

## **MHS E-Newsletter January 21, 2024**

**PERT and Dual Enrollment** - The Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT) will be administered at Manatee High School on January 31, 2024 only. This test is for any student who wants to Dual Enroll for the 2024-25 school year with State College of Florida (Required 3.0 unweighted GPA) and/or University of South Florida (Required 3.5 weighted GPA). The PERT test may only be taken once during this semester. Students in Honors Algebra 2 with a 3.0 unweighted GPA will automatically be signed up for this test. All others may register for it on the MHS website, beginning Wednesday January 24th. The deadline to register is Monday January 29th at 2pm.

Students wanting to Dual Enroll with SCF and/or USF for the first time will need to attend a mandatory Dual Enrollment Meeting with their parent/guardian. This meeting will be on February 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Manatee High School Cafeteria.

**Seniors - FAFSA and Scholarship Time** - The FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid - for the Class of 2024 is open, so get it done as soon as you can . FAFSA determines eligibility for federal aid to help pay for college -- any type of college including technical school, two-year colleges, or four-year universities. If you'd like assistance with the FAFSA form, come to the FAFSA Workshop at MHS this week - Thursday, January 25th - 6pm-7:30pm - in the Media Center. Financial Aid officers from local colleges will be there to help. Be sure you have already created your FSA ID prior to the workshop. [Click here](#) for more information about FAFSA and FSA IDs.

Seniors, it's also "scholarship season"! Many local and regional organizations now have their scholarship applications available to seniors, including Selby Foundation, MHS Alumni, Community Foundation of Sarasota, Anna Maria Island Privateers and SCF Foundation. [Check the MHS Scholarship List](#) (posted on the College and Career Center page of the school website, under the "Paying for College" section) for information, deadlines and how to apply.

**Class of 2024 News** - Updates and reminders about graduation and more were shared with students at the senior assembly on January 17th. A copy of the presentation is posted on the [Senior page](#) of the MHS website. A reminder about Grad Bash - payment must be received by March 4th!

The deadline for Senior ads for the yearbook is February 14th. They can be purchased at <https://yearbookforever.com/>.

**ASVAB** - MHS will offer the ASVAB test to interested students on February 14th. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million military applicants, high school, and postsecondary students. Students must be at least 16 years old and may sign up in the guidance office or MHS front desk no later than February 1st. See Mr. Gage with any questions.

**MHS Student Council Donation Drive** - From January 22nd to March 14th, MHS Student Council is asking for donations to help those in hunger. The Share What You Can Drive needs ramen noodles and noodle soup. [See details here](#).

### **Important Dates**

January 25th -FAFSA Workshop at MHS - 6pm-7:30pm - Media Center

January 29th - deadline to register for the PERT