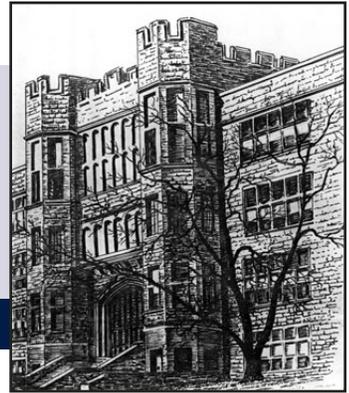


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HUME-FOGG ACADEMIC HIGH SCHOOL



## STANDARD SCHOOL ATTIRE SURVEY RESULTS, TIMELINE POSTED

Responses to the Hume-Fogg Standard School Attire Survey have been gathered and posted. Of 542 responses, 345 were received from parents, 181 were from students, and 16 were from faculty members. Results to the following questions were:

- I prefer the current MNPS dress code for MNPS students (no change in way students dress now). **333**
- I prefer that standard school attire be implemented on a school-by-school basis. **111**
- I prefer standard school attire for all MNPS students. **71**
- I prefer that standard school attire be implemented only for certain age students (elementary, middle school, or high school). **27**

### STANDARD SCHOOL ATTIRE TIMELINE POSTED

With the School Board voting on the proposed Standard School Attire policies on Tuesday, April 10th, the public has one more opportunity to learn about Standard School Attire before the phone survey. The SSA Committee has agreed to make another presentation at Stratford High School on Tuesday, March 6th at 6:00PM. The presentation is open to all the clusters.

The strategic plan action teams began working March 1st to develop the action steps for the nine objectives identified by the planning committee at a retreat in January.

The School Board is now posting its agenda and the School Board package on the MNPS Web site at [www.mnps.org](http://www.mnps.org). Below is the schedule

for the uniform committee between now and the end presentation to the School Board.

### STANDARD SCHOOL ATTIRE (SSA) TIMELINE (UPDATED)

Antioch High School meeting: Monday, March 5th at 6:30pm at Antioch HS (School Board presentation through February 27th)

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### People & Programs

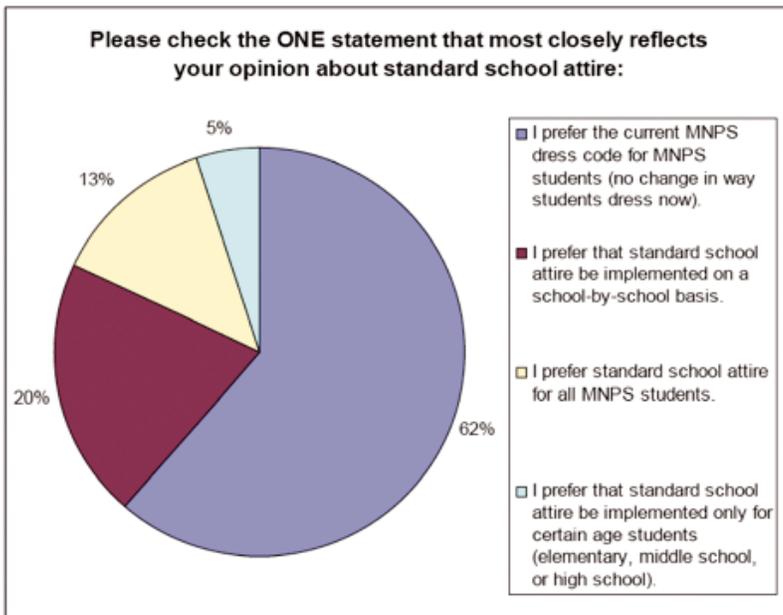
#### MARCH

- 5 - 4th Report Card issued
- 7 - ALIAS Chamber Ensemble at Turner Hall/Blair School 8pm
- 9 - Executive Committee Mtg noon
- 11 - Daylight Saving Time "spring ahead"
- Pencil Partner/Cellist Michael Samis recital at St. George's Episcopal 3pm
- 12 - Magnet Cluster Mtg 7pm
- 15 - Hume-Fogg Association Mtg noon
- Dance Extravaganza Spring Performance 7pm
- 19-23 - Spring Break Holiday
- 27 - All school TPAC field trip: Jubilee Singers
- MNPS School Board Mtg vote on uniforms 5pm
- 29-30 One-Act Plays 7pm

