

# MANDARIN HIGH SCHOOL



*"Class of 2015"*



FRESHMAN  
ORIENTATION

August 9, 2011

1:00 PM

# MHS Administrative Staff

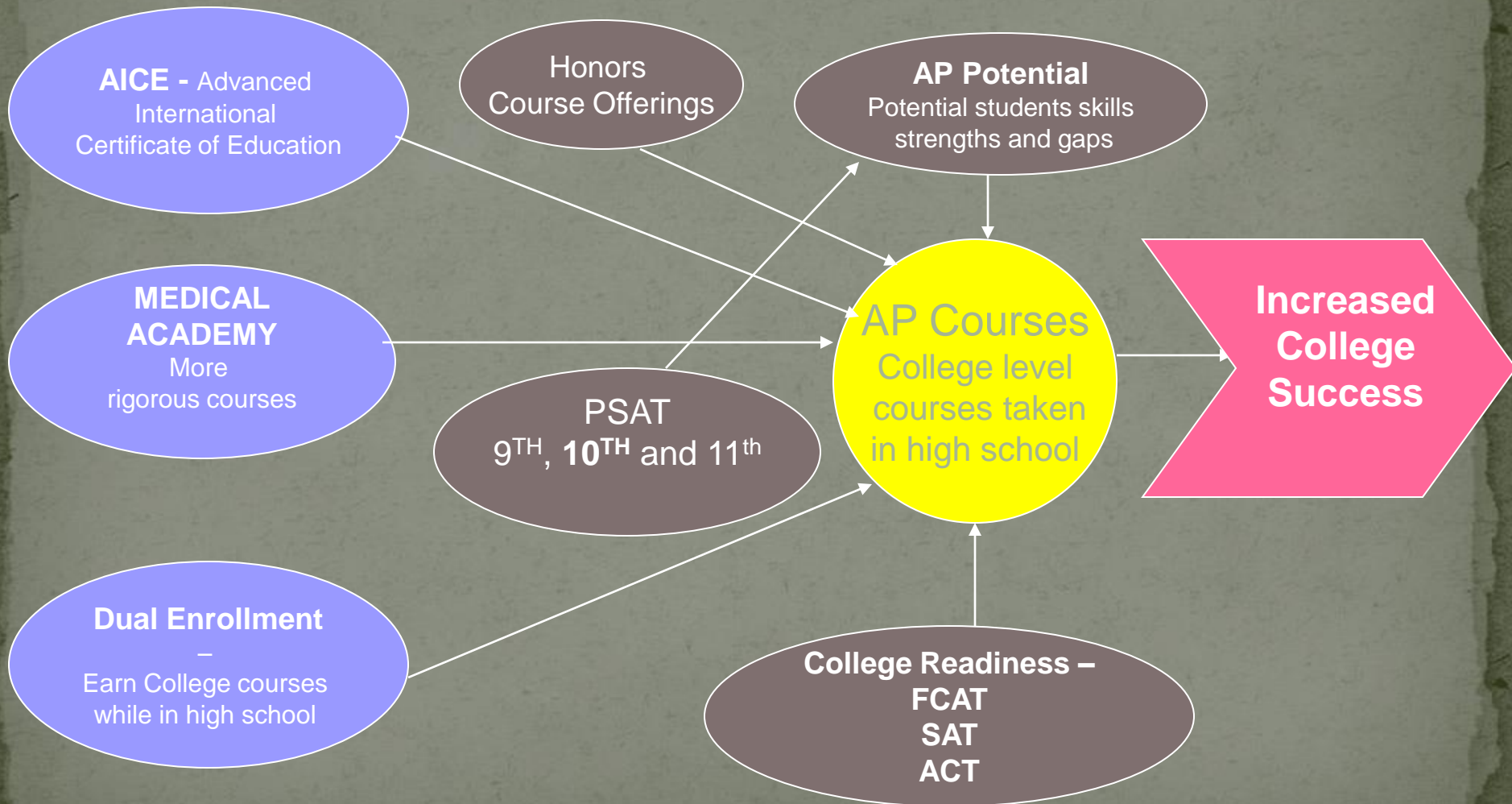
- Dr. Donna Richardson, Principal
- Ms. Janetta Lucas, Principal's Designee, AP **Greenland House**
- Mr. Bryan Boyer, AP **Julington House**
- Dr. Pam Davis, AP **St. Johns House**
- Mr. Gary Finger, AP **San Jose House**
- Ms. Cynthia Grissett, AP **St. Augustine House**
- Mr. Jerry Hulshult, AP Curriculum



**"Champions of Excellence!"**

# LEADING THE WAY TO EXCELLENCE

CREATING A COLLEGE-GOING CULTURE FOR ALL STUDENTS



“High school is your journey, but college is your destination!”

Instruction should occur in an environment that is conducive to teaching and learning. Any behavior that prevents teaching and learning from taking place is unacceptable and will result in the appropriate consequence.



**MHS – “Where Excellence is the Expectation”**

# LEARNING RECOVERY



## **Failure is NOT an Option...**

Learning recovery should be ongoing throughout the grading period, and is meant to assist students who have not mastered required course standards.

To be eligible, a student must have earned a “D” or “F” as a quarter grade.

\* must be given the opportunity to complete all work that was missed due to a violation.

\* must complete LR using the district-approved program, when available, prior to the end of the following grading period.

