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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

October 31-Nov 4	GHS GT Re-test Week	December 1	Jr Ring Delivery
October 31-Nov 4	Benchmark Testing	December 3	SAT
November 1- Dec 6	Tues/Thur Bus Runs for Tutoring	December 6	Last Grad Orders
November 5	Jr Parent Breakfast, 8:30 am	December 7	Last Day to Reassess
November 8	Student Holiday/Teacher PL Day	December 10	ACT
November 9	Report Cards (mailed)	December 10	Shop With An Indian
November 21-25	Thanksgiving Break	December 12-16	EOCTs
November 30	Progress Reports	December 19- 22	Finals (block) / Midterms (trad.)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Can you believe we only have 7 weeks until the end of the semester? This is an important time to evaluate student's grade progress. Each student should have a plan in place and implement that plan to achieve the grades he or she would like to have by the end of the semester. It's not good enough to merely have a plan for better grades, you must *act* on that plan. EOCTs, finals for block classes, and mid-terms for year long classes are right around the corner! Now is the time to get prepared!!

ADMINISTRATORS

9th GRADE

A-K	Maxine Walker	x 288
L-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

SOCIAL MEDIA

Now you can follow the McEachern Messenger on Facebook and Twitter!! "Like" us at McEachern Messenger on Facebook, and "follow" us on Twitter at @MHS_Messenger.

MHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Go to www.meachernhigh.org and click on the Upcoming Events tab for a year-long calendar of events

Send submissions by the 15th of each month to McEachernMessenger@gmail.com

SCHOOL-WIDE REASSESSMENT POLICY

Reassessment is a second opportunity for a student to demonstrate that he/she understands the information (standards) that were taught; however, the student must engage in remediation or additional learning regarding the standards. All students will be allowed to reassess on any of the standards for the course provided the following conditions are met:

- o The student must attempt the original assessment.
- o The student must complete a reasonable amount of remediation as assigned by the teacher (e.g. complete test corrections). The remediation may be done at home or in tutorials.
- o The student must schedule the reassessment with the teacher for a time outside of class.
- o The reassessment grade will replace the original assessment grade.

All standards may be reassessed, but must be by the end of each semester cut-off date (fall/spring). Standards from fall semester will not be reassessed during spring semester.

The last date to reassess for fall semester is December 7th. The last date to reassess for spring semester is May 4th.

LEAVING CAMPUS POLICY

Any student who leaves campus without properly checking out will receive disciplinary action and may lose his/her parking permit and driving privileges for at least 45 school days. *McEachern High School is a closed campus. Students must stay on the school grounds from the time they arrive, even if school has not started, until dismissal.* Any student leaving the school grounds must check out through the attendance office. Students may not go to the parking lot without prior written permission. This included during lunch time.

Discipline Actions:

Truancy/Leaving Campus without Permission

Parent notification and 2 days ISS.

Failure to Follow Check in/Check Out Procedures

Loss of parking privilege minimum 45 days for student drivers

1st - Saturday School

2nd - Saturday School

3rd – ISS

BUS NOTE POLICY

We have a new bus pass with the following procedures:

1. The student will get the bus pass from their bus driver.
2. The student will take the form home and have their parent/guardian fill it out.
3. The student will then bring the pass to their administrator's office for approval first thing in the morning.

Forms can be printed from http://www.mceachernhigh.org/School_Info.html

TUTORIALS

Tutorials will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 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. The parking decals are \$50 per semes-

ter and are sold in the Macland Office after school. See the McEachern website for all parking rules, regulations, and forms needed to apply.

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.

NEED TO PREPARE FOR THE EOCT OR GHSGT?

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.

GOVERNOR'S HONORS PROGRAM

The Governor's Honors Program is a four-week summer instructional program designed to provide intellectually gifted and artistically talented high school students challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year. Activities are designed to provide each participant with opportunities to acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes to become independent, life-long learners. (Exact dates to be announced in early September.) Students who are accepted to the program live on the campus of Valdosta State University. Following a full academic day, the students are offered enrichment activities until they retire for the evening. In addition to a major area of study, students choose a minor area of study upon arrival to the program. Minor areas of study are offered in all major areas of study with additional options. Students are offered a variety of activities while in the program and have many opportunities for socializing with other program participants in both structured and unstructured settings.

Interested students must currently be in the 10th or 11th grade. Applicants should be highly creative, original thinkers with a strong cumulative GPA (as well as a strong GPA in the area of nomination). Students should demonstrate an intense interest in the subject area and be able to articulate and speak fluently in an interview setting. Native speakers are not eligible to be nominated in foreign language. Applications are available through any honors or AP Teacher. Further information can be found on the [GHP Blog](#).

