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for All*



McEachern Messenger

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A Monthly E-Newsletter for McEachern High School Parents, Students, Staff, and Community.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 26	SCA Block Party, 5:30 pm	September 10	ACT
August 30	Open House, 6:30 pm	September 12-16	GHS GT
September 1	Class Ring Parent Night, 4-7pm	September 16	Homecoming
September 5	Labor Day– School Holiday	September 17	Homecoming Dance, 8 pm
September 7	Progress Reports	September 27	GHS GT
September 9	Faculty Spirit Night	September 29	Report Cards
September 10	Sr. Breakfast, 9 am		

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to school! We are so excited to begin a new year full of memorable experiences here at McEachern. I hope you had a fun and relaxing summer because it is time to get back into the books. Be sure to see the student handbook for all of the updated policies and procedures. Remember, here at McEachern, we have an open door policy. Please see your teacher, guidance counselor, administrator, or me if you need assistance. Here's to a great year. Go Indians!!

ADMINISTRATORS

9TH GRADE

A-L	Maxine Walker	x 288
M-Z	Jim Bishop	x 309

10th-12th GRADE

A-B	Paul Gillihan	x 227
C-G	Krystal Wattley	x 273
H-L	Ashley Campoli	x 228
M-R	Chase Stroempl	x 280
S-Z	James Lockhart	x 225

PINNACLE (PIV)

The Pinnacle Internet Viewer (PIV) provides parent/guardian access to students' grades and attendance and allows parents/guardians to set up automatic e-mail notifications of attendance and/or grades. Parents will be able to sign up for Pinnacle access after Open House on August 30th with valid ID.

TUTORIALS

Tutorials will begin the last week in August—Tuesday and Thursday 3:45—5:00pm. See your teacher for a

tutorial ticket. Students may leave early from tutoring, but must have a ride within 15 minutes of being dismissed.

STUDENT PARKING

Every student who drives on campus **MUST** purchase a parking decal during the first week of school. The parking decals are \$50 per semester and will be sold in the cafeteria. See the McEachern website for all parking rules, regulations, and forms needed to apply.

BUS DISMISSAL POLICY

McEachern dismisses at 3:30pm. The buses close their doors at 3:38pm. Students are not allowed access to the bus after the doors are shut. Plan ahead and make it to your bus on time!

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

As you may know, the lunch prices have changed. High school students will now pay \$1.90, and reduced prices are \$0.40. Breakfast prices are \$1.00, and reduced prices are \$0.30. To add money to your child's lunch account you may either send them with cash or check, or you can deposit money online at <https://www13.mealpayplus.com/default.aspx>. Also, apply for free and/or reduced lunch online at mealapps@cobbk12.org.

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

Girls - Skirts/Dresses/Pants

1. **SKIRTS and DRESSES** must be at least fingertip length. Students should measure the skirt before coming to school and be sure that it is of proper length when standing or walking. Backless or strapless dresses are **NOT** permitted. Slits may be no shorter than three (3) inches above the knee.

Boys - Pants Only

1. **Shorts/Pants** must fit and remain on the waist and not be excessively baggy.

All Students

1. Tops may have sleeves or be sleeveless for both males and females. All sleeveless apparel must have shoulder straps three (3) inches or wider, and the sleeve curve must be close to the underarm so that no undergarment can be seen and no view is possible to the chest area. Tops may not expose the shoulder blade area. No skin may show at the waist or back. When a student raises this/her arms above the head and the midriff is exposed, the top is not appropriate for school. Neither low-cut necklines nor tube tops/halter tops are allowed.
2. **Headgear:** Student may not wear head coverings- including but not limited to hats, hoods, caps, headbands, scarves, and knitted bonnets- inside any campus building. Headgear that is worn inside a building may be confiscated.
3. **Pants/shorts/skirts** must be fingertip length. No excessive slits. No leggings/jeggings unless accompanied by an outer garment of fingertip length.
4. House/bedroom shoe and sleepwear (i.e., pajama bottoms) are not allowed.
5. Undergarments should not be visible (boxer shorts, athletic shorts, bras, etc.-any item of clothing under the outermost garment).
6. Articles of clothing with tears or slits that expose skin not normally visible under the other guidelines of this dress code are not allowed.
7. Footwear must be worn at all times- No house slippers!
8. Clothing and jewelry which advertise or imply products that would be illegal such as drugs, tobacco

and alcohol products, as well as any clothing which depicts statements or pictures that would be offensive to the mores of the Powder Springs community, will not be permitted (such as gang references, sexual references, etc.). Clothing recognized as being related to a group or gang, such as shirts with gang references, belts of excessive length, etc., are strictly prohibited.