#### APRIL

- 4 - International Day Program
- 5 - Battle of the Bands 7pm
- 6 - No school - Spring Holiday
- 10 - Book Awards/Scholarships 9:15am
- 12 - Jazz Band Concert 7pm
- 13 - Executive Committee Mtg noon
- 14 - Freshman Picnic - Centennial Park 2-5pm
- 16 - Magnet Cluster Mtg 7pm
- 17 - Underclass Awards
- 19 - Hume-Fogg Association Mtg noon
- Spring Band/Ensemble Concert 7pm
- 21 - Prom
- 23- 5th Report Card issued
- 26 - Spring Choral Concert 7pm
- 27-29 - Band trip to Cincinnati Show Choir trip to NY
- 30 - No school - Faculty Inservice

Please check the ONE statement that most closely reflects your opinion about standard school attire:



*“The least movement is of importance to all nature. The entire ocean is affected by a pebble.” – Pascal*

## STANDARD SCHOOL ATTIRE SURVEY RESULTS

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*The week of March 5th, SSA flyers will be sent home with each child (one per child in the system, no money budgeted for a mailing)*

*Stratford High School meeting: Tuesday, March 6th at 6:00pm at Stratford HS (School Board presentation through February 27th) – NEW*

*Monday, March 12th - Phone survey is on this night only.*

*Tuesday, March 13th - Public participation at the School Board*

*meeting scheduled for 4:00pm at East Literature due to the Hall of Fame Dinner.*

*School Board presentation: Tuesday, March 27th in the School Board Room (Summary of community reaction and the Committee’s recommendations).*

*Tuesday, April 10th - Public participation at the School Board meeting scheduled for 5:00pm. The vote on SSA is scheduled for this night.*

## FROM THE PRESIDENTS’ PEN

*Laura Reinbold and Mary Kennedy, Co-Presidents*



When a parent becomes involved in serving their children’s schools, they anticipate the committee meetings, they know about the support activities, and they remember to sign up for the work days. However, they don’t often consider how they will use their talents to become good stewards of others’ financial donations. And, yet, that is the most important thing a parents’ association board member does in their yearly tenure.

In the case of the HFA, that means budgeting and overseeing the more than \$65,000 that is given to our association by parents who trust that we will use it wisely. At Hume-Fogg we take this obligation very seriously and respond in what we think is an exemplary way.

The budgeting and financial oversight process of the HFA is efficient. Of the total dollars given, we spend only 2% in general association expenses. Another 16% is spent in communications and other support, all of which directly benefits our families and helps us conduct staff appreciation events. The entire balance, or 82%, is given directly to the school for academics, technology and athletics.

Of note for the 2006-07 school year is the underwriting of:

- The school’s Mobile Computer Lab
- Continued technological and other improvements for the fourth floor Ward Lecture Hall
- Dr. Susan Wiltshire’s stipend as Scholar-in-Residence
- Funding teachers to go to professional development activities/conferences
- Weight room equipment
- Art Department consumable supplies
- A computerized light board for the Auditorium
- Music and supplies for the Performing Arts departments including a digital recorder and musical equipment
- A video camera for the Foreign Language Department
- Math Department calculators
- Science laboratory equipment
- Guidance Department conferences and college trips
- . . . just to name a few!

Thank you all for entrusting us with your donations. The HFA Board hopes it has served you well in the stewardship of your dollars.

