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November 21- November 27, 2019

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATION:

EXAM EXEMPTION INFORMATION:

Attendance Exemption - In an effort to encourage and reward excellent attendance at the high school level, a student may exempt any one final exam provided he/she meets the following criteria:

1. The student must not have been absent from school, checked in late, or signed out early, a combined total of more than five (5) times during a semester for any reason (excused or unexcused). Checking in and out on the same day counts as only ONE attendance event.
2. The student must have a semester average of at least 73% in the course he or she wishes to exempt.
3. The student must not have been tardy to the class he or she wishes to exempt.
4. The student must have been enrolled on the first day of each semester in order to exempt an exam.
5. Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) counts as an occurrence for attendance exemption.

Academic Exemption - As a reward for academic excellence, a student may choose to exempt up to three final exams (if the student is enrolled in seven classes at McIntosh HS, including at the COI and/or WBL) or two final exams (if the student is enrolled in six classes at McIntosh HS) provided he or she has a grade point average of 95% or higher in the class(es) to be exempted. If a student is off-campus for either a DE "travel" period or 1st/7th OPT OUT period, then he/she is only allowed to exempt up to two final exams.

If a student qualifies for both attendance and academic exemptions, he or she must choose only one type of exemption (academic or attendance). A student may not choose both (or combine the two).

A student enrolled in an End of Course Milestones course (Algebra I, Geometry, U.S. History, Economics, Biology, Physical Science, 9th Grade Lit/Comp and American Lit/Comp) may NOT exempt a first semester exam.

****Wednesday, December 4th** - Students will receive an email notifying them if they are eligible for an attendance exam exemption.

****Thursday, December 5th** - In every class, teachers will notify students of their grade and if they are eligible for an academic exam exemption.

****Friday, December 6th** - Students will have until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 12/6 to notify their teachers of any exam that they wish to exempt on attendance or academics.

****Monday, December 9th** - Exemption forms will be distributed to students during 4th period. These exemption forms must be signed by a parent and returned to the student's 4th period teacher by 12/11.

****Wednesday, December 11th** - Exemption forms are due to the student's 4th period teacher no later than the end of 4th period on 12/11. Exemption forms will NOT be accepted in the front office, and students will not be called from class in order to retrieve a form that was dropped off by a parent/guardian. Students who are off-campus during 4th period must drop off their exam exemption forms to Mrs. Cullen in the Counseling Office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11th.

Please see Mrs. Hammock with any questions about exam exemptions.

EXAM SCHEDULE:

Final exams for students not exempting the exam will be administered using the following schedule:

Time	Monday, December 16	Tuesday, December 17	Wednesday, December 18	Thursday, December 19
8:35 am -10:40 am	1 st Period Exam	3 rd Period Exam	5 th Period Exam	7 th Period Exam
10:50 am - 12:55 pm	2 nd Period Exam	4 th Period Exam	6 th Period Exam	Study Session/Lunch; Buses run @ 12:40 pm
1:00 pm - 3:45 pm	Lunch/Study Session; Buses run @ 3:45 pm.			

Students must arrive on time for scheduled exam periods.

Students are only required to come to school during their scheduled exam times, but students may come to school during an exempted exam if transportation is an issue. Students who must come to school during an exempted exam will be expected to study quietly in the classroom of the teacher whose exam was exempted.

EXAM DRESS CODE: Students who violate dress-code will take their exams in the In-School Suspension room; please note, pajama pants are not appropriate dress for school.

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP: Students should arrive on campus no earlier than 8:00 a.m. unless they have a scheduled appointment with a teacher.

Student drop-off and pick-up is in front of the gym. You may access the drop-off/pick-up lane by using the entrance closest to Peachtree Parkway. There is **NO** student drop-off or pick-up in the front parking lot.

PARKING: Students with parking permits can only park in un-numbered spots. The numbered spots are for faculty/staff and visitors. Students can only park on campus if she/he has a current parking permit that is displayed properly. Golf carts can only be parked in designated spaces and should never obstruct the flow of traffic.

LOST AND FOUND: Parents, our lost and found bins are full and bursting at the seams. If your child has misplaced their jacket, lunchbox, string bag or other item, please encourage them to visit one of the lost and found bins in the gym or near the athletic offices before Friday, November 22nd.

Please check with the front office for smaller items such as keys, glasses, calculators, and phones.

