



# MOUNTAIN YOUTH SCHOOL *Mustang Moment*

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

## Cafeteria Menus



### Today - 12/11 (T)

#### Lunch

BEEF TERYAKI BITES  
BROWN RICE  
CAESAR SALAD  
ORIENTAL VEGETABLES  
FRESH PEARS  
PINEAPPLES  
WHOLE-GRAIN ROLLS  
MILK

### Tomorrow - 12/11 (W)

#### Breakfast

EGG BISCUIT

#### Lunch

MEXICAN CHILI  
TOASTED TORTILLA  
SALSA & SOUR CREAM  
RED COBBLERS  
GARDEN SALAD  
GALA APPLES  
PEACH CUP  
MILK

### Student of the Week



**Courtney Mosley**

*For details on the Student of the Week, see page 3.*

### Daily Attendance

- **Absences:** Easton Dillard, Cory Phillips, Daniel Riggs, Robbie Stiles, Andrew Watts
- **Tardies:** Jordan Elkins, Matthew Emerick, Trae Gaddis, Hailey Henson

### Student Announcements

- Students, Common Exams begin today and continue through the rest of the week. Each student must take his/her final exams in each class. Please be present every day, or you will not receive credit for your classes. Get a good night's rest, and eat breakfast.

### Faculty/Staff Information

- Weekly Duty — Cafeteria: Payne; Hallway: Herr
- Senior Exit presentation schedule (subject to change):
  - Trae Gaddis: Thursday, December 13 at 9:30 AM
  - Hailey Henson: Thursday, December 13 at 10:30 AM
  - Brent Ledford: Friday, December 14 at 9:00 AM
  - Courtney Mosley: Friday, December 14 at 10:00 AM
  - David Holder: Monday, December 10 at 10:30 AM
- Teachers, please see the Common Exam chart on page 4 or the e-mail from Ms. Maxey for details. Please speak with your students about the importance of being present for and doing well on Common Exams. They cannot receive credit if they do not take the exam.
- We are trying to have each student complete a "Student of the Week" questionnaire this week. Please send students to Ms. Herr to obtain a copy.
- Per Ms. Maxey: Shepherd of the Mountains Church will provide gift bags for all of our students next Monday, December 17.
- Countdown to winter break: 7 days!

### Quote of the Day

"Cherish your human connections –  
your relationships with friends and family."

– Barbara Bush

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## Fun idea of the day

*This section of the newsletter is dedicated to our students and what they are learning.*

Today's idea comes from Courtney Mosley, who is intrigued by animals, and did her senior exit project on zoology. She is a fan of television animal advocates Jeff Corwin and the late Steve Irwin, and has lately started watching National Geographic Channel's "Animal Intervention." A recent episode featured the nation's largest big cat sanctuary, and the tigers and lions were not the strangest characters in the zoo.

The National Geographic website features a host of information about creatures great and small, international destinations, culture and history. Check it out at [www.nationalgeographic.com/](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/)



*Note: The tips from this article, as well as other test-taking tips for students, are available at [www.testtakingtips.com](http://www.testtakingtips.com).*

## Don't over-cram for an exam: Just show up prepared

**Final exams.** Even the most confident among us can become nervous when we hear those words. They sound so ... final. The entire semester of hard work and everything you were supposed to learn is tested in a few short hours, and that's all the time you have to prove that you mastered the material.

Test taking is a necessary part of high school, but it doesn't have to stress you out. Taking a final exam for what it is, instead of making it an overly big deal, can take some of the pressure off. Try some of these tips to improve your scores.

- Bring at least two pens/pencils with good erasers, a calculator with enough batteries and any other resources your instructor allows.
- Bring a watch (not a phone!) to the test so that you can better pace yourself.
- Keep a positive attitude throughout the whole test and try to stay relaxed. If you start to feel nervous take a few deep breaths to relax.
- Keep your eyes on your own paper. You don't want to appear to be cheating and cause unnecessary trouble for yourself.
- When you first receive your test, do a quick survey of the entire test so that you know how to efficiently budget your time.
- Do the easiest problems first. Don't stay on a problem that you are stuck on, especially when time is a factor.
- Do the problems that have the greatest point values first.
- Pace yourself, don't rush. Read the entire question and pay attention to the details.
- Ask the instructor for clarification if you don't understand what they are asking for on the test.
- Write legibly. If the grader can't read what you wrote, they'll most likely mark it wrong.
- Always read the whole question carefully. Don't make assumptions about what the question might be.
- If you don't know an answer, skip it. Go on with the rest of the test and come back to it later. Other parts of the test may have some information that will help you out with that question.
- Don't worry if others finish before you. Focus on the test in front of you.
- If you have time left when you are finished, look over your test. Make sure that you have answered all the questions. Only change an answer if you misread or misinterpreted the question because the first answer that you put is usually the correct one. Watch out for careless mistakes and proofread your essay and/or short answer questions.
- Double check to make sure that you put your first and last name on the test.

