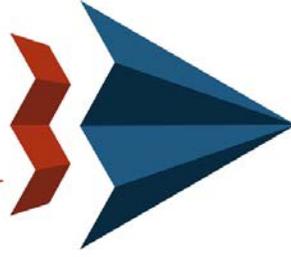


MANHATTAN Virtual Academy



Family FOCUS



We love our students!

We do love our students, and we have new students this semester to celebrate! In case you notice new "faces" in your classes, we hope you will all get to know each other and continue to develop friendships. To our new families, if you have any questions or need help, please contact us and let us assist you. Our students' success is our number one goal.

Look for an email about the MVA digital yearbook soon. You will receive information about how to submit your student's pictures and information. The yearbook will have a section with senior pictures and student plans for the future, and will also have our students by class at MVA. The yearbook will feature Academic Outings and other MVA student activities. The digital publication will be available online after graduation, or you can request a cd from our office.

Why do you love MVA? We would love for you to send us a short video about your MVA experience, why you like Manhattan Virtual Academy, "What's your word?", or your favorite class. We will use the videos to spread the word about our exceptional virtual school!

Check [FaceBook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for updated news and information.

MVA Teacher Feature

Remember you can find all our MVA Teacher Features, as well as our informational video on our [YouTube channel](#).

This month's teacher feature is 9th grade homeroom teacher, Mrs. Casie Newman. Mrs. Newman teaches social studies, everything from history to economics. She is currently finishing her Ed.S. Degree from Fort Hays State University and is married with three kids, three dogs, three cats, a horse and a handful of mini-donkeys. Her loves are coffee, sports and documentaries.



What's your word?

"Rise, because it helps me to remember to not sweat the small stuff, and also to rise above life's challenges and continue looking and moving forward."

Parent/teacher conference information on the next page!

Calendar events:

- Permanent Zero, January 28
- Parent/Teacher Conferences, February 5-6
- No School, February 9
- ACT Test, February 10
- Permanent Zero, February 18
- President's Day Holiday, February 19
- Academic Outing NetAPP, February 23
- Last day to drop 2nd semester class, February 26
- Academic Outing Hamlet, March 1
- ACT registration deadline for April 14th ACT test, March 9

FYI - 2018-19 Enrollment Information will be posted after Spring Break!



Mrs. Casie Newman
MVA Social Science
Teacher



MVA Academic Outing - Hamlet By William Shakespeare - March 1, 9:15 a.m. [Click here to register.](#)

Join other students and MVA teachers for this Spring Academic Outing at McCain Auditorium at Kansas State University in Manhattan (more details will be provided following registration). If you have any questions, please call (785.293.2980) or [email](#) Mrs. Schultz.

"Hamlet" is arguably Shakespeare's greatest play. Written in 1602, it is one of the most complete portrayals of the human psyche that exists in Western literature. A compelling tale of familial discord, personal ambition, love and revenge, "Hamlet" has enthralled audiences for 400 years. Mortality and madness are two of the most pronounced themes of Shakespeare's epic and the characters; Hamlet, Ophelia, Gertrude, and Claudius inhabit a rich landscape replete with deceit, mistrust, and schemes. Four centuries after its premiere, "Hamlet" continues as one of the classics of the world stage.

Attention Juniors!

It is important for Juniors to take one or two ACT Tests during the junior year to prepare for college. [Sign up](#) by March 9th for the April 14th ACT and May 4th for the June 9th ACT. Use CEEB Code 171895 (Manhattan High School)

ACT Test Prep

- FREE Naviance for all MVA students provides an ACT Prep Course. Students take a pre-test and are then assigned material to complete. It will even generate a "pace chart" based on a projected test date. [Click here to log in.](#) Login may be the same as Connexus with the password having one cap letter and no punctuation.
- FREE ACT Question of the Day sends a weekly email with each week's questions, answers, and explanations <http://www.actprofile.org>.

For more information on ACT Test Prep tools, go to <http://www.act.org/theact/testprep>.

Questions? Contact Cindy Schultz, Counselor - cindys@usd383.org or 785.293.2980



Reserve your date for PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Who: All MVA Parents, Guardians and Students

What: 10-minute private Family Conferences, an opportunity to talk individually with one or more of your student's teachers to answer your questions, review progress, and/or share concerns

When: Monday, Feb. 5, and Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 5 to 8 pm

Where: Online in our MVA Virtual Office from the comfort of your own home! Once you schedule your times, you will receive a link to the virtual office.

Please call the office or email mvaschooloffice@gmail.com to schedule conferences with your student's teachers. 785-587-2100, ext. 8073. **We are looking forward to a terrific event!**

AMAZING OPPORTUNITY for students interested in computer science, engineering, business, and human resource management. Transportation from Manhattan available, limited seating.

NetApp Academic Outing Hosted by Josh Weiser, Senior Project Manager and MVA Parent

3718 North Rock Road, Wichita Friday,
February 23, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Includes: Facility tour, Computer
Science, Mechanical, Electrical
information, ICT Game Jam.

Please register at

<https://goo.gl/forms/EUyYspHZIBHvbEXv2>
by Friday, February 16th.



The MVA word for February, March and April is "Inspire." We encourage and motivate our students to do their very best and achieve to their highest potential. As stated in our vision, our goal is to inspire today's learners and tomorrow's leaders for lifelong success.



Student Shout Outs!



A new section for Family Focus is Student Shout Outs! We want to recognize our students and the amazing things they do both in school and out in their communities. Thank you to all the students who let us share their stories!

What did you do for Winter Break? Well, **Cory Miller** went fishing with a group of friends on Lake Waconda in Nebraska and together they caught over 100 pounds of fish! If the picture is an indicator, they really have a great fish story!



Mrs. Simkins asked the seniors to share their accomplishments with MVA. **Katie (Caitlyn) Day** shared that she

accomplished her goal of completing all her classes with an 80% or above, even though she struggled and had to work to make that happen. She also accomplished this while having a job! She plans to go to college to do nursing or study the human mind. Her intent for virtual education is to be able to balance her responsibilities and get things done correctly. She believes that her struggles have made her a stronger and better person. We are proud of you Katie!



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This picture shows **Olivia Coolidge** competing in Cross Country on her 11 year-old Thoroughbred, Benny. Olivia is at the training level for Three Day Eventing, a sport that is best described as an equestrian triathlon. The sport originated as a cavalry test and is comprised of three phases: dressage, cross-country and show jumping. Every week she takes jumping and dressage lessons, and rides Benny almost every day in order to keep him in shape. During show season, she competes about twice a month traveling all over the US! That's impressive Olivia, good luck for the next show season!



Mark your calendars
for 8th Grade
Recognition and 2018
Graduation! 10:30 am
on May 19th
at Manhattan High
School - Rezac
Auditorium.

Welcome new students and families!!

MVA Clubs offer the opportunity for students to meet and share their common interests. In Astwritng Club, (astronomy and writing combined) students discuss our place in the cosmos, what we know and the possibilities of what might exist in our universe, and then use their knowledge and imagination to write creatively and critically. In our brand new club, "TED-Ed Clubs program supports students in discovering, exploring and presenting their big ideas in the form of short, TED-style talks." - [TED-Ed Clubs](#). Students can check in their homerooms for more club information.