



# McEachern Messenger

*High Levels of Learning  
for All*

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

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## IMPORTANT DATES

November 1—Varsity football at Harrison  
November 4 to 7—GHS GT Retakes  
November 8—Varsity football at Hillgrove  
November 9—Junior Parent Breakfast  
November 11—Project 2400 Lottery  
November 14 & 16—"The Jungle Book" (PAC)  
November 15—Varsity Football Playoffs!  
November 15—Project 2400 payment & SAT registration proof  
deadline

November 21—Winter Orchestra Concert  
November 25 to 29—Thanksgiving Break  
December 3—Chamber Orchestra Concert



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## 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. Wattleby	Ext. 273
S-Z	Mr. Bishop	Ext. 309

## SOCIAL MEDIA

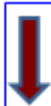
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"Like" us at McEachern Messenger on Facebook, and "follow" us on  
Twitter at @MHS\_Messenger.



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Send submissions by the 15th of each month to [McEachernMessenger@gmail.com](mailto:McEachernMessenger@gmail.com)

## MEDIA CENTER NEWS...



### **Cobb Virtual Library**

**is now:**

**•New name •New resources •More information**



**User name: mceachern**

**Password: indians**

**Galileo Password: guardian(valid until Jan. 3, 2014)**

**[www.cobbk12.org/cdl.asp](http://www.cobbk12.org/cdl.asp) OR [www.mackinvia.com](http://www.mackinvia.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.meachernhigh.org/School\\_Info.html](http://www.meachernhigh.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.

## **SCIENCE CLUB NEWS...**

The McEachern High School Science Club participated in a Rivers Alive waterway cleanup on September 12, 2013. Rivers Alive is Georgia's annual volunteer waterway cleanup event that targets all waterways in the state including streams, rivers, lakes, beaches, and wetlands. The mission of Rivers Alive is to create awareness of and involvement in the preservation of Georgia's water resources. Students were taught about how garbage that is on our campus grounds can make its way into the stream and pond in the school nature center, which feeds into Noses Creek which is a tributary to Sweetwater Creek which in turn is a tributary to the Chattahoochee River. The Chattahoochee River ultimately empties into the ocean. Students sent cleanup data to the Rivers Alive state office. Rivers Alive compiles all of the data from across the state, publishes the results in a final report and other publications, and reports the final tally to its partner, the International Coastal Cleanup. We had 18 McEachern Science Club volunteers work after school to collect 8 trash bags of garbage that included 125 food wrappers, 108 plastic bottles, 31 plastic grocery bags, 72 pieces of other plastic garbage, tires, plastic chairs, aluminum cans, and a plethora of other garbage pieces. A grand total of 431 pieces of trash were collected in one hour.



## **DRAMA NEWS...**

In November the McEachern Theatre Department will present an adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's, *The Jungle Book*. While the production is being designed for younger audiences, it is a show the whole family can enjoy! Performances will run 11/14 @ 7pm and 11/16 @ 7pm. Admission to the evening performances will be free!

## 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 a 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](http://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.

### ATTENTION JUNIOR PARENTS!!

Be sure to attend the Junior Parent Breakfast on November 9th. PTSA will have a membership table with free info, bags, book giveaways, blood pressure screenings, resource tables and more!!

### CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Please support our school-wide Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Center for Family Resources. They provide Thanksgiving meals to Cobb County families in need. This is a great community service project for McEachern clubs and organizations!! Please place your cans in the blue barrels in Russell Hall or bring them to the Junior Parent Breakfast on Nov. 9th. You can even donate your change on Chick-fil-A Fridays!! Monetary donations may also be made by taking an envelope marked "PTSA Food Drive" to the Main Office in Russell Hall. Monday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> is the last day to donate!! Let's take the trophy this year for "Most Donations From A High School." Thank you for your support!

### 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](mailto: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: 11/12, 12/17, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, and 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, Community Engagement, 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](mailto:www.mceachernptsapres@gmail.com) indicating your interest.



CHICKEN BISCUITS ARE ON SALE FOR \$2.50 EVERY FRIDAY FROM 7:30 - 8:15 (weather permitting) in the Senior circle. 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
Principal	Regina Montgomery
Administrative Liaison	Krystal Wattlely



## COMMUNITY NEWS...

### McEachern High School Attends Chick Fila Leader Academy

McEachern High School students recently participated in the Chick Fila Leader Academy Kickoff at Georgia Tech. Twenty-eight students were selected to be a part of the organization and represent the school at the event. The kickoff drew over 700 students, teachers and administrators from 23 high schools across metro Atlanta including 10 from Cobb County. At the event, students participated in an interactive presentation that included several leaders from Chick Fila. After the presentation, the students participated in 3 breakout events: Eat, Play, and Serve. At each station, the students were able to learn about leadership skills while doing an activity.

The Leader Academy is a year-long program which prepares the students for a successful future as a dynamic leader. The program features monthly leader labs focused on core leadership principals and culminates in an IMPACT project. The IMPACT project will be created and implemented by the students to affect the Powder Springs community. For more information about Leader Academy visit [www.chickfilaleaderacademy.com](http://www.chickfilaleaderacademy.com).

## SPORTING NEWS...

### Potential Major League Draft Pick from McEachern High School Volunteers with Youth Baseball Organization

Jared Walker, a McEachern high school senior, dedicates his time to baseball on and off the field. Jared has played in the All American WWBA Under Class World Championship in Fort Myers, the National Tournament in Minneapolis, and in every Perfect Game National Event that has been held in the last 12 months, yet still makes time to volunteer with West Georgia Baseball's 9u Shockers travel team. He has helped out at practice, talked to the kids about what he has learned, and demonstrated successful techniques and strategies for the game. Jared has been stated as a "big power potential" at the plate by one scouting service. He is currently ranked #91 overall in the nation, #9 overall prospect in the state of Georgia, #2 at 3<sup>rd</sup> base, and made the 2013 Under Classman Honorable Mention. Jared was ranked 10 out of 10 by The Perfect Game National Scouting Service, and has recently committed to Kennesaw State University.

Jared continues to foster the love for the game by encouraging young players to work hard, believe in themselves, and get the most reps in each day as possible. He continues to strive for improvement in his own game, and serves as a role model by maintaining unique characteristics of confidence and humility, which are appreciated by his McEachern coach Dan Torrenti.



Jared's work with the young players has already made an impact on their approach to the game when he encouraged the kids to "play with your head up," even when you make a mistake or are faced with tough situations, which will help the kids on and off the field.

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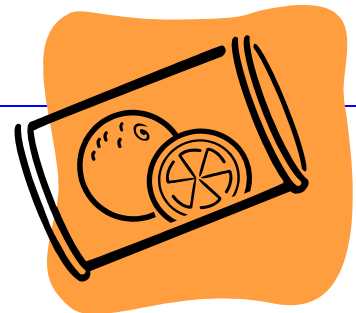
- \* Go to the McEachern HS Website — <http://www.meachernhigh.org>
  - \* Click on “resources” on the top right
  - \* Click on “subscribe to messenger”
- \* Complete the subscription request information form



## Junior Parent Breakfast

Saturday, November 9th in the PAC  
8:30-10:30 AM

Join us for food and important information regarding your 11th grade student here at MHS.



## CTAE NEWS...

The Career Technology Department has implemented a "Dress for Success" employability requirement for the 2013-14 school year. Each class is required to dress business casual on two Wednesday's a month. Each student is evaluated and graded to meet career preparation standards. The students in the images attached are Graphic Design students in Mrs. Baynes class.

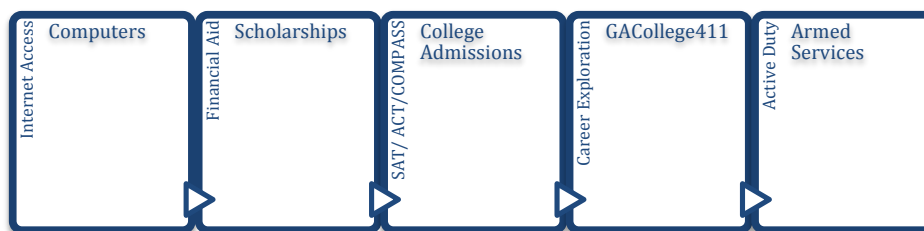


Anthony Adams and Alexandria Anderson are students who have plans to copyright their designs and begin clothing lines with their designs. Their original designs are marketable. They have started their beginning ideas in graphic design, and when they graduate, plan to continue their pursuit of opening their own business.



## 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

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**GO INDIANS!!!!**