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# All Points Bulletin

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## Marshal LAW

Dakota Porter

This year has been full of huge changes! Most of them are because of a little something we like to call Marshal LAW. Dictionary.com defines a law as the principles and regulations established in a community by some authority and applicable to its people, whether in the form of legislation or of custom and policies recognized and enforced by judicial decision. To us, LAW means something more. It has a nasty connotation with most people. LAW is such a simple little word... only three letters—capital letters that imply authority and force.

“Marshal LAW is a waste of time,” says one student, “It’s the same rules as before.” We can all agree that nobody likes being told what to do, but if you take a step back and really look at all the improvements that we have made, Marshal LAW isn’t as bad as it seems. With all of the changes that we as students have had to adapt to, come new rewards too. There’s the LAWtery drawings, a rewards system where a teacher can submit a student’s name for doing something extraordinary, or simply obeying the LAW, into a drawing for prizes like x-box games, DVD’s, and even a TV. There are also the No Tardy Parties and the Smarty Parties, which are rewards for students with no tardies or a 4.0 GPA. But the list doesn’t stop there; MCHS is excited to welcome the new opportunities that come with Marshall LAW, even if it means making a couple adjustments. I spoke with assistant principal Mr. Jackson about Marshal LAW and how it’s affecting our school.

**All Points Bulletin:** “Since we have transitioned to Marshal LAW, do you think there has been a big change in the amount of behavioral issues?”

**Mr. Jackson:** *I do believe that there has been a change, particularly in the number of referrals that I see. I also believe that unwanted behavior(s) have subsided and that is due to the work that our teachers have done by teaching and reteaching our school-wide expectations.*

**APB:** “What change has impacted our school the most?”

**Mr. Jackson:** *I believe that our continued focus on tardies and the implementation of the 10-10 Rule have been two of the most beneficial changes.*

**APB:** “Has there been any relapse in behaviors since coming back from Christmas break?”

**Mr. Jackson:** *As far as specific behaviors reoccurring just since our break, I would have to say no. However, we do see instances of horseplay much more often than we should. Unfortunately, I have seen situations initially involving “just horseplay” escalate very quickly into much more serious matters. We have taken the time to teach and then re-teach the expectations for all of our students and I am now looking forward to seeing the results. If I have said it once, I have said it a thousand times: Marshall County High School has the best students, bar none.*

**APB:** “Do you think Marshall Law is here to stay for the coming years?”

**Mr. Jackson:** *Yes, I do. Will it change and get better along the way? Absolutely.*



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## LAWtery Spotlight

### Girl: Lauren Sirls

Lauren has repeatedly participated in class, asked appropriate questions, come to class prepared, and stayed focused in her English work.

### Boy: Dylan Mattson

Dylan routinely puts the calculators in numerical order. It definitely helps out the math teachers!

### Boy: Tanner Johnson

Tanner is very responsible, practices teamwork, and challenges himself.

### Girl: Sapphire Mitchell

Sapphire is a peer tutor in second block. She helps others on a daily basis without complaint.

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*When the leadership is right and the time is right, the people can always be counted upon to follow... to the end at all costs.*

*- Harold J. Seymour*

## General News

- Tori Story, a senior here at MCHS, has had artwork accepted in to the annual “Teen Spirit” show held at the Yeiser Art Center in Paducah, KY. The juried showcase of outstanding high school artwork from the region will be held from January 15 — February 11, 2012. The Yeiser’s hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10-4pm.
- New Cell Phone Policy:
  - Use of cell phones will be permitted before and after school, during lunch, passing time in between classes, and during class at the teachers discretion.
  - Cell phone ringers must be on silent.
  - The use of cell phones by students is a privilege and may be denied at any time.
  - Any abuse or neglect of the Acceptable Use Policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

### Clarifications:

- Policy is extended to the possession and use of all portable electronic equipment.
- Collection and/or distribution of material that is considered obscene, libelous, or harassing is prohibited not only by the school policy but by state and federal law.
- Use of any portable devices capable of taking pictures, videos, and/or transmitting data is not allowed in locations where students and/or staff have a reasonable expectation of privacy.
- Use of the devices are not allowed on school buses.

## Contact Info

If you have anything you would like added to next issues newsletter contact us at our email address: [leadship.js@stu.marshall.kyschools.us](mailto:leadship.js@stu.marshall.kyschools.us) or contact Mr. Jackson or Mrs. Fortenbery.

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## Academic Highlights

- Freshman: EXPLORE Test is February 9th 2012.
- Freshman can also go to [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com) for various information.
- Sophomores: Middle College interviews January 26-27.
- Juniors ACT Test Dates 2011-2012; Feb 11, 2012—Deadline Jan 13, 2012; Apr 14, 2012—Deadline Mar 9, 2012; June 9, 2012—Deadline May 4, 2012.
- Juniors: On March 6th, 2012 the ACT will be given free for juniors! ACT prep workshop and English Blitz—Murray, KY March 31st and June 2nd @MSA Curris Center Stables.
- ACT prep workshop and Math Blitz—Paducah, Ky. Feb 4th, April 7th, and June 2nd @ Paducah Regional Campus, room 105.
- Seniors can go to Mrs. Boone's website: <http://www.marshall.kyschools.us/mchs/Guidance/documents/SeniorOctober-NovemberNewslettersversionPDF2012.pdf>

## Sports Highlights

- The Lady Marshals have games on January 13th against Graves, January 17th against Hopkinsville, January 21st and 22nd against Arnold High School and Henderson County, January 23rd against Paducah Tilghman, January 24th away game against Christian County, January 27th against Paducah Tilghman.
- The Marshals have games on January 13th against Graves, January 21st Freshman Tourney, January 20-21st gunner Shoutout, January 24th against Lyon County, January 27th against Tilghman.
- Cheerleaders have a Regional Cheer Competition at MCHS, Sunday January 15th at 2:30 p.m.
- Swim Meet, January 16th in Paducah.
- Anyone interests in Track needs to meet in the lower lobby of the gym everyday. Practice is from 3:15 to 4:30 and it's not too late to join!