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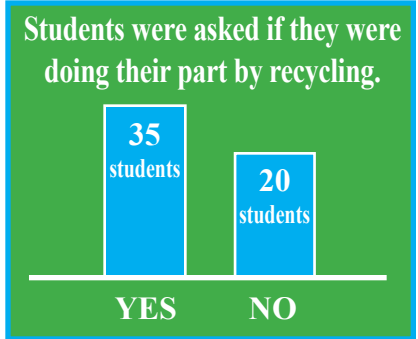
ARE WE DOING ENOUGH?

By Marlon Batres



Do you recycle? I have interviewed many students at MTS who said they didn't care about recycling. I have noticed that the staff at MTS normally makes a lot of copies because text books seem to go missing. Students have been known to take books home and never return them. The wasted paper doesn't end there, because I have noticed that in pod 1 and 2 there is also enormous loads of print-outs made by students, which are unnecessary. The teachers in Pod 1 and 2 are trying to help the recycling effort by putting recycling boxes near the printers and in their rooms. However,

the students don't seem to use the boxes that are provided. Mr. Nestigen is heavily involved in the recycling effort at MTS High School, and has organized the teachers to take turns gathering the recycling on Fridays throughout the school year. Although the teachers efforts are noble, I think that the recycling at MTS needs to involve everybody. This means that students need to be cautious of what they print, and use the recycling bins provided. If students are to reduce, reuse and recycle, MTS could help save the environment.



Do you think that the school can make a difference by recycling?



"Yes, I believe that by recycling, our school can make a difference."
 < Sgt. Peloski



"Yeah, if the school is committed I think it can make a difference."
 < Steffon Turner

Opening the Doors at Lunchtime

By Helena Rai Neeley

Do you think that we should have open lunch? MTS students believe they should have open lunch and voted for it in our last student poll. The students had three choices for this poll question and voted; 60 out of 89 students voted that we should have open lunch, 23 voted that students with a 3.0 or higher should have open lunch, and 6 believed that open lunch should not be allowed because it would cause too many problems. One student, Desiree Ferguson said, "We're in high school, and in high school there should be open lunch." Thandisizwe Jackson agreed with Desiree and said, "We have the maturity to get on the bus everyday on our own, so why can't we have the same responsibilities when it is lunch time?" Currently, administration is

talking about the possibility of having open lunch next year.

However, MTS students did not do well with the privilege of open lunch during the 2006-2007 school year. Many local businesses complained that the students were not very respectful. When MTS students go out to lunch and act badly, it represents the school negatively. There are also risk factors involved in giving students this privilege.

"Students might not return from lunch." - Bill Glenz

Bill Glenz said, "Students might not return from lunch." However, administration might think about trying it if the students' academics improve. It is most likely that the students with the highest grades will gain this privilege; so, if you would like MTS to have open lunch, keep your grades up and maybe it will be an opportunity for you in the future.

READER POLL

What are you doing to help the earth and/or environment?

- A: Nothing, the earth doesn't need my help.
- B: As much as I can, including recycling, using public transportation, energy efficient light bulbs etc.
- C: I would like to do more to help but I'm not sure what to do.

Check your answer and submit it to Ms. Staples (room 401) or Mr. Prescott (room 204). Results will be published in the next issue.

Results from last issue's Poll Question (How do you feel about the Wolves' State Tournament performance?) are printed on pg. 5

Copper Island Classic JROTC Invitational

By Sarah Staples and Ken Peloski

The MTS JROTC Leadership Program walked away with a total of seven trophies from the Copper Island Classic JROTC Invitational. The Copper Island Classic JROTC Invitational was held in Hancock, Michigan on April 26, 2008. The students and staff had a rigorous bus journey through rain, sleet, fog, and rain. However, it was all worth it because the students were able to participate in many competitions, practice new leadership roles, and have a lot of fun meeting new people at a lock-in party at Hancock High School. The JROTC students from MTS and four other schools participated in this competition.



Johanna Macias (leading the Guidon competition with Trent Hasskamp, Brenton Martin, and Richard Bland.

