

# MERIDIAN HIGH SCHOOL

## MARZANO SAFE AND COLLABORATIVE SCHOOLS CERTIFIED!

On April 24<sup>th</sup> MHS became certified as a difference with our new practices. Thank you once again for your completion of student and parent surveys. Our next level is *Effective Teaching in Every Classroom*. We are excited and proud to be Level 1 certified and looking forward to the next step in this journey!



Safe and Collaborative School. Certification was granted by the Marzano Research organization ([www.marzanoresearch.com/hrs](http://www.marzanoresearch.com/hrs)). This came after months of surveying, dissecting data, implementing new practices and a lot of quick data to check if we were making a

MHS' current Graduation Rate.....93%! The State average is 81% ([www.sde.idaho.gov](http://www.sde.idaho.gov))

DID YOU KNOW THESE GREAT THINGS ABOUT MHS?

## **STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

This year we have celebrated 406 students with our new Student of the Month procedure! Thank you for sending such great kids to MHS!

*“A dream doesn’t become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.” – Colin Powell*

### **Huskey Endowment**

In 1938 Mary Leona Huskey (1921-2018) graduated from Meridian High School. She was a proponent and believer in education and upon her death she left her estate to Meridian High School. MHS administration and the West Ada School District was shocked to learn of this decision in the fall of 2018. MHS principal, Jill Lilienkamp says, “We were in shock when we learned of Ms. Huskey’s wishes and humbled to say the least. It just goes to show that this school’s commitment to having a lasting effect on students through a culture that builds relationships has been around for 80 years at least!” MHS administration created the Huskey Endowment Committee to determine the best use of this donation. The committee has recently made some decisions to update and remodel their press box, create a college scholarship fund for MHS seniors for at least the next ten years, and set aside the majority of funds to begin planning for an indoor athletic/activity facility. The committee is comprised of district and building administration, a teacher, alumni, and activity director. The committee’s goal is to use this generous donation in ways that will affect student lives for years to come while also honoring Ms. Huskey and her lifelong loyalty to Meridian High School and the Meridian community.

### **The Blue Collar Athlete of the Month**

Every month at MHS coaches nominate their participants for the MHS Blue Collar Athlete of the Month. This athlete represents grit, integrity, honesty, determination and being an outstanding team member. This year the Blue Collar winners were:

Kinsee Finley-Soccer

Samantha Taylor-Cheer

Lacey Walker-Rugby

Sophia Klinger-Basketball

Taylor Watson-Basketball

Sam Desloer-Softball

Lacy Nelson-Lacrosse

Braden Honn-Football

Ian Niblett-Band

Kaleb Smith-Football/Wrestling

Spencer Tolman-Basketball

McKay Anderson-Basketball

Reece Clark-Baseball

Kaden McCarney-Tennis

## **Other Good News from MHS Programs!**

- Percussion Ensemble was invited to perform at the 2019 All-NW percussion festival at CSI!
- The Meridian FFA Chapter has had 2 MHS students elected as State Reporter and State Secretary for the Idaho Association which has a membership of 5400 individuals!

## **MHS Project Update and Information**

### Construction Projects at MHS

#### **New Fine Arts Building-postponed**

The bids for the Fine Arts building recently came in \$1,000,000 over budget. Our district office personnel and school board are working together to regroup. Consequently, the groundbreaking for our Fine Arts building will be delayed from the original start date of June 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Gymnasium**

The gymnasium remodel of the sprinkler system and varsity locker rooms is still on track for this summer. There will be no access to the gym this summer.

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INTEGRITY, GRIT**