

MHS SPARTAN UPDATE

Homecoming News 2016

Monday, September 26 — Saturday, October 1

Theme: Cartoons



Dear Parents and Students –

A sure sign of fall is the annual homecoming festivities set to take place at McFarland High School beginning September 26, 2016. During the week, McFarland High School will be awash in blue and white as we cheer on our fall athletes and welcome back our returning alumni. We are proud of those students who have worked over the years to rekindle the spirit of Homecoming, and we believe that we can continue to make this a fun, spirited, and safe week of activities for all involved.

Please take some time in the next couple of days to discuss the purpose of Homecoming with your child along with your expectations during this week. This *Update* provides you with a timeline of events and a brief explanation about some of the events and activities.

Thank you for your assistance and support. GO SPARTANS!

Finally, feel free to join in the fun by attending our Wednesday night Spirit Night and Friday night football game, or by volunteering. (see page 2)

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If you have questions specific to Homecoming, please contact Matt Levin, Student Council Advisor, at 838-4500 x4439.

PARADE INFORMATION

The annual Homecoming
Parade will be held on Sunday,
September 18th, at Noon.



**Everyone is invited to show their
Spartan Pride!**

Hope to see you there!

DANCE

The Homecoming Dance will be
Saturday, October 1st, from 7:30pm
until 11:00pm.

Coronation will be at 8:30pm.

Ticket prices are:

- \$10 in advance
- \$10 at the door

All guests attending the dance who are not MHS students need to pre-register in the office before 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28th. *Sorry, there will be NO middle school students allowed at the dance.*

Only Those Activities Described in this Update are McFarland High School Sanctioned and Supervised Homecoming Activities*

Parents and students are reminded that only school-sponsored and supervised Homecoming Week activities are described in this *Update*. This year we have decided to include a **Girls' Flag Football Tournament** as part of our Spirit Night activities on Wednesday, September 28. We hope that by bringing this activity "under our tent" and onto our field, we can provide our students with a competition that is both fun and safe. Any event that is taking place off campus or at another time is not school sanctioned and may result in athletic suspensions. In the past, these unsanctioned events have resulted in injuries to students and harassment that often continued after students returned to school.

Homecoming Event Schedule

Float Decorating

Float decorating will be held on-campus on Saturday, September 17th, from 2:00 - 6:00 pm. Shifts for parent chaperoning are 2:00-4:00 pm and 4:00-6:00 pm.

Parade

The Community parade will be held on Sunday, September 18th, at 12:00 pm.

Window Painting

Community window painting will be completed by Sunday, September 25th.

Kick-Off Assembly

The Homecoming Kickoff Assembly will be held on Monday, September 26th, from 9:25 am-10:00 am in the A-Gym.

Spirit Night and Pep-Rally

The community Pep Rally to honor our fall athletes will be in the A Gym on Wednesday, September 28, starting at 7:00 pm. Admission is free, but please consider bringing a canned good or donating \$1 per person to benefit the McFarland Food Pantry. Immediately following the Pep Rally will be a class tug-o-war and girls' flag football competition on the high school football field.

Football Game

The MHS Homecoming Football game will be held on Friday, September 30th, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and help cheer on our Spartans to victory!!

Homecoming Dance

The Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday, October 1st, from 7:30-11:00 pm. Coronation will be held at 8:30 pm. The door for admission to the dance will close at 9:00 pm.

Dress-Up Days*

Monday: Class Color Day
 Tuesday: Twin Day
 Wednesday: Salad Dressing Day
 Thursday: Mismatch Day
 Friday: Spirit Day (blue and white)
 Monday after Homecoming: Pajama Day

*** Please be sure to follow the MHS dress code on all days.**



*More
Information....*

Volunteer Opportunities

September 17: Float Building Chaperone Shifts (at MHS Campus):

- 2:00-4:00 PM
- 4:00-6:00 PM

If you can chaperone during float building and/or bring snacks or candy, please sign up on the sign-up genius that will be sent by email. You can also call the parent contact below with questions.:

Freshmen—Mark McCaulley (608-575-9822)
 Sophomores—Karleen Mack-Brandt (608-838-8487)
 Juniors—Lisa Forman (608-333-3952)
 Seniors—Emily Richardson (608-444-1826)

Homecoming Dance Information

New to McFarland High School? The Saturday night Homecoming Dance is generally a semi-formal event. Girls usually wear dresses (not too casual, but not prom-style gowns), and boys usually wear pants or slacks and a button-down shirt, often with a tie, vest, and/or jacket. Some students come with a date, but many also attend with a friend or two or three. Many students also get together before the dance to get ready and go out to dinner.

Please Note: Students may enter the dance up until 9:00 pm, but once they leave the high school, they may not re-enter. The ceremony for the Homecoming Court will take place at 8:30 pm. Parents are welcome. If a student from another high school plans to attend the dance, please make sure to stop by the high school office and pick up the necessary paperwork. All guests who are not McFarland students must complete the paperwork before 4:00pm Wednesday, September 28th, in order to attend.

Homecoming and Student Safety

Parents and Students: Please take some time to consider and discuss safety during Homecoming Week. We have been fortunate to avoid incidents of vandalism in the last several years and would like to keep this

streak going for many years to come. Please also remember that alcohol and other drugs have no place at school activities.