Each of the four schools had the opportunity to enter up to three teams per event. The competitions that the MTS students participated in were the Unarmed Drill, Guidon, Color Guard, and Unarmed Knockout Drill. Overall, MTS cleaned up with a majority of the trophies in these competitions. MTS entered three teams for the Guidon competition, one of which was led by Johanna Macias. This was her first time being the commander, and she said, "I was so nervous." However, her teammates thought that she was a wonderful leader, and together they took third place. Tyler Porter gained a lot from this experience and said, "We learned to work together

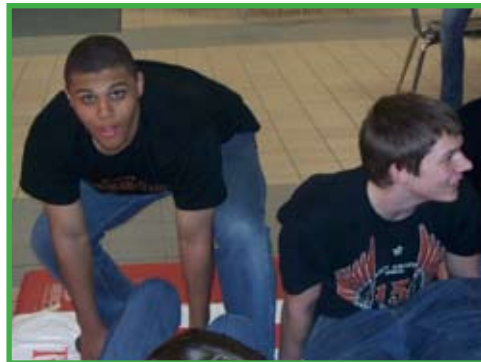
as a team, and gained more experience in competitions." I also asked Tyler Porter and Brenton Martin who they thought was the best leader in these competitions and they said, "Francisco Macias (Chico), because he was organized and had all of the materials that we needed for our competitions." Under such great leadership our MTS cadets represented MTS wonderfully. As a reward for their excellent performance, the students were invited to a school lock-in at Hancock High School.

The lock-in went until 1:30 am, which gave the cadets a chance to socialize with other JROTC cadets and participate in many activities. Some of the activities were competitive sports events like basketball, soccer, floor

hockey, and wrestling. There were also alternatives to competitive sports, which included video games like Guitar Hero, Twister, Hula-hooping, and movies. Needless to say there were many fun activities planned for these cadets, and they deserved all of the fun they had.



Francisco Macias — their fearless leader.



Brenton Martin displays his Twister skills.

With all of this fun, who wouldn't want to be a JROTC cadet? If you would like to refine your leadership skills, learn how to be a better citizen, and have a whole lot of fun, I suggest you check out the JROTC. If you would like more information on this program, talk to James Strait, Sergeant Vince Jones, or Master Sergeant Ken Peloski.



MTS JROTC students display their trophies from the Copper Island Classic. Pictured from left to right, back row; Symone Randle, Bert Arias, Trent Hasskamp, Tyler Porter, Brittany Myers, Richard Bland. Front row; Meslah Gelatu, Francisco Macias, Master Sgt. Peloski, Brenton Martin, Dustin Barnes, Joanna Macias, James Morris.

MTS Wolves Baseball Wrap-Up

By Adea Tramble and Sarah Staples

Do you like baseball? If you do, I urge you to join the MTS Wolves baseball team next year. Even though they did not win any games this season, they tried their best. I talked to some of the players on the team about how they felt about the season. Major Knight said, "We actually played better than I thought we would." The team held many practices during the week to try and perfect their baseball skills. When

I asked what the players thought they could improve on, Matthew Long said, "We need improve on batting, running, and stealing the bases." Apparently, Coach Sherman had his players practice stealing bases, and the players got really good at it. One fan actually called Brenton Martin the "Gomez" of the team because he was the best at stealing bases when the team really needed to score. The team was young this year, and

a majority of the team comes from the JROTC Leadership Academy. Although the team was young, most of the players have experience playing baseball. Sam Riley said, "I love playing baseball, and have been playing for four years." The MTS Wolves had a lot of passion for the game this season. If you would like more information about how to join the team next year, talk to Coach Sherman or Justin Birchem



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New Construction Leads to Big Improvements at MTS

By Latanya Wood

As you may have noticed, there is a major construction project underway at MTS Tech High School. Construction crews began the remodeling project on May 1, 2008, and will be finished by September 1, 2008. MTS received a grant for a new gym which needs to be finished by September 1, 2008. The construction had to start now in order to reach this deadline.

Although the construction will be loud at times, and some teachers and classrooms will have to be moved around, the benefits will outweigh the hassles. Some of the benefits of the new gym will include a place for the Wolves to practice, improved facilities for PE, and a better environment for home sporting events. Students and staff at MTS are excited about this new facility, and look forward to seeing it in the fall.

Are you excited about the new gym facilities at MTS?



"Yes, because we finally have something that looks like a real school. Plus I don't have to worry about hitting the ceiling when I shoot!"

< Hancia Randle



"I am excited because we'll be the first MTS team to play there. We'll now have a proper home court and hopefully more fans will come."

< Nick Alexander

LAST ISSUE'S READER POLL RESULTS

How do you feel about the Wolves' state tournament performance?

Great for the team and the school, I felt proud to be an MTS student..

44 VOTES



It was great for the players and coaches.

18 VOTES



Don't care because I don't follow school sports.

