



McEachern Messenger

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

IMPORTANT DATES

December 3—Chamber Orchestra Concert (PAC) at 7 pm
December 6—Basketball at Home
December 10—Basketball at Home
December 12—Choral Concert @ McEachern United Methodist Church at 7 pm
December 16—Basketball at Home
December 21—Wrestling at Home
December 23 through January 6—Student Holidays
January 7—First Day of 2nd Semester



FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

Our administrative team is here to assist McEachern students. We serve all grade levels by last name designation:

A-B	Mr. Gillihan	Ext. 227
C-F	Mr. Lockhart	Ext. 225
G-J	Mr. Ford	Ext. 280
K-N	Mrs. Osborne	Ext. 228
O-R	Mrs. Wattlely	Ext. 273
S-Z	Mr. Bishop	Ext. 309

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

PARENTVUE (NEW GRADEBOOK)

ParentVue 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 access after Open House on August 22nd with valid ID. Here is a guide for parents to use once they receive their school activation code on the 22nd: <http://synergysupport.cobbk12.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=I8dm%2fHpMTA4%3d&tabid=161&mid=530>

MHS STUDENT WEBSITE FEATURE

Have you noticed that our teachers are blogging? Log on to the MHS Website. If you already have an account, enter your student ID and the password you created. Once in, you'll find directions to add each of your teacher's blog pages, athletics page, or club pages. If you do not have an account, simply click "register". Enjoy the ease of having all of your teacher's blogs in one spot!!

TUTORIALS

Tutorials are 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. See the McEachern website for all parking rules, regulations, and forms needed to apply. There is an additional form and be sure to note the new regulations regarding unpaid fines and towing.

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!

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 8:25 am 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 two days of OSS.

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

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.

GOVERNOR'S HONORS PROGRAM...

Congratulations to the following students who will advance to the state interviews for GHP in January and February:

Kamperman	Kevin	McEachern High	Technology
Johnson	Dakota	McEachern High	Technology
Anderson	Kaytlan	McEachern High	Technology
Carmona-Almonte	Jose	McEachern High	Music/Percussion
Barnes	Andre	McEachern High	Music/Strings (Violin)
Edwards	Nassar	McEachern High	Music/Strings (Violin)
Saif	Aisha	McEachern High	Music/Strings (Violin)
Pierre-Paul	Natalia	McEachern High	Theatre Performance
Escoto	Dairys	McEachern High	Visual Arts

DRAMA NEWS...

In November the McEachern Theatre Department presented an adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's, *The Jungle Book*. A great time was had by all!



CTAE NEWS...

GEORGIA MARKETING EDUCATOR'S NOMINATE COACH JACOBSON!

Georgia Marketing Educator's Association has nominated Coach Bryan Jacobson for teacher of the month of October. Way to go Coach Jacobson!

MCEACHERN ROBOTICS CLUB STARTS ITS' SEASON STRONG!

McEachern's Robotic Team had its first meeting on November 7th. Our mentors from Lockheed and general electric were there to show their support for the team and this year's event. Team #3265 had 48 students register on the opening day. On Jan 4th the team will be given its challenge at Georgia Tech. Team members should turn in dues to Mr. Blakemore as soon as possible. Last year's robot completed all challenges and we hope to build on the team's success. Check out the team on TV:

<http://www.11alive.com/video/2479622297001/1/McEachern-HS-Robotics-club>



PTSA NEWS...

JOIN US

Please join the PTSA for just \$7.00 per person. As our way of saying "Thank You", each PTSA Member will receive a McEachern Indians Stadium Cup and Chick-fil-A coupon. Add a \$20.00 Donation to your membership and you will automatically be entered into our Spring Raffle for a chance to win a 32" Samsung LED TV!! Membership Forms can be found on the PTSA webpage under the 'Activities' section on the McEachern High School website at www.mceachernhigh.org.

ATTENTION MHS CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS.....

When your Club or Organization joins PTSA, we will provide Pizza for an upcoming meeting. The entire Club Roster must join PTSA to be eligible. Submit your Club Roster plus a copy of each student's membership card for verification to the PTSA mailbox in Russell Hall.

PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

Congratulations to seniors Rebecca Cupp, Savoy Boddie, Kaizon Simmons, Kemi Mobolade, Patrick Leonardo, and Adriana Vazquez and juniors Dana Herens, John St. Lewis, Kyleel Goings, Bunmi Fashina, and Abigail Caldwell on their participation in the 2013-2014 PTA Reflections Program, which recognizes and celebrates the Arts. Pieces submitted by Savoy, Kaizon, Patrick, Adriana, John, Kyleel, Bunmi, and Abigail were displayed at the Mable House Arts Center on Nov. 17th, where they were judged at the Council level. Savoy's work placed 1st in 12th Grade Literature and Visual Arts. Patrick's and Adriana's work placed 1st and 2nd in 12th Grade Photography. Abigail's and Bunmi's work placed 1st and 2nd in 11th Grade Photography. Their work will be judged at the State level this month. We wish them continued success!!

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

We are proud to announce that we collected 1,069 cans for our Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Center for Family Resources, which provides Thanksgiving meals to Cobb County families in need. Thanks to everyone who brought in cans and donated their change on Chick-fil-A Fridays!!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS....

Watch for our monthly 'Volunteer Opportunities' email. Any amount of time you can contribute (even just an hour) is so appreciated!! Please send your email address to www.mceachernptsapres@gmail.com to be added to our distribution list.

PTSA BOARD MEETINGS

PTSA Board Meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. in Russell Hall on the following dates: 12/17, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/15. Parents, teachers and students are invited to attend. We welcome your input!!

SEEKING COMMITTEE/STUDENT CHAIRS

The PTSA Board is seeking parents and students to serve on the Board as chairs and student chairs for the following committees: Family Engagement, Youth Services, Communications, Scholarship, Health and Wellness, Education Enrichment, and Membership. If you are not able to serve as a committee chair, please consider serving as a committee member. Please send an email to www.mceachernptsapres@gmail.com indicating your interest.



CHICKEN BISCUITS ARE ON SALE FOR \$2.50 EVERY FRIDAY FROM 7:30 - 8:15 (weather permitting). Proceeds to benefit the McEachern High School PTSA Scholarship Fund and other PTSA programs.

Thank you in advance for your membership and support of your McEachern High School PTSA!!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Michele Rice
Vice President	Angela Townsend
Treasurer	Joyce Jones
Secretary	Charisse Jones
Family Engagement	Krystal Wattley
Community Engagement	Cathy Brown
Principal	Regina Montgomery
Administrative Liaison	Krystal Wattley

FINE ARTS NEWS...

The McEachern High School Chorus will present its Winter Concert on Thursday, December 12th at McEachern United Methodist Church. Also featured will be the Tapp Middle School 8th Grade Chorus. The concert will include songs in Latin, Spanish, Hebrew, and English. There will be a few old, familiar songs such as "Carol of the Bells" and "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" and some newer selections as well. The concert starts at 7pm. The McEachern and Tapp Choruses are directed by Brad Meyer and Kendrick Kirkland.

Saturday, November 16th the McEachern High School Tri-M chapter traveled to the Woodruff Arts Center. We had the honor to hear Gil Shaham perform the Bartok Violin Concerto and the ASO Chorus, Gwinnett Young Singers and the ASO perform Orff's famous Carmina Burana. It was an amazing concert with amazing students!



Want to receive an email when the new McEachern Messenger is published each month?

- * Go to the McEachern HS Website — <http://www.mceachernhigh.org>
 - * Click on “resources” on the top right
 - * Click on “subscribe to Messenger”
- * Complete the subscription request information form



PTSA CANNED FOOD COMPETITION

Overall collection competition:

1st Place - Clerical (90)

2nd Place – Suling Beck's Classes (69)

3rd Place – Alpha Dwyer’s Classes (66): 2nd period- (54); 4th period- (12)

Honorable Mention: Katherine Daniel’s Classes (30) : 1st period-(22); 2nd period-(4); 4th period-(4)

Overall bragging rights go to the clerical staff for collecting the most cans!



