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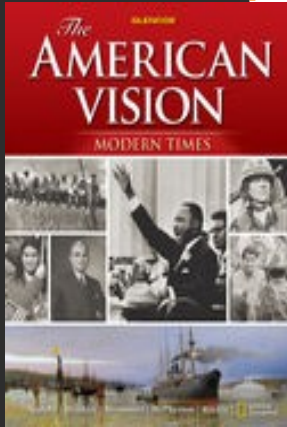
A Note from the Program Director

Welcome back from vacation to students and parents. Glad to have you all back. We have had some changes as always to start of the school year. Marcia Miller is our new school nurse; she has worked for the collaborative for the past few years at one of MSEC's campuses in Chelmsford. Another change is that we will have an Art teacher on Mondays to help with our Art elective at the end of the day. We will also have an Art intern from Lesley University helping out 3 days a week for the first quarter of this school year. We have also invested in a new curriculum for our campus. One of

the many advantages this will give us it that it allows us to post your student's assigned homework on the internet, along with the assignment itself. The teachers will be calling to make sure this is all clear. Our goal is no more of "the dog ate my homework".

All the teachers from last year have returned for another year of hard work, mixed with a little bit of fun. We got results from the late spring MCAS testing, and we had a good portion of students do very well. It is always very rewarding to give that good news to 8 students on the first day of school. Not sure who had the biggest

smiles: the students or their MCAS prep instructors. Tracey Pare will be setting up some college visits for this fall. So if your student is a junior or senior, they might want to check these trips out because it is not just about college. There are some certificate programs at North Shore and Northern Essex Community Colleges that offer different vocational certifications. We are heading out to the Topsfield Fair for those students who are putting energy and effort into their academics in the month of September. On October 1st we will be starting our 7th annual Penny wars. Homerooms



American Vision: A new history textbook for this high school seniors.

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New Student Textbooks

By Keith Nizwan-towski

MSEC received new textbooks for all of our classes including History, Math, English and Biology. These text books are for many different subjects in these different classes.

“My favorite text-book is the Physical Science book,” Aaron says.

One of the great features is that you may read these text-books online and complete teacher assignments.

Go to <http://connected.mcgraw-hill.com/connected/login.do>

All students will need to obtain a user name and password from their teachers and they can start doing homework assignments and work that they missed in class online.

“I use these text-books every day,” Paul says.

Another feature of Connect Ed is that you can do your work in Microsoft Word and upload it

to your Connect Ed account. The teachers will be able to view work you have completed.

“I am excited to utilize the online aspect of Connect Ed so that students can easily make up assignments from work days,” Cassie says.

If you have any trouble using your account, you can always watch the tutorials on Connect Ed to help you use this site as smoothly as possible.

Sports and Conditioning Elective

By Justin Lane
 This year in elective, Chris’ kids are working hard and doing well in their classes to get into the Sports and Conditioning elective.

To get the kids active, students participate in football, basketball, baseball, jogging, and running. Not only does Chris offer just

sports, he does lots more things with them like jogging off the school grounds or they go to the path.

Note from the Program Director (cont. from p.1)

will be competing against each other to see who can raise the most money for the charity of their choice. Last year we raised over \$420.00 for St. Jude Children’s hospital. In the six years we have been together in Topsfield we have

raised over \$1600.00. The Penny Wars will end on December 1ST. We have 11 new students in our midst and everyone is putting in effort to figure out the new group dynamics. It is always tricky, but worth the effort in the end. We will be having

our Parent night on October 11th from 6-8pm. The mid quarter grades should be out about that time, so it should make for some good discussions. Hope to see you here.

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Meet Marcia: New School Nurse

By Keith Nizwan-towski

This year at MSEC we got a new nurse. Her name is Marcia. If you are sick with a headache, need medicine or got injured you can go to Marcia for your medical needs.

