

Elective
National History Day

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Every student in grade eight are offered one of four competition options. Your child has chosen to participate in **National History Day** as his/her elective. This elective is an extra-curricular activity and no class time is provided during the school day for this elective. This elective meets after school and on Saturdays. Times available for the students to stay after school can be found on the Activities Calendar on the MQA web site. For this elective, students are expected to make arrangements to stay for the after school sessions and to come to the Saturday sessions.

History Day is an academic program designed to promote the study of history. By showing creativity and becoming an expert on a topic, participants will make history come alive by producing an exhibit, paper, documentary, website or performance. The presentations are aligned to an annual theme. The Pittsburgh competition will be held in March at the Heinz History Center. Winners will go onto the State competition in May. Those winners will go to the National competition in June. Students are required to spend time after school to work on this elective. Saturday sessions are also required. Additional information about National History Day may be found at www.nhd.org. We hope that your child has a positive experience in this program.

Mrs. Quade & Mrs. Casper

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Name _____ **Grade** _____ **Homeroom** _____

I and my child understand that as a participant in **National History Day** there are obligations in selecting this competition activity. I will encourage my child to be committed and focused on his/her project. I understand that this project requires extensive research that will be done after school and at home. I will see that my child attends the required after school sessions and Saturday sessions for research, to create his/her project, and for preparation as needed.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____