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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 1	SAT	October 17-21	Bus Driver Appreciation Week
October 6	Advisement	October 18	Graduation Order (Make up)
October 7	Faculty Family Night, 5pm	October 22	ACT
October 7	Beat Hillgrove Game!!	October 24-28	Red Ribbon Week
October 10-14	Mid-term Week (Block Classes)	October 31-Nov 4	GHS GT Re-test Week
October 12	PSAT	November 5	Jr Parent Breakfast, 8:30 am
October 12	Progress Reports	November 8	Student Holiday/Teacher PL Day
October 17-21	Hearing & Vision Week	November 8	Report Cards

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents– You should have received your child’s report card last week. Please be sure to remain in contact with your child’s teacher regarding his or her grades. It is important that you are keeping up with their progress frequently on Pinnacle.

As the weather cools off, our #1 in the state ranked football team is heating up!! Make sure to come out and support the team as we play Hillgrove on October 7th!

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

HEARING & VISION

Hearing and Vision testing for the sophomore class: Oct. 17-21; Please make sure students wear eyeglasses or contact lenses.

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.

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

MHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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 semester 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.

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.

- 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– Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 28, Mar 10, May 5, June 2

ACT– Oct 22, 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. I think we have a great team in the counseling department. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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 students has turned in an early dismissal note.

PTSA NEWS...

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. Fill out your membership form and bring it to Russell Hall. Each home-room 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.

2011-2012 CLUBS & SPONSORS

African Club –	Ms. Ogbuagu , Ms. Bolton
Anime Club –	Ms. Brown
Avid Club –	Ms. Beyke
Beta Club –	Ms. Beyke
Becca’s Closet –	Ms. Ritchey
Debate Team –	Ms. Holloway
DECA Club –	Ms. Ritchey
Elite Ladies Society –	Ms. Cicco
FBLA –	Mr. Blackmore
FCA –	Mr. Lewis
FCCLA –	Mr. Patrick
First Robotics Team –	Mr. Eubanks
French Club –	Ms. Kimble
French Honor Society –	Ms. Kimble
Gay -Straight Alliance –	Ms. Thomas
German Club –	Ms. Hedrick
German Honor Society –	Ms. Hedrick
History Club –	Mr. Cottingham
HOSA –	Ms. Null and Ms. Bowden
Literary Magazine –	Ms. Thomas
McEachern Design Team –	Ms. Smith
MHS Elite –	Ms. Bowden
Reading Team –	Ms. Inman
Rock Climbing –	Ms. Thomas
Science Club –	Ms. Davis
Student Council –	Ms. Caylor
SADD –	Ms. Beck

DECA- THE MARKETING & ENTREPRENURSHIP 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's HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Club is off to a great start! At the conclusion of last year, advisors Mrs. Bowden and Mrs. Null, created a process that targeted motivated students to run for leadership positions in MHS HOSA. This process included; two teacher recommendations, a resume, parent permission form, and an interview in front of a panel. Mrs. Bowden and Mrs. Null choose this process in order to ensure students who took the opportunity seriously had the opportunity to fill the positions. This process also exposed the students to a real world interviewing experience. Many students put forth a great effort but few were selected. "We are very excited about the new officers. They all have presented the skills necessary to have a successful year." stated Mrs. Bowden. MHS HOSA officers hit the ground running this year with aggressive informational meetings. Meetings were held twice a day for two days to inform students about HOSA and to introduce the new officers. MHS HOSA is expected to increase their membership, community involvement and volunteer opportunities this year. HOSA officers are very optimistic and enthusiastic about HOSA happenings this year.

If you would like to join HOSA, please see Mrs. Bowden in BT100 or Mrs. Null in CT107. The next HOSA meeting will be held on Sep. 29th at 7:45AM and 3:45PM in CT 103

HOSA Officers: Secretary Camille Miller, Treasurer Jessi Jordan, Historian Zina George-Buscho, Historian Rachael Yalew, Vice President Angela Ewgu, Chair Person Brianna McClain, President Allison Mgbeke. Co-Chair Person Luis Perez and Public Relations and Affairs Person Andrenise Jackson.

If you would like to support MHS HOSA Club, please contact Mrs. Bowden at Anquia.Bowden@cobbk12.org or Mrs. Null at Sandra.Null@cobbk12.org

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 Registration Deadline (\$15 per member): October 7th

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.

FROM OUR STUDENT BODY...

McEachern High School's Student Council sponsored a spirit week from September 12th – September 17th for

Homecoming. Indians showed our spirit by participating in patriot day, twin day, college/sports day, pajama day, and super spirit day.

On Monday, we had patriot day. Patriot day was in remembrance of the 9/11 tragedy. We called the fire department to help the students understand the effects of 9/11. Our campus was covered in red, white, and blue. We even had a big inflatable Patriot Man! We put aside our problems we had that day, and remembered the lives that were lost.

On Tuesday, we made Campbell see double. Twin day was a way of expressing our creativity with our friends. Our campus was covered in twins, triplets, and even quadruplets!

On Wednesday, we supported our college/sports teams! We had a wide variety of sportswear. Many schools were represented and honored. Students defended their favorite teams. Every student who represented a school made sure that everybody was aware that their team was the best.

On Thursday, we put Campbell to sleep. Pajama day was a chance for all the students to relax. Our campus was asleep, but on Friday we were AWAKE!

Friday, we showed Campbell who's boss! It was spirit day. The entire school was covered in blue and gold. We started our day with "pre" pep rally and ended our day with a "grand" pep rally. We had many Indians parading the campus.

It was Friday night, the time began to tick. Before we knew it, the game ended with a score of 55 to 0. We won! Everybody was really looking forward to Saturday night.

The homecoming dance was a night in New York. Once you entered the subway, you didn't want to leave. It was a great night for everyone who came. Our McEachern pride was shown through spirit week and ended with a victory over Campbell High School. Nobody can take away our Indian Pride! Go Indians!

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...

FOOTBALL

Congratulations to our Indian Varsity Football Team for being ranked #1 in the state with a record of 4-0!!!

9th Grade Team record: 2-1

JV Team record: 3-0

FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

6-10 overall record

2-5 in the region

CHEERLEADING

Varsity Competition Cheerleaders won 1st place at the Coosa Cheer Classic and also won the Grand Champion trophy for the highest score of the entire competition on September 10th.

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

GO INDIANS!

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