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BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL



Our last home game is tonight against North County! The Boys (JV) play at 5:00, Girls at 6:00 and Boys (V) at 7:30. This is also Senior Night — honoring our graduating seniors and their parents.

TAX RECEIPTS

If you would like a tax receipt for educational expenses in 2017, Please call the office (618-462-1071) or email Linda Lewis (info@mvcs-il.org).



As you undoubtedly heard, the US Congress passed the largest change to the Internal Revenue Code in over 20 years. We are getting several questions regarding how this change might impact students and parents here at MVCS. Below are a few highlights.

First – this change does not impact the Illinois State Tax Credit. That credit is still available – up to a maximum of \$750. Starting in 2018, this credit may be disallowed for individuals with adjusted gross income in excess of \$250,000 and married taxpayers with income in excess of \$500,000.

Second – the new federal tax law changes the way “Section 529” plans operate. Prior to December 31, 2017, contributions made to a Section 529 plan could only be used to pay for post-secondary education. Starting with January 1, 2018, contributions to Section 529 plans can also be used to pay for elementary and secondary education too. Up to \$10,000 can be used each year. Earning on contributions made to Section 529 plans are tax free when used to fund qualifying education expenses.

Third – the Section 529 contributions are not deductible from your Federal income, but if you use the Illinois Bright-Start, Bright Directions, or College Illinois programs you can get a deduction from your Illinois income. Illinois only allows deductions for those three programs.



VALENTINE TREATS

The Parent Organization will be planning Ice Cream Sundaes for the students on Valentine's Day, Wednesday February 14.

IACS TESTING REMINDER

The IACS Academic Testing for Jr./Sr. will be on February 14th. Absentees can not make up any missed test(s).

SPRING PICTURES



Spring Pictures are scheduled for February 27th.

NO SCHOOL— PRESIDENTS' DAY

No School on next Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day.

SPIRIT WEEK WINNERS

- First Place: Aggressive Doughnuts (12th /5th)
- Second Place: K11 (11th/K4 & K5)
- Third Place: Little Einsteins (7th/4th)
- Fourth Place: Marshmallows (9th/6th)
- Fifth Place: Last Picks (10th/3rd)
- Sixth Place: Crusaders (8th/1st & 2nd)



Special Thank You to the Senior Class and Mrs. Vaughn for a great week!

COMING UP

IACS Academic Testing (Jr./Sr.)	February 14
President's Day No School	February 19
IACS Basketball Tournament	February 23-24
Ensemble at Fosterburg Baptist	February 25
Spring Pictures	February 27
Boxtop turn-in	March 1
Ensemble at 1st Baptist Meadowbrook	March 4
POW Meeting	March 5
3rd Quarter Ends Half Day	March 9
MVCS Sports Banquet	March 9
Sr. High IACS Fine Arts Tourn.	March 15-16
Jog-A-Thon	March 23

“We recognize that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and in Him we have eternal life. The curriculum and all activities of Mississippi Valley Christian School are developed around this premise.”