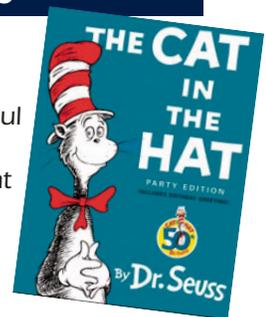
*Laura Reinbold - 292-7326 or 6reinbolds@comcast.net*

*Mary Kennedy - 665-9818 or jmmsnk@aol.com*

## LOOK WHO’S 50

Remember way back when you read to your kids? **The Cat in the Hat**, the iconic book about a mischievous, irrepressible soul who always seemed kind of ageless, is 50 years old. A success since its debut, the cat is still captivating to children and the adults who read to them. You can read about the origins of the ‘Cat’ (created to teach children to read) and how it made Dr. Seuss a household name at

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=7651308>.



# TAYLOR SWIFT VIDEO FILMS AT HUME-FOGG

By Rebecca Scarpati

Hume-Fogg High School served as the location for the production of a recent music video for Taylor Swift's song, "Teardrops on my Guitar."

Just 17 years old, Taylor pulls double duty as a straight A student and a full-fledged recording artist at Big Machine Records. She

does admit, however, that sometimes inspiration for a song might hit her in the middle of her studies and that the margins of her biology notebook might well be filled with lyrics.

The "Teardrops" video, currently running on Great American Country (GAC) and Country Music Television (CMT) music video networks, showcases several locations at Hume-Fogg, including the library, John Lee's chemistry lab and a third floor

hallway. Most dramatic is the transformation around the fireplace in Darron Bruce's drama room, which became a lush, softly lit bedroom for her performance. Several Hume-Fogg students participated as extras in the video.

Taylor, who resides locally, said, "I am so thrilled to be filming here. This is an awesome school. I am so grateful to Hume-Fogg for opening their doors to our production."

In addition to running on the air, "Teardrops on My Guitar" can be viewed by logging onto [www.taylorswift.com](http://www.taylorswift.com) or [www.myspace.com/taylorswift](http://www.myspace.com/taylorswift).

*Recording artist Taylor Swift transforms the Hume-Fogg drama room.*



Courtesy of Big Machine Records

## FRESHMEN TO "SAVE THE DATE" FOR PICNIC IN THE PARK



After polling all of the freshmen, the freshman class of 2006-2007 student board has announced a **Picnic in the Park**.

The event will take place on Saturday, April 14th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Centennial Park on West End Avenue. A shelter area has been reserved for seating and a cookout. This get-together will be a freshmen-only event.

Picnic in the Park will require contributions and assistance from many. Each student has an advisor class which will be assigned specific items to bring to the picnic such as cups, ice and drinks. Each student will be responsible for bringing in an item(s) in order to attend.

Parent volunteers will be needed to help cook out. To help with the cookout portion of the event, parents should e-mail Freshman Class President Rachel Cohen at [RachelFCohen@aol.com](mailto:RachelFCohen@aol.com).

Other than parent chaperones and Hume-Fogg faculty, only freshmen will be allowed to attend this event. The event will be free, and there will be radios, balls, Frisbees, and games to play. The attire is casual and alternative activities will be planned in case of rain.

### FRESHMAN BAKE SALE TO HELP FUND PICNIC, PROM

In order to help fund the picnic, March 16th (the Friday preceding Spring break) is scheduled for the Freshmen Bake Sale. All freshmen are encouraged to bring something to sell that day. (Homemade goods are the best!)

Funds from the bake sale will underwrite the purchase of cookout hamburgers, hot dogs, turkey burgers. All extra money will be placed in the Class of 2010 treasury to be used for later activities such as Prom.

For more information on the picnic or bake sale, please contact Rachel Cohen at [RachelFCohen@aol.com](mailto:RachelFCohen@aol.com).

## WHEN WE CHANGE OUR CLOCKS

On March 11th, Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. On this second Sunday in March, during DST, clocks are turned forward an hour, effectively moving an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening.

