



ALLEGAN HIGH SCHOOL
HOME OF THE TIGERS
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From the office of Jim Mallard

Mid-Winter Break will begin February 19th and end on February 22nd with classes resuming on February 23rd. The Tech Center will be closed on February 12th and 15th for their Mid-Winter Break. All Students will have an additional day off of classes as high school teachers will have a professional development and records day on March 3rd. Students will return to classes on March 4th the first day of the third trimester.

The Michigan Merit Exam (MME) will be given on March 9th, 10th and 11th. March 9th will be a full day of testing for all juniors and any eligible seniors. Students will be released at the end of testing on the 9th. Testing on March 10th and 11th will be half days with our schedule reversed on March 11th beginning with 5th hour. Enclosed with this mailing is a letter to junior parents explaining the MME test along with the dates and times it will be administered. Only seniors with invalid MME scores are eligible to retest at AHS. All other seniors interested in retesting to qualify for the Michigan Promise must take the ACT at a national ACT testing site. If you are a Junior parent, see the enclosed letter for more information.

Allegan High School Class Officers are hosting an **ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITY NIGHT**. The class officers wanted an opportunity for our students to come back to school— **JUST TO HAVE FUN!** The activity night is Friday, March 19th from 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. This is for Allegan High School students only—no middle school students or guests will be admitted. More information will be forthcoming—stay tuned!

AP test order forms will be available in AP classes at the end of February. Test order forms are due in mid-March in the counseling office. Each test costs \$86—please pay promptly. Fee reductions may be available; students should see Mrs. Ellis for further details on AP testing.

Seniors: Make certain you complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov between now and March 1st, 2010. Online registration is preferred. If you do not do your FAFSA online it must be received by March 1st, 2010.

The Allegan High Band will be performing their HS Pre-Festival Concert on February 16th @ 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

The Allegan High School Choirs will be in concert on February 6th at GVSU in Vocal Solo and Ensemble. Also on the 6th, the Chamber Choir will be performing the National Anthem at Van Andel Arena for the Griffens Game @ 7 p.m. The Choirs will perform at MSVMA District Choral Festival on March 4th and 5th.

Auditions will be held for the spring play "The Revenge of the Space Pandas", by David Mamet, on Thursday, February 4th from 3:00 to 5:30 in the auditorium. This family-friendly comedy is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Performances will be at the end of March with two evening shows and one matinee the weekend of March 25 and 26. Advanced tickets will be made available in early March. Look for more info in the next newsletter!

Allegan Eyecare is offering free eye examinations at the high school on May 12th, 2009 and May 19th, 2010 for all students who are signed up for our summer driver education program. There is no charge for this service. A special note of thanks to Dr. Hodge and his staff for providing this free service to our students.

Second trimester exams will take place on March 1st and 2nd. Our second trimester ends on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010. The report card for this period will be distributed on March 5th, 2010.

Allegan High School's annual induction ceremony for the Allegan Chapter of the National Honor Society will be Monday, March 22nd, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. To be eligible for membership consideration, student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5. Additionally, potential members must meet high standards of leadership, service, and character. The Faculty Council evaluates candidates from the current sophomore, junior and senior classes based on their application. Candidates will be notified of the council's decision after the second trimester grades have been published.

It's not too late!! You can still order a 2010 yearbook for \$50 - but do it by **March 4th** if you want to guarantee you get a copy! Order forms are available in the main office. There is also a limited amount of space available for personal ads. Contact Ms. Conrad at 673-7002 ext. 5715 if you would like to order one to honor your student. Ads will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis; until once the spaces are full.

Allegan County School Boards Association is sponsoring "Outstanding People for Education Award". This award recognizes up to three outstanding school employees from each district in the AAESA area. The nomination forms are available in the high school office. Nominations are due by March 1st, 2010. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

The athletic department's "dead week" for this summer will be July 4th—July 10th. During this week there will be no athletic activities for any sport (except for those in non-school baseball and softball leagues) for students from grades 7-12. Contact the athletic office for more information.

The next meeting for the Post-prom /Grad-bash will be February 15, @ 7:00 pm in the teachers' lounge at the High school. Parents, teachers, coaches, students and alumni start organizing your bowling team for the second annual bowl-a-thon to be held at the Snowden Lanes (formerly Sunset Lanes) on March 7. This is no ordinary bowl-a-thon—a great time will be had by all.

This year the Snowcoming theme is "Ice Ice 80's" and will be during the week of February 8, 2010. Student Leaders are planning lunch time activities, daily dress up days, and a special fundraising effort for Haiti. Of course, Tiger Olympics will be Friday February 12 at the end of the school day and royalty will be crowned between the girls and boys basketball games that same evening. The Snowcoming dance which will take place in the event center from 9:30 p.m. - 12 midnight. Dress is semi-formal (no jeans) and cost is \$5.00 per person. Some added attractions include some snacks and a dressed up small gym to relax and a photographer to take your photo for this special event.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 12, 2010	Snowcoming Festivities and Dance (9:30-12:00 midnight)
February 19th—February 22nd	Mid-Winter Break
March 3rd, 2010	Professional Development Day - No Students
March 9th, 10th, and 11th	Michigan Merit Exam—ALL JUNIORS!
April 2nd—11th	Spring Break
April 24, 2010	Junior-Senior Prom
May 23rd, 2010	Baccalaureate
June 3rd, 2010	Graduation