\* must begin immediate recovery if he/she is making less than satisfactory progress at any point 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

# Mustang Policies



## ATTENDANCE POLICY –

- \* Students returning to school from an absence are **REQUIRED** to present a written note from their parent(s) or legal guardian, stating the cause for the absence.
- \* Missed work shall be made up for all absences and suspensions. A day of make-up work shall be allowed for each day of absence.
- It is the student's **RESPONSIBILITY** to request the assignments missed.
- Failure to report to any assigned discipline may result in assignment to **ATOSS** .

## \* TEXTBOOKS –

Students are **RESPONSIBLE** for lost or damaged textbooks at full value.



# Mustang Policies Continue

- \* Students will NOT be allowed to participate in school-related activities if they are absent from school on the day of the activity.
- \* A student who has been suspended or expelled from school or school bus and returns to ANY School Board property without being authorized to do so is considered to be trespassing and is subject to be arrested.
- \* FIGHTING is ZERO tolerance at Mandarin. Any student who retaliates by hitting a person back will be charged with fighting-violation code 2.05.
- \* Multiple Class II offenses (2.19) – students who commit five (5) or more Class II offenses will be referred to SOS Program or to the Hearing Officer for alternative school placement.

# Mustang Policies Continue

- \* **Wireless communication devices** (cellular phones, etc.) may be brought to school, but must be out of sight and kept in an “off” mode while on campus during regular school hours.  
(When confiscated, these items will be returned to the parent ONLY.)

## MEDICATION –

- \* ALL medication **MUST** be kept in the House office. It must be in its original container with the doctor’s instructions. A Parent Authorization Form **MUST** be completed by the parent/legal guardian.

## SKIPPING is PROHIBITED

Students who choose to SKIP/CUT class will be referred to TRUANCY and placed on a by-period attendance contract  
**DRIVER’S LICENSE MAY BE REVOKED.**



# Rituals & Routines



- School hours are from 7:30 AM to 1:45 PM
- Early Dismissal time is at 12:30 PM  
(September 7 & 21; October 5 & 19; November 2 & 16)
- \* **I.D. badges must be worn  
AT ALL TIMES while on campus**
- ALL underclassmen (Grades 9-11) are **REQUIRED** to eat in the cafeteria during their lunch time only
- \* **Parent drop-off is located behind the gym (near C hallway), and near the Driver's Ed range. No cars will be allowed to enter the Teacher's parking lot or bus loading zone. This is for your child's safety and ours! Thanks for your cooperation with this matter.**

# Parent-Teacher Conferences



Call the Guidance Office to schedule a parent-teacher conference - Students are **REQUIRED** to attend these conferences. The house administrator and guidance counselor are also present, if requested.

Call 260-3911 ext. 1027 to schedule a conference with the guidance clerk.



# Code of APPEARANCE

- Bedroom shoes or slippers shall NOT be worn
- Halter-tops, tank tops, backless tops with thin or no straps, or tops that show the midriff or expose the body are PROHIBITED
- Clothing and accessories that display profanity, violence, lewd and obscene messages, symbols of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs are PROHIBITED
- Head coverings, such as hats, bandannas, hair curlers, and/or sunglasses, shall NOT be worn on campus
- The waistband of shorts, slacks, skirts, and similar garments shall NOT be worn below the waist

# Remember...

The MUSTANG Class of 2015 is  
moving to the next level and beyond!



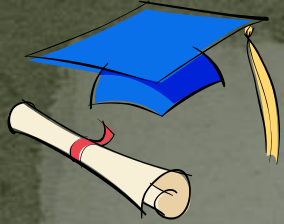
# Did you do your summer reading?



To **read** is to empower  
To **empower** is to write  
To **write** is to influence  
To **influence** is to change  
To **change** is to live.



~ Jane Evershed ~



# Success is Right in Front of YOU

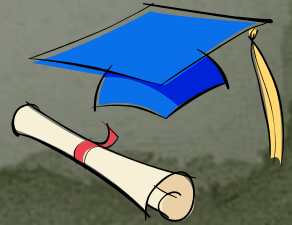
You can choose to be lazy or you can choose to be ambitious. Stop to think about your choice again. You always do your own choosing.

Your success is not a matter of chance, it's a matter of choice. Success is not something you wait for, but rather something you achieve with effort. Things won't turn up in this world until you turn them up.

When you determine what you really want, it will stop you from chasing rainbows and put you to work digging gold. Decide now that you really want to achieve your goals. Doors will open when you're honest with yourself.

If you really want to be successful in this world, look for the circumstances that you want, and, if you can't find them, make them. Your opportunities for success are all around you. If you look hard enough, you'll find them.

Every situation, properly perceived, can become an opportunity for you. The great opportunity in your life is where you are right now. First say to yourself what you would be, then do what you have to do.



# Volunteers Wanted

- Parents are encouraged to volunteer at the school. To volunteer, you must complete a volunteer application online. For more information, please contact Ms. Cynthia Grissett ([grissettc1@duvalschools.org](mailto:grissettc1@duvalschools.org)) or Mrs. Julie Besley ([besleyj@duvalschools.org](mailto:besleyj@duvalschools.org) ).
- Once a MUSTANG, always a MUSTANG!!!



# Open House 2011

Mark your calendar...

**Open House** to be held on  
Monday, September 12, 2011  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

