MVHS ensures a safe and rigorous education with high levels of learning for all.

# **Buffalo Tracks**

## Motivational Speaker at MVHS and **Evening Performance February 5**

In November we had several middle school and high school students attend the FCC LA Fall Conference in Casper. When those students returned, we heard from student; about a powerful motivational speaker who presented at the conference. The reviews we heard on this speaker were so positive that Mr. Van Dusen and I made contact with the speaker and we have scheduled to bring him to the Bridger Valley.

Ry an Stream visits with his audiences about, "building resilience and kindness for a stror ger community." Ryan wants to empower students and adults to: recognize the power of resilience and kindness, unleash their own leadership, overcome obstacles, believe in themselves, and to take action to make a difference in their own lives and the lives of others.

W: are scheduling a combined middle school and high school assembly for all Mountain View students the afternoon of February 5 here at MVHS. As a special add-on for this presentation, Ryan Stream has agreed to have an evening performan ce—FREE—for the entire Bridger Valley Community. Ryan is a best-selling author, motivational speaker, author, musical artist, and veteran. His evening performance will be something that students of all ages will enjoy. Parents and adults will appreciate his message as well.

Ry an will be presenting his message to Lyman students the morning of February 5 and vill be here at MVHS that afternoon, with his evening performance the evening of February 5. If you would like to see more about Ryan or see more about the possibility of booking him for a corporate event check out https://www.ryanstreamlive.com/.

## Lunch with the Principal January 31, 2024

Our first Lunch with the Principal of 2024 is on the calendar! Do you have a cuestion for Mr. Carr? Do you want to know what is going on at MVHS? Do you have an idea that you think would positively impact students in our community? This is your chance!

On Wednesday, January 31 at 11:30 we will have snacks and incredibly engaging conversation here at MVHS. Mark your calendars for this chance to come in and get to know more about the inner workings of MVHS.

MVHS report cards are available on the PowerSchool parent portal. Parents have already received an email letting them know report cards are available. Report cards will only be available online for parents to print until approximately January 29!

We encourage parents to print report cards for your records right away as these report cards are not archived on the Parent Portal.

We do not mail or email student report cards home. Parents must print them. Call the MVHS office if you have any questions.

### Winter Driving Conditions are Here!

Do you have a child driving to school? Please visit with them about the responsibilities that go along with being a driver. The high school parking lot presents some tricky driving (and parking!) conditions when it is covered in snow. Students have to slow down and give themselves extra space to stop and turn.

The last thing we want is for someone to be hit by a car and get hurt. Getting behind the wheel is the most important thing your child does every day.

When an accident happens, we need students to come to the office and report the incident, even if there is no damage. We want to know what happened and to be able to help students navigate a difficult situation.

As sports and activities start heading towards possible overnight events, we also ask all students on an overnight trip to park in the north end practice field parking area as this helps our snow removal crew get the parking lot plowed before students return to school.

### The Last Day to Drop a College Class: Jan 25

WWCC does not run on the Uinta 4 calendar, and this is super important for our students taking dual-enrollment classes during their day here at MVHS.

The last day to drop a class for a WWCC student and not receive a "W" on their transcript is Thursday, Jan 25. Students need to be aware of this date in case they get overwhelmed with a course selection.

## Congratulations to our Student Spotlights

Each month the staff at MVHS recognizes a boy and girl from each grade for outstanding "student-ness." Congratulations to this month's students for being recognized by their teachers as such positive examples for other students.

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Brayston Bentley	Rosie Anderson	Paxton Dolezal	Kenadee Hadley
Ashton Kolan		Jocelyne Roberts	Micah Varela
Elli Linford			Clay Walker

#### Looking Ahead to Behavior at Winter Home Events

As we begin hosting home basketball games, we will not be allowing fans out onto the main gym floor to shoot baskets during half-time of the games. Please keep your children from playing with team basketballs or going out on the floor and shooting baskets during half-time.

As in the past, we will not allow students to bring balls into MVHS during games as they have become a safety issue.

We have experienced rough play, vandalism, and unsafe behavior from children in the commons area. Please, help us provide an enjoyable experience for all our visitors, fans, and athletes at MVHS. We need children who are playing outside to be respectful of guests and those students who are inside to be on their best behavior. Students who are running amok in the commons or outside will be asked to sit with their parents.

We ask that all attendees at our home events be respectful of both the home and visiting players and cheer team. Our student-athletes respond to a positive and energetic crowd. Thank you for your help in the games being a positive place for our community and for your continued support of all of our student-athletes this winter.

Our first home basketball event is against Pinedale on January 19. The dress up theme for students and fans is: Dynamic Duo!

#### HUGE Scholarship Opportunities for Seniors

It is scholarship season! Seniors need to be looking ahead to their schedules this spring and clearing time to research and complete scholarship applications. We've emailed seniors some important opportunities:

WASSP Scholarship: one student selected from MVHS: **Due date: Feb 26** 

Kaiser Scholarship: one student selected from MVHS. **Due date: Feb** 29.

Wyoming Admissions Officers: one student selected from MVHS: **Due** date: Feb 29

Veteran's Memorial Scholarship. Due date: April 30.

Wyoming Wildlife Fellowship. Due date: March 15.

Information on each of these opportunities has already been emailed directly to seniors!

#### **Ouick Hits:**

Thanks again to everyone who helped at the Bridger Valley Basketball Tournament in December. These events are "people heavy." We couldn't do it without you.

Congratulations to the MVHS Choir students for the AWESOME job you did in presenting Beauty and the Beast, Jr. to our school and community. Great job!

Congratulations to Gaven Norris and Kate Walker for auditioning and being selected to participate in their **second** All-State Choir event!

#### **ACT Test for ALL Juniors on April 9!**

Each year in Wyoming, every junior takes the ACT as a way for each student to have a college qualifying ACT score to attend college. The ACT is also an important part of our school accountability process with the WDE. More importantly is how that ACT test can impact student eligibility for scholarships, financial aid, and even admission to college. The ACT test on April 9th is our Super Bowl!

Through the support of our school board we continue to offer a one-time ACT reimbursement if students take the test before their junior year April test date. Last year we had 8 juniors submit for reimbursement on the ACT. Every single one of those students raised their scores when they took the statewide test in April.

If you are a current sophomore or the parent of a current sophomore, we want to encourage all sophomores to take the ACT on June 8, 2024! This is a reimbursable test date for sophomores and they will find that they won't have any sports or other conflicts with a June test. The registration deadline for this June 8 test is May 3. This is a National ACT Test Date, and will be the only test on campus at MVHS until October 2024.

As we move deeper into the second semester, you will find that our teachers with junior students are hitting ACT test prep during class time more and more. We will also be prioritizing some AHT time during the students' days so we can provide some additional practice on the ACT.