

MICHIGAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

THE PARENT CONNECTION

A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS...

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**SPECIAL POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

SAM'S CORNER

By the time you read this, our Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball Teams and Cheerleading Squad along with their coaches and chaperones will be in Columbus, Ohio, for the 54th Annual CSSD (Central States Schools for the Deaf) Basketball and Cheerleading Tournament being hosted by the Ohio School for the Deaf. Let's wish them GOOD LUCK and HOORAY for the Tartars! You can follow the progress of the tournament at www.ohioschoolforthe deaf.org and link to CSSD 2008.

Our new website is almost completed. It was shown to parents at the Parent Advisory Group Meeting on January 22. Parents were pleased with the improvements to our website. Parents brought up some important issues about what is happening at MSD and those issues will be addressed by the administration. Our new Parent Directory was shared with parents attending the meeting.

We are hopeful that more parents will be involved with the Parent Advisory Group (PAG) and be part of the team to improve the quality of education for all our students at MSD.

The next PAG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, at 7:00 pm in the Art Gallery. I hope to see many of you there!

David T. Sanderson

State Administrative Manager

ASL Classes for MSD

Parents, Caregivers and Grandparents

Complete the registration form in this issue of The Parent Connection and send it back to school with your child. Any questions, contact Freida Morrison, MSD ASL Specialist, at morrisonf@michigan.gov or 810 257

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MOST CHARITABLE

*The dorm supervisors congratulate the staff, students and parents of **UNIT 3** as our **Most Charitable Unit!** Their reward will be an outing in February (details soon). Unit 3 donated 47 items to the Food Bank of Michigan. Our total was 147 items. Thank you to all who donated!*

**GASC
(GENESEE
AREA SKILL
CENTER)
OPEN HOUSE**

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 6
5—8 pm**

IF YOU OR YOUR STUDENT
NEEDS AN INTERPRETER,
CONTACT CARIE SARVER
AT

SARVERC@MICHIGAN.GOV
OR 810 257 1430

Winter Break:

February 13:
Classes dismiss at
12:12 pm

**February 14– 18:
No school**

February 18: Dorms
open at 4:30 pm

February 19:
Classes resume

MICHIGAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
***AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES**

2007-2008

Coordinator – Freida Morrison

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REGISTRATION FORM

Date _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

When: **Monday evenings (Feb 4 – April 28, 2008)**
 Friday mornings (Feb 8 – May 2, 2008)

Where: **Michigan School for the Deaf**
 Fay Academy

Time: **Monday evening**
 ASL 1 & 2 at 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Friday morning
 ASL 1 at 9 AM – 10:30 AM
 ASL 2 at 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

These classes are open to parents, caregivers and grandparents of Michigan School for the Deaf students only. *There is no sibling class or babysitting.

Class will cover:

- ASL 1 – Beginning and Intermediate
- ASL 2 – Intermediate/Advanced
- Deaf Culture Notes/Grammatical Notes

Have you taken a course in American Sign Language? YES___ NO___

If yes, where? _____

Level completed? _____ Instructor? _____

Class Preference: Monday _____ Friday _____

Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____
 (Lesson 1-4) (Lesson 5 -9) (Lesson 10 – 15)

MSD student name _____ grade _____

Return this completed form to Freida Morrison at morrisonf@michigan.gov

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HOME OF THE TARTARS



The Parent Connection is issued bi-weekly by the Michigan School for the Deaf Parent Information Office for distribution to parents and guardians of MSD students.

Articles may be submitted to Becky Calaman, MSD Parent Information Office at 810 257 1486 v/tty or 810 257 1490 fax or calamanr@michigan.gov.

All events must include a contact name, phone number and/or email address.

Deadline for submission of articles is Noon on Wednesday.

Articles received after Noon on Wednesday will be considered for the following edition of the newsletter.

Notice

It is the policy of the Michigan School for the Deaf not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, hearing loss, height, weight, or marital status in its programs, services or activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Human Resources Coordinator, 1667 Miller Rd, Flint, MI 48503 , (810) 257 1400 (v/tty).

2008 EHDI Parent Support Conference

Saturday, March 15—Hotel Baronette, Novi, Michigan

Register online: www.mphi.eductrng.net

For information, contact Kylie Sharp at 517 335 8273 V/VP or sharpk@michigan.gov

ASL EXPO 2008

Saturday, March 1

www.aslexpo.com

Sign Language Services of Michigan

presents **Keith Wann**

Saturday, February 23

Performances at 2 pm and 7 pm

Tickets on sale now

For information: 586 778 4188 v/vp or

586 285 1842 tty

register@signlanguageservicesofmichigan.com

Detroit Parent Network Silent Support Meetings

February 4 and 18

For information, contact Deborah Love-Peel at 313 279 1494 or deborahlovepeel@yahoo.com