# Moniteau Fine Arts

# **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

February 2020

#### Art

The new semester means new students in the art room. New ceramic students are working on learning the pinch pot technique to make a flower pot for this upcoming spring season. New art history students just finished the chapter on prehistoric art and are moving forward to Ancient Egypt. Exploratory 8th grade students are learning about pop art and color theory. Drawing students are working on a collaborative project with another local school district. Each school was assigned a specific drawing theme. Once students





complete their drawings, they will swap their project with the other school to gain feedback and constructive criticism. Students are looking forward to having their artwork judged and to hear the opinion from other students in a different school setting. Ceramic 3 students are being challenged with a "past, present, and future" project.





# **Tech Ed**

Students are working on numerous projects. 8th graders are starting to stain their wall shelves and are getting excited to take them home. They have been working on these projects for over a month now and the end is in sight. The Manufacturing and Construction classes are working on their own individual woodworking projects. We will shift gears here in about





3 weeks to talk about

construction trades. The engineering classes just started to manufacture trebuchets. These will take students about a month to dial in and as soon as the weather breaks we will take them outside and projectiles away! The Advanced engineering class are still working on their robots for their competitions that are rapidly approaching. The first competition is next month. They are ready to battle!





## **Business**

Intro to Business just finished their unit in Business and are beginning to move onto our next unit in Personal Finance. Students have taken on different interactive challenges as part of this unit. One challenge was making it as an UBER driver in the city of San Francisco.

Computer Apps is currently working in Restaurant Entrepreneur. This online interactive simulation makes students look from the eyes of an owner. They are currently working on a memo and letterhead from their restaurant.

Computer Programming is working in codehs.com where they are coding and designing various video games. Students are being introduced into how to code and how to incorporate coding using their game of choice.

The School Store is moving locations. They will now be operating at the concession stand by the cafeteria. February sales were \$462.00, \$564.00, \$513.00, and \$512.00 respectively. Many new products have been rolling in the past couple weeks as well as new promotions and sales ideas.

#### **FCS**

The 3rd quarter **FCS 7th Grade** class is currently learning how to keep the kitchen clean and how to make sure to what they make and eat does not cause a foodborne illness. They will also be learning about Kitchen Safety so that they will be safe while cooking in the kitchen here and at home.

**Chef's Corner** is learning about combination foods, such as sandwiches, pizza, soups, stews, casseroles, and stir fry.

**Baking** is learning about the Baking Process and how recipes are based on food science. They will be baking different types of cookies: drop cookies, bar cookies, etc... They will also be learning about baking different kinds of bread: pour batter bread, quick breads and muffins, yeast breads, etc...

The halls of Moniteau will smell delicious with the food and baking creations of Chef's Corner and Baking.

**Child Development I** is a new course this year and will be focusing on family life, parenting skills, pregnancy, prenatal care, birth and the development of infants.

**Career Exploration (8th Grade)** - Students are taking Interest Inventories/Surveys to determine what type of career they might be suited to or interested in. They will be learning about the importance of choosing a career that they will enjoy doing as well as being able to support themselves financially.

**FHA Club** is currently making large cookies to freeze so that we can sell them at the Musical for our yearly fundraiser. These cookies are delicious!



Sugar Cookies



Peanut Butter Cookies

# Chorus

The Musical will be here before you know it! "Sister Act" will be performed April 3rd and 4th. Purchase your tickets ASAP!



Marissa Menchyk, Kayla Collins, and Kendra Wehmeyer Rehearsing for "Sister Act." Students from the music department traveled to the Benedum center in Pittsburgh on February 25th to see "Cats" the musical. The students also enjoyed a formal meal at "The Melting Pot."





The Students watching "Cats."

## Upcoming Choral Events:

Students that are in the Senior High Choir, Vocal Ensemble, and Junior High choirs are preparing for the spring concert. The concert will be held in the High School Auditorium on May 5, 2020 at 7:00PM.

# **Band**

The band program is currently preparing for their March 4th concert. We are continuing rehearsals for "Sister Act" on Tuesdays after school, as well as jazz band after school on Wednesdays. We had two students attend the PMEA District V band festival at Butler IHS, Emily Zang and Katie Fallen. They represented our school very well.



## Media

The Media 4 class took on a statewide public service announcement regarding the use and abuse of opioids in athletics. They used the 30 second spot to show how dangerous opioids can be. Media 3 covered the Valentines holiday and created a PSA about the rules that were an issue during the first semester of the school year. Both classes are focused on projects for upcoming events like winter sports, and started looking forward to the spring semester.

The yearbook staff has been busy creating the book while taking pictures and keeping up with the winter events happening in school. There have been lots of new winter sports. The basketball teams are in the playoffs and the competition cheer squad moved on to nationals in Florida. The social media class has been bringing attention to current events, school activities and various sporting events. They continued with popular recaps such as Tic Toc Tuesday and Where's Waldo Wednesday. Where's Waldo gets over 1,200 views every week! They have also created some pictures for the top of the High School's website. You saw "Happy New Year 2020" photos over the New Year and replaced

them with "Let It Snow" pictures for winter. Keep an eye out for new content on Twitter and the school's web site daily!







