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OUNTAINSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

NEWS & FEATURES

MHS FOOTBALL

MHS is pleased to welcome Coach Chris Duane as our new head football coach. Coach Duane joins us from a nationally known AZ football program and is eager to launch Wolves' Football. MHS will be holding a football camp for any interested NUSD & Morristown students in grades 6th-11th on Dec. 13th from 3:00-4:30PM. Camp will be held at the NES Football Field located at 32919 W. Center Street. Cost is \$15 per student. Click <u>HERE</u> to register. Please be aware that this is not a contact camp and that all CDC guidelines for Covid-19 will be strictly followed. Participants should bring cleats, water bottle, and a mask. Please contact Coach Duane at coachduane55@gmail.com for any questions.

MHS administration, faculty, and staff wish you a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

School will be closed Weds., Nov. 25th & Thurs., Nov. 26th

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MHS SPIRIT WEAR & GEAR

MHS t-shirts, hoodies, hats, and bags are *on sale now through Dec. 14th*. To purchase, please click <u>HERE</u> and use codes:

TEAM NAME: Mountainside Students 2020 **REP WEBSITE CODE:** SWY5VZG Once ordered, purchases will be delivered to the school and given to your student to collect. All proceeds benefit MHS. We cannot wait to see everyone in their MHS gear and thank you for your continued support!

WOLFPACK ARCHERY

Come out and join the Wolfpack! Interested students must attend two safety classes that will be held Tues., Dec. 1st and Weds., Dec. 2nd., 4:00-5:00PM. Practices will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday throughout the year. Wolfpack Archers will participate in AZ Qualifiers and fun shoots. A \$25 participation is required that will be used to help purchase students' archery shirts and competition fees. Please contact Coach Jasmin at <u>cbedoy@nadaburgsd.org</u> for any questions. We can't wait to start flinging some arrows!

Breakfast/Lunch

Per the USDA extension of free meals due to COVID-19, all students including in-person and online are eligible for free breakfast and lunch through December 31st. Parents/Guardians may collect meals for their online students as well. Breakfast and lunch may be picked up outside the cafeteria by ringing the doorbell.

TUTORING

Need assistance? Tutoring is available for any student, any subject, Tuesdays before school from 9:00am-9:30am and after school from 3:30pm-4:00pm with Ms. Fugle. Additionally, tutoring is available via Zoom on Fridays, from 10:00am-noon now through Dec. 11th (except 11/26/20). Students can access the zoom link in the announcements section of Ms. Fugle's class, or email her requesting the link.

ASU Prep Digital Peer Tutoring Now Available!

Students must register for tutoring in advance by clicking <u>HERE</u>. Students will be contacted by a member of the peer tutoring team with the information on how to prepare for the tutoring session as well as the Zoom link for the session.



ABSENT?

Please contact MHS's front office should your student be absent at 623-388-2111 or you can email Mrs. Jasmin at <u>cbedoy@nadaburgsd.org</u>. Please be sure to provide your name, relation to student, first/last name of the student, reason for absence, and how long student will be absent. Also, if your student is late, we ask that they please walk in through the front office to sign in. Thank you!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Please note that the NUSD Governing Board approved and adopted a school calendar specific to Mountainside High School. The following are important dates and/or calendar changes for all MHS students:

Nov. 25-26:	Thanksgiving Recess - No School
Dec. 16:	Final Exams Periods 1, 4, & 6
	(Early Release)
Dec. 17:	Final Exams Periods 2, 5, & 7
	(Early Release)
Dec. 21-31:	Winter Break - No School

MHS ONLINE STUDENTS & PARENTS

In an effort to better track and record the amount of time your student spends each week working on his/her online courses, we ask the you complete this **SURVEY** weekly to record and verify your student's instructional minutes. While your student's activity in each assigned course is recorded each time your student logs into his/her online courses and is reflected by their overall course progress, we also know that additional time may be spent on academic tasks outside of the online forum that is not recorded. On average, all full-time online students should spend a minimum of 5 hours per day working on their studies. Your student's online learning success is important to us and we wish to help ensure that your student successfully completes all enrolled courses. We also wish to express our sincerest gratitude in your assistance in helping your student meet his/her online course and attendance requirements by logging in and completing online assignments consistently.

FINAL EXAMS

As we near the end of the first semester, all students will begin to prepare for semester final exams. For many students this will be their first experience studying and completing semester exams. Each course will have a final exam worth 10% of students' final course grade. Final exams can be a stressful time for students, therefore we offer the following tips and strategies:

- Organize a study schedule allowing for at least 2 study sessions per course.
- Complete your study guide without notes to find out what you know and what you need to know.
- Review old tests.
- Take breaks and exercise to maintain concentration.
- Know the test! Talk to your teacher about what to expect.