INTERNATIONAL SKILLS DIPLOMA SEAL: The International Skills Diploma Seal is awarded to graduating high school students who complete an international education curriculum and engage in extracurricular activities and experiences that foster the achievement of global competencies. It is a signal to employers and higher education institutions that a student is prepared to participate in the global economy. Additional information about the International Skills Diploma Seal can be found on the school website under the student resources section or by clicking this [link](#).

If you believe you qualify, complete the ISDS Application through the link on the website by December 6, 2019.

OUTSIDE FAST FOOD: Please remember that only homemade lunches may be dropped off at the front office for pick up by students. Fast food lunches may NOT be delivered to the school. In addition, students should not bring containers/drinks from

outside vendors during the school day. Students are allowed to drink water in a bottle or seal-able tumbler in classrooms. All other food and drink is prohibited.

NEW CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT, AND GUEST PROCEDURES: McIntosh has a new Check-in, Check-out, and Guest procedure. In order to use the new system visitors, parents and guardians need to scan a license at one of our kiosks. Please make sure to bring your license in next time you come to check-out your students or visit MHS.

FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE:

REGARDING UBER/LYFT: Anyone under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian with them when they ride in an Uber or Lyft, and car seats are required as well for small children and infants. If the Uber or Lyft driver is a relative of the student, that person should be on the contact list in IC, and the same procedures for pick up in the office or in the car line should be followed.

FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE:

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR RISING 10TH, 11th, and 12th GRADERS: On Thursday, January 9, 2020, there will be an informational meeting for parents and rising 10th, 11th, and 12th graders who are interested in taking ADVANCED PLACEMENT courses at MHS during the 2020-2021 school year. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the McIntosh High School auditorium.

FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE:

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RECRUITING MEETING: The US Coast Guard recruiting meeting will be Monday, November 25, 2019 at Peachtree City Library. Two sessions, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Sessions are open to any interested students, parents or teachers who have questions about the Coast Guard Academy. Questions, please contact Christine Perez at christine.e.perez@uscga.edu.

SENIOR APPLICATION DEADLINES: We still have several deadlines approaching (December 1st and January 1st). Make sure you have added any colleges to Naviance that have this deadline. We need a minimum of two weeks to complete all the requests. If you add colleges on the day of the deadline or over the breaks from school we will not see the addition and the information will not be sent on time. Be early with adding all information to Naviance. With the January 1st deadline, you must have it entered in Naviance by December 6th to assure the deadline of January 1st is met. The counselors are also on break beginning December 19th.

NOVEMBER APPLICATION FEE WAIVERS: The following Georgia colleges are waiving application fees in November to support November Apply to College month (see notes).

Georgia Southwestern State University, Georgia Southern University, College of Coastal Georgia, Savannah State University, Middle Georgia State University, Wesleyan College, Fort Valley State University, Albany State University, Georgia Gwinnett College (Code GAC20), Gordon College, Georgia Military College, Jacksonville State University (Nov 4-8), Valdosta State University (Nov 2-10)

DUAL ENROLLMENT MANDATORY INFORMATION SESSION FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR: To participate in the Dual Enrollment Program for the next school year, 2020-2021, the student and parent must attend one of the Informational Sessions provided across the county. Even if you are currently participating in the program, you still must attend one of the meetings. Please go to this [link](#) to see all available dates and times. The **next** meeting is at Whitewater High School on November 21th at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

SYSTEMATIC TRAINING FOR EFFECTIVE PARENTING (STEP) WINTER SESSIONS: Meetings will be Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Cleveland Elementary School. Gain confidence in your parenting, a better understanding of your child's behavior and learn strategies to help your child be responsible for their behavior. Please use this [link](#) for dates and registration.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA GRIFFIN CAMPUS: University of Georgia Griffin Campus presents Future UGA Griffin Dawgs Night. Learn how to earn a UGA degree in Griffin. December 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m., 1109 Experiment Street, Griffin, GA. RSVP required, 770-412-4400.

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY BULLDOG PHARMACY CAMP: McWhorter School of Pharmacy is accepting applications for Bulldog Pharmacy Camp, June 21-26, 2020. Selection for the camp is based on high school academic performance and interest in the profession of pharmacy. Information about the camp and the camp application can be found at <https://www.samford.edu/pharmacy/bulldog-pharmacy-camp>. If a student has not taken the ACT or SAT, they should have their guidance counselor send an email to pharmacycamp@samford.edu stating that the student is applying for camp and has not taken the test yet. Space is limited so please apply early. The application deadline is **February 1, 2020**.

