

Maury UPDATE



Welcome to the New Maury Update!

Maury Update has moved to the cyber zone in 2007.



The change will give parents and Maury supporters more up-to-the-minute news from Maury while helping control printing and production costs. A limited number of copies of each newsletter will still be available in the main office for families and students who do not

have Internet access. The Maury Boosters sent a letter to all students' homes in August to explain the change and let parents know where to find the latest edition of the Maury Update.

Postcards and e-mails will remind families to log on for new eUpdates in the early months; after that, the Maury webmaster (JoAnn Vourlas) will send Maury e-mail

subscribers an automatic notice when Maury's pages — including the Booster site — are updated.

OPEN HOUSE

6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. Meet your student's teachers and "walk the walk" — you have four minutes between each class — to get a taste of your student's day at Maury.

Message from the Principal

Welcome to Maury High School, home of the Commodores! A special welcome is extended to the members of the Class of 2011. We have registered over 800 freshmen this fall, which is part of a student body of approximately 2,080 students.

Maury High School will continue the tradition of academic excellence along with offering a wide variety of extracurricular activities for all students. This year we have developed a "mantra" to guide our work — "Teaching does not occur if

learning does not occur." This mantra is part of our total mission, vision and operating principles that can be found in its entirety on the Maury Web page, www.npsk12.com. Please note the following highlights (cont'd page 2)

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Brick by Brick

The first etched bricks in the Maury Foundation's Brick by Brick campaign have been installed by the school's front steps. You can still help raise funds to provide scholarships the Foundation awards to Maury graduates each year. When you buy a brick for a \$100 tax-deductible donation, you may have a name inscribed on a brick in honor or memory of a special person. For information, call 825-6922 or go to www.mauryfoundation.org.

New Faces, New Places

Athletic coaching changes

Over the summer, several faculty members took on new coaching responsibilities for athletic teams at Maury.

Former Kecoughtan coach **Nicole Dewey** now leads the boys' and girls' cross-country teams. Students will find her teaching math at Maury during the day.

Andrea Machesney, who teaches German language and culture, now coaches the boys' volleyball team in the fall and girls' tennis in the spring. Volleyball, previously scheduled for winter months, has become a fall sport in high school, while tennis moved from the fall to the spring.

First, **Angela Allen**, girls' volleyball team coach for the past three seasons, agreed to become coach for

the girls' basketball team. But now, she is sidelined after back surgery and the search is back on.

Drew Stephenson, a Maury social studies teacher, is the new girls' volleyball coach, filling the slot left by Ms. Allen's shift to basketball.

Welcome back to the pool, **John O'Hara**, as Maury swimming coach!

Congratulations to all!

From the principal (continued)

from last year and the coming year:

Maury High School once again is fully accredited, both at the state and national levels. This means we met state accreditation standards and also the federal *No Child Left Behind* standards.

Maury was again rated in the top 5 percent of high schools in the nation by Newsweek magazine. This magazine recognizes schools with large AP course offerings and enrollments.

We continue to implement Smaller Learning Communities in 2007-08. This year, students in both the freshman and sophomore classes will be involved in the SLCs, which offer a more personalized learning environment

for students.

The schedule for odd/even (A and B) days has been changed this year. Please consult www.npsk12.com for the schedule. We began on Tuesday, Sept. 4, which is a B day.

Do not forget the use of *eSembler* that gives parents ready access to student grades via the Internet. If you have changed your e-mail address, mailing address and/or telephone number, please contact Mr. Parks at 628-9153. We also need this if we have to find the correct bus stop for your child. These bus stops were mailed home to you this year.

Finally, the fall athletic program is in full swing. Please support your favorite athletic team as they compete for district, regional and state honors. Fall athletics include field hockey, football, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls volleyball and golf.

We look forward to an exciting year. Again, welcome to each of you and thanks, in advance, for your support of Maury High School.

Michael J. Caprio,
Principal
Maury High School

Summer School for Teachers

Calculator Integration

Oceanography teacher **Michael Bates** and math teacher **Greta Bates** attended the Texas Instruments regional conference in June in Asheboro, N.C. The intensive two-day event explored the many functions of the TI-84 family of graphing calculators used in Maury math and science classes.

Physics teacher **Greg Williams** was a presenter at the conference. The activities and knowledge gained will enhance instruction and strengthen the real-world connections between

math and science at Maury.

