



# WESTERN SIERRA CHARTER SCHOOLS

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MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL CHARTER & GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL CHARTER  
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# NEWSLETTER

November/December 2020



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER

- Nov. 3** • WSCS Board Meeting @ 2:30 p.m.
- Nov. 4 - 5** • School Picture Days
- Nov. 4** • Senior Grad Night Deposit Due
- Nov. 11** • Veterans Day: No School
- Nov. 23 - 27** • Thanksgiving Break: No School
- Nov. 27** • LP 4 Attendance due

### DECEMBER

- Dec. 3** • Last Day of Semester 1 MHS Enrichment Classes
- Dec. 11** • Last Day of Semester 1 GHS & MHS Math Classes
- Dec. 21 - Jan. 1** • Winter Break: No School
- Dec. 25** • LP 5 Attendance due

*You can turn attendance in by Noon on  
Dec. 18th  
(before the break)*



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### WSCS BOARD MEETING

November 3, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

This meeting will be by teleconference pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.  
More information on Page 4

ATTENDANCE  
FORMS





## Communication is essential!

Many important notices are sent out to parents over ParentSquare AND to students over StudentSquare. Have you signed up?



ParentSquare

**CLICK HERE**  
for more information

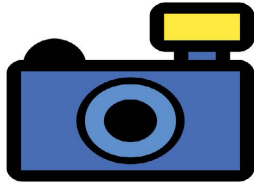
## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

### School Pictures

**November 4 - 5, 2020**

**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Mountain Home/Glacier High Campus**



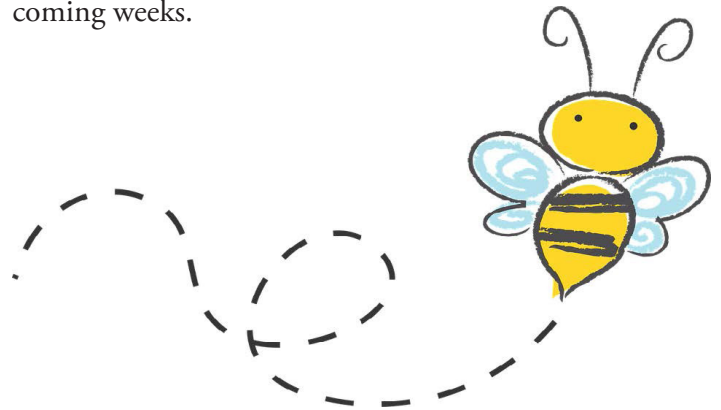
School pictures will be utilized for the MHS and GHS yearbooks.  
Picture packages will be available for purchase (cash, check, or credit card)  
Student ID's will be available for Glacier High School students only.

- all families will be required to sign-in at the main building as per protocol/covid station
- line will be socially distanced - 6 ft. apart between families
- pictures will be taken outside (please follow signs upon arrival)
- students (3rd grade and above) and parents must wear masks in the line while waiting

If you have any questions please contact:  
Mrs. Meeks at 559-642-1422 ext. 105 or  
kmeeks@wscsfamily.org

### 2021 - Spelling Bee

Mountain Home School is looking into how to safely host a school-wide Spelling Bee for grades K-8 in early 2021. This may be in-person or by Zoom (depending on our county's guidelines). Wordlist will be available to pick up by November 9th in the main building. A digital wordlist will also be sent out via ParentSquare in the coming weeks.







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## MADERA COUNTY

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### *Educational Resources & Services*

MHS and GHS parents have access to a wealth of resources through Madera County Superintendent of Schools' resource center! The center has an online catalog where you can order books, videos, art prints, and science & other kits. Weekly pick-up and delivery to our campus is available so you do not need to travel down the hill to Madera. In addition, you have automatic access to digital resources. A few examples:

Enchanted Learning, Khan Academy, California Streaming, Britannica Learning Zone, Ancient World, Biographies, to name a few.

Please visit [madERS.org](http://madERS.org) Your Advising Teacher can also set up a Zoom meeting with you & madERS personnel for a tutorial!

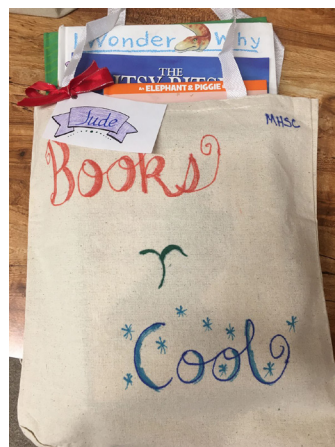
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## HAPPENINGS IN OUR



Head over to the school web page and check out the "Librarian's Corner". You will find it on the drop down menu under "resources". Our new Book Bag request form is there for you to request a selection of books carefully selected by our librarian for your student. I hope you all will go check it out.

Below is a sample of our new Book Review and Poem of the Month.



### ***New Book Review***

***Toaff's Way***

*by Cynthia Voigt*

Toaff is a small squirrel full of big questions. Why must I stay away from the human's house? Why shouldn't I go beyond the pine trees? Why do we fight with the red squirrels across the drive? His sister shrugs—that's just the way things are. His brother bullies—because I said so. And the older squirrels scold—too many questions! Can Toaff really be the only one to wonder why? When a winter storm separates him from his family, Toaff must make his own way in the world. It's a world filled with danger—from foxes and hawks and cats to cars and chainsaws. But also filled with delight—the dizzying scent of apple blossoms, the silvery sound of singing, the joy of leaping so far you're practically flying. Over the course of a year, Toaff will move into (and out of) many different dreys and dens, make some very surprising friends (and a few enemies), and begin to answer his biggest questions—what do I believe and where do I belong? Master storyteller Cynthia Voigt offers readers a rich and rewarding story of finding one's way in the world.



