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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

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	GHSJWT
September 8	Advisement	September 29	Report Cards
September 8	Parent Night– Grad. Items, 4-7pm	October 6	Advisement
September 10	Sr. Breakfast, 9 am	October 10-14	Mid-term Week (Block Classes)
September 10	ACT	October 12	PSAT
September 12-16	GHSWT (Srs and re-tests)	October 12	Progress Reports

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are off to a great 2011-2012 school year!! Our teachers are working hard to ensure your children are learning to their maximum potential. Make sure early in the year you are checking your child's attendance and grades via Pinnacle online. Contact their teacher if you have any questions.

ADMINISTRATORS

9TH GRADE (Revised)

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

10th-12th GRADE

A-B	Paul Gillihan	x 227
C-G	Krystal Wattlely	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 McEachernMessenger 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

HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK

Monday– Patriot Day: Wear your red, white & blue & make us proud!

Tuesday– Twin Day: Let’s make the Spartans see double!

Wednesday– College/Sports Day: Send Campbell back to school!

Thursday– Pajama Day: Put that other team to sleep!

Friday– Super Indian Spirit Day: Wear your Blue & Gold!!!!

TUTORIALS

Tutorials will begin September 1st and continue 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 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

Wednesday, Sept 14	GHP Departmental Applications Due by 3:45pm
September 26—29	School Interviews
Friday, October 14	Final Applications & Teacher Recommendations DUE
Wednesday, October 26	MANDATORY Interview Skills Session
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

Probe College Fair @ Town Center on September 15th from 6 – 9pm

Probe College Fair @ Marietta High School on September 28th from 6:30 – 8:30

SAT registration deadline is September 9th to take the October 1st test (\$49)
9th PSAT October 12th (all sophomores, select juniors, limited open seats for \$13)
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– Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 28, Mar 10, May 5, June 2

ACT– Sept 10, Oct 22, Dec 10, Feb 11, Apr 14, June 9

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...

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. You may 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.

“ A RAISIN IN THE SUN” BACKSTAGE PASS

Our first show of the season is the classic "A Raisin in the Sun" by Lorraine Hansberry. That this Award-Winning play (Best Play 1959 NY Drama Critic's Circle) has recently been revived on Broadway and on film is a testament to its enduring themes and to its craftsmanship. It is still riveting to witness the Younger family struggle with themselves and with the world they have inherited. The moment when Walter has to stand up and be held accountable to his family, and to his heritage, in the eyes of his son still brings goose bumps to this day. It is interesting to wonder about all the choices we make that would change if they were made in front of our children.

Admission is free, so bring friends and family for an evening at the theater that promises to stir your soul. Curtain is a 7pm each night, September 22-24 in the Alton Keith PAC on the lovely campus of McEachern High School.

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. Officer elections will be held the first week of September. Students will create a marketing campaign including a commercial to be shown for student voting. The first officer meeting will be held September 13th at 3:30. Officer training will be held on Saturday September 24th from 12 – 4pm. The first General Membership meeting will be September 27th (the last Tuesday of the month). 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. Our first Meeting will be September 29th. For more information about Becca’s closet go to: <http://www.beccascloset.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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5th

Appointments: 8:30am – 1:15 pm

Age: Donors must be 17 years old to donate without consent; 16 year old donors will be accepted with a parent permission form available in Macland 114.

Sign up: Through your student account on the MHS website

Deadline: September 28th

Coordinator: Barbara Beyke, barbara.beyke@cobbk12.org

New height/weight requirements!!

FEMALES...if you are...	4'10"	4'11"	5'	5'1"	5'2"	5'3"	5'4"	5'5"	5'6"or taller
You must weigh at least...	146	141	138	133	129	124	118	115	110

MALES...if you are...	4'10"	4'11"	5' or taller
You must weigh at least...	120	115	110

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...

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