Biology + Math = Win-Win

Biology teacher **Deborah Allen** and math teacher **Greta Bates** spent part of July at Rutgers University's Discrete Mathematics And Computer Science (DIMACS) Center in Piscataway, N.J. These two Maury teachers are participating in a five-year program funded by a National Science Foundation grant to increase the integration of the teaching of math and biology. This year, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Bates will field test a five-lesson module in which students use

matrices to model the rate of changes in nucleotides in DNA. Students in the field-test classes will be taught by both master teachers, and feedback from both teachers and students will be forwarded to DIMACS.

Bates and Allen were one of 10 math/biology pairs of teachers representing nine states who participated in the workshop. Additional modules in future years will include topics within epidemiology and environmental science.

By The Numbers

- 2,080** Maury students
- 812** Freshmen
- 560** Sophomores
- 423** Juniors
- 285** Seniors
- 100** Teachers (and soon to be more!)

Go Maury!

Wear Your School Colors!

Love for orange and blue - together - may be an acquired taste but what better way to show support for Maury High School?

You can purchase T-shirts, sweatshirts and mugs from the school's **DECA Chapter** and at school events. Items are pictured at the Booster Association Web site and on display outside Room 205 at Maury. To order, e-mail Vanessa Smith, vsmith@npsk12.com or call 628-9177.

Published by the Maury Boosters



The annual Maury Boosters' fruit sale, hands down, is one of the most delicious ways to benefit all Maury students! From November through April, pink grapefruit, oranges, tangerines and tomatoes are trucked directly from citrus groves in Florida to customers at Maury High School.

You can be a part of Maury's success. If each family buys at least one box of fruit during the fall and winter fruit sale, the Boosters will have thousands more dollars to enhance the learning environment and fund special projects at Maury.

Last year, the fruit sale raised \$13,000. This money comes back to benefit Maury High School in two ways: 1) Maury teams, clubs and academic departments with specific needs simply submit a grant application form for review by the Boosters; and 2) Student organizations sign up to unload the truck the afternoon before the sale, and to assist customers the day of the sale, earning money for their club.

For more details on the fruits of the month, the deadlines for ordering and pickup dates, call 628-3349 or click on www.mauryboosters.org.

- Fred Pittman, president*
- Susan Einhorn and Ann Morgan, vice presidents*
- Sue Russell, corresponding secretary*
- Ellen Moss, recording secretary*
- Nick Georges, treasurer*
- Martha Ambler, Joy Hawkins, Perry West and Seonyung Yoon, at-large members*
- Denise Bashara, Mary Ruth Nottingham and Laurie Radford, auction*
- Wendy Brodsky, Mary Ellen Triplett & Laurie Chapman, fruit sales*
- Kay Godbout, volunteers*
- Janet Molinaro, UPDATE editor*

Events

Maury Sports Schedules are now listed at www.highschoolsports.net. Choose <Virginia>, then <Maury> and then your sport by the day, week or season!

LOOKING AHEAD

College-bound juniors should include at least one date to take the SAT or ACT by next spring. Students currently enrolled in an AP class should be encouraged to take the related SAT II subject area tests as well. Some universities require SAT IIs in specified subjects as part of the admissions process. Others use them as a guide to place students in the proper level of college classes. While each university sets its own rating scale, high SAT II and AP scores often permit students to get college credit or skip a general education class. See Web sites on page 5.

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Labor Day Holiday	4 Back to School	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Maury Boosters 5:30 pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 School Board meets 7pm	20 Early release; Parent Open House 6pm	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Regional Orchestra auditions @ MHS
30 Maury Orchestra catalog sale begins	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Varsity Football Home Games, 7 p.m., Powhatan Stadium: Sept. 21 (Wilson); Oct. 5 (Lake Taylor); Oct. 11 (B.T. Washington); Oct. 19 Homecoming (Churchland); Oct. 26 (Norview). Regular season finale is Nov. 2 against Granby, an away game at Powhatan Field.</p> </div>					

Events

- PSAT test day is Wednesday, Oct. 17, for all students in grades 9, 10 and 11. Eat breakfast!
- Visit the Maury pages at www.highschoolsports.net for updated times and locations of athletic events.
- SAT tests: Students can register online at www.collegeboard.com
- ACT tests: Register online at www.act.org