UGA YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM: The Young Scholars Program (YSP) application is now open! YSP is open to all area high school students who will be at least 16 years old by June 1, 2020. This is a premier summer internship program which provides hands-on research opportunities with UGA researchers. The program is available at the Athens, Griffin and Tifton campuses. Students should complete an application at www.ysp.caes.uga.edu, provide their transcript and two letters of recommendation by the January 31st deadline. If you have any questions about the program or would like a brochure/flyer, please contact Beatrice@uga.edu or (770) 228-7392.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP: Rotary Club of Peachtree City, GA, is offering a study-abroad scholarship for local high school students. Membership in Rotary is not required. This is an international program for high school students (ages 14-18) to live and study in another country for one school year. The scholarship, valued at over \$24,000, includes tuition, room, board, and a monthly allowance, to study at a high school in one of 33 countries for the 2020-2021 school year. Cost to the family is approximately \$5500 which includes international airfare, insurance, and language/culture training. The next registration is geared toward this year's 8th, 9th and 10th graders (14-17 by Nov. 2020). Before applying, students and their parents must attend an informational session. To register for a meeting, visit www.ryeflorida.org/district-6900, or call 229-886-3156. Those interested in being a Host Family for incoming students may also call this number for information.

COLLEGE VISITS: Use this [College Visit Sign-Up](#) link to attend on campus visits. Sign up **MUST** occur 24 hours prior to visit. Visits are in the Guidance office unless otherwise noted. Upcoming visits are:

NROTC Scholarship, Friday, November 22, 10:27-11:18

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT:

AVOID THE LINES: Avoid the lines and check in at the pass gate. It's that easy. Purchase your e-ticket for McIntosh "Home" games at this link [GOFAN](#), then go straight to the pass gate when you arrive at the game!

CHEERLEADING FUNDRAISER: The MHS Cheerleaders' Booster Club is selling Yard Signs to promote school spirit within our community. The student's first name and sport or activity logo will be included on the sign. Please visit <https://www.mcintoshcheerleading.com/yard-signs> for the order form. Questions can be emailed to Kelly Phillips at kphillips1111@gmail.com.

FROM THE PATH TEAM:

NOMINATE A TEACHER OR STAFF MEMBER: Students! The PATH team is starting a new program to allow you to recognize adults at MHS who are Prepared, Accountable, Thoughtful, and Helpful. You can nominate a teacher or a staff member, and the student members of the PATH team will choose one adult to recognize each month. If you would like to nominate someone, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/vh9TNFw73DmGKbM29>

FROM THE YEARBOOK STAFF:

HOW-TO WEBSITE: The yearbook staff has a webpage up and running, so if you have questions about how to buy a book, how to purchase a senior ad, a question about getting the senior casual in the book - all of those questions and more can be answered by heading to www.mcintoshybky.weebly.com.

FROM THE BOOKKEEPER:

THE 2019-2020 MCINTOSH DISCOUNT CARDS: Discount cards may be purchased in the front office for \$10.

FROM THE PTSO:

BRICK SALES: Leave a lasting memory at McIntosh HS. Solidify your name and memories on the MHS campus. These special bricks will be installed in the courtyard and can be purchased to commemorate attendance and graduation, remember a special teacher or coach, honor someone who has passed away, share some words of wisdom and inspiration, those who support from local businesses, and share sincere expressions of pride and school spirit, and much more! Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

SPIRITWEAR: Check out MHS spirit wear here. <https://mcintoshhsptsowixsite.com/website/spiritwear-store>

EVENTS:

Friday, November 22, 2019:

4:30 p.m. - JV Girls & V Girls Basketball @ WHS

4:30 p.m. - 9th Grade & JV Boys Basketball vs WHS

5:00 p.m. - Swim Dual Meet SMHS (Home)

Saturday, November 23, 2019:

TBA - V Boys Basketball @ HamptonEsposure Event

9:00 a.m. - Wrestling @ Denmark HS

11:00 a.m. - 9th Grade & JV Girls & Boys Basketball @ Griffin

Monday, November 25, 2019:

1:00 p.m. - V Girls and Boys Basketball @ Newnan

Monday, November 25 - November 29, 2019:

THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL