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# Parent Link Brief

## Monroe High School

**Dear Parents, Guardians and MHS Students:**

**As we end the year, there is much to celebrate. This year our TFT curriculum and activities have intentionally increased the value of community service. I am sharing the results of these efforts in this Parent Link Brief. Last year, the Monroe Evening News printed a list of the community projects students in Monroe County schools did in December. MHS, by far, had the most projects per student capita. This year looks like we have far surpassed last year's outreach. The Monroe Evening News might not be able to print the entire list so I am including it in this brief. I have the privilege of working with this level of caring and social awareness each day!**

**Please celebrate and be proud of your sons and daughters and MHS. I know I am.**

**As students prepare for our annual Winterfest Dance, I would like students and parents to be aware of the dance dress code and revised protocol. This code and protocol was developed by our student Senior Leadership Team and me. We wanted you to have this information in plenty of time in case you plan to shop for Winterfest over Winter Break.**

**I am asking students and parents to partner with the Senior Leaders and me to embrace the dance dress code and protocol. The MHS guiding forces, also developed by the Senior Leaders, and dance protocol work hand in hand.**

**It is a privilege to partner and learn together.**

**Sincerely,**

**Sandy Kreps**

### DECEMBER

- 12/19: AIM Banquet—6:00 PM  
(St. George Orthodox Hall)
- 12/21: Half Day—10:30 dismissal
- 12/21: Generations at Holiday  
Nights—5:45 (Greenfield  
Village)
- 12/22-1/2/17: Winter Break!!

### JANUARY

- 1/3: Classes Resume
- 1/12: Senior Panoramic  
Picture by Lifetouch
- 1/16: MLK Day—NO SCHOOL
- 1/19: Parent/Teacher  
Conferences from 5-7 PM
- 1/24: MHS Pre-Solo/Ensemble  
Recital—7:00 PM
- 1/25: Half Day—10:30 AM  
dismissal
- 1/28: Winterfest Dance—7:00  
PM to 10:00 PM

### FEBRUARY

- 2/4: MSVMA Solo & Ensemble  
Festival—EMU
- 2/17-2/20: Winter Break/  
President's Day—  
NO SCHOOL
- 2/22: Half Day—10:30 AM  
dismissal
- 2/28: 9th Grade Glass Ring  
Meeting—Josten's





WELCOME TO THE GREAT GATSBY!

**On behalf of this year's junior class, we are excited to introduce you to our Winterfest theme: Welcome to the Gatsby Gala! We'll take a step into the past with all the glitz and glam of the roaring 20's. Come dressed to impress and dance your best!**

**While we take a step back in time, we're also taking a step forward. For the first time in our Winterfest history, the festivities will build up to a girls' basketball game on Friday night with the dance on Saturday from 7 to 10:00 pm.**

**Be prepared for some surprise excitement during the lunches leading up to Winterfest, as well as fun theme days that week. More information will be forthcoming as the date draws closer.**

Dance - Dress Code:

**Students will dress with respect for themselves and others. Homecoming, Winterfest and Prom are meant to be formal occasions so students are asked to wear their finest. The dance dress code includes no visible undergarments, dresses will be no shorter than mid-thigh, and two piece dresses are acceptable if no midriff exposure. Any clothing which is too revealing with sides or bust area exposure are not to be worn. If you have any questions about the dress code, please stop in to see our Dean of Students Mrs. Cherry or email her at [cherry@monroe.k12.mi.us](mailto:cherry@monroe.k12.mi.us) prior to the dance.**

**Mrs. Cherry and administration will be at the entrance of A wing, where students enter dances, to welcome the students and to check attire. If a student chooses to arrive at the dance in violation of the dress code, they will not be allowed to enter and will be given a refund the week following the dance.**

Dance - Protocol (Revised)

**The Senior Student Leadership Team and administration want all students to have an enjoyable time at the dances. They are asking the students to be mindful of what is appropriate and self-correct or let a peer know if dancing crosses the line into inappropriate. The sponsors for the dances line up chaperone faculty members who will remind students, as needed, to dance appropriately. Because it is a school dance, the music will be radio version.**

**Dances, other than prom, which are sponsored by the various classes and other clubs, shall be open to all Monroe High School students. Monroe High students may bring high school students from area high schools if they meet the approval standards by their home school and the sponsoring MHS student registers them in the Assistant Principals' office prior to the dance. Non-registered visitors will not be allowed. All students must arrive with their ID and ticket. Students will not be admitted to any dance later than one hour after the official start time.**

