



# SMOKE SIGNAL

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## BOYS BASKETBALL IACS REGIONALS



The Boys will play tonight at Danville at 5:00 p.m. — will leave at 12:20 p.m. and return around 11:00 p.m.

## TAX RECEIPTS

If you would like a tax receipt for educational expenses in 2017, please call the office (618-462-1071) or email Linda Lewis (info@mvcs-il.org).



As you undoubtedly heard, the US Congress passed the largest change to the Internal Revenue Code in over 20 years. We are getting several questions regarding how this change might impact students and parents here at MVCS. Below are a few highlights.

First – this change does not impact the Illinois State Tax Credit. That credit is still available – up to a maximum of \$750. Starting in 2018, this credit may be disallowed for individuals with adjusted gross income in excess of \$250,000 and married taxpayers with income in excess of \$500,000.

Second – the new federal tax law changes the way “Section 529” plans operate. Prior to December 31, 2017, contributions made to a Section 529 plan could only be used to pay for post-secondary education. Starting with January 1, 2018, contributions to Section 529 plans can also be used to pay for elementary and secondary education too. Up to \$10,000 can be used each year. Earning on contributions made to Section 529 plans are tax free when used to fund qualifying education expenses.

Third – the Section 529 contributions are not deductible from your Federal income, but if you use the Illinois Bright-Start, Bright Directions, or College Illinois programs you can get a deduction from your Illinois income. Illinois only allows deductions for those three programs.



## THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the fund raiser for the Womack family. You raised a total of \$571.00. All funds will go directly to the family, so thank you for helping and caring for this family.

## SPRING PICTURES



Spring Pictures are next Tuesday, February 27th. Make sure you bring your form, if you want to purchase your pictures.

We need one volunteer to help on the day of pictures. Please contact the office if you can help.

## SPORTS BANQUET



The Sports Banquet is on March 9th. The invitations went home by mail this last week. Please rsvp by returning the lower portion of the letter to the office along with your payment by March 5th. If you can respond sooner, that would be helpful.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations! Kseniya Hassenplug was named the Second Team All Conference Girls Team at the MAC Tournament this past weekend. Also Timothy Gleason Jr. and Rachel Gaworski were named Honorable Mention All Conference Boys and Girls Teams.

## COMING UP

IACS Basketball Tournament	February 23-24
Ensemble at Fosterburg Baptist	February 25
Spring Pictures	February 27
Boxtop turn-in	March 1
Six Flags Read To Succeed Deadline	March 1
Ensemble at 1st Baptist Meadowbrook	March 4
POW Meeting	March 5
3rd Quarter Ends Half Day	March 9
MVCS Sports Banquet	March 9
Sr. High IACS Fine Arts Tourn.	March 15-16
Jog-A-Thon	March 23

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