

ATTENTION 8th Graders:

Planning for Next Year

Middle School Guidance Counselor P.J. Pannesco will be making presentations in 8th grade English classes the week of February 28, to begin the course selection process for the 2005-06 school year. Students will receive a Program of Studies outlining potential coursework available and a course selection sheet that must be completed, signed by a parent, and returned to their respective English teachers by Friday, March 11, 2005. Students should consult with their teachers about recommendations for taking applied, honors and specific sequences courses, or Advanced Placement coursework. If you have questions or concerns about what is recommended or what your child would like to take, please leave a message with Linda Callahan at 458-9582 x162 and P.J. will return your call.

8th GRADE PARENTS' INFORMATION NIGHT

Parents of 8th grade students are invited to an information night, Thursday March 10, 2005, at 7:00PM, in the Bruce Carlson Library at Mt. Greylock Regional High School. Middle School Guidance Counselor P.J. Pannesco and Vice Principal Ellen Kaiser will present information about the high school program and course selection for 9th grade. The program will be followed by a question and answer period. Refreshments will be served.

It's Budget Time

The Mt. Greylock Regional School Committee will be meeting every Tuesday in March to discuss the school's budget for next year.

Budget Meeting Schedule:

- Tues, March 1, 7pm in School Library
- Tues, March 8, 7pm at Lanesborough Town Hall
- Tues, March 15, 7pm in School Library
- Tues, March 22, 7pm in School Library: Public Hearing on FY 2006 Budget Adoption

Williams Crunches Mt. Greylock's Numbers:

Financial Projections Could Guide Decisions

A public presentation on financial projections for Mt. Greylock Regional High School was held Tues, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the school library. Telecasts of this presentation will air on Williamstown's cable access station WilliNet, channel 17 on Thu, Feb 17 at 8:30 pm and Mon, Feb 21 at 7pm.

In recent years a growing number of local citizens have offered their expertise to the school. With that in mind, several people with experience in budget analysis at Williams College offered to take the high school's publicly available budget figures and plug them into a planning model used to project finances at Williams and other educational institutions.

The participants have been Keith Finan, associate provost, Cappy Hill, provost, Sue Hogan, controller, Dick De Veaux, professor of statistics, and Jim Kolesar, director of public affairs. The group's goal is to present as clear and objective a picture as possible of the school's current and future financial situation and how decisions made now might affect the future.

The process this group has undertaken cannot determine what financial decisions should be made for the school; policy makers and the public need to do that. The session on Feb. 8 was intended to provide a base of analysis upon which policy discussions can then build.

The financial projections and summary of the presentation are available on this website:

www.williams.edu/outreach/mgrhs/

School Building Committee Forming

School Committee Chair Bob Petricca is seeking volunteers to serve on a MGRHS School Building Committee which will study future building needs and plan for renovations &/or new construction. Interested people or suggestions, contact: Robert.Petricca@petricca.com

Health Forms Needed for Spring Sports

Practice for spring sports will begin on Monday, March 21. Interested athletes will need:

1. An emergency form on file in the nurse's office.
2. A documented physical within the year on file in the nurse's office prior to the first day of practice.

Coach Jordan, the athletic director, would be able to answer any questions about team sign ups, etc.

If parents are unsure what forms I have on file, they can call me. They also could have the student see me to check on his/her status.

It is recommended that students be seen by his/her private physician. Those students not being seen by a private physician may be seen by Dr. Childsey Art on March 2. Interested students must pick up forms from the nurse, and return them to the nurse by March 1 in order to make an appointment. All other athletes have until Monday, March 21, to have forms in to the nurse.

Thank You - Dianne Dubendorf R.N.

SPORTS

7th & 8th Grade Boy's Basketball:

Feb 19-21st-North Adams Tournament

7th & 8th Grade Girl's Basketball:

Sat, Feb 19, 1:30 vs Adams-HOME (W.E.S.)

Girl's High School Basketball:

Mon, Feb 21, 5:30 vs Lenox, away

Wed. Feb 23. 5:30 vs Hoosac Valley-HOME

Boy's High School Basketball:

Thu, Feb 17, 5:30 vs Mt. Everett-HOME

Fri, Feb 18, 5:30 vs Monument Mt., away

Tue, Feb 22, 5:30 vs Lee-HOME

Wrestling:

Feb 18 & 19– Division 3 STATES

Davemation Animation

With Minerva Stage

Students aged 10 to 18 are invited to create

animation projects during April vacation: April 18-22 from 9am –2 pm. The class is offered by the folks from Minerva Stage and will take place at the Williamstown Youth Center. Finished animation projects will be screened at Images Cinema. \$100 fee per student;

limited financial aid is available through the Youth Center. Call the Youth Center, 458-5925 to register and for more information.

Call for Keyboards

-Jeffrey Welch

For the past two years, the MGRHS Music

Department has been pleased to offer an introductory piano course to our students. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, the class offering was eliminated because of a class size cap; the school only owns 11 electronic student keyboards. The suggestion was made by our administration that in order to continue offering this course to our students the department should appeal to community members in the chance that people may have keyboards to donate to this vital and popular program. If you would like to donate a used keyboard in good working condition or a new keyboard, please contact Curriculum Leader Jeffrey Welch at

458- 9582, ext. 109.

The Music Man

The Music Man, written by Meredith Wilson, will be performed on March 3, 4, & 5 at 8:00 pm in the school auditorium. Middle schooler Patrick Madden plays Mrs. Paroo's son Winthrop. Other cast members include Aurie Delano, Tara Young, Charles Cochran, Kelsey Schelling, Zoe Remillard, along with Mitch Galli, Nare Lis, James O'Neill and Joe Sicotte. This American musical classic is

directed by Jeffrey Welch, with Marlene Walt serving as vocal director and Lyndon Moors as the director of the pit orchestra.

Tickets are \$5.50 for students and senior citizens; \$7.00 adults. Tickets may be reserved by calling the school at 458-9582 or purchased at the door. Parents and community members are invited to volunteer to help with costumes, make-up, &/or tickets, please call Jeffrey Welch at 458-9582 x 109.

Have a fantastic vacation!