

# APRIL

2010

## MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #404

APRIL

- 1 JV HS Girls Softball, Galva, There, 4:30 p.m.  
NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK
- 2 Varsity HS Track, Boys & Girls, BPCA, There, 4:00 p.m.  
NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK
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V/JV HS Girls Softball, Sherrard, There, 4:30 p.m.  
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Macomb, There, 4:30 p.m.
- 6 School Resumes  
V/JV HS Girls Softball, Alwood/Cambridge, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Alwood/Cambridge, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
JV HS Boys Track, Sherrard FS Invitational, There, 4:30 p.m.
- 7 V/JV HS Girls Softball, United, There, 4:30 p.m.  
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, United, There, 4:30 p.m.  
V HS Boys/Girls Track, Wethersfield, There, 4:30 p.m.  
7<sup>TH</sup>&8<sup>TH</sup> Grade Track, Sherrard, There, 4:00 p.m.
- 8 V/JV HS Girls Softball, Alwood/Cambridge, There, 4:30 p.m.  
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Alwood/Cambridge, There, 4:30 p.m.  
Market Day pick up at Apollo, 5:45-6:45 p.m.
- 9 V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Orion, There, 4:30 p.m.  
Red Cross Blood Drive @ the Mercer County Junior High
- 10 JUNIOR & SENIOR PROM @ Lake Storey, Galesburg, IL 8:00-11:00 p.m.  
V HS Boys/Girls Track, Assumption Relays, There, 12:00 p.m.
- 12 V/JV HS Girls Softball, Alleman, There, 4:30 p.m.  
V Boys Baseball, Farmington, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
V/JV HS Boys/Girls Track, Monmouth-Roseville, There, 4:00 p.m.  
AAA Pest Control to spray buildings early prior to students' arrivals.
- 13 V HS Girls Softball, Princeville, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
V/JV Boys Baseball, Princeville, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade Track, Monmouth-Roseville, There, 4:00 p.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> Graders attend QC "Symphony Day" @ Adler Theater, Davenport, IA; buses depart MCIS at 12:00 noon, return to MCIS at 2:45 p.m.
- 14 V/FS Boys Baseball, Alleman, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
Board of Education Meeting, District Office, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 V/JV HS Girls Softball, Princeville, There, 4:30 p.m.  
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Princeville, There, 4:30 p.m.  
Athletic Booster Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at high school
- 16 CATCH Carnival in conjunction with Mercer County Health Dept., @ Apollo, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
IHSA Organizational Music Contest @ Monmouth-Roseville HS; Concert Choir 5:00 p.m.,  
Concert Band 6:00 p.m., Jazz Band 7:30 p.m., Generations 9:00 p.m.  
Career Day @ Mercer County Intermediate School, 1:00 p.m.
- 17 V/JV HS Boys Baseball, West Central, Here, 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Quad City River Bandits baseball game, Modern Woodman Park, 1:00 p.m.
- 19 V/FS HS Girls Softball, United, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, United, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
V HS Boys Track, Illini West, There, 4:00 p.m.
- 20 V/JV HS Girls Softball, Galva, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Galva, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade Track, Orion, There, 4:00 p.m.  
Apollo PTO Meeting, LRC, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 VJV HS Girls Softball, Monmouth-Roseville, There, 4:30 p.m.  
V HS Boys Baseball, Rockridge, There, 4:30 p.m.  
JV HS Boys Baseball, Rockridge, Here, 4:30 p.m.
- 22 V/JV HS Girls Softball, Galva, There, 4:30 p.m.  
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Galva, There, 4:30 p.m.