9. Bandanas or bandana-type scarves of any kind are prohibited.

NEW CELL PHONE POLICY

Visibility (device in view), Turning on, or Use of Cell Phones, MP3 players, I-Pod, CD Players, Laser Pointers or other similar electronic devices are prohibited during class time (from bell to bell). Electronic devices are allowed at other times on campus, but should not be heard; cell phones should be placed on "silent," no external speakers for any devices, volume on headphones low enough not to be heard, etc.

- 1st incident - Item will be confiscated and returned to student outside of school hours provided student cooperates fully.
- 2 or more incidents - Repeated instances constitute insubordination resulting in disciplinary consequences AND return of item to parent/guardian ONLY. **NOTE:** Failure to surrender cell phone/Ipod/MP3/etc. when requested will result in 2 days OSS. The school is also not responsible/liable for lost or stolen electronic devices.

TARDY POLICY

To be excused for being tardy to school a student must present a doctor's or dentist's official appointment verification, a note regarding student illness, or a document for a court ordered appearance at the time the student signs in to school. Tardies due to missing the bus, traffic, oversleeping, car trouble, etc. are unexcused. Any student checking into school after 8:35 a.m. must sign in with the Attendance Office. If a parent/guardian signs the student into school, a note must still be presented stating the reason for the tardy.

NOTE: Tardies are cumulative for ALL classes/homeroom each semester.

1 – 8th= Warning

9th – 15th= Saturday School

16+ = ISS

Failure to serve Saturday School will result in 2 days of OSS.

MCEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 15	First Day of School
September 5	Labor Day– School Holiday
November 8	Student Holiday/Staff Work Day
November 21-25	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec. 26– Jan. 6	Winter Holidays
January 9	Student Holiday/Staff Work Day
January 16	MLK– School Closed
February 20	President's Day– School Closed
April 2-6	Spring Break
May 25	Last Day of School

NEED TO PREPARE FOR THE EOCT OR GHS GT?

Study Island is an all online product designed to help your child master the standards specific to their high school academic courses in Georgia. Our school now has access to this great resource for preparing our kids for the state standardized tests. If you have Internet access, your child can access Study Island from home as

well as school to prepare for the state assessments. We are excited about the potential benefits this program can bring to our students, and we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity by using Study Island. Please feel free to contact Study Island at 800-419-3191 or support@studyisland.com if you have any questions. If this is your child's first time to set up his or her account, please go to: www.studyisland.com, Enter your child's first initial dot last name @ MHS. Example for John Smith: J.Smith@MHS. Password: 1234 (will prompt you to change password). If your child has already set up an account, the password will be different. For further information, contact your teacher for assistance.

TEACHER NEWS...

WASHINGTON, DC. August, 2011 – Angela Caylor, a teacher at McEachern High School in Powder Springs, GA was one of 40 teachers nationwide chosen to participate in a food science workshop developed and implemented in a partnership between the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), and the Graduate School USA. The one-week workshop for middle and high school science teachers, as well as family and consumer science teachers, took place in Washington this summer. The workshop is part of the FDA/NSTA Professional Development Program in Food Science, a sustained effort that also features curriculum implementation, a follow-up conference, and participant-led workshops. The goal of the program is to educate teachers and students about critical food safety issues such as food-borne illnesses by exploring the science behind them. The program arms teachers with a unique new topic and curriculum with which to teach science. In addition, participants learn about nutrition, food allergies, cosmetics safety, and color additives from FDA experts and receive nutrition material to help teach their students how to use the Nutrition Facts Label to make better food choices.

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS...

Counselors – Serving 9th-12th grade

We have changed our alphabet:

A-C Pam Fowler (x230)

D-H Kristy Royer (x313) – while she is out on leave Andrea Brown is her supply. Andrea has lots of experience and we are very fortunate to have her guiding our students. She has a county e-mail address so you can contact her directly.