GHP NOMINATION AREAS

Academics: Biology, Chemistry, Communicative Arts, French, German, Mathematics, Physics,

Social Studies, Spanish

Fine Arts: Dance, Music, Theater, Visual Arts

Technology/Career Education: Commercial & Industrial Design, Executive Business Management, Technology

IMPORTANT GHP DATES

Thursday, November 3 or 10 County Interviews @ Sprayberry or Pebblebrook
Saturday in January/February State Interviews in Hampton and at Pebblebrook

COLLEGE READINESS...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

National College Fair @ Georgia World Congress Center on Sunday, February 12th

QUEST College Fair @ McEachern on Tuesday, March 6th

AP Testing May 7th - 18th (\$15 registration fee per student; \$87 per test; due March 16th)

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA RHSC (Required High School Curriculum)

- 4 units of mathematics
- 4 units of English
- 4 units of science
- 3 units of social science, including a world studies.
- 2 units in the same foreign language

Students must have a 2.00 high school GPA calculated on the grades in the required 17 units of the RHSC.

The Freshman Index is used to determine eligibility. The formula for calculating the FI is:

$500 \times (\text{HSRC GPA}) + \text{SAT Verbal/Critical Reading} + \text{SAT Math}$

$500 \times (\text{HSRC GPA}) + (\text{ACT Composite} \times 42) + 88$

Research Universities require a FI greater than or equal to 2500; Regional Universities 2040; State Universities 1940; and State Colleges 1830.

SAT & ACT DATES

SAT– Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 28, Mar 10, May 5, June 2

ACT– Dec 10, Feb 11, Apr 14, June 9

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS...

Counselors – Serving 9th-12th grade

A-C Pam Fowler (x230)

D-H Kristy Royer (x313)

I-M Andrea Brown (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. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

JUNIOR ADVISEMENT

Picking your classes for your Senior Year!

When: November 7-18th during the school day

Where: BT Counseling office and College and Career Center

How do I sign up?

Beginning on Monday October 31st, students may log on to their McEachern account on the McEachern website (www.mceachernhigh.org) and pick a date and time to meet with their counselors. Students will need their student ID to log-in to the site. Parents are invited but not required to attend. Directions will be mailed home with the Junior Parent Breakfast information.

ATTENDANCE NEWS...

EARLY DISMISSAL

If you are planning to check your student out of school early, please send an early dismissal note to school with your student. Your student will give the note to his/her first block teacher. The teacher will write your student a pass to come to the Attendance Office at the time you stated on the early dismissal note. Parents will not need to come to the Attendance Office to check out his/her student if the student has turned in an early dismissal note.

PTSA NEWS...

OFFICERS

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

CHICK-FIL-A BREAKFAST

Calling all advisement homerooms!! Have a Chick-fil-A biscuit breakfast for your next advisement courtesy of PTSA when your whole advisement homeroom and teacher join PTSA. We will provide breakfast for your next advisement! PTSA membership is just \$7.00!! Membership forms are available in Russell Hall!! Place completed membership forms, dues collection, and attendance roster in PTSA mailbox in Russell Hall.

Contact Michele Rice, Co-Vice President at mceachernptsapres@gmail.com for more info!!

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Come join us on Monday, November 7th for a night of food and fun with friends and family at Applebee's in Hiram at 5149 Jimmy Lee Smith Parkway during our PTSA Dining to Donate Fundraiser. Proceeds will go to the PTSA Scholarship Fund. Just print out the attached invitations (please share with family and friends) and bring to Applebee's!! Come early....stay late....there's no school on Tuesday!! See you there!!

VOLUNTEERS

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

CLUBS & COMMUNITY NEWS...

DECA- THE MARKETING & ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Janice Ritchey, Marketing Education

DECA is a national organization that promotes the development of leadership, teamwork, career, and business skills through student run activities, a coffee shop, community service, and competitions. To learn more about DECA, please go to www.deca.org or to the Georgia DECA site: www.gadeca.org

BECCA’S CLOSET – COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Advisor: Ms. Janice Ritchey, Marketing Education

An organization that provides girls in need with formal wear for school related occasions. As a school group, our mission is to promote the organization, collect donations, and to serve as personal shoppers for girls who have made appointments. Job skills, community service, leadership, and teamwork skills are a benefit of joining this organization. For more information about Becca’s closet go to: <http://www.beccascloset.org>

HOSA

McEachern HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Club is on their way to success. HOSA's last meeting discussed that on October 7th their t-shirt designs and colors will be chosen and announced at their next meeting on October 27th. HOSA is also beginning to prepare for their Fall Leadership Conference that will occur November 10th through the 11th. During this conference some competitive events are "Junior HOSA Recruitment Poster, Chapter Membership Recruitment Display, Chapter T-shirt Contest and State Pin Contest". Each contest has their own rules and ways to prepare. MHS HOSA students will begin preparing sessions where HOSA students are given time to prepare and study the event they are running for. HOSA also recognized Breast Cancer Awareness Month during the month of October and were selling breast cancer ribbons to the student body. The money from the ribbons goes directly to the American Cancer Society. Also, National HOSA week starts November 14th to the 18th! MHS HOSA is extremely excited about this year and the goals their members will achieve.