7 VOTES



69 Total Votes Submitted

Changing Classes at MTS

By: *Helena Rai Neeley*

If you plan on changing classes at MTS, you should plan on hitting a few speed bumps. Recently I wanted to change my classes at MTS, and found myself frustrated because the process seemed so complicated. I spoke to Jeremy Miller, the school counselor, about this complicated process. The process is difficult because when students start attending MTS they don't have current transcripts. Without current transcripts it is difficult to know what classes students need. Most students are not aware of how many credits they have or need without a transcript. When I asked Jeremy what a student should do in order

to change classes he said, "Come and visit my office during the first two days of the grading period with transcripts, and always be aware of how many credits you need." Students should take initiative and keep track of what they need for credits in school. Jeremy is more than happy to work with students so that "They can move onto the next level in their education." Students need to understand that their success depends upon their knowledge of what they need. Jeremy has many students to deal with so be patient and educated when it comes to your credits.



"Every student at MTS needs to know how many credits they have or else its like going to work and not getting paid."

Jeremy Miller

How is MTS Making History?

By: *Quintella Howell*

The 2007-2008 school year has been full of new and exciting events. This year MTS celebrated their first pep fest, state basketball tournament, and all of the seniors had the opportunity to receive professional senior pictures. All of these events made this year different and exciting for the students at MTS. The pep fest was planned by the MTS student council, Heidi Haags, Sheila Casey, and Sarah Hogan.

• PEP FEST

The students decided to plan this pep fest because they wanted to show school spirit and encourage MTS students to attend the Wolves basketball games. The pep fest recognized all of the players on the team, and let the students of MTS know how



The MTS boy's basketball team makes a big entrance at the first MTS pep fest.

the team improved over the season. The pep fest was humorous because the basketball players and cheerleaders had a dance-off to see who had the best "moves." Although the Wolves were able to show their "moves"



The MTS Drill & Dance Performance team performed at the pep fest.

on the court, they could not win the dance-off with the cheerleaders. Following the pep fest, the Wolves went on to the state basketball tournament.

• STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The MTS Wolves were the first charter school team to make it to the state tournament. The state tournament took place at the Minneapolis Target Center on March 28-29, 2008. The students played



This photo, of Virgil Baker celebrating a tournament victory, appeared on the front page of the StarTribune newspaper.

their hearts out, but were unable to beat Ellsworth in their final game. Many staff and students attended this event, and can't wait to see it again next year.

• SENIOR PICTURES

The seniors who passed their Basic Standards Tests were given two senior skip days. During their time off the students were given the opportunity to have a professional picture done free for the yearbook. The seniors enjoyed their time off, and they believe that the same opportunity should be given to the seniors next year.

The 2007-2008 school year is almost finished, and many students are already starting to think about what their plans are for next year. If you want to go to a school that offers a variety of learning opportunities and exciting events I suggest you try MTS.



Michael Williams' senior picture.

Blocked!

By: Marlon Batres

How would you feel if you were unable to access what you want on the internet? Well, MTS has increased their internet security because too many students were taking advantage of their online access. Many students have complained and have shown frustration towards the new filter. However, students are not frustrated because they can't research; rather they are upset because they cannot access social sites like My Space and Black Planet. For this reason I think the internet filter is a good idea,

because it is helping students to stay on task and not get distracted during the school day. However, there are also negative aspects of having an internet filter.

As a student, I like to read MSN and CNN to stay up to date on current news. Since the school has the new internet filter, I am unable to access these sites which I find to be educational. In my opinion, we should have access to these educational sites. However, there is no one to blame but

ourselves for this "new and improved" filter. We have had the privilege of using the internet with less restrictions, but we have lost this privilege because of misusing the internet. I am sure the filter would change if students would stay on task and stop using the internet for information that is not school related. So the next time you try and access one of these restricted sites at school, think about how many other students are being blocked from what they want to look at because of your behavior.

..... How has the Internet Filter affected you?



"...Occasionally the filter has been a pain, but the good has outweighed the bad."

< Todd Lee



"I think it sucks, because I'm not able to get to the fun sites during school. But I have noticed my grades getting better."

< Lucas Bland



"I don't like it because we can't listen to music, or get to pictures, it blocks everything!"