The idea of daylight saving was first conceived by Benjamin Franklin during his sojourn as an American delegate in Paris in 1784 in an essay, “An Economical Project.” For more about the history of Daylight Saving Time, visit <http://webexhibits.org/daylightsaving/franklin.html>.



## WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING FOR SPRING BREAK?

By Sharon Farrell

“Spring Break! YES! I’m sleeping late; staying in my pajamas all day! I’m not doing anything, just lying around . . .”

That’s great for the first day or so, but then boredom sets in. So, what’s a teen to do? How about volunteering? Wait! Read a little further before you discount this article—volunteering doesn’t have to be boring. There are many opportunities that are fun, interesting, and may even help you determine what line of education to pursue in college.

### DO YOU ENJOY ANIMALS?

**Happy Tales** is a humane shelter located in Franklin that doesn’t euthanize animals. Dogs live in foster homes, while most cats are housed at the Franklin location. They can always use help on Dog Adoption Day, each Saturday, from 11 am – 3 pm. Responsibilities include “presenting” the dogs to potential adopters, walking, watering, handling potty patrol, and giving lots of attention. They also need help with the Morning Cat Crew, which takes place every day of the week. Hours are from 7:30am (or whenever you can get there) until about 11:00am. Tasks include vacuuming, mopping, cleaning condos, cleaning litter boxes, doing laundry, feeding, watering, and, of course, socializing with the cats. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Sheila Boomershine at [sboomershine@happytaleshumane.com](mailto:sboomershine@happytaleshumane.com). Individuals must be at least 16 years old in order to volunteer in the shelter.

**The Nashville Humane Association** has many opportunities to volunteer, as well. Dog walking, socializing cats, adoption aides, kennel aides, pet assisted therapy (taking animals into nursing homes, hospitals, and day care centers), even clerical work. Teens under age 16 will need a parent or guardian

working with them. To volunteer, log onto [www.nashvillehumane.org](http://www.nashvillehumane.org).

### IS ART YOUR THING?

**The Frist Center** doesn’t offer an opportunity to work just during spring break, you’re required to make a six month commitment. However, once you’ve made the commitment, you can work during spring break. They offer intern positions for administrative duties, assisting in Art Quest (an interactive gallery), and Kids Club (each Saturday morning, about 3 hours – activities change monthly). Individuals should be age 14 and older. [www.fristcenter.org](http://www.fristcenter.org)

**The Nashville Library** offers many opportunities including shelvers, main library Docent, children’s tour leader, and Nashville room volunteers (for you history lovers). For more information, log onto [www.library.nashville.org](http://www.library.nashville.org).

### LIKE WORKING WITH CHILDREN?

Many community centers need help. Try **Bethlehem Center, Edgehill Center, Martha O’Bryan Center**, to name a few. These are all working with inner-city children who could use your help. Maybe your family would like to help a child by joining the **Big Brother/Big Sisters** organization.

### WANT TO HELP THE DISABLED?

**Easter Seals** offers many opportunities to work with handicapped adults and children. To find the closest Easter Seals location, go to [www.easterseals.com](http://www.easterseals.com) and enter your zip code. You’ll need to contact the local branch to find out what volunteer opportunities are available.

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## WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING FOR SPRING BREAK?

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You can also help the disabled while working with animals.

**Saddle Up!** is the oldest and largest recreational therapeutic riding program, and the only one that caters exclusively to special needs children. They have many volunteer opportunities, from “Feeders” (must be 18 years of age) to “Paper Jockeys.” Stable hands can be as young as 12 years, however, anyone under 16 must have a parent working with them. For more information, log onto [www.saddleupnashville.org](http://www.saddleupnashville.org).

