisor who utilizes programs like YouScience to help students determine what skills and interests can help them make career decisions after high school. If your student hasn't gone through the YouScience analysis, contact Destiny Spackman.
- Kristina Corbridge is our GearUP advisor who takes students on campus tours and helps them fill out college applications among a dozen other things.
- Wondering what scholarships your student might be eligible for? There's a page on the MC Counseling website with hundreds of scholarships available to students of all grades with easy to understand requirements and deadlines. To access that website go to mccounseling.weebly.com.
- The MC Counselors have so much information not only on all things college and career, but also choices students need to be making right now to make the most of their education. If you are unsure about what classes would be a good fit for your student or are concerned about how something they are struggling with is affecting them at school, your student's counselor is an incredible resource.

Parents - these and so many other incredible resources are right here at MC. We just need to take advantage of them. I know raising teenagers is so busy and life is so busy! And because of that, the school is trying to make it easier and easier for us to access information and help when needed. If there is still a hole that they haven't filled very well yet, let us know!

Michelle

November Mustangs of the Month

MASON GEARY – Junior

Mendon, Utah

Parents: Aaron and Brooke Geary

Favorite thing about being a Mustang:

“All the students are so awesome!”



ADAM DENNIS – Sophomore

Hyrum, Utah

Parents: Sean and Kelly Dennis

Favorite thing about being a Mustang:

“The activities!!”



BELA WILDE – Freshman

Hyrum, Utah

Parents: Jana and LJ Wilde

Favorite thing about being a Mustang:

“It is such a party and I love all the fun activities and people and teachers that make it such a great time!”



MADI SWEIGART – Senior, Not available for photo.



Throughout this school year the MCPO will spotlight teachers, staff, and administration to thank them for all they do for Mountain Crest High School (MCHS) students! They are a KEY part of who helps create the atmosphere at Mountain Crest and so many of them go above and beyond what is required of them because they love working with students and they love what they do! It takes many people to run a school and we are grateful for everyone who helps Mountain Crest be a great place!

This month MCPO recognizes some of MCHS's amazing teachers: **Allison Feinauer, Tammy Short, and Stephanie Ferguson**



ALLISON FEINAUER

– English Teacher, USU Concurrent Enrollment

I teach English, primarily English 1010 and 2200, to the best students in the world. This year, I also have sections of Western Literature, Diversity Discovery, and 11th grade literature. I've spent my entire career (just starting year 26) at MC and can't imagine teaching anywhere else. The most rewarding part of my job is watching students discover that they can do things they never believed they could. Seeing a student grow in confidence and ability to tackle life makes every challenging thing worth it. I grew up in a very small town near Bear Lake and moved away from home the day after I graduated from high school. I really wanted to live in a "big city" so I came to Logan to attend USU. It's funny how perspectives change over time, and even though Cache Valley isn't the metropolis I thought it was, it has been the perfect place to live, teach, and raise my six sons. I love to travel and have had the opportunity to explore Mexico, the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, and much of the United States. Some students might know me as the teacher who has snakes and lizards in her classroom ;-)

My advice for MC students is to find balance. School is just one part of your incredibly busy and ever changing world. Hold yourselves to a standard of success, but don't be too hard on yourself when things get tough.



TAMMY SHORT

– Mathematics Teacher, Sterling Scholar Advisor

I am a Math Teacher for 10th and 11th graders. I also work with the Mountain Crest Sterling Scholars.

I love working with the students and seeing their successes in Math, whether they are big or small. I love what I do and I love giving back. So I use my teaching as a way to serve others.

I grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. My family is my biggest hobby, we love boating, camping, and traveling together. I have four sons that attended MC and I now have 9 grandchildren with one more on the way.

I enjoy a good hamburger and wish I could eat one every day (getting old sucks!). I went to a vocational & technical high school and studied data processing and administrative assistance. My goal was to learn a skill/trade to put myself through college and help support my family. We had to dress for our trade, so I had to wear a dress every day to school. The times have changed and the dress code for professional women doesn't mean a dress anymore (thank goodness)!

I wasn't part of the "in crowd" in high school, but I tried to be friendly to everyone. I want every MC student to know that you've got this, so believe in yourself.

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STEPHANIE FERGUSON – English Teacher, AP European History Teacher, Reps Advisor
I teach English, History, and Humanities. I am also the Reps advisor. I love working with teenagers. As cheesy as it sounds, they give me hope for the future. They are still willing to learn, change, and grow, which is more than can be said of most adults. I am a proud graduate of Mountain Crest High School. I went to beauty school my senior year of high school full time. My advice to MC students is to never stop learning!

