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## September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month: Make a difference

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September is a catalyst for many thoughts: hanging out with friends by a bonfire, leaves changing colors, cheering at football games. September should also bring thoughts and prayers for cancer victims. This month, which I doubt many people know, is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

It is not as well known as Breast Cancer Awareness Month is, but that does not make it any less important. I am asking you to support another cause in addition to that. As high schoolers, we may think that we cannot make a difference in much because we are too young, but this is not true. Childhood Cancer is a disease that affects our peers and our younger siblings; two students out of every school are figured to suffer from the disease. We should make it our personal responsibility to help bring attention to September, and

donate our time and money to help with the battle against adolescent cancer.

Our community offers some wonderful opportunities for you to support this cause. The Student Council at the High School hosts two major events to aid in fundraising for St. Jude's Children's Hospital: the Mr. MCHS Pageant, and the St. Jude's Letter Writing Campaign. Mr. MCHS is a male pageant hosted in early November. You can contribute to this cause by attending the event, donating money, or asking businesses to donate \$100 for their name to be recognized as a sponsor. This pageant will be the 4th annual and is always a success. Students come together to work hard, have fun, and contribute to a very worthy cause. The Letter Writing Campaign is hosted in the spring and students at the High School go to the cafeteria and address 25 letters asking for donations to family members and friends. Your Student Council works hard for St.

Jude's and it truly makes a difference in people's lives.

Another way to contribute to Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is to wear the gold ribbon. You have probably seen pink ribbons, which signify breast cancer, but the gold ribbon represents childhood cancer. Pin one on your shirt everyday for the rest of September; this is how to draw people's attention toward childhood cancer. People do not intentionally ignore childhood cancer; they just do not hear as much about it. Even though you are young, you can still make a difference in someone's life. Gunner's Magic Train Foundation is a wonderful organization to donate to in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Any money you donate is greatly appreciated.

September is not over. Get the word out that this month is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Wear your gold ribbons, and make sure people know what you are wearing them for.

## Upcoming Events

Starting September 21 – FFA Greenhouse opens from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. selling pansies and violas while supplies last

September 24 – FFA Hayride/Cookout

September 25 – Football Homecoming

October 1 – MCHS Talent Show in KSPAC

## Reporter offers tips for Homecoming dance

By Susan Keim  
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Football Homecoming is the first big kickoff dance of the new school year. Whether this is your first or fourth time around, you still want a night to remember. Here are some tips on where to go and what to get to prepare for September 25!

If you don't have a date, it's not too late. Don't miss out on the dance because you are afraid to talk to your dream date. Have a friend mention to him/her that you are looking for a date. The other option is be fearless! Ask him/her yourself.

When you have your date, the next step is to find something to wear. Girls usually wear short party dresses. And don't forget the matching jewelry and shoes! Boys wear a dress shirt, pants, and a tie. Black shoes and black pants are classic. It's all

about matching. You want everyone to be able to tell who your date is just by looking. Try to find a shirt and tie that match the color of your dress. Hint: It is usually easier to find the tie first! Flowers also need to coordinate with the outfit. Mums are the traditional flower, but the options are limitless with your bouquet. Tell your florist the colors of your dress (or maybe even take them the tie) so they can find the perfect color ribbons.

Where to eat? That is always the big question. If you have plenty of time, there is the option of Paducah. If you are on a tight schedule, eat local. There are plenty of tasty places right here in Marshall County. Find a group of dates to go with if you want a more social dinner. After dinner is a good time to get pictures taken. The photographer

usually begins taking pictures around 4. My advice is the earlier, the better, so you are fresh and look your best. You don't want to wait and then get stuck in line during the dance and miss out on your favorite songs!

Extra tips on how to enjoy your night: For those of you who can't drive, don't sweat it. Have your parents drop you off at the game and call them 15 minutes before the dance ends. Think of them as your own personal limo. Don't forget your manners- be sweet and don't complain. Boys, tell your date she looks beautiful. The compliment will be appreciated the rest of the night. Plan to arrive at the football stadium at 6:30 if you want to see who gets crowned your 2009 Homecoming Queen!

I hope these hints are helpful and that you enjoy each and every part of your homecoming experience!

## Senior SPOTLIGHT



**Erika Fletcher**

Favorite Subject: Carpentry  
Favorite Teacher: Ms. Greer  
Plans after High School: WKCTC, study business  
What do you do after school?: Tan.  
Favorite Color: Pink

**Garrett Devine**

Favorite Subject: Carpentry  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Cosner  
Plans after High School: WKCTC, study carpentry  
Favorite High School memory: Winning 6th at Skills USA Nationals for Job Interview

## FBLA to host slow-pitch softball tournament Saturday



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Marshall County High School FBLA will be hosting a Slowpitch Softball Tournament on Sept. 26 at Benton Park. The entry fee into the tournament will

be \$5 per person on the team. Age limits for the roster are High School only. You must have a minimum of 10 players on your team. Concessions will be sold at the game, and there will be a gate fee of \$1 for anyone coming to watch the games. The teams must consist of majority girls, and the boys playing on the team must bat opposite handed.

If you are interested in putting a team in the tournament, see Mrs. Phelps at school with a roster ready. If you are more of a spectator, come and support your school's FBLA by watching the games. It will be tons of fun, and they hope to see a large turnout from the High School.

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