



Superintendent's Comments

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For the December 11, 2018 Board of Education Meeting (#21)

- **Strong representation of Performing Arts:** Over the weekend our MHS students did a great job of representing the performing arts with our Madrigal Dinner at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Some of you were able to join us but for those that couldn't, it was wonderful. Also, our Monroe High School Band held their concert on Sunday at the MHS Auditorium. And our very own Manor Elementary School wowed the audience at their holiday music program on Tuesday.

Coming up this week our MHS Theater Company will present Elf Jr. the Musical at the MHS auditorium on Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Our Marching Band will also perform in the Monroe Holiday Parade at 6:00 p.m. There are even more opportunities to take in a performance if you reference the calendar posted to Facebook.

- **MHS Student Council Blood Drive:** The Monroe High School Student Council held a blood drive last Friday.
- **The Monroe Youth Advisory Committee:** This amazing group of students will represent MPS at a meeting this Friday, December 14. These students meet monthly to discuss how they can have a positive impact on the Monroe Community by choosing action projects. Their themes this year are: Poverty & Homelessness with Veterans & Substance Abuse Focus; Mental Health with Veterans & Substance Abuse Focus; and Mall of Monroe Improvements.

- **MHS Hosted Students from North Hollywood:** Yesterday about 20 MHS and 20 students from North Hollywood California came together to discuss the similarities and differences they have with regard to political environments, schools, culture, recreation, etc. Students discussed things like whether or not their parent's jobs influenced their political beliefs. While the students acknowledged that there were some big differences, like population density and the types and quantity of recreational activities they experience, they all determined that they have more in common with one another than they have differences. Big thanks go out to MHS teacher Karla Perez for leading as host.
- **Waterloo and Orchard Center High School:** Both Waterloo and Orchard Center High School will be hosting events where students will sell items they've made for Christmas. Waterloo will host their STEAM Shoppe to sell hand made products that students have made using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math on December 18 from 1-3 p.m. Orchard Center High School will host their Generation E Christmas bonanza on December 19 from 1:25-1:50 p.m. They are creating Christmas themed businesses to "sell" at this mini market day.
- **Monthly Coffee with Principal Sissuko:** Arborwood Principal Delsie Sissuko will begin hosting monthly coffees with the Principal to discuss important topics at Arborwood. The first date is next Thursday, December 20th from 8:30-9:30 at Arborwood South room 135.