



# BETA AS FAR AS YOU CAN SEE

## Upcoming Events & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

OCT. 21-NOV. 1 CHEMO ITEM SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITY 1 PT PER 5 ITEMS	NOV. 1-15 RAFFLE TICKETS SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITY 1 PT PER 5 TICKETS	DEC. 2-19 CAN FOOD DRIVE SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITY 1 PT PER 5 CANS	'TIL DEC 19 CREDIT FOR BRICK SOLD SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITY 1 PT PER BRICK
TODAY: 10/18 CLUB MEETING SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITY 1 PT PER MEETING	10/26 BETA SPONSORED HOMECOMING DANCE SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITY	10/26, 12/14 ACT SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITY POINTS DEPEND ON SCORE	VARIOUS DATES JH CONCESSION STAND SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITY
11/16 @ 1:00 FLAGS AT CEMETARY SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITY 2 POINTS	11/18 VETERANS DAY PROGRAM REFRESHMENTS SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITY 1 POINT	11/21 @ 6:30 INDUCTION SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITY 1 POINT	12/4 BLOOD DRIVE SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITY 2 POINTS
DECEMBER NURSING HOME VISIT SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITY 1 POINT	12/3 STATE CONVENTION DEADLINE	12/13 CLUB MEETING SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITY 1 PT PER MEETING	1/8-10 STATE CONVENTION SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITY DEPENDS ON PARTICIPATION
ALL YEAR MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITY 1 POINT EACH TIME			

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# MHS BETA TIMES

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## NEW OFFICERS

President: Adam Eley  
Vice President: Payton Stovall  
Secretary: Abigail Chevalier  
Treasurer: Alayna Russell  
Reporter: Sha'diamon Richardson  
Service Director: Zy Climaco

## NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

This year's induction of new members will be November 21, 2019 at 6:30 in the high school gym.

Members are to wear school appropriate dressy attire. NO JEANS, CAPS, CLEAVAGE, or SHORT SKIRTS. Guys should wear khakis/slacks with button up or polo shirt. Girls should wear khakis, dress pants, skirt or dress of appropriate length.

Friends and family are welcome and all members are strongly encouraged to attend.

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## WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A MHS BETA MEMBER

The National Beta Club was first started by Dr. John W. Harris in 1934. His intention was to create an organization that would promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, service, and leadership among elementary and secondary school students. The organization quickly adopted the following four pillars: high academic achievement, moral and successful character, leadership, and service, as the Beta motto, "Let us lead by serving others," suggests. In promoting the ideals of honesty, service, morality, ethical conduct, and leadership among students, as well as rewarding meritorious academic achievement, Beta encourages and assists students in continuing their education and careers after high school.

When Mrs. Bryan came to MHS in 2009, there was not a Senior Beta Club. The elementary and junior high both had successful clubs, but no one had stepped up to continue the opportunity throughout the students' high school career. Being a Beta alumni, a club president for two years, and a previous sponsor at two other schools, she had the passion needed to create the MHS Beta Club. Since then, the

club has only missed one state convention, due to bad weather, has conducted countless service projects, and has had two national scholarship winners. MHS requires its members to be the best and perform the best because it is an honor and privilege to be associated with the organization. When students begin filling out job and scholarship applications, people know when they see that they are a member of a Beta club, the kind of person they are rewarding with a scholarship or job. So to uphold those expectations and what society has come to know as a Beta student, the following standards are to be met to stay an active member of the MHS Beta Club:

- 3.0 GPA; no Ds or Fs; very few Cs, especially in core classes
- 5 service points recorded and turned in each six weeks
- High moral standards and character

For a more detailed explanation of requirements, probation, and dismissal rules, members can find it on Mrs. Bryan's school website.



## SERVICE POINT OPPORTUNITIES

- Homecoming Dance— Need help setting up (1:00pm) and taking down decorations (after dance). Need donation of cases of water. Need chaperones.
- See Ms. Tibbs if you are interested in earning service points at the junior high home basketball games.
- We will be placing flags on veterans' graves in Archibald on Nov. 16 at 1:00. The more members who show up for this, the faster it can get done. If you don't know where the cemetery is, plan to meet Mrs. Bryan at the Archibald post office about 10 minutes prior.
- We will provide refreshments and help serve the veterans who stay for the reception after the Veteran's Day Program on Nov. 18th. Please sign up next to Mrs. Bryan's door.
- Date TBA—We will travel to Plantation Manor in December to visit, sing carols, play games, and paint finger nails.

# “Lead by Serving Others”

“No act of kindness is ever wasted.”

-Aesop

For the rest of October we are going to be collecting items for cancer patients going through chemotherapy. This is in conjunction with the softball tournament “Swinging for a Cure” that takes place Oct. 19th at ULM. We will get the items to Ms. Sherri Dill-Jones and she will see that they get to the patients. We will be collecting these items as a competition among homeroom classes. The top 3 classes bringing the most items will receive a donut party. Items that can be brought Oct. 21-Nov. 1 include: unscented baby wipes, unscented dry skin lotions, germ x, antibacterial hand soap, chapstick, word find books, crossword puzzle books, hard candy like peppermint/butterscotch, blankets, and tote bags. If the class can complete a tote bag full of each one of the items listed, it will receive 5 bonus points per tote toward the class' overall total of items.

Beginning Nov. 1, all Beta members will receive 5 raffle tickets to sell for a Thanks-

giving Dinner gift basket. All proceeds will go to help Ms. Vicki Wilson's medical bills and travel expenses. Ms. Vicki Wilson was a teacher at Mangham JH for years before retiring. She was diagnosed with cancer a few years ago and has been fighting ever since. She travels to Texas for treatment and must stay in hotels during treatment which has put a strain on her financially. Each raffle ticket is to be sold for \$5 each. After you have sold your five, you may receive more to sell if you would like. The last day to purchase the tickets will be Nov. 15th. The drawing will take place that evening and the winner will be announced on the school's Facebook page. A list of items in the gift basket will be announced as soon as we have everything.

Beginning December 2-December 19th, we will do another homeroom competition for our annual can food drive. All can foods will be given to Care and Share of Richland Parish and dis-

tributed throughout the parish. Again, the top 3 classes will receive breakfast. Most teachers also reward their students' individual efforts as well.

Remember, that you must turn in 5 service points per six weeks and only a couple of people turned in anything for the first six weeks, so most members need to catch up. There are plenty of opportunities to do this and some of you may have already completed some service for others and just haven't turned in the paperwork. Now that our membership has been completed, a chart will be made and hung in the hallway to help keep members up to date on their service work. If you are not up to date on points, you will be put on probation. Seniors who do not complete their 25 service points by the end of the 5th six weeks will not receive a Beta stole for graduation. Everyone else must complete 30 by the end of the year.



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## STATE CONVENTION

State Convention will take place this year on **January 8-11 in Baton Rouge**. All Beta members are eligible to go as long as they are not on probation. There are many events, competitions, service projects, speeches, and performances to either participate in or watch. MHS also tries to include some type of fun event outside of the convention itself to participate in while we are there. We will leave after 1st period on Dec. 8 and return on Friday

between 5-6pm. On Wednesday night, we will visit the 13th gate Escape rooms. On Thursday night we will attend the Beta Dance at the convention center. If there are a lot of students who do not want to attend the dance, they can return to the hotel with one of the chaperones.

**The deadline for paying \$75 and signing up for the convention is December 4th.** All money paid will be

non-refundable because it is non-refundable to the national office and when booking rooms for the hotel.

Cost at the convention is usually up to the individual student, depending on how much they want to eat and where. We try as much as the schedule will allow us to eat at fast food places around Baton Rouge, but the schedule at the River Center on Thursday doesn't allow us much time to leave so stu-

dents tend to have to buy the high priced drinks and food while there. We do eat breakfast at the hotel and leave for dinner, but lunch will be there unless we can find time to leave.

Convention is a great time to be with your friends and a great time to meet new people, as well as compete against others and see the talent from across the state of Louisiana.

## BRICK FUNDRAISER



Our brick fundraiser has become our biggest fundraiser and provides funds to help pay for state convention expenses and also for the two \$250 scholarships that our local chapter gives each year. Due to the construction taken place, bricks that were previously sold have found a new location near the field house and the Coach Munyan monument. However, the most recently bought

bricks and any future bricks bought will be located on the Home side of the field on the brick columns of the restroom., so that visitors can see them at every home game.

We will begin passing out order forms and advertising the sale of these bricks in the newspapers and online pretty soon, so your job will be to talk about these as much as possible. Anybody can purchase them: businesses, current students, alumni, anybody who wants one.

## STATE COMPETITIONS

Test: Agriculture  
 Test: Language Arts  
 Test: Math  
 Test: Science  
 Test: Social Studies  
 Test: Spanish  
 Apparel Design  
 Character Performance  
 Creative Writing  
 Engineering  
 Freshman Problem Solving  
 Living Literature  
 Marketing & Communication  
 Onsite Art: Painting/  
 Drawing  
 Performing Arts: 1-3 people/4+  
 Poetry  
 Portfolio/Scrapbooking  
 Quiz Bowl

Service Learning Showcase  
 Public Speaking  
 Technology Project  
 Three Dimensional Design  
 Two Dimensional Design  
 Visual Arts:  
 Black & White Photography  
 Color Photography  
 Digital Art  
 Drawing  
 Fiber Arts  
 Jewelry  
 Mixed Media  
 Painting  
 Recyclable Art  
 Sculpture  
 Woodworking