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2021 STUDENT SHOWCASE



Recognizing those MHS students participating in the extra-curricular activities that round out a full education - building leadership skills, fostering community service, and enhancing personal and professional success in life after school.

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Academic Challenge



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Recommended technology for students

Shopping for school supplies once entailed stocking up on pens, pads and notebooks. Students today still buy many of the same items, though they also now stock up on electronics.

Technology and education now go hand-in-hand. For students to find success both in and out of the classroom, the right tech can make all the difference.

- **High-speed internet:** Connectivity is key in a digitally driven world. Students need access to the internet for homework, lectures, email, entertainment, and much more. The faster your internet speed the better. According to the resource [HighSpeedInternet.com](https://www.highspeedinternet.com), streaming videos on a single device or web browsing requires between five and 40 Mbps. Downloading large files or using multiple devices simultaneously requires high speeds. When accessing the internet via smartphones, make sure your plan has unlimited data or provides enough data to ensure interruptions do not occur.

- **Laptop or notebook computer:** Laptops and notebook devices are simi-

lar in that both offer many types of software preloaded that a student will need. The devices seem interchangeable, but there are some differences. Laptops are generally larger than sleek, light notebooks. Notebooks are sized to fit easily into backpacks. Notebooks tend to have minimal features, including less RAM capacity and slower speeds, helping to keep their costs down. Some notebooks may have very small amounts of hard drive storage space, requiring users to purchase external storage devices.

- **Headphones:** Most schools now require students to have their own dedicated pair of earbuds or over-the-ear headphones so that work conducted on a computer does not disturb others also working on their own devices. Headphones also can make it easier to hear and comprehend videos and other digital lessons while doing homework.

- **Chargers/battery packs:** Devices must maintain power to help kids learn. Students can benefit from having a backup charger or battery pack to maintain



functionality on their devices.

- **Storage and charging base:** Keeping electronics neat and accessible for the family may mean rethinking countertop or other storage spaces. Charging stations hold multiple devices and allow them to charge simultaneously.

- **Touchscreen pen:** Many notebook and laptop computers have touchscreens that respond to pens/styluses and make drawing or writing on the screen more detailed.

- **Printer/scanner:** While many schools have adopted paperless formats, there may come a time when printing an assignment or report is necessary. A quality ink-jet printer can fit the bill. A scanner to scan photos or documents also makes it easier to complete assignments.

The above are just some of the many gadgets that can assist students with their studies.

Did you know?

Extracurricular activities have long been touted as a great way for prospective college students to bolster their college applications. Students may be surprised to learn just what participation in such activities may suggest to college admissions officers. According to The Princeton Review®, scattered involvement in an extracurricular activity, regardless of what that activity is, may give college admissions officers a poor impression of applicants, suggesting a student lacks the commitment and passion of applicants who were more deeply involved in their extracurricular activities. While students should not continue to participate in an activity they don't enjoy, they may benefit from spending more time researching certain activities to ensure they choose one they're willing to commit to long-term. Such a commitment suggests to admissions officers that a student is willing to go through the ups and downs that typically come with engaging oneself in an activity. An ability to handle those ups and downs without giving up suggests students will be able to handle the ups and downs of college life as well. The Princeton Review® also notes that students who choose to work instead of participating in an extracurricular activity should not downplay such decisions on their applications, particularly if they were helping to support their families. The decision to help support a family demonstrates character and can indicate maturity to college admissions officers. Each of those traits can bolster an applicant's candidacy.

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Unique extracurricular activities that can help students stand out

When thinking of extracurricular activities, many people's first thoughts might be about team sports or group activities like the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. While such activities are popular, attracting tens of millions of kids every year, there are plenty of extracurricular activities rooted in academics as well.

Extracurricular activities can provide a respite from schoolwork and give kids a chance to socialize with their peers. Extracurricular activities also can be great places to learn lessons that might not be taught in the classroom, such as how to work as a team, the value of good sportsmanship and how to handle defeat. Many of those same lessons can be learned through more unique extracurricular activities.

In addition to the things they can learn, students who participate in extracurricular activities can bolster their college applications. According to The Princeton Review®, college admissions officers approach each admissions season hoping to create a class made up of students with diverse

interests and backgrounds. To accomplish that goal, officers typically look at each applicant's extracurricular activities to learn more about the person behind the application. Academic performance is important, but extracurricular activities might help set students apart from other applicants with similar academic backgrounds but little or no extracurricular activity on their applications.

Students who want to have their extracurricular activities to stand out among the masses of college applicants can speak with officials at their school about these opportunities.

- **Model United Nations:** Often referred to as "Model UN," this activity asks students to role-play as United Nations delegates. Students who participate in Model UN develop public speaking skills while also learning how to conduct research, frame debates and develop their leadership skills.

- **Foreign language clubs:** Many high schools offer foreign languages clubs to their student bodies. Such clubs can allow students who study foreign language



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to develop their language skills further, and they also can be great ways to learn about the culture and history behind the languages they're learning. Fluency in a foreign language can bolster a student's college application. Many schools

also sponsor additional subject-specific clubs, such as chemistry clubs or English clubs, which can be ideal for students who want to pursue college degrees in such subjects.

- **National Honor Society:** While it's easy to

mistake the National Honor Society as little more than an honor roll, the organization is much more than that. Students who qualify for membership in the NHS are challenged to develop their skills further through participation in school

activities and community service.

Extracurricular activities can help students make the most of their time in school and help them improve their candidacy in the eyes of college admissions officers.

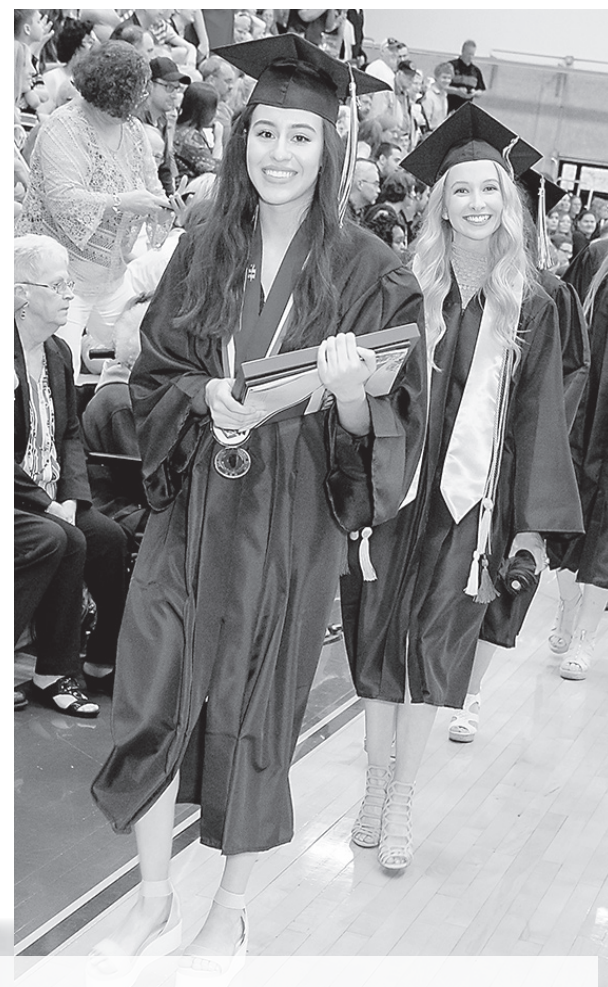
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