Q. Where are you from?

A. Amesbury Massachusetts.

Q. How long have you been a nurse for?

A. 21 years.

Q. Where do you go to school?

A. Essex Agricultural & Technical High School.

Q. What is your favorite part of being a nurse?

A. Helping people feel better.

Q. What is your favorite activity?

A. Going to the beach.

Q. What is your favorite TV show?

A. Project Runway and Major Crimes.

Q. How many pets do you have?

A. 1 dog.

Q. What other jobs have you had?



Marcia: Reporting for duty

Funny Jokes by Keith

by Keith Nizwan-towski



1. What's a duck's favorite snack? Quakers!!!!

2. Why didn't the Skelton cross the road? He didn't have any guts!!!!

3. What did the judge say when the skunk came to testify in

court? Odor in the court!!!!

4. Why did Tigger look inside the toilet? He was looking for Pooh!!!!

5. What is a vampire's favorite holiday? Fangs-giving!!!

6. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Frosted Flakes!!!!

7. What kind of dance do you do on a trampoline? Hip-hop!!!!

8. What color is a burp? Burple!!!!

9. What kind of ship doesn't sink? Friendship!!!!

10. How do you say you ABC's Backwards? CBA's

(#4-10 -Yahoo jokes)

The Girl with the Pearl Earring

"Why is she wearing a pearl earring? Is there a reason she is glancing over her shoulder?"



By Jasmine Cruz
Johannes Vermeer was a 17th century Dutch painter. He was well known for his famous paintings. Johannes did a painting called "The Girl with the Pearl Earring." He had many other paintings; his intentions were to catch the viewer's attention as best he could and for that he did a pretty good job at doing. Let's focus on the painting I mentioned. Now I have been looking for the real history behind the painting and to be honest it's nowhere to be found! There are a few different stories behind this

painting and not many people could find the real meaning behind it all. There were many questions being asked about the girl, like who was she? Why is she wearing a pearl earring? Is there a reason she is glancing over her shoulder? I'm not too sure I could answer those questions like you would probably want me to, but I have been reading a little bit about this painting and the pearl earring. The reason I believe he called it, "The Girl with the Pearl Earring" is because he had 11 other paintings with the same type of earring. Each painting was a

different girl; each time the painting was published the girl was wearing a pearl earring. Back in the 17th century, there was no sign of a pearl earring that existed; they assumed that he had imagined the earring himself. I'm sorry I cannot tell you much about this painting, but there is a book called "THE GIRL WITH THE PEARL EARRING" that could probably give you more information than I can. Until then, the history lies behind the painting and the painting will forever hold the memory of the girl with the pearl earring.

Poetry Corner

What is Love

By Dominic Tocco

Is it an action. Is it a thought?

Is it something that can be bought?

Is it good? Is it bad?

Is it happy? Is it sad?

Can it be made? Can it be done?

Can it bring joy? Can it be fun?

Is it beauty? Is it brains?

Is it bronze? Can it mean pains?

Is it all of the above?

Is it none of the above?

What is love? I don't know

All I know is that

Every time you're here I feel a change. Something I need to say

I feel like you hold the key that goes to the key-hole of my heart. Please tell me that you care about me as much as I care about your. Please, with your sacred key, open up my soul and let it flow into your life.

Anger

By Kacey Bennett

I feel like I'm trapped in a burning hot box and I can't escape

Feeling like there's nothing to do but explode

My fists get clammy and slowly form a fist squeezing

them as hard as possible and then letting go

My jaw gets tighter and tighter clenching my mouth as hard as possible

As my voice gets louder and louder as I speak

My heart starts pounding and

my thoughts start racing

I'm able to stop and think

Take a deep breath

And it all goes back to normal.



Being New

By Dominic Presutti

Coming to a new school was tough because I only new a few people that were already here. I started during the summer and I was very worried that everyone would think I was weird. As I walked through the front door I got an upset stomach but then when I got inside everyone was welcoming me into the

school. If you come to this school you will learn what I have, this isn't just a school, it's a family. We don't reconcile you just because you're different. We open our arms and say that you were in this family the second you walked in this door. Of course we do have problems, disagreements, and arguments, but when it comes down to it we stick up for each other and

listen to the people who need to talk to someone. We don't hate you for your problems, we like you for you, and no program or school system can change that. I was nervous in the beginning but then buff came to me and said if you need to talk, yell, or cry, you can take it out on me because I'm here to help you feel better.



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