## CHRISTMAS TFT COMMUNITY SERVICE

<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>
Kevin Morris – History Dept.	Family Counseling Services	Collecting personal items for Family Counseling Services.
Hollie Mazur – English Dept.	Oaks of Righteousness	Collecting food and household items for Oaks of Righteousness. Also competing with Jeremy Kimberlin's TFT to see who can collect the most food items.
Tom Bell – CTE Department	Goodwill	Accepting clothing donations for the Goodwill.
Julie Oddo – Math Department	Hope's Closet / Food Pantry	Collecting food items to Hope's Closet/Food Pantry to replenish the MSH Food Bank.
Alka Pandya – Health Pathways	Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)	Collecting gloves and hats for the VFW post.
Jacquelyn Close – Math Dept.	Oaks of Righteousness	Collecting clothes and toiletries for Oaks of Righteousness.
Tara Dessauer – Special Services	Salvation Army	Purchasing Christmas gifts and delivering them to families.
Amy Zellen – Science Dept. Alison Drougel – English Dept.	Humane Society of Monroe	Collecting donations for the Humane Society of Monroe County.
Bob Matusik – Social Studies Dept.	Humane Society of Monroe	Collecting donations for the Humane Society of Monroe County.
Tim Toth – Special Services	MCOP	Collecting personal care items for MCOP.
Cynthia Brown – Art Dept.	Philadelphia House	Raising money and collecting supplies for the Philadelphia House.
Tammy Laroche – Science Dept.	Salvation Army	Collecting canned goods for the Salvation Army.
Kelly Vandeginste – Math Dept.	ISD Adopt-a-Family	Collecting items and purchasing gifts for family from ISD Adopt-a-Family Tree.
Eric Rausch – Math Dept.	Salvation Army	Adopting a family through the Salvation Army.
Jenna Glab – Special Services	Food Pantry	Participating in the Food Pantry collection with other 9 <sup>th</sup> grade TFT's.
Lisa Villarreal – English Dept.	Paula's House	Collecting health and personal items for Paula's House.
Deb Foster – Special Services	Mott's Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor	Collecting stuffed animals for donation to the children at Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.
Gwen Myers – Social Studies/MVU	Local Nursing Homes	Sending out Christmas Cards to local nursing homes.
Russell Columbus – Science Dept.	Devoted Barn, Newport	Donating blankets and animal supplies, and food.
Garry Knapp – Social Studies Dept.	Heartbeat of Monroe	Collecting money and baby items for donation.
Dave Henry – Trojan Impact Club	Adopt-a-Family	Provided 2 Thanksgiving meals for two families and adopted a family with 4 kids for Christmas.
Barb Lafayette – Math Dept.	MCOP	Collecting supplies for MCOP.
Natalie Mills – CTE Dept.	MCOP	Donating food items, letters of encouragement and posters.
Lisa Villarreal – English Dept.	Paula's House	Collecting toiletries and healthcare items.
Donald Freese – Health Pathways/ English	First United Congregational Church of Christ	Collecting household items to be donated to those in need.

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Ann Felder – Music Department	Candlelight Classics Concert	Community Service Performances – Alice Lorraine Nursing Center, Promedica Hospital, Monroe County Historical Museum, Marian Place, Monroe Senior Citizens Center, Magnum Care Nursing Center, Elderly Solutions Nursing Center.
Chris Clark – Physical Education/ Health Department	MPS Pantry	Collecting food items for the MPS Food Pantry.
Sara Hoke – Special Services	Local Nursing Homes	Christmas Cards for local nursing homes.
James Nuechterlein – Music Dept.	Oaks of Righteousness	Cereal and coffee donation.
Tigra Delben – Post-Secondary Planning	MCOP	Collecting canned goods for MCOP.
Cindy Strickland – Math Dept.	Heartbeat of Monroe	Collecting supplies for Heartbeat of Monroe.
Anne Knabusch – CTE Dept.	Now I Lay Me Down Bed Program	Donating stuffed animals and books, and volunteering to go to homes and assemble beds.
Kristen Hovest – Science Dept.	St. Joseph's Food Closet	Collecting non-perishable food items for St. Joseph's Food Closet.
Jessica Keegan – Social Studies Dept.	Christmas Cards for Vets & Oaks of Righteousness	Sent Christmas cards to Vets and are donating to the Oaks of Righteousness Homeless Shelter.
Amy Bonam – Math Department	MHS Recycling Program donation to local homeless shelters	Introducing a recycling project at MHS, placing bins for collection – money from returnables will be donated to local homeless shelters.
Carol Anteau – Social Studies Dept.	Heartbeat of Monroe & Adopt-A-Family	Donating supplies to Heartbeat of Monroe, and PPI adopted a family for the holidays.
Jessie Hieber – English Dept.	MHS Food Pantry	Contributions to benefit the newly established MHS Food Pantry.
Resa Chambers – English Dept.	Friends of Companion Animals (FOCA)	Supporting FOCA who give assistance to families in spaying/neutering their pets.
Sara Ziegler – Social Studies Dept.	Salvation Army Give-A-Kid-A-Christmas	Collecting items for donation to the Salvation Army's Give-A-Kid-A-Christmas Program.
Leah Morelli – CTE Department/ Health Pathways	YMCA Socks for Seniors & Cards for the Military	Donating to the YMCA Socks for Seniors Program and made and sent cards to our military personnel.
Glen Zorn – CTE Department Bryan Zamorski – CTE Dept.	Salvation Army Food Drive	Collecting canned goods for donation to the Salvation Army Food Drive.
Alison Drougel – English Dept.	Humane Society	Donations to benefit the Humane Society of Monroe.
Pietrina Guy – CTE Dept.	Oaks of Righteousness	Collecting items for Oaks of Righteousness.
Scott McCloskey – English Dept.	Goodwill Industries	Collecting clothing and housewares for Goodwill.
Jody McCollum – Physical Education Dept.	Operation Gratitude	Sock drive to benefit Operation Gratitude.
Heather Blankenship – ISD	Humane Society	Donations to benefit the Humane Society and we are also volunteering.
Joni Weaks – CTE Department	Now I Lay Me Down Bed Program	Donating stuffed animals and books, and volunteering to go to homes and assemble beds.
Dawn Brodie – Special Serv.	Cards for Troops	Sending cards to troops in the Air Force.
Sue Jones – Math Department	Cards for Veterans	Made cards for Veterans and delivered them to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor.