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December 5 - December 11, 2019

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATION:

EOC TESTING: Students in Accelerated Geometry/Algebra II will take the EOC on Wednesday, December 11th and Thursday, December 12th. Students taking Economics 1st semester will take the EOC on Friday, December 13th. All students received a letter in their EOC class with their testing location. Students should report to the testing location by 8:35 on their assigned testing day(s).

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.

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:

SENIOR APPLICATION DEADLINES: We still have several deadlines remaining between now and January 15th. 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. If your college has a deadline between now and January 15th, you must have it entered in Naviance by December 6th to assure the deadline is met. The counselors are also on break beginning December 19th.

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY 16th ANNUAL CANDIDATE ORIENTATION PROGRAM: The annual candidate orientation will be Saturday December 14, 2019 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. It will be held at the American Legion Post 160, 160 Legion Drive SE, Smyrna, GA 30080. If interested, please email your name, high school and contact email to Usafagapc@yahoo.com. Please contact Jenn (302)-588-1587 or Jacque (706) 835-7619 with questions.

GMC FAYETTEVILLE CAMPUS TOURS: Fayetteville Campus Tours will be held on the last Thursday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at Georgia Military College, Fayetteville Campus, 225 Veterans Parkway, Fayetteville, GA. They will be offering campus tours, application assistance, dual enrollment/first time freshman information, financial aid information and overview of degree plans. RSVP, Fayetteville.Admissions@gmc.edu. For more information go to www.gmc.edu, 678-379-1381, Option #1.

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 Starrs Mill High School on December 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

SYSTEMATIC TRAINING FOR EFFECTIVE PARENTING (STEP) WINTER SESSIONS: Sessions are presented by Maria Sherrod, 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. Session dates: January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 25 and March 3, 10, 17. Download registration form at www.fcboe.org website. Send completed form to the school counselor at your child's school.

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS: 2020 College Within Reach Scholarship. Open to female students who reside and attend City of Atlanta, City of South Fulton and Clayton County & Fayette County schools. Evaluation criteria include GPA, SAT/ACT scores, leadership and financial need. Submit applications via the online portal by March 1, 2020 at <http://www.asacdst.org>. For more information email scholarship@asacdst.org.

Coweta-Fayette Trust Student Scholarship opportunities for 2020. Applications are now open. Click on this [link](#) to go to the website for scholarship information. Deadline is February 1, 2020.

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 SOCIETY OF GLOBAL CITIZENS:

BOOK DRIVE: The Society of Global Citizens is currently holding a book drive for the organization, Books for Africa. The organization helps educate African youth who do not have easy access to books by ending the severity of the book famine that currently hinders education across the continent. Currently there are "book bins" at the front entrance and by the library. If you come across any books that might be new or gently used that you would be willing to part with, please consider donating them to this cause. We will keep this book drive going until early January of 2020.

FROM THE AMBASSADORS:

COAT DRIVE: MHS Ambassadors Coat Drive is going on through Wednesday, Dec. 11th! Please bring in gently used coats (all sizes) for One Warm Coat drive. Green/Clear bins are located near the Front Office, Media Center and Gym. We are distributing the coats locally through the Real Life Center. Thanks for your support!

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 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://mcintoshhsptso.wixsite.com/website/spiritwear-store>

EVENTS:

Thursday, December 5, 2019:

7:00 p.m. - Band and Orchestra Combined Concert

Friday, December 6, 2019:

5:00 p.m. - Swim Toys for Tots Invitational @ Mike Daniel Rec Center, Lagrange

7:00 p.m. - Lip Sync Battle (Auditorium)

Saturday, December 7, 2019:

9:00 a.m. - JV Wrestling @ Pike Co.

9:00 a.m. - V Wrestling @ Clark Rich Classic Duals, Lagrange

12:00 p.m. - Basketball @ FCHS (All Teams)

Tuesday, December 10, 2019:

4:30 p.m. - JV Boys Basketball vs Spalding Co.

6:00 p.m. - V Girls Basketball vs Spalding Co.

7:00 p.m. - Advanced Dram Play

7:30 p.m. - V Boys Basketball vs Spalding Co.

Wednesday, December 11, 2019:

4:30 p.m. - JV Girls Basketball vs Newnan

6:00 p.m. - 9th Boys Basketball vs Newnan

7:30 p.m. - JV Boys Basketball vs Newnan

Thursday, December 12, 2019:

7:00 p.m. - Chorus Holiday Concert

Friday, December 13, 2019:

4:30 p.m. - JV Boys Basketball @ SCHS

5:00 p.m. - Wrestling @ Central (Carroll)

5:30 p.m. - Swim Tri-Meet FCHS & SCHS (Home- Kedron)

6:00 p.m. - V Girls Basketball @ SCHS

7:30 p.m. - V Boys Basketball @ SCHS

Saturday, December 14, 2019:

9:00 a.m. - Wrestling @ Central (Carroll)

Friday, December 20, 2019:

7:30 p.m. - V Boys Basketball @ Lovett (Woodward Academy)

Saturday, December 21, 2019:

6:00 p.m. - V Boys Basketball @ Lambert