

Teachers pave the path to DREAM CAREERS

Medical Bioscience Academy

Darcy Ozar
Forensics Teacher

The Medical Bioscience Academy was opened at the Mount Clemens High School in the fall of 2010. Through a partnership with Michigan State University, classes were offered to students interested in pursuing careers in medical and forensic fields.

The forensics class has expanded from a semester class to a year long class. Science is sometimes intimidating to people; yet many are fascinated by shows like Criminal Minds, CSI, Bones and such. By showing the connection between Chemistry, Biology and Physics, students see how science affects them in their own lives.

This class goes one step further to show how forensics relates to the law and history.



Some of the topics we cover are physical evidence, fingerprinting, crime scenes, DNA, and profiling. The goal of the forensics program is to show how science can be used outside of the classroom and through the use of hands on labs we are able to do this.

The Forensics program is a fantastic addition to the new curriculum and Mount Clemens is proud to be one of the few high schools in Michigan to offer this class to their students.

Mount Clemens Dance Department

By Terainer Brown
Dance Teacher

Touching the lives of nearly 100 students, the Dance Department in Mount Clemens Community School District has much to be proud of. Some of our successes include, hosting two full evenings of dance featuring our students, guest performances from The Underground Dance Company, Wayne State University's Department of Dance and Oakland University's Dance Theatre. Our students have also had the opportunity to attend and perform in the following dance venues: Oakland Dance Festival, University of Michigan's MLK Symposium, and Joel Hall Center for Dance in Chicago, IL. In addition, 7 of our students were awarded dance related and college scholarships during the 2010-11 school year.

We continue to work toward building a sustainable college preparation dance program. Currently the program offers Modern Dance, Jazz and also a Saturday Ballet class, free to the students in the district. It is my honor to give students who really want to pursue dance beyond high school a chance at that dream.



During the 2011-12 school year, the dancers will be provided with many of the same opportunities from last year, plus more. In early November, internationally known dancer and choreographer, Ray Mercer of Broadway's "The Lion King," will be the department's Artist in Residence. In addition, students will have the opportunity to view live performances of Dance Theatre of Harlem, The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, and much more.

Please come and enjoy our Winter Dance Concert January 13, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m., tickets are \$5.00. More information go to www.mtcps.org.

Clem Corner

By John Bourdeau
Business Teacher

The School Store or the "Clem Corner" is up and running daily in the High School! The Retail Management and Advanced Business Management classes are responsible for the daily operation, inventory, cleaning and planning of this Mount Clemens hidden treasure.

They are selling a vast array of items: coffee, giant kosher pickles, t-shirts, beef sticks, cookies, chips, and school bags. The students are doing a good job and looking for ways to improve the store. Currently we are trying many different products to see what is selling and profitable; the students in the class are really taking ownership of the store. Profits from the store benefit the entire student body at the High School.



Media Studies

Patrick Linabury
Senior Producer



Mount Clemens High School offers a college-accredited television studio production course. Bather Babble is the product of the Media Studies Production course and gives students hands-on learning opportunities.

Students work as the show's news anchors, sports reporter, meteorologist, director, technical director, camera operators, audio technician, and they run the teleprompter. Other courses offered teach students to retouch and enhance images with Adobe Photoshop, to edit digital video with Adobe Premiere and to create Hollywood-type special effects with Adobe After Effects.

Embracing the Arts

By Maureen Cusenza
Art Teacher

At Mount Clemens High School we embrace the arts by supplementing core areas through our interdisciplinary and global approach in art. Students learn about various cultures, art history and aesthetics while making connections to other subject areas and the real world, as they produce beautiful art pieces.



Students will complete a business type art proposal to paint murals in the high school and present it to our high school administration for approval. Students will use math to execute the budget proposal along with deciphering the percentage of enlargement of their sketches. Students will be using writing skills to write their proposal. They will connect to history and the real-world by completing an online web-quest comparing mural artists. The students are very excited about showcasing their art skills on a large scale. We must thank the Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan for granting us the funds to undertake this project.

In addition to having art classes we also have a National Art Honors Society made up of students interested in the visual arts. Students in NAHS use art as a focus to complete community service activities.

Back to the Basics

By James Wagner
Business Teacher

Mount Clemens High School Business Department has several career-focused classes that allow students to choose one class that best suits their interests or future career goals. One of the more popular strands is the MS Office Computer Applications career strand consisting of MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access software packages. These courses are mastered in three separate classes over a high school student's career.

Overall, Mount Clemens High School students are using technology to reinforce common math and English skills as well as prepare them for a career in the business world. Currently, in MS Word students have spent the first quarter honing in on Business Communication Skills and writing letters to customers, vendors, parents or local newspapers on a variety of issues. While learning the tips and tricks of MS Word and all of the little icons, the students are constantly editing and revising their own work; a real world skill and an important part of the writing process. Next quarter, students will delve into more advanced techniques and business tasks prevalent in college and career.

The second course of the MS Office Package focuses on Excel and math story problems. The students create spreadsheets that can be used to help make business decisions based on the numbers. Students apply math skills to business scenarios and see how minor changes in costs can have a major affect on a company. In addition, students analyze and then create and edit charts and graphs to communicate vital business information in pictures rather than words thus allowing more people to grasp the information at hand. With completion of the Computer Applications Courses, students are encouraged to take the Microsoft Office Specialist tests for each of the programs to demonstrate mastery-level skills of the programs learned.

Whether students take one, or all three, of the courses offered, they will be off to an excellent start in the "real world" and will have plenty of experience with business documents and be prepared for an ever-changing technology-driven world.



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