Collection competition by classes:

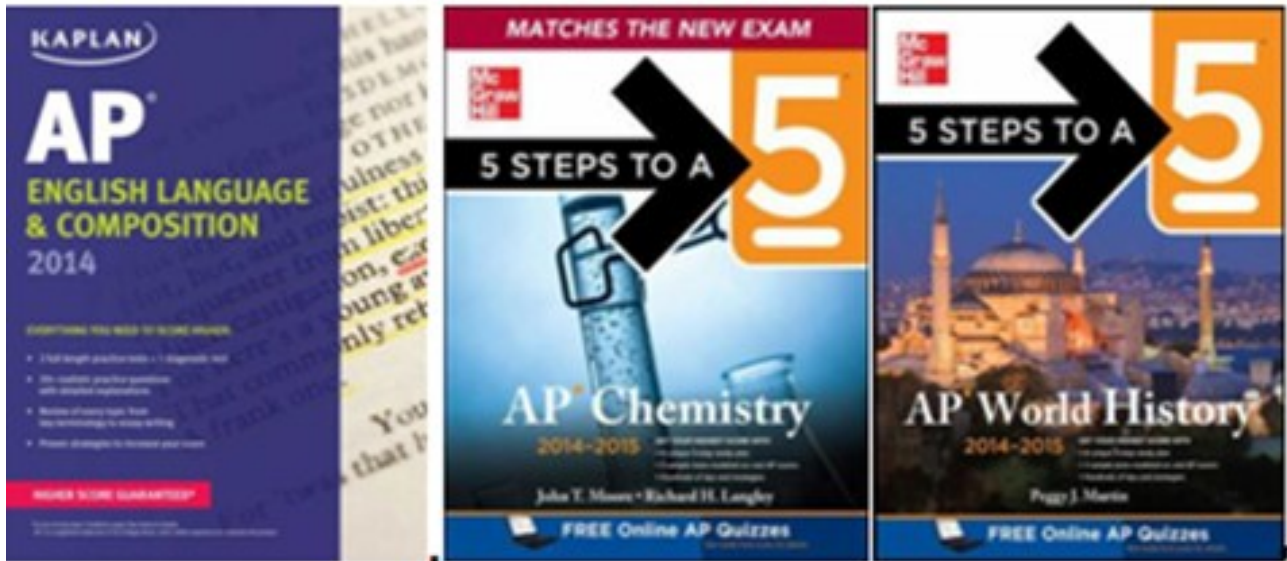
1st Place – Ms. Dwyer’s 2nd block class (54)

The Science department has bragging rights for having the class that collected the most cans!

Media Center Minute

It's not too early to start studying for AP Exams!

We have the latest study guides and more coming.



SPORTING NEWS...

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS MAKE US PROUD!

The Varsity Competition Cheerleaders competed in the State Competition on Friday, Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 16. The ladies did an amazing job and finished 12th in the state out of all AAAAAA teams. This marks the 3rd year in a row the team made it to the final round of State Competition.



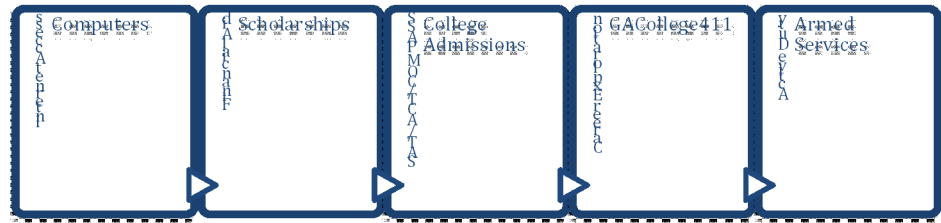
LADY INDIANS NAMED TO ALL-REGION TEAM!

Softball Indians receiving post-season honors on the All-Region Team include Khayla Green, Dymond McMillan, and Mikayla Virden on the 2nd Team. Abigail Cherry and Ryan Hawkins were both named as Honorable Mention.



COUNSELING NEWS...

MHS Career Center



A counselor will be available in the Business Technology Career Center every Monday (*unless otherwise noted) from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM to help parents and students after normal school hours. Parents and students visiting the Career Center will have access to the computers, the internet, scholarship information, college applications, SAT and ACT information, career resources, military resources, and other reference materials.

EXTENDED HOURS

Day	Date	Counselor
Monday	October 14	Dr. Thom
Monday	October 21	Ms. Dickerson
Monday	October 28	Ms. Royer
Monday	November 4	Dr. Thom
Monday	November 18	Ms. Dickerson
Monday	November 11	Ms. Mann
Monday	December 2	Dr. Thom
*Wednesday	December 11	Ms. Royer
Monday	December 16	Ms. Lynch

GO INDIANS!!!!