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

Catch the on-field action at these Maury home games, played at 4 pm at Powhatan Stadium: Sept. 21, Norcom; Sept. 24, Lakeland; Sept. 26, BT Washington; Sept. 28, Granby; Oct. 3, Lake Taylor; Oct. 9, Gloucester; and Oct. 17, Tallwood (5:30pm)

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 School Board w/ City Council 3:30pm; Boosters 5:30 pm	3 Senior Portraits (by appt.)	4	5 First interim evaluation	6 SAT Test
7	8 School Out; Conferences 10:30-2; 3-6:30	9	10	11	12	13 Maury Orchestra yard sale 7am-Noon
14 MHS student art displayed @ CP/R Front Porch Art Walk, 12-5	15	16	17 PSATs in grades 9,10,11; School Board 7pm	18 Early release 12:05pm	19	20
21	22	23	24 Maury Choirs Teen Idol show 7pm	25	26	27 ACT Test
28	29 Staff Development —No students	30	31			

Events

- **Senior Portraits** must be turned in to yearbook by Nov. 1. Photos will be in black and white and will look best with a medium-colored background. Girls must wear drapes and boys a tux or suit and tie. Photos will be available in June for return. Wills, baby pictures, senior quotes and personal ads are also due. Packets available in Rm. 133 at 8th bell.
- **Fruit sales by Maury Boosters** have begun, with the order deadline Nov. 5 and pick-up Nov. 16 at the orchestra room. Dec. 3 is the next deadline and pickup is on Dec. 14. Navel oranges, pink grapefruit and tangerines are available. To check prices and order see www.maury-boosters.org
- **The Maury Choirs** will perform a **Holiday Concert** at 7pm Dec. 13 at Christ & St. Luke's Church. Be sure to catch the Maury Chorale in a guest appearance at the Winter Orchestra Concert at 7pm Wednesday, Dec. 19.

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Senior Portraits due to yearbook	2	3 SAT Test
4 Daylight Saving Time ends; "fall back" 1 hour	5 Fruit orders due; 628-3349	6 No School-Teacher Records ; Boosters 5:30 pm	7	8	9	10
11	12 No School; Veterans Day observed	13	14	15 Interim grades	16 Fruit Pickup 7:30 am-5:30 pm	17
18	19	20	21 Early re-release School Board 7pm	22 Thanksgiving	23 Holidays	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 SAT Test
<p>Save the Date! Maury Auction to benefit all students — Saturday, April 5!</p> <p>Volunteers welcome.</p>						

Events


Mailbox Alert!

Jostens will mail information to your home about preorders for the 2007-08 yearbook. Very few extras will be available to buy in the spring, so make sure your home address is correct, and on file, so you won't miss the order form. Makes a great holiday gift with memories for a lifetime!

Please check the Maury home page, www.npsk12.com, for specific times and any changes to calendar events.

To submit materials for the Maury Update, please give to UPDATE mailbox in office or send to mauryupdate@gmail.com. Deadlines are Dec. 7 and Feb. 15 for the next issues.

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	SAT Test
2	3 Fruit orders due 628-3349	4 Boosters 5:30 pm	5	6	7	8 ACT Test
9	10	11	12	13	14 Chorus Holiday Tour to middle schools; Fruit pickup	15
16	17	18 (Dec. 19 School Board)	19 Orchestra Winter Concert 7pm	20	21 Last day of School B4 Winter Holidays!	22
23	24 Winter	25 Holi-	26 days			29 (See you Jan. 2, 2008)

Happy Holidays

MAURY UPDATE
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Welcome to Our New Faculty*

English: Alicia Baker, Karen Doran, Lynetta Halet, Alexandra Vizzier;

Foreign Languages: Megan Starks;

Health & P.E.: John Connelly;

Mathematics: Donna Cannon, Nicole Dewey, Courtney Paulding, Maria Pinlac, Tiffany Soinski;

Science: Andy Ramalatchan,

Sam Ramalatchan, Candis Roberts, Deedra Robinson, Stephanie Toro, Rinda Van Zuilen;

Social Studies: Suzanne Bass, Justin Husser, Helen Martin, Sara Snelling, Andrew Stephenson, Greg Waldecker;

Special Education: D. Neal George, Katie Lewis and Mary L. Mann.

* As of Sept. 13. Additional faculty expected.

Keep in Touch:

Visit the Maury Web site often: www.npsk12.com

Select Maury High from the *Our Schools* menu.

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