- 23 JV HS Girls Softball, Monmouth-Roseville, There, 4:30 p.m.  
 V HS Boys/Girls Track, Rockridge Relays, There, 4:00 p.m.  
 Apollo PTO sponsoring "Spring Fling", Grades 2-4, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Apollo gym
- 24 V HS Girls Softball, QND, There, TBA  
 FS HS Boys Baseball, Galesburg, Here-DH, 10:00 a.m.
- 25 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Band Shell Opening Concert @ Aledo Central Park, 6:30 p.m., Aledo Concert Band
- 26 V HS Girls Softball, West Central, There, 4:30 p.m.  
 V HS Girls Track, Illini West, There, 4:30 p.m.  
 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade Track, Knoxville/Rockridge, @ Rockridge, 4:00 p.m.
- 27 MCJH Spring Band & Chorus Music Concert, @ MCJH, 7:00 p.m.  
 V/JV HS Girls Softball, Stark County, There, 4:30 p.m.  
 V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Stark County, There, 4:30 p.m.
- 28 V HS Girls Softball, Knoxville, There, 2:30 p.m.  
 JV HS Girls Softball, Knoxville, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
 FS HS Boys Baseball, Galesburg, There, 4:00 p.m.  
 V HS Boys Baseball, Avon-Bushnell PC, There, 4:30 p.m.  
 V HS Boys Track, Dragon Invite, Here, 4:15 p.m.  
 Board of Education Meeting, District Office, 6:30 p.m.  
 PSAE Testing - Juniors
- 29 V/JV HS Girls Softball, Stark County, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
 V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Stark County, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade Track, Alwood Title IX Relays, There, 4:15 p.m.  
 PSAE Testing - Juniors
- 30 V/JV HS Girls Softball, Rockridge, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
 V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Knoxville, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
 V HS Boys/Girls Track, Tiger Relays, There, 4:00 p.m.  
 Comedy Sports, PTO sponsored, 7:00 p.m.
- MAY 1 V HS Girls Softball, ROWVA, There, 11:00 a.m.  
 V/JV HS Boys Baseball, ROWVA, There, 11:00 a.m.  
 JV HS Boys Baseball, ROWVA, Here, 11:00 a.m.
- 3 JV HS Girls Softball, ROWVA, There, 11:00 a.m.  
 V/JV HS Girls Softball, West Prairie, There, 4:30 p.m.  
 V HS Boys Baseball, Unity Christian, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
 JV HS Boys/Girls Track, Lincoln Trail, There, 3:00 p.m.  
 V HS Boys/Girls Track, Titan Relays, There, 4:00 p.m.  
 Map Testing @ Apollo (May 3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>)  
 Early dismissal, 11:30 a.m., School Improvement
- 4 V/JV HS Girls Softball, Annawan/Wethersfield, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
 V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Annawan/Wethersfield, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
 V HS Girls Track, BPCA, There, 4:15 p.m.  
 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade Track, PLC Meet, @ Rockridge, 4:00 p.m.  
 Rube Goldberg, 7:00 p.m.
- 5 JV HS Girls Softball, Monmouth-Roseville, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
 Top Twenty Dinner
- 6 V/JV HS Girls Softball, Annawan/Wethersfield, There, 4:15 p.m.  
 V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Annawan/Wethersfield, There, 4:15 p.m.
- 7 V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Abingdon, Here, 4:30 p.m.  
 V HS Boys/Girls Track, Lincoln Trail, There, 3:00 p.m.
- 7&8 THE National Bank Softball Classic, Varsity, Here, 4:00 p.m.
- 11 Mercer County High School Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Awards Night, 6:30 p.m., Mercer County High School Auditorium
- 16 Baccalaureate, 6:30 p.m.

## APOLLO PRE-K PLACEMENT

Apollo Pre-K educational placement for 3 and 4 year olds will conclude in May. Placement into this program is for 3 and 4 year old students entering the at-risk program at Apollo. The goal of the program is to help children be prepared and ready to enter school. If you believe you have a student who may be eligible for these services or if you have any questions, please contact Amy Duncan at Apollo (582-5350).

## YOUTH BOOK CLUB

Coming soon, the Mercer Carnegie Library will be offering a Youth Book Club to any boy or girl who is interested in reading and discussing different books. Also, they will be doing activities related to each book. Be sure to sign up early at the Mercer Carnegie Library. No purchase is necessary. For more information, you can call Leanne at 582-1100.

## MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY BAND

Attention all former and current band students: Mr. Ruggles is going to put together the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Band this summer made up of musicians in Mercer County. All ages from graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders on up to adults can participate. Rehearsals will start again on May 25<sup>th</sup> on Tuesday evenings at the Mercer County Intermediate School starting at 6:30 p.m. People who haven't played their instrument in years should not be scared! This is your opportunity to play again for fun!

This is a great community activity for our area, but we need musicians to make it work. If you are interested, please contact Rusty Ruggles at work 582-2223 ext. 30, or at home 582-8305, or e-mail: [ruggles30@yahoo.com](mailto:ruggles30@yahoo.com).

## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BAND SHELL OPENING CEREMONIES

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Band Shell Opening Concert will be held on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. (weather permitting). This year's concert will first start with the Mercer County 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and finish up with the Mercer County High School Band. Both bands will be showing off all the music that they have been rehearsing. Everyone has been working very hard so please plan on coming out! Students should arrive at the concert around 6:00 p.m. Dress will be casual.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at the Mercer County Junior High School on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Students will be bringing home forms for this "Pint Size Hero" Drive, walk-ins are welcome, also. The Blood Drive will be held in the old gym. Doors to the gym are on the west side of the building. If anyone has questions, please call Rob Reed, principal, at the junior high at 584-4174.

# High School Counselor's Information for April 2010

## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 6 & 7	Incoming 9 <sup>th</sup> graders receive registration information
April 8	Student/parent pre-registration program for incoming 9 <sup>th</sup> graders (high school, 6:30 p.m.)
April 13	Seniors attending Black Hawk College, register at B.H.C. (leave M.C.H.S. 8:15 a.m.)
April 16	Pre-Test Activities for PSAE (1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> hour)
April 28	Freshmen Explore testing/Sophomore PLAN testing (1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> hour)
April 28	Prairie State Achievement Exam for Juniors (Day 1, ACT, 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> hour) (Juniors served breakfast in high school cafeteria starting at 7:15 a.m.)
April 29	Complete Prairie State Exam for Juniors (Day 2, ISBE & WorkKeys, 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> hour)
April 29	Early Dismissal 11:30 (Juniors/Seniors make college visits)
May 5	AP Calculus Exam
May 11	AP Chemistry Exam
May 12	Awards Night at Mercer County High School (6:30 p.m.)
May 12	Prairie State Achievement Exam Make-up Test (ACT) Day 1
May 13	Prairie State Achievement Exam Make-up Test (ISBE & WorkKeys) Day 2
May 8	Early Dismissal 11:30 (Juniors/Seniors make college visits)
May 13	Aledo High School Awards Program (Aledo High Auditorium. 6:30 p.m.)

## PRAIRIE STATE ACHIEVEMENT EXAMINATION (PSAE) April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010

The PSAE is a statewide achievement test for grade 11 students that will be given in April. Students will be tested over two days. On April 28th, Day 1, students take the ACT Plus Writing, which includes multiple-choice English, Mathematics Reading, and Science and an essay Writing Test. On April 29th, Day 2, testing will include a science test developed by the State Board of Education, and two WorkKeys tests, Mathematics and Reading. Students are encouraged to bring healthy snacks and water to drink.

Students will complete the ACT registration form on April 16th. Students will list the name of four colleges that will receive their ACT scores. Students and parents are encouraged to discuss post-secondary plans and school options so students can list their college choices on the ACT registration form. The state of Illinois is paying for each junior to send ACT scores to four colleges. If scores are requested at a later date it will cost \$9.00 (priority \$13) per school.

Parents may contact the Illinois State Board of Education for information regarding the PSAE by calling 217-782-4321 or the ISBE has a full 144 page text at <http://www.isbe.net/ils/default.htm>.

## ACT/PSAE ONLINE PREP FOR JUNIORS

Juniors are encouraged to take advantage of the online test prep program at the following site: [www.actonlineprep.com](http://www.actonlineprep.com). The online ACT prep program is provided by the Illinois State Board of Education and is free for all juniors at Mercer County High School. Keep in mind this program is designed exclusively by ACT test development professionals and includes the following:

- Practice tests with real ACT test questions
- Practice essays for the new optional ACT Writing Test, with real-time scoring
- Comprehensive content review for each of the ACT's four required tests—English, Math, Reading, and Science
- Diagnostic test and personalized Study Path
- Anywhere, anytime access via the Internet

All juniors have been assigned their own user login and passwords. When students login to ACT prep the first time, they should keep the same user login and password originally assigned. The counselor's office has a copy of the original login and password if students need a second copy.

## FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORE TESTING ON APRIL 22, 2009

The Explore Test will be given to freshmen and the Plan Test to the sophomores 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> hour on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. The EXPLORE & PLAN provide valuable information about students' academic development and allow students an opportunity to explore career and training options so they can make sound decisions about their high school coursework and post-high school choices. If you are not familiar with the EXPLORE and PLAN Programs, please visit the following sites for more information: [www.act.org/explore](http://www.act.org/explore) or [www.act.org/plan/](http://www.act.org/plan/).

## SENIORS SHOULD SUBMIT FAFSA FORMS

Seniors, if you have not submitted your Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms please do so immediately online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Please contact the counselor's office if you would like help completing the form.