Get Ready for An All New Winter Ball Experience!

The Mountain Crest Parent Organization (MCPO) plans to start sponsoring Winter Ball and every fall will unveil a different dance theme with varying party elements.

So this year's theme is a surprise until after the Sadie's dance on October 22! Watch for the big reveal on advertising around the school and social media.

Be in the know!
Follow us on Social Media

Facebook:
MC PO

Instagram:
mtcrest_parentorganization



MC Fans Give to Green Canyon Families

Though the Mountain Crest (MC) homecoming football game against

Green Canyon High School was exciting, there was something more happening in the MC home stands.

Kristi Workman, along with other MC parents, knew of two GCHS students who were facing huge challenges, so they sprang into action. They did a write-up on each student they wanted to help and passed boots around the MC crowd for donations during the game. MC fans raised \$700 for each of family, along with blankets and Stanley Cups. The money was presented to GCHS's student leaders to be given to the families.

Mandy Davis, a GCHS parent said, "Thank you Mountain Crest High School for setting such a great example."

Unlikely Unity

At an MC vs Sky View High School (SVHS) volleyball match in September, the power abruptly went out. While waiting for light, the SV team brought a speaker to the middle of the net and both teams and student body danced together in a pitch black gym, glowing with phones.



Good News at MC!

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

MC Student Ranks at National Competition

Even as a small child, Mountain Crest High School (MCHS) senior Samantha Watrin from Wellsville said she "loved arguing" and part of her always knew she wanted to be part of debate and speech. Fortunately for MCHS, that's just what Samantha did when she joined the debate team as a freshman and three years later ranked top five in the Congressional Debate Senate event at the National Speech and Debate Association Tournament.

Last summer over 6,000 competitors from across the country competed at the national tournament. To qualify, Samantha went through months of preparation and at the tournament competed in multiple six-hour rounds of competition.

With the experience she gained, Samantha looks forward to leading her team to more success this season. "After seeing my hard work pay off at the national tournament I was ecstatic," Samantha said. "This experience also prompted more excitement in me to share what I had learned with my team. In the past, we have mostly focused on state tournaments, but with our highly skilled team we should be able to expand to the National Level."

Samantha says debate has taught her to critically examine topics from both sides and to share her arguments without offending others. Congratulations Samantha, and good luck to the entire MCHS debate team.



MCHS Debate Facts

Karlie Jordan - MCHS Debate Coach, karlie.jordan@ccsdut.org

The MCHS team is always looking for new members! To join, visit Ms. Jordan in room 133 or email her. Ms. Jordan says "Our team has a little or everything, every clique, every political opinion, and everything. It is a very accepting team -- anyone is welcome!" She adds that debate builds confidence and helps improve writing and oral presentation skills.

The team has three October tournaments, two competitions in Nampa, Idaho and hopes to attend national tournaments in Kentucky, Minnesota, and Arizona.

Standing Ovation for MC's Marching Band

Weeks before school started, the Mountain Crest (MC) Marching Band was hard at work on their 2022 competition show. Their hours of effort culminated in their season's first big performance at the September 16 homecoming game halftime show -- and fellow students rewarded them with a standing ovation!

Band representative Katie Mackelprang said, "MC marching band wants to thank their fellow students for the standing ovation they were given at their homecoming halftime performance; it meant a lot!"

The MC community is grateful for their marching band and recognizes the band's hard work and dedication. Thank you for representing MC so well!

The marching band's first competition was Saturday, Septemeber 24 where they took 2nd place in the 4A division as well as two awards, called captions for Best Colorguard and Best Percussion.

Their competitive show this year is titled "The Villain," which features bad guy antics such as a heist, a kidnapping, some gloating, and a getaway.

The band hosted the annual Bridgerland Band Invitational at Utah State University on October 1 where 37 marching bands from Idaho and Utah competed. The MC marching band season continues almost every Saturday through October with the Wasatch Front Invitational October 8, Mt Timpanogos Invitational October 22, and Davis Cup Invitational October 29. Everything wraps up the first weekend in November in St George with the Red Rocks State Marching Band Championships.

Besides all this, the band shows up throughout the season to accompany the Friday Night Lights scene at football games. Good luck MC Marching Band -- Go Mustangs!