SHOP WITH AN INDIAN – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th

Shop with an Indian is a community outreach program organized by the McEachern Beta Club. Teams of three McEachern students work to raise money to sponsor students from the elementary schools in our feeder program. Sponsorship of a student includes a shirt, breakfast, lunch, transportation, gift wrap, crafts and a treat bag for every shopper. Each shopper will also receive \$100 to spend at Walmart with their assigned team of high school shoppers. Our goal this year is to provide at least 75 elementary school students the opportunity to participate in the program.

Any MHS student may participate in the program (as long as there are no discipline referrals). Registration is \$15 per high school participant (students and faculty/staff). This will include the event shirt and meals. Each team must then raise \$130 (in 2 – 3 person teams). This will cover the \$100 gift card, transportation, shirt for the child, breakfast/ lunch for the child, and the Santa gift for the child. Indians will arrive at 7:30am and the elementary students at 8:30am. Check-out for elementary students will end at 1:30 and Indians will finish at 2 pm after completing paperwork and clean-up.

Team Fundraising Deadline (\$130 per team): November 29th

Donations (made payable to McEachern High School) can be sent to the attention of MHS Beta at McEachern High School, 2400 New Macland Road, P.S., GA 30127. Team applications will be available outside Macland 114 beginning September 1st. Questions about the program can be directed to barbara.beyke@cobbk12.org.

HONORS AND AWARDS...

TRIBAL TIMES

The Tribal Times of McEachern High School has brought home three coveted Gold Circle Awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) of Columbia University, the country’s leading journalism graduate school. The CSPA sponsors an array of awards to recognize scholastic journalism across the country. With

as many as 11,000 entries for over 70 categories in newspaper writing and design, *The Tribal Times* earned three awards for advertising design. For the first time in MHS history, and since *The Tribal Times* was first published in 2005, the team won a first place for design of a single advertisement. With the guidance of the team's adviser, English teacher Lynlee Doar, the 2010-2011 staff also garnered a third place and Creative Mention award for page layouts of advertisements. The team has no intention of slowing down and hopes to earn more accolades as they look to a solid future of scholastic journalism at McEachern.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION...

HEARING AND VISION

Deborah Ford & Karla Bush

PTSA

Karla Bush, Deborah Ford, Shelly Render, Joyce Jones, Dennis Brown, & Mecie Morris

ATHLETIC NEWS...

WRESTLING

Practice Begins October 31st at 4:00 PM

Wrestling (Varsity & JV) @ Allatoona HS for Blackbear Duals November 18 (5PM) & November 19 (9AM)

Wrestling (Varsity) @ Hillgrove HS for Hawk Duals November 22 (9AM)

Wrestling (Varsity & JV) @ North Cobb HS (5 PM)

Any wrestlers grades K-8 practice begins November 8 @ 6:30 in the wrestling room.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the following Lady Indians basketball players who have verbally committed to colleges:

Dominique Wilson - Univ. of Arkansas

Pachiyaanna Roberts - Syracuse

Destinie Gibbs - Ole Miss.

Kayla Montgomery - Clemson

Mia Cooper - Univ. of South Carolina

Te'a Cooper - Univ. of North Carolina (Tarheels)

JV FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the JV football team on beating South Cobb 39-6 and also winning the Region 4 5A JV Championship. The team had touchdowns by Ty Clemmons with 2, and one each by Artise Clark, Freddie Brown, Jerry Cadley, and Trey Scott. The Defense was led by 5 caused fumbles by Rasheed Garmon Darius Thompson, Henry Fameruwa, Jalen White and Jerry Nwankwa. This season the Indians outscored their opponents 268 points to 19. What an awesome accomplishment!! Congratulations guys!

BOYS CROSS COUNTY

Congratulations to the 2011 Varsity Boys Cross Country runners. This is the first year since 2005, that the team has come close to making it to the State level. The team has worked hard, and run consistently well all season long, but were bumped out of their 4th place region spot at the last minute. The chiefs of our squad are Cory Nicholls, Emmanuel Juarez, Brandon Davis, Joseph LeBlanc, Joel Bell and Jorge Gamboa. Cory Nicholls placed 6th in Region and will move on to compete in the State Meet on November 5th in Carrollton.

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

GO INDIANS!

*Please make mceachernmessenger@gmail.com and icontact.com as "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.
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cordially invites you to

Dining to Donate
Monday, November 7, 2011
11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

located at 5149 Jimmy Lee Smith Parkway, Hiram, GA 30141.
15% of invitation holder's food and beverage purchases,
excluding tax and gratuity, will be donated toward the
McEachern PTSA Scholarship Fund.

For questions concerning this event, please contact
Michele Rice at 917-572-9241 or mceachernptsapres@gmail.com.

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