## LIKE TO BAKE?

**Magdalene House** residential recovery program for women with a history of prostitution and drug abuse is beginning a monthly observation of recovery anniversaries and milestones. In order to have this party every few weeks, they need your help with a cake! Store bought or a delicacy from your own kitchen would be appreciated equally. The party will be held at **Thistle Farms** on the St. George’s Episcopal Church grounds in Belle Meade during lunchtime. You, of course, will receive special love and recognition and are encouraged to join the festivities. You’ve never been to a party until you’ve been to a Magdalene party! The revelry will fuel you for many days with joy and happy stories. Call Stacye or Sarah at 298-1148 or visit [thistlefarms.org](http://thistlefarms.org).

If none of the above suggestions appeal to you, try checking with your local homeowners’ association. Maybe there are some things you can do to help out your community. How about your church? They can almost always use a new volunteer to help prepare a meal, visit with the sick and elderly, make some calls, etc. How about in your own neighborhood? Is there an elderly person who could use a visitor? How about giving a single parent a little break by helping to entertain the children?

There are many opportunities to serve others; all you have to do is look. You may find that you benefit from volunteering as much as those you serve!

## DESPERATELY SEEKING ALUMS?

Would you like to find fellow alumni and friends from other high schools across the district? Go to [www.alumni.mnps.org](http://www.alumni.mnps.org) and register to be part of the district-wide alumni directory.



## THE COLLEGE CORNER

# WHICH TEST DO I TAKE AND WHEN? ACT? SAT I? SAT II?

*Katherine Sanford, Senior Counselor*

ACT, SAT I (reasoning test), and SAT II (subject tests) are all nationally standardized tests and are typically required for college admissions and scholarship competitions.

The ACT and SAT I are both used for college admissions and cover general knowledge; students can take either test or both. Underclassmen prepare for these tests by taking the PSAT (practice SAT) and PLAN (practice ACT) in the fall – discovering what the tests themselves are like, becoming comfortable with the testing environment, and discovering their own strengths and weaknesses in relation to the tests and knowing what to study to perform better on the tests. Selective private institutions also require SAT IIs (typically two: one math and one topic of your choosing), which are subject area tests focusing on a particular discipline.

ALL JUNIORS should take at least one nationally standardized test, either the ACT or the SAT I, during their spring semester. Juniors interested in selective colleges and universities should also take the SAT II this spring for the subject areas in which they are currently taking advanced courses. For example, if you are taking AP U.S. History, you should take the June 2nd SAT II in U.S. History.

The tests are only offered during the academic year and not during the summer, so if there are any discrepancies between your test score and your ability, you have the opportunity to retake in the fall.

There are only four testing sessions left this year which still have open registration:

ACT April 14 and June 9

SAT May 5 and June 2

Registration and review materials are available in the Guidance Office or online at

[www.act-student.org](http://www.act-student.org) (for the ACT) or [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (for the SAT I and the SAT II). Every student is entitled to one voucher which allows the student to take either the SAT I (free) or the ACT (reduced cost). See Guidance for more information.

FREE ACT/SAT TEST PREPARATION OFFERED!

Green Hills Public Library, 6-7 p.m.

ACT - March 6 and April 3

SAT - March 20 and April 17

# HOMWORK HELP IS ONLY A CLICK AWAY

AOL offers StudyBuddy.com <http://StudyBuddy.com/>, a free search engine built just for homework. On this site, a student can access the Writing Wizard which offers interactive assistance.

Then there is HomeworkSpot.com <http://HomeworkSpot.com/>, an award-winning, free homework information portal which features K-12 homework-related sites together with engaging editorial in one high-utility, educational spot.

Formerly known as “Ask Jeeves for Kids,” askforkids.com [www.askforkids.com/](http://www.askforkids.com/) is a free search engine that combines human editorial judgment, age-appropriate features, and filtering technology.