< Ashley Allen

Desmond Tutu: A Chance of a Lifetime

By: Marlon Batres

Do you feel grateful for the opportunities that you get at MTS? As students, sometimes we don't realize how lucky we are for the opportunities that our school gives us. I attend the Community Learning Project, which is part of MTS. The Community Learning Project has school on Saturdays from 10:00-3 pm, and allows students the opportunity to obtain credits that they need in

order to graduate. On April 12, 2008 we went to see Desmond Tutu at North High School. He was a part of the Peace Jam celebration that was held in Minneapolis. PEASE Academy also went and was lucky enough to have gotten a picture with Desmond Tutu. Desmond Tutu has dedicated his life to peace and educating people on the idea that peace does have a chance in today's world. It was

an honor to have Archbishop Tutu come and speak his words of peace to the youth of Minneapolis. Most of the presentation was a question-answer session where students got the opportunity to talk to him, and ask

"Young people can make a difference, and are making a difference." - Desmond Tutu

him questions. Tutu had a great sense of humor when he was asked about what it took for him to gain the Noble Peace Prize. Tutu said, "A name that is easy to spell, Tutu, and sexy legs," which made the crowd laugh. However, the most memorable thing that he said was, "Young people can make a difference, and are making a difference." Tutu thanked all of the students who volunteer in their communities and who are good citizens of the world. The opportunity to see Desmond Tutu was an opportunity of a lifetime.



< Students from MTS PEASE Academy pose with Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Pictured from left to right; Lauren Huschle, Jesse Simmons, Shalanda Poindexter, Desmond Tutu, Audene Castaneda, Alahna Robinson.

Getting to Know Mr. Whilhide

By Brianna Love



Mr. Whilhide plays the keyboard at a live show.

What do you do in your free time?

I play keyboard in a band called Aqua City Motel.

If you can have dinner with one famous person who would it be? Why?

It would have to be Barrack Obama. I would love to chill with him, and get to know him on a more

personal level.

If you were an animal what would you be? Why?

If I were an animal I would be a dolphin, because they seem like when their in the water they have a lot of fun.

If you could change your sex would you?

No, I love being a guy.

If you were a car where would you go?

I would go someplace warm.

If you were a shape shifter what would you be?

I would choose to be something different every day.

What's your favorite pizza topping?

I like pepperoni.

What's the wildest thing you did in high school?

I was kinda shy in high school so to me doing a musical performance on stage was kinda wild.

If you could have any other job what would it be?

A writer, I like to write.

What's in your cd player right now?

MIA, electric music- although I like the current music on 89.3 it's a mixture of everything.

What's your favorite part about being a teacher?

I enjoy being around kids.

Mariah Carey: Touch My Body

By Christiana Bell

Mariah Carey is the princess of R&B and she is back with a banging new single called *Touch My Body*.

It went number 1 on the charts recently, which made her



the second person in the recording industry to have 18 hit records; the only other band that achieved this success was the Beatles. You can find her hit new single *Touch My Body* on her new album *E=MC²*, which was released on April 15th.

Legendary Jay-Z Does it All

By Christiana Bell

Jay-Z has taken the rap game to a whole new level. He has many hot records and performances underneath his belt. In fact, his concert sold out in one day at Madison Square Gardens on November 25, 2003. Some of his hottest albums include

The Blueprint, Kingdom Come, and The Black Album. He has become a legend by owning Roc-A-Fella records, and being the President of Def Jam, which is the biggest record company since Motown records. Jay-Z is also a successful entrepreneur and has gained at least 3 billion dollars from owning a clothing line, shoes, a club called the 40/40, and the New Jersey Nets. Jay-Z is one of the most successful examples of the growing power of hip hop.



Get Paid And Earn High School Credits

By: Wayne Shipley and Ben Prescott

MTS, along with Crews Logistics & Consultants and Pillsbury United Communities Waite House, have a 9-week paid opportunity for 17 to 21 year old students interested in pursuing a career in construction or health care. The Handy & Caring Youth for Construction & Health program starts June 16th and runs until August 15th, 2008. Additional job placement opportunities may be available upon completion of the program. Enrollment is limited, and positions are filling up, so get your application in today! If you are interested, contact Renisha Gray at 612-455-0364 or Nicole Crews at 612-205-5240. You can also talk to your school counselor or building administrator for more information.

The students in the MTS Residential Repair & Remodeling class have already been on several tours to construction sites and the students are taking an interest in the industry.



Residential Repair & Remodeling students tour a construction site. Pictured from left to right; Luia Jones, Jemar Berry, Davontay Davis, Rico rodgers, Hassib Farooq and Mike Bischel of Bischel Building and Contracting Services, LLC.