I-M Kei Ramsey-Colbert (x314)

N-R Greg Mosher (x312) – also Department Chair

S-Z Melissa Lynch (x234) – Mrs.Lynch's e-mail is still under Melissa Alexander

We look forward to working with you this year. I think we have a great team in the counseling department. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

PTSA NEWS...

WELCOME FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

As the new Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) co-presidents, we would like to welcome you and your family to McEachern High School PTSA. With the start of the school year we are extremely excited about our upcoming calendar of events and would like for you to become a part of great organization. PTSA is the largest children's advocacy organization and is dedicated to be an advocate for all children. The PTSA also supports the teachers, and the families of the community. The PTSA is an excellent source of information for what's going on and who to turn to for help and opportunities for parents to be involved in the school. We are relying on parents like you to make the PTSA run smoothly and make a positive impact on your child's school.

If you would like to join the PTSA, please visit the McEachern website or fill out a membership form and

send it along with a one-time \$7.00 dollar membership per person.

Benefits of joining the PTSA,

- students may be eligible for the PTSA scholarship awarded annually for eligible seniors
- communication link between parents and the school
- opportunities for parents to be involved in the school
- services for students
- establish friendships with MHS administrators, teachers, parents and students

We look forward to working with you, hearing your concerns and opinions to improve our children's education. Thanks and please feel free to contact any of the PTSA Board members with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dawn Archie and Wanda Morris

NEW OFFICERS

Co-Presidents-	Dawn Archie and Wanda Morris
Co-Vice Presidents-	Fay DiMassimo and Michele Rice
Secretary-	April Evans
Treasurer-	Cynthia Hall-Harris
Committee Members-	Karla Bush, Shelly Render, Deborah Salmon-Ford, Connie Holloway, and Janice Ritchey
Administrative Liaison-	Ashley Campoli

JOIN PTSA

We need you!! Join PTSA for just \$7 during Open House. You may also fill out the attached form and send it back to Russell Hall with your child. Each homeroom with 100% participation will receive a special treat!

VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer with PTSA this year please contact us at mceachernptsapres@gmail.com.

CLUBS & COMMUNITY NEWS...

GET INVOLVED

McEachern High Schools boasts many clubs. Studies show that when students are actively involved in clubs and organizations, they maintain higher grades and stay out of trouble. See the website for a complete list of clubs and club contacts.

SCA

SCA General Meeting in the Media Center at 7:45 or 3:45. Also, Back To School Bash August 26, at the Sports Complex from 5-8pm.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
08/20	North Gwinnett	Georgia Dome	TBA
09/02	Lowndes Co.	Lowndes Co.	8:00 PM
09/09	Marietta	McEachern	7:30 PM

09/16	Campbell (Homecoming)	McEachern	7:30 PM
09/23	OPEN		
09/30	South Cobb	South Cobb	7:30 PM
10/07	Hillgrove	McEachern	7:30 PM
10/14	Pebblebrook (Youth Night)	Pebblebrook	7:30 PM
10/21	North Cobb	McEachern	7:30 PM
10/28	Harrison	Harrison	7:30 PM
11/04	Kenn Mtn (Sr. Night)	McEachern	7:30 PM

Sub-Varsity Football Schedule 9th & JV Doubleheaders

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
09/01	Kenn Mtn	Kenn Mtn	5:30 PM
09/08	Harrison	McEachern	5:30 PM
09/15	North Cobb	North Cobb	5:30 PM
09/22	OPEN		
09/29	Campbell	Campbell	5:30 PM
10/06	Pebblebrook	McEachern	5:30 PM
10/13	Hillgrove	Hillgrove	5:30 PM
10/20	South Cobb	McEachern	5:30 PM

**9th grade game will start @ 5:30 PM and JV game will follow 15 minutes after the conclusion of the 9th grade contest.

Volleyball

Varsity @ Woodstock	August 16th	5:15, 6:15
Junior Varsity @ Marietta	August 17 th	5:15, 6:15
Varsity @North Paulding	August 18th	5:30, 6:30
Junior Varsity@ N. Paulding	August 22 nd	5:30, 6:30
Junior Varsity @ Allatoona	August 24 th	5:15, 6:15
Junior Varsity @ McEachern	August 29 th	5:30
Varsity @ Lakeside	August 30th	5:30, 6:30
Junior Varsity @ Pebblebrook	August 31 st	5:15, 6:15, 7:15
Varsity @ Douglas Co.	Sept. 6th	5:15, 6:15
Junior Varsity@ Woodstock	Sept. 6 th	5:15, 6:15
Junior Varsity @ Marietta	Sept. 7 th	5:15, 6:15
Varsity @ Sprayberry	Sept. 8th	5:30
Varsity @ ATPP	Sept. 10th	All Day
Varsity(Area Play)@ TBD	Sept. 13th	TBD
Junior Varsity @ McEachern	Sept. 14 th	5:15, 6:15
Junior Varsity @ ATPP	Sept. 17 th	All Day
Varsity @ TBD CCT	Sept. 23rd	TBD
Varsity@ TBD CCT	Sept. 24th	TBD
Varsity (Area Play)@TBD	Sept. 27th	TBD
Junior Varsity @ Lassiter	Sept. 28 th	TBD

Varsity @ McEachern	Sept. 29th	5:30
Junior Varsity @ Lassiter	Oct. 1 st	TBD
Varsity @ Kenn. Mtn	Oct. 4th	5:15, 6:15
Varsity(Area Tour.) @ Home	Oct. 6th	TBD
Varsity(Area Tour.) @ Home	Oct. 8th	TBD
Varsity 1st Round State	Oct.12th	TBD
Varsity 2nd Round	Oct. 19/20	TBD
Varsity Quarter Finals	Oct. 22nd	TBD
Varsity Semi Finals	Oct. 26th	TBD
State Finals	Oct. 29th	TBD

*Varsity in bold

Fastpitch Softball

Date	Day	Time	Opponent	Location/Score
11-Aug	Thu	5:30 PM	Hiram	Home-Scrimmage
12-Aug	Fri	4:00 PM	East Laurens	Away
12-Aug	Fri	6:00 PM	East Laurens	Away
16-Aug	Tue	5:45 PM	Woodstock	Home
18-Aug	Thu	5:55 PM	Wheeler	Home
23-Aug	Tue	5:55 PM	North Cobb*	Away
25-Aug	Thu	5:55 PM	Kennesaw Mountain*	Home
26-Aug	Fri	6:00 PM	Turner County	Cordele-Watermelon Invitational
27-Aug	Sat	8:30 AM	Crawford County	Cordele-Watermelon Invitational
27-Aug	Sat	10:30 AM	Starr's Mill	Cordele-Watermelon Invitational
30-Aug	Tue	5:55 PM	Campbell*	Home
1-Sep	Thu	5:55 PM	South Cobb*	Away
7-Sep	Wed	5:30 PM	East Paulding	Home
8-Sep	Thu	5:55 PM	Pebblebrook*	Home
12-Sep	Mon	5:30 PM	Douglas County	Away
13-Sep	Tue	5:55 PM	Harrison*	Away
15-Sep	Thu	5:55 PM	Hillgrove*	Away
21-Sep	Wed	TBA	TBA	Milton Tourney
23-Sep	Fri	TBA	TBA	Milton Tourney
24-Sep	Sat	TBA	TBA	Milton Tourney
28-Sep	Wed	TBA	TBA	1st Round-Region Tourney

* Region Game

Our participation in the Milton Tourney is not finalized yet.

** All athletic schedules are subject to change dates and/or times. **

GO INDIANS!

Please make mceachernmessenger@gmail.com "an acceptable email address." It is used to distribute the McEachern Messenger. The McEachern Messenger will also be posted on the www.mceachernhigh.org website each month. Send submissions by the 15th of each month to McEachernMessenger@gmail.com



McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL PTSA
Membership Form



_____ **Staff** _____ **Student*** _____ **Parent** _____ **Business**

*(*To be eligible for a PTSA Scholarship, Senior students must be a member by Dec. 31st)*

Member's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Advisement: _____

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Member's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Advisement: _____

Member's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Advisement: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home # _____ Cell/Work # _____

Email: _____

Available to Volunteer during school hours as needed: **Y** **N**

Number of Membership(s): _____ **x \$7.00 = \$** _____

Donation(s): _____ **x \$25.00 per student = \$** _____

(This donation helps to support the PTSA program, the suggested amount is \$25 per student.)

Make Checks Payable to: McEachern PTSA

**Return to: McEachern High School
Russell Hall: Attention PTSA
2400 New Macland Road
Powder Springs, GA 30127**

****All return checks are subject to a \$15.00 fee****