

Junior Classical League (JCL)

Largest Club at Mt. Greylock!

-Marge Keeley

The JCL is the largest club at Mt. Greylock with a membership of 80. What IS the JCL and why do students want to join?

The National JCL is the largest youth organization (2nd to the Boy Scouts) that offers Latin students all over the country and Canada the chance to participate in local, state and national activities, contests and leadership opportunities. Students who join the Mt. Greylock chapter of the JCL also automatically become members of the Massachusetts State chapter and of the National Organization. Students are then able to participate in all local, state and national activities including writing, webpage, creative arts and academic contests and much more.

The JCL offers students the chance to win awards in many different contests, win college scholarships and also provides the opportunity to become a member of the National Latin Honor Society and share their celebration of Latin.

Students may join the JCL at the beginning of the school year by paying the **\$30 activity fee** to Latin teachers Mrs. Keeley and Mrs. Laidlaw (checks made out to "MGJCL"). The **membership drive will last until October 14th**. Students who join are expected to participate in the annual JCL raffle and will be officially inducted sometime in November.

The kick off event is being hosted at Mt. Greylock this year on **October 15th**. Come see Catapults, participate in Certamen Scrimmages, watch a performance by "Toga Man" and more. JCL members also taking PSAT's that day will be able to participate.

Mrs. Keeley is looking for parent volunteers to help run this event. If you are interested, please contact her. **E-mail: makeeley@mgrhs.org or phone: 413-458-9582 ext 118**

MOUNT GREYLOCK REGIONAL

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Advisory Goals

-Team Leaders

- To provide every Middle School student with an adult who knows, supports, and encourages that student.
- To help students improve organizational, academic and social skills.
- To provide another line of communication between a parent and the school.
- To assist students in connecting with the various resources within the school.
- To improve school climate through a sense of belonging.

Musicians Needed for Band!

-Lyndon Moors

Middle School musicians are invited to join the newly-formed **Mountie Pep Band**, which will be playing at home varsity football games. Participants will have free admission to the games and maybe even score a Mountie T-shirt! For sign-ups and information about music and rehearsals, students should see Mr. Moors in the Band Room.

SAO News

-Amy Moore-Powers

The Middle School **Student Activities Organization** (SAO) provides extra-curricular and curricular activities for all students in the middle school. It also functions as a form of student government. This year two advisees will be chosen out of each **advisory and meetings will begin on September 29th** after school in W-20. Our plans include school-wide events such as the “Pumpkin Carving Contest” and the “Holiday’s Around the World Celebration.” We also plan the middle school dances and our **first dance is set for October 28th** (more information on this event coming soon.) In addition we plan fun-raisers such as last year’s “School in Afghanistan” project and we tackle tough issues such as middle school bathroom vandalism. Any student with a desire to improve our middle school can be involved and should see their advisor to get more information.

JavaJive is Back

Hurricane Relief Benefit

JavaJive is a student run coffee house offering great music and performances by teenage artists. The stage is open to MGRHS middle school and high school students. All interested performers contact: **javajivech@yahoo.com**

This year’s first JavaJive will present a benefit concert for Hurricane Katrina disaster relief on **Friday, Oct. 7, from 7 to 10 p.m.** at the high school (NOT in the usual venue at the church).

Performers will include students, alums, faculty members (including Marge Keeley, Pat Blackman, and Erik Fosbergh), groups from Williams College, and more to be announced.

Event organizers are sending out a call to all area musicians (both acoustic and amplified), comics, poets, dancers, jugglers, actors, etc., to perform at the benefit. **If interested, e-mail javajivech@yahoo.com, call Deb Burns at 458-0925, or talk to Nandi Plunkett, Tess McHugh, or Davy Payne in person, by Wednesday, Oct. 5.**

There will be a bake sale during intermission; bakers should bring their contributions to the table in the lobby before the show begins. (Thank you!)

All proceeds will go to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Sports

Cross Country Running

Wed. Sept. 28 at St. Joe's

U14 Girls Soccer

Sat. Sept. 24 at 2:30 vs. Dalton-HOME

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Sat. Sept. 24 at 4:00 vs. Panthers-HOME

Sun. Sept. 25 at 4:00 vs. Adams at Hoosac Valley

Youth Football

Sun. Sept. 25 vs. N. Adams -HOME

Girls Volleyball

Fri. Sept. 23 at 5:00 vs. Lee at Lee

Mon. Sept. 26 at 5:00 vs. Mt. Everett-HOME

Golf

Thurs. Sept. 22 at 4:00 vs. Monument Mt. at Waubeeka

Wed. Sept. 28 at 4:00 vs. Lee at Lee

New TV Show Needs You

Are you interested in being a camera operator for a new Willinet cable access program entitled *The Arts Today*? The program will cover the arts in Berkshire County, Southern Vermont and Eastern NY. Willinet will train you! **Contact Willinet at 458-0900.**

Goings on

Mon, Oct. 3, 7pm: Annual PTO meeting in MGRHS school library.

Look for *The Beacon* on Mt. Greylock's website under MSNews at www.mgrhs.org.

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