## SENIORS PLANNING TO ATTEND BLACK HAWK COLLEGE

Seniors who plan to attend Black Hawk College (B.H.C.) and have not taken the COMPASS Placement Test should call B.H.C. at 309-796-5352 or 796-5100. The COMPASS is an untimed, computerized test that helps colleges evaluate your skills and places you into appropriate courses. COMPASS offers tests in Reading, Writing, Math, Writing Essay, and English as a Second Language. Students will receive their COMPASS test results immediately upon completion of testing, and your score report will include a placement message informing you of what courses you should take and how to register.

### ADDITIONAL COMPASS INFORMATION

- Students who need the COMPASS test with accommodations based on their disability should contact Disability Services by calling 309-796-5949 (B.H.C. Moline Campus)
- Students who have taken the ACT test within the past two years and scored 22 or higher in the individual English, Reading or Math tests **do not take** the corresponding COMPASS test:  
(Students must provide proof with an ACT test score report.)  
ACT 22 or higher in English exempts students from the COMPASS writing test  
ACT 22 or higher in Reading exempts students from the COMPASS reading test  
ACT 22 or higher in Math exempts students from the COMPASS pre-algebra test, however everyone must take the COMPASS Algebra test.
- Students who have completed courses, or taken a placement test such as ASSET or COMPASS at another college or university may be exempt from portions of the COMPASS test. These students **should first see an advisor or counselor before taking the COMPASS test.** You may take the COMPASS test free of charge onetime per academic year (Sept.1-Aug. 31). If you wish to retake the COMPASS test during the same academic year, the cost is \$15 per individual test or \$30 for the entire test. Payment is made in cash or check at the time of testing.
- Students are encouraged to review and study for COMPASS testing. For sample tests and more information visit <http://www.act.org/compass/sample> This website has 70 pages of test questions in PDF versions that can be downloaded or viewed with Adobe Acrobat software.

### TOP TEN PERCENT OF THE SENIOR CLASS

The top ten percent of the senior class may receive two consecutive years of tuition at Black Hawk College immediately following high school (including summer) if renewal criteria is met. Students must submit the following information before May 15<sup>th</sup>:

- complete B.H.C. application.
- enroll at B.H.C. full-time.
- complete a B.H.C. Academic Achievement Award Form (pick-up from high school counselor).

### SENIORS ! FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP DUE DATES

Donald Kiser Memorial Scholarship for Chemistry (available in the counselor's office)	April 1, 2010
Illinois Lumber and Material Dealers (available in the counselor's office)	April 1, 2010
Unity Employee Dependent Scholarship	April 1, 2010
Unity Aux. Scholarship	April 1, 2010
Mercer County Retired Teachers Association (available in the counselor's office)	April 1, 2010
Sister Rose Marie Bentley Miller	April 1, 2010
Muscatine Comm. College Foundation Scholarship (available online)	April 1, 2010
Aledo Lodge No. 252 (available in the counselor's office)	April 6, 2010
Blaser/Stone Memorial	April 6, 2010
Connie Sue Smith Memorial Scholarship (available in the counselor's office)	April 6, 2010
Aledo Lodge No. 252	April 9, 2010
Ameren II. Minority (Engineering)	April 9, 2010
WIN (Women's Issues Network) available in the counselor's office	Apr. 10, 2010
Kiwanis Scholarship (available in the counselor's office)	April 13, 2010
Rep. Women Club of Henderson	April 14, 2010
DARE (available in the counselor's office)	April 15, 2010
Univ. of Ill Alumni Association of the QC Illini Club (available in the counselor's office)	April 15, 2010
Mercer County Booster Scholarship	April 15, 2010
Rock Island Optometric Center (health career field, available in the counselor's office)	April 16, 2010
ASHRNE (Mech. Engineering, Heating, Vent., Air Cond.)	April 23, 2010
Aledo Jaycees Scholarship (available in the counselor's office) must be <b>received by</b>	April 30, 2010
David Wayne Miller Award for Outstanding Artistic Achievement (available in the counselor's office)	April 30, 2010
University of Ill. Balanced Man Scholarship (available in the counselor's office)	April 17, 2010
Black Hawk College Foundation Scholarship	May 1, 2010
Cheryl Long Scholarship (available in the counselor's office)	May 1, 2010
Chris Long Memorial Scholarship (available in the counselor's office)	May 1, 2010
<b>Mellinger Foundation Scholarship</b>	<b>May 1, 2010</b>
ASCE American Society of Civil Engineers <a href="http://sections.asce.org/quadcitevents.htm">http://sections.asce.org/quadcitevents.htm</a>	May 15, 2010

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the last day for seniors to take a Post-Secondary Planning Day.