

McEachern PTSA Newsletter

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Please forward this on to anyone interested in McEachern News. To sign up, please go to the school website, then click on "sign up for PTSA mail" at the top of the main page or go to <http://mceachern.ptsamail.com/>. It's free and a great way to stay informed!

Upcoming Events

PTSA Meeting and Open House

Monday, September 10, 2007 at 6:00 pm

Welcome Parents

Welcome to another year at McEachern. The PTSA is striving to make this a wonderful year. We have many activities planned for parents to get involved with their students. We would like to welcome Ms. Constantino as the new Principal here at McEachern. She is an asset to our community.

Don't forget to sign up for PTSA. We will be sending home envelopes with forms so that you can sign up for PTSA and order senior t-shirts and homecoming t-shirt. We are trying to reach 100% membership this year so please help us reach our goal.

If you have a senior, make sure they have a membership in order to be eligible for the PTSA scholarship. Last year we gave out \$4,000 in scholarships.

Senior Parent T-shirts 2008

Show your Parent pride and your Indian pride by purchasing a "McEachern Senior Parent 2008" T-shirt. Order information is found on the Homecoming T-shirt form (see below).

Homecoming 2006 Shirts

Have you seen this year's version of our Homecoming Shirts? For those of you who came to Freshman Parent Orientation, a limited number were available those nights and the shirt is a "must have" for any Indian's wardrobe. Order forms were sent home with the first day folders, and additional forms can be picked up in any administrative office on campus or download one from the McEachern website. Show your spirit and order yours today!

Calendar of Events

Here are some dates for upcoming events:

9/3/07 - No School
9/10/07 - PTSA Meeting & Open House
9/15/07 - Senior Parent Breakfast
9/17-21/07 - Senior Week
9/19/07 - Early Release
9/24/07 - Reflections 2007-2008 Packets Available
9/28/07 - Report Cards
10/17/07 - Early Release
10/23-27/07 - Red Ribbon Week
10/26/07 - Homecoming Game
vs. South Cobb
10/27/07 - Homecoming Dance
10/29/07 - Reflection Entries Due
11/5-6/07 - Teacher Workdays
11/12/07 - Report Cards
11/21-23/07 - Thanksgiving Holiday
12/18-21/07 - 1st Semester Exams

Shop and Earn

Whenever you shop at Kroger, Publix or Target, you can earn money for McEachern's PTSA. Kroger has its Earning plus Learning program. To participate, take the attached letter to your nearest Kroger and start shopping! If you prefer **Publix**, please use the attached card. If you use a **Target** Visa card, the earnings add up fast! We appreciate your support of these sponsors!

PTSA Meeting and Open House Monday September 10, 2007

There will be a PTSA general meeting held at 6:00pm in the Dining Hall, and



Open House will begin in your student's advisement class at

6:30pm. Come early, get a good parking space and let your voice be heard at the PTSA meeting. At that time, approval of the budget for this school year will take place, plus **we are looking for volunteers to help out in the following areas:**

Hearing and Vision, Quest College Fair, Reflections, and Baccalaureate Reception.

I-Parent

This program is an integral part of our student information system, SchoolMax. By joining this program, you will have instant, online access to your child's attendance, tardies, and discipline. You will also have access to grading data for each class in which your child is enrolled, with assignments updated on a regular basis. Just go by the Freshman Center to sign up.

Reflections 2007 Theme: "I Can Make a Difference by..."

Reflections, a program sponsored by the National PTA to promote the importance of arts in education, is once again an integral part of our PTSA's plans here at McEachern.

Entries in the areas of literature, music composition, photography, visual arts, Dance Choreography, and Film/Video production are judged by local artists, and

McEachern Parents (MP)s

We are looking for volunteers to come out and help around the school. You can work in the office, media center, and more. Make sure to look for more information on our McEachern Parents (MP) Team.

Why Join PTSA??

Today, more than ever, schools are challenged to provide every child with the best education despite growing limitations. Budgets are tight—in most cases, shrinking—while government requirements are growing. The Number One reason to join PTA is to benefit your child. In doing so, you'll also help your school. Here are five reasons you shouldn't let the school year go by without becoming a member.

1. **Get connected.** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school than by joining PTSA.
2. **Discover great resources.** The National PTA website is <http://www.pta.org/>.
3. **Watch yourself grow.** By volunteering with our PTSA, you put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause—your child and all children in the community.
4. **Witness improvement.** By getting involved, you'll be part of the solution.
5. **Be a role model.** As a PTSA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education, and you'll be teaching them about giving back to the community.

winning entries go on to be judged at the South Cobb Council level and perhaps at the state PTA level.

Entry forms will be distributed to the staff and additional information and forms can be found on the Georgia PTA website: www.georgiaptap.org Forms will also be available in Russell Hall in mid-September. Deadline for entries is **October 29, 2007**.