*NOTE: In an effort to learn more about our students and highlight each student's individuality, the Mustang Moment is beginning a new series that will feature a different student each week. We hope to feature every student who is with us at least 20 school days by the end of the year, beginning with our pending December graduates.*

## Student of the Week: Courtney Mosley

**Full Name:** Courtney Morgan Mosley

**Birthday:** April 1

**Birthplace:** West Palm Beach, FL

**Siblings:** Colton and Wayne

**Favorite color:** Yellow

**Favorite food:** Alfredo

**Favorite dessert:** Brownies

**Favorite subject:** Carpentry

**Favorite pastime/hobby:** Softball

**Favorite band/group/singer:** Future

**Favorite sports team:** Florida Gators

**Senior Exit Project:** Zoology

**Plans after graduation:** Go to college at Dalton State College, GA

**What she wanted to be when she was a kid:** Teacher, because her whole family is

**If she could go anywhere in the world, it would be:** Jamaica

**Something interesting few people know about her:** She can cook

**Something she is good at:** Softball

**Role model:** Sam Christie, because he has helped me out a lot over the years

**What she considers to be a good role model:** Someone trustworthy

**If she could describe himself in one sentence:** I'm upbeat, ready to get things going.

**What teachers say about Courtney:** "She's generally respectful, and she's conscientious about her work." – Ms. Crouch



**Mountain Youth School Common Exam Testing**

December 11-14, 2012

Course	English IV	Earth Science	ELPS	English III	Phys. Science	Geometry	World History	U.S. History
Date	12.11.12	12.11.12	12.11.12	12.12.12	12.12.12	12.13.12	12.13.12	12.13.12
Administrator	Crosby	Dougherty	Scott	Scott	Dougherty	Crosby	Crouch	Dougherty
Location	Dougherty	Crosby	Scott	Scott	Dougherty	Crouch	Crosby	Dougherty
Students	J. Diesz J. Elkins T. Gaddis L. Hamby H. Henson M. Hicks D. Holder B. Ledford K. Morgan K. Morrow C. Mosley D. Riggs K. Rollins R. Stiles E. Whitener	J. Seabolt	C. Armitage K. Morrow CJ Hobson S. Kendrick P. Smith	C. Jones S. Kendrick J. Lovingood C. Phillips T. Thorley	C. Armitage H. Henson S. Hibberts CJ Hobson A. Moore A. Rogers P. Smith	J. Anderson J. Fleming C. Jones S. Kendrick A. Moore J. Nelson	S. Hibberts J. Seabolt	J. Elkins J. Haynes M. Hicks D. Holder C. Jones J. Nelson C. Phillips T. Thorley E. Whitener  PM

**Fall 2012 Master Schedule**

Teacher	1 <sup>st</sup> Period	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	4 <sup>th</sup> Period
Dougherty	English IV		English III	
	Julian Diesz Jordan Elkins Trae Gaddis Lindsay Hamby Hailey Henson Megan Hicks David Holder Brent Ledford Kalyn Morgan	Kristen Morrow Courtney Mosley Daniel Riggs Keith Rollins Robbie Stiles Emily Whitener Jeremy Lovingood (R-Eng II) Johnny Anderson (R)	Cody Jones Sam Kendrick Jeremy Lovingood Courtney Mosley (R) Cory Phillips Tommy Thorley	Cody Armitage Jacob Haynes CJ Hobson Amber Rogers
Crosby	US History		Geography	
	Jacob Haynes Cody Jones James Nelson Cory Phillips Tommy Thorley	CJ Hobson (ELPS) Sam Kendrick (ELPS) Amber Rogers (R-WH) Preston Smith (ELPS)	Johnny Anderson Jacob Haynes Brent Ledford Kristen Morrow James Nelson	Justin Seabolt Jordan Elkins (US) Megan Hicks (US) David Holder (US) Emily Whitener (US)
Crouch	Algebra IA		World History	
	Cody Armitage (R) Aaron Moore (R) Jon Fleming (Geom)	8th Trae Gaddis (R) Jon Fleming	Sydney Hibberts Justin Seabolt  Brent Ledford (R) Jordan Elkins (SH)	Geometry Johnny Anderson Cody Jones Sam Kendrick Aaron Moore James Nelson
Worley	ACT Math		ELPS	
	Johnny Anderson Julian Diesz Jordan Elkins Lindsay Hamby Jacob Haynes Sydney Hibberts Megan Hicks Cody Jones Brent Ledford	Jeremy Lovingood Kalyn Morgan Courtney Mosley Cory Phillips Daniel Riggs Preston Smith Robbie Stiles Tommy Thorley	Earth Science Sydney Hibberts (R) Justin Seabolt	Physical Science Cody Armitage Hailey Henson Sydney Hibberts CJ Hobson
Payne	Special Topics		Biology	
	David Holder Jeremy Lovingood Hailey Henson (SH) Emily Whitener (Dig Photo)	Daniel Riggs (Gr. Design) Keith Rollins (Art I) Robbie Stiles (MS Word)	David Holder Justin Seabolt	Emily Whitener (Art I) Keith Rollins (Dig Media)
Davenport	MS		MS	
	MS		MS	
Davenport	Intro T&I		Intro T&I	
	Daniel Riggs (Graphic Design) Keith Rollins (Horticulture) Robbie Stiles (Foods I)	Megan Hicks Kristen Morrow (AS) Courtney Mosley	Aaron Moore Amber Rogers Preston Smith (AS) Tommy Thorley	Cory Phillips (AS) Preston Smith (AS)