From the Director

Hello everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish every one of our hard working faculty, students, staff, administrators and members of our local community a safe and happy holiday.

I hope all of you have the chance to reconnect with family and friends, eat lots of delicious food and most importantly stay safe as we move towards the new year!

Just a reminder to everyone, the Charles A. Amble Library at Mid Michigan Community College will be closing its doors for the holidays at noon on December 24th and will reopen at 8:00 am on January 5th. Until then, be safe and see you next year!

Shawn R. Troy
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MMCC Library Events

A Note from the ASC
Services will be limited to placement testing over winter break. Hours will be M-F 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

The Academic Support Center will be closing at noon on Wednesday, 12/24/2008 and will reopen Monday 01/05/2009

Tutoring Services will resume Monday 01/12/2009

Questions? Call (989) 773-6287

Pickard Campus Reference Desk will be closing for Winter Break Monday, December 15th and will reopen Monday, January 12th

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Mount Pleasant Campus
Hours
Monday to Friday
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

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Hours
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