Student Perspective: MC Marching Band

Tyler Payne is a sophomore at MC who plays the flute in the band. She says "competitions are a blast!" and loves being part of the band.

"So much preparation goes into the Bridgerland Band Invitational (BBI) and we couldn't do it without our wonderful band moms. They do so, so much work to put this [the BBI] on. We seriously couldn't do it without them. I got the opportunity to host a band with a couple of friends and it was such a neat experience. You learn so much."

Performing is always the fun part. With marching band your show is always improving and evolving so after watching our video I'm ready to get back out there and continue to do better!WE got a score of 69.325 and improved from the week before!

The people in our band are seriously so awesome."



Maddy Bigleman accepting awards for MC Band at first season competition; earned the Colorguard caption, percussion caption, and 2nd place trophy.



MC Band headed to first competition of the year!



Counselor Corner

Utah College Application Week (UCAW) is October 3rd-7th. UCAW is a program that provides high school seniors the opportunity to complete at least one college or university application during the school day. To kick off UCAW college representatives were at MC for College Night October 3 from 12-6:00 pm.

As part of UCAW we also had FAFSA night on October 5th from 5:00-8:00 pm in the Career Center Lab. Please refer to the UCAW guide that was sent with the Counseling Center Newsletter (via email), or on our website at mccounseling.weebly.com under "Quicklinks" click "College Guide" for more information.

The UCAW guide will give you step by step directions to apply for college, apply for the FAFSA, and more. If you missed these events, we are still here to help. Please reach out to your school counselor with any questions.

-MCHS COUNSELORS

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Christmas Tree Jubilee

The MCPO is coordinating Mountain Crest's annual Christmas tree donation for the **Cache Education Fund Christmas Tree Jubilee**.

And we need your help!

The Jubilee is similar to the Festival of Trees and is used to raise funds for Cache County School District.

Jenna Oakey is overseeing the tree again, with the theme:
"A Woodland Christmas."

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Acorn ornaments (real or artificial)

Wooden or lace snowflakes

Wood beads

Felt balls or felt ball garland in red, green or white

Natural colored burlap or lace poinsettias

Eucalyptus sprigs

Dark red poinsettias sprigs

Wooden sleds

Grapevine balls

Gold, red, cream brown Christmas balls

Burlap and lace ribbon

Red berries

Text Jenna at 435-232-9883 with donations.

Thank You Teachers! MCPO Members Provide Meal & Thanks

We are beyond grateful for our amazing teachers and staff at MCHS.

On Monday, October 3 during Parent Teacher Conferences, MCPO members provided meals for about 85 teachers.

Thank you to the dozens of MCPO members who brought food items. And thanks to Michelle Bundy and

Wendy Osborne for their coordination efforts.

Wendy said the teachers were so grateful and it was nice to watch them have a chance to relax and interact with one another.



"Always A Mustang" Homecoming 2022 a success -Thanks Volunteers!

From start to finish, MCHS's 2022 Homecoming from September 12 - 17 was a success! From Volleybros that kicked off the week on Monday, to an exciting football win against Green Canyon High School on Friday Night, it was a reminder why it's good to "Always Be a Mustang."

It takes a lot of work to coordinate the week. A shoutout of thanks to teacher Stephanie Ferguson who worked with MC's student leaders to plan and execute the week, as well as parent volunteers who helped with the parade and homecoming dance. Hours of time for teachers, students, and community volunteers is spent on the week, but the school spirit and memories generated are priceless. Way to go MC community!

The homecoming parade is an important part of the week that brings many different groups from MC and the community together. The energy and MC spirit at the event is so fun! It wouldn't be possible without each volunteer. Thank you to the at least 10 MCPO volunteers and numerous teachers who made it possible parade day.

We are grateful for the police officers who opened and lead the parade route, and the MC FFA who provided and carried the flags on horseback. They showed great respect and decorum and are another reason we are grateful to be Mustangs.

The MCPO announced the following parade award winners at an assembly:

- Spanish Club and Freshmen Peer Tutoring – Best representation of the theme: "Always a Mustang"
- MC EXEC Council – Excellent creativity in the design of a float
- MC Multicultural – Best showmanship of MC Spirit

MCPO Homecoming Parade Committee

Trina Nye

Stephanie Ferguson

Lori Hulbert

See photos from Mountain Crest's Homecoming parade on the back page!

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"Always a Mustang"