**NationalGeographic.com/ homework** offers photographs, articles, maps, and other research supplements.

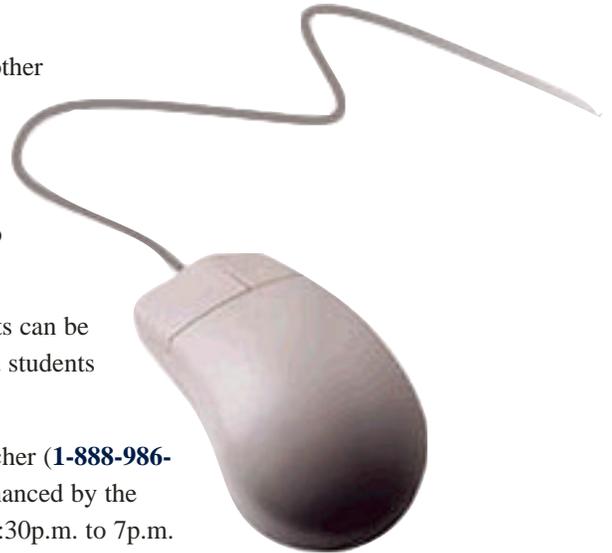
A useful site that helps with math is the National Library of Virtual Manipulatives, part of Utah State University <http://nlvm.usu.edu/>.

Developed by math teachers for math students, it offers users a choice of help in English or Spanish.

Literature and study guides to complement and support classroom assignments can be found at SparkNotes.com <http://SparkNotes.com/>, a site created by Harvard students and now owned by Barnes and Noble.

A more low-tech approach has been around for the last 25 years: Dial-A-Teacher (**1-888-986-2345**) has fielded millions of calls nationally and even internationally. It is financed by the Rochester Teachers Association and operates from September to May, from 3:30p.m. to 7p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Finally, Metro Nashville Public Schools offers its Homework Hotline at **298-6636** for free help with homework from 4:00p.m. to 8:00p.m., Monday through Thursday. Sponsored by several local businesses, it offers both English and Spanish assistance.



## STAY CONNECTED WITH HUME-FOGG INTERNET LINKS

- For up-to-the-minute news and information, visit our web site: [www.humefogghs.org](http://www.humefogghs.org)
- Find team schedules and other daily activities on HFA's detailed online calendar: <http://plus.calendars.net/humefogg>
- To be added or removed from email distribution or to update your email address: [www.humefogghs.mnps.org](http://www.humefogghs.mnps.org)
- For Metro Nashville Public Schools information: [www.mnps.org](http://www.mnps.org)
- For Magnet Cluster information: [www.great-schools.blogspot.com](http://www.great-schools.blogspot.com)
- Parents' Council of Nashville: [www.parentscouncilofnashville.org](http://www.parentscouncilofnashville.org)
- Alias Chamber Ensemble (HFA Pencil Partner): [www.aliasmusic.org](http://www.aliasmusic.org)
- Hume-Fogg and BGA hockey team schedule: [www.humefogghs.mnps.org/PageFactory.aspx?PageID=2644](http://www.humefogghs.mnps.org/PageFactory.aspx?PageID=2644)
- Kanika Childress posts "High School Years" tips for parents: [www.humefogghs.mnps.org/Page13810.aspx](http://www.humefogghs.mnps.org/Page13810.aspx)
- National Education Association tips on how to help your child succeed in school: [www.nea.org/aew/items.html](http://www.nea.org/aew/items.html)
- HFA Honors Chemistry class review podcast: <http://web.mac.com/richmckessler/iWeb/Site/Podcast/Podcast.html>
- Keep track of your student's grades at: [www.mygradebook.com](http://www.mygradebook.com)
- Tennessee Department of Safety Driver's Manual: [www.tennessee.gov/safety/05Manual.pdf](http://www.tennessee.gov/safety/05Manual.pdf)
- Nashville Public Library: [www.library.nashville.org](http://www.library.nashville.org)
- Frist Center for the Visual Arts: [www.fristcenter.org](http://www.fristcenter.org)
- ACT Test Info: [www.act-student.org](http://www.act-student.org)
- SAT I and II Test Info: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)