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POEMS OF THE MONTH

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*November*

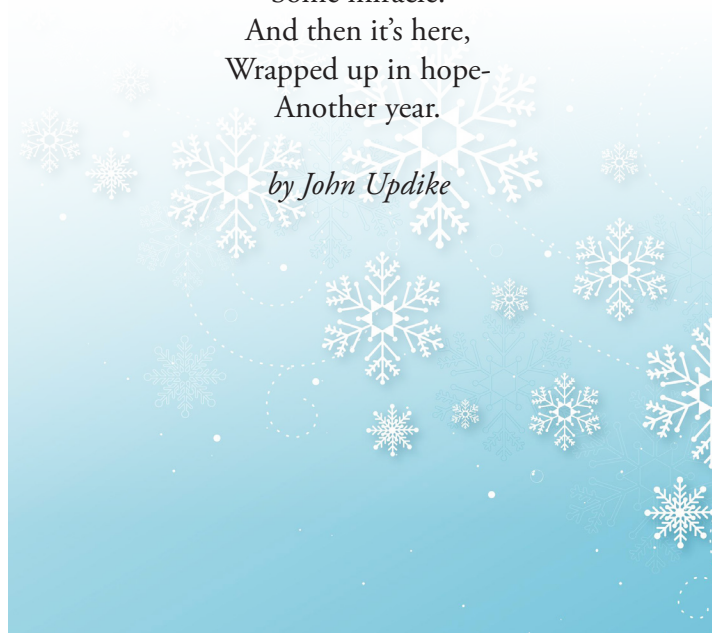
The stripped and shapely  
Maple grieves  
The loss of her  
Departed leaves.  
The ground is hard,  
As hard as stone.  
The year is old,  
The birds are flown.  
And yet the world,  
Nevertheless,  
Displays a certain  
Loveliness –  
The beauty of  
The bone. Tall God  
Must see our souls  
This way, and nod.  
Give thanks: we do,  
Each in his place  
Around the table  
During grace.

*by John Updike*

*December*

First snow! The flakes,  
So few, so light,  
Remake the world  
In solid white.  
All bundled up,  
We feel as if  
We were fat penguins,  
Warm and stiff.  
The toy-packed shops  
Half split their sides,  
And Mother brings home  
Things she hides.  
Old carols peal.  
The dusk is dense.  
There is a mood  
Of sweet suspense.  
The shepherds wait,  
The kings, the tree-  
All wait for something  
Yet to be,  
Some miracle.  
And then it's here,  
Wrapped up in hope-  
Another year.

*by John Updike*





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are very sorry to announce that MHSC will not run the Learn to Ski and Snowboard Program this year. The Yosemite Badger

Pass Ski Area will not open for the 2020-21 season due to ongoing concerns related to COVID-19.



Pictures are needed for the Mountain Home School yearbook! Please submit pictures of your children doing projects, science experiments, art designs, building stuff,

“attending” math class, or doing their work from home/ other creative places... maybe even a fun mask picture to capture 2020!

Pictures can be emailed to Mrs. Meeks: [kmEEKS@WSCSfamily.org](mailto:kmEEKS@WSCSfamily.org) Please include the student's name and grade level.

*If you have any questions:*  
email or call 642-1422 ext. 105



*Photo by Karolina Grabowska from Pexels*





## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

with Greg Hill

### ATTENTION SENIORS

Grad Nite \$25 deposit is due. Deadline extended to November 4th. Please drop off deposit at the front office.

### COLLEGE APPLICATION INFORMATION

#### **Cal State/University of California:**

California State University & University of California applications opened on October 1st. They are both due on November 30. Apply online.

**CSU:** [www2.calstate.edu](http://www2.calstate.edu)

**UC:** [www.ucop.edu/pathways](http://www.ucop.edu/pathways)

**Private University:** Deadlines varies

#### **Local Community College Applications:**

Seniors interested in attending one of our local community colleges should apply with priority registration through the "Registration To Go" Program:

SCCCD (Fresno City, Oakhurst Center, Madera Center, Clovis Community, Reedley College)

**LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
APPLICATION WORKSHOP IS  
NOVEMBER 10TH AT 12:00 P.M.**



**CLICK HERE  
to join the Zoom Meeting**

#### **Local Community College "Registration To Go" steps**

1. Application: October/November
2. Online Orientation: November
3. Counseling / Advising with Student Educational Plan: Feb/March
4. Registration for classes: April if above steps are completed

### FAFSA AND MONEY MATTERS

All seniors planning on attending any college or a career technical school: FAFSA application opens October 1st, 2020.

**CLICK HERE  
to Apply to FAFSA**

Look for college/trade school scholarships wherever you apply. Both community colleges and universities have opened their scholarship application window.

**Seniors:** The GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program rewards college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with financial assistance to pursue higher education.

**CLICK HERE  
to Apply to  
GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship**

Each year, the Program selects numerous recipients to receive a \$10,000 scholarship renewable for up to an additional three years – up to \$40,000 total per recipient. Awards are for undergraduate study and may be used for education-related expenses, including tuition, fees, books, supplies, room, and board.

#### **ASVAB Test: 10th, 11th, 12 grades: Coming in January, date TBD**

ASVAB stands for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, which is a multiple-choice test that helps you identify which Army jobs (Military Occupational Specialties) would be best for you. This test is an excellent resource even if you are not planning on enlisting in the military.

**9th, 10, 11th graders:** PSAT - Coming in January TBD



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