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September 17 - September 23, 2020

FROM FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION:

FROM FCBOE: We are seeing a number of asymptomatic people who get tested, do not tell anyone that they got tested, and return to school. Four or five days later, they receive a positive test result. At that point, we have to start contact tracing and quarantining those who are identified as having been exposed to the person tested. In order to minimize the likelihood of exposing additional individuals, any student who is tested needs to self-quarantine immediately until she/he gets the test results.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATION:

PROGRESS REPORTS: The end of the 4 1/2 weeks for this semester is Thursday, September 17th. Please be sure to check your child's grade in Infinite Campus. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's grade, please be sure to communicate with your child's teacher.

In addition to the real-time access parents and students have to grades in Infinite Campus, we will be sending MISSING Assignment Notifications on Wednesday afternoons to the parent portal on Infinite Campus as well as any listed emails. These automatically generated notifications do not indicate that a student is failing a course; however, they will serve to inform parents if their child has any missing assignments. These notifications began on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 and will continue while we are on a hybrid/yellow instructional model.

Note to Parents: If you are unable to access your student's grades using the parent portal for Infinite Campus, please click [THIS LINK](#) which will take you to information on our MHS website > Parent Resources > Infinite Campus Parent Portal. You can also click [THIS LINK](#) for information about parent access to Schoology.

DISCIPLINE VIDEO: All Virtual Students, DE, COI, WBL students must watch and fill out the form acknowledging that they have watched the discipline video. The link is included below:

[2020 SY Discipline Video](#)

[2020 Discipline Video Sign-Off](#)

PARKING: Last week an email was sent to all students who have not completed the payment process for a parking permit. This is a reminder that the final deadline for payment is September 17th. Students who do not complete the payment process by then will lose their reservation. Links for payment have already been sent to students through their FCBOE email. Permits will be distributed through class. **Please DO NOT go to the bookkeeper to collect your permit.**

CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE PROGRAM - NEW PARTNER: We now have a new partner, SmartTech, for our device insurance. Please use the links below for additional information and to purchase insurance.

[SmartTech Chromebook Insurance](#)

MAJOR CHANGES

- **New Parent/Student Sign up portal which parents can pay with a card or check.**
<https://www.smarttechinsurance.com/fayette>.
- **Price is now \$20 for insurance!**
- **Chromebook Battery failure will be covered for all insured chromebooks.**

STUDENT BELONGINGS/DROP OFFS: Please remember that lunches and personal items are not permitted to be dropped off in the office due to COVID 19. Your assistance is appreciated in helping to keep our students and faculty healthy and safe.

SCHOOL NUTRITION MEAL CHOICE FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING: Students who have ordered meals through the SNP program may pick these up between 6th and 7th period based on the schedule below:

Hybrid Schedule A students will receive meals for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, which will include (3 Lunches) on **Tuesday** prior to dismissal.

Hybrid Schedule B students will receive meals for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, which will include (3 Lunches) on **Fridays** prior to dismissal.

CAR DROP OFF/PICK UP: Please remember to drop off and pick up students in front of the Gym. You should enter the MHS campus from the entrance closest to Peachtree Parkway. Students may enter school beginning at 8:00 a.m.

FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE:

FINANCIAL AID MEETING: Financial Aid 101 will be hosted by Georgia Student Finance Commission on September 22nd at 5 p.m. Click this [LINK](#) to register for the virtual presentation. The meeting will be recorded and available for viewing at a later date.

INDIVIDUAL SENIOR APPOINTMENTS: Update: Seniors received an email from their counselors on Sept. 9th with a link to set up their virtual individual appointment. For our students applying Early Action or Early Decision with October 15th, November 1st, or November 15th deadlines, appointments will be available beginning the week of September 14th. For our students applying Regular Decision with deadlines after November 15th, appointments will be available the week of October 26th.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR 9-12 GRADERS: Fayette Youth Leaders PRIDE (FYLP). FYLP is for 9th-12th grade students who demonstrate a desire for development in leadership, professionalism, and community engagement. It is our pleasure to give these young leaders a relaxed atmosphere where they can learn from each other, practice their newly advanced skills, and connect with dedicated community leaders. Applications can be found at: <https://forms.gle/1tH5JJRWJa8Z5bxo9>

2020-2021 CHRISTIAN CITY TEEN BOARD: The Teen Board offers unique opportunities for teenagers to contribute to the greater Atlanta community in a meaningful way, by learning how a non-profit works and participating in outreach efforts, while building resume credits and real-world experience. Applications can be found at christiancity.org/teenboard. The deadline is September 30, 2020. Call 770-703-2636 for more info.

THE LATIN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION: The Latin American Association presents the 21ST Annual Latino Youth Leadership Conference, October 29th and 31st. It is a two-day virtual experience. For the past two decades, the Latino Youth Leadership Conference has inspired middle and high school students from across Georgia to pursue higher education and follow their dreams. The LAA's Latino Youth Leadership Conference is an inspirational and high-energy experience featuring motivational speakers, workshops and a college fair. This event is open to students, parents and staff. Register for free, <https://thelaa.org/latino-youth-leadership-conference/>

SENIOR TRANSCRIPTS: Seniors will have access to their Unofficial Transcripts in Naviance by Friday, September 4th after 5:00 p.m. To access your Unofficial Transcript, please follow the steps below:

1. Log into Naviance Student.
2. Click 'About Me' at the top of the page.
3. Click 'My Stuff'---- 'Documents shared with me.'
4. Click 'My personal documents. Your unofficial transcript should be posted under this tab.

FREE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROGRAM: This program is offered by Alpha Kappa Alpha to juniors and seniors. It meets virtually on the 4th Sunday of each month, 3-5 p.m. It assists students with FAFSA, writing effective college essays, applications and university selection. Contact/submit application: cap.akappo@gmail.com.

COLLEGE VISITS: All college visits will be done via zoom, on Wednesdays, for the foreseeable future. The Guidance Office will continue to coordinate with the colleges to schedule these zoom visits and post the links as we receive them. These visits are open to juniors and seniors only unless otherwise noted. A calendar of college visits can be viewed on the MHS Counselor Schoology page with the associated zoom link.

Clayton State University, September 23, 10:00 a.m.

Georgia College State University, September 23. 1:30 p.m.

Berry College, September 30, 2:00 p.m.

Valdosta State University, October 7, 2:00 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

JEFFERSON SCHOLARS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP: Jefferson Scholars Foundation Scholarship, at University of Virginia, is now accepting nominations for the Jefferson Scholars Class of 2025. Jefferson Scholarships provide the entire cost of attendance at the University of Virginia and many supplemental enrichment experiences. The total value of the Scholarship exceeds \$293,000 for non-Virginian students and \$157,000 for Virginia students. To learn more about the scholarship, the selection criteria, and the selection process visit the Foundation's [website](#). If you are interested in applying for this scholarship please contact Courtney Spradlin at spradlin.courtney@mail.fcboe.org. Only one student from McIntosh will be nominated.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT:

ATHLETIC HAPPENINGS & TICKETS: Please visit the following websites for ongoing information about McIntosh athletics. [McIntosh Athletics Website](#) and our link to purchase GOFan tickets for "home" games: [Chiefs Athletic Event Tickets](#)

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 DRAMA DEPARTMENT:

ONE ACT PLAY AUDITIONS: Auditions for the competition one act play will be September 22nd and 23rd from 4-6 p.m. Auditions are open to all students. Students interested should see Mr. Buswell or email him at buswell.ken@mail.fcboe.org for details on auditioning.

FROM THE MEDIA CENTER:

CHROMEBOOKS: Remember to bring your Chromebook fully charged to school every day!

OVERDUE BOOKS: Don't panic if you get an overdue book notice! Simply get in touch with Mrs. Hodge either by email (hodge.emily@mail.fcboe.org) or in person to renew your book or return it. Late fines are waived if a book is renewed or returned in a timely manner.

BOOK CLUB: The MHS student book club "A Thousand Lives" is starting their first book of the school year, and it's not too late to join us! We will be reading together virtually and meeting occasionally via Zoom. Email Mrs. Hodge if you would like to join.

ACADEMIC CLUB: The JV Academic Team is in need of ninth and tenth grade members to compete this year. All practices and competitions will be virtual. If you are good at academic trivia and would like to compete, please contact Mrs. Hodge

FROM THE BOOKKEEPER:

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

FROM THE PTSO:

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Help the PTSO support McIntosh High School in its continued endeavor to establish an outstanding environment and culture that enables each student's academic success.

Who could have told us that we would be experiencing such a time as this? The challenges before us are immense! The good news is, **if we work together**, our students can emerge even better equipped for their future challenges! The McIntosh High School Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) exists to support school administrators, teachers, and students financially and through volunteerism. In short, we are a service organization, and **we need you!**

How are PTSO funds utilized?

- Teacher support
 - § Individual \$50 stipends for school supplies
 - § Provision of appreciation meals and gifts
- Student support
 - § Back-to-school gifts
 - § Senior scholarship
- Student Clubs sponsorship
- School beautification
- Offsetting non-budgeted school financial needs (e.g., sanitizing stations, special classroom equipment, tools & supplies)

What does PTSO provide?

- Monthly meetings
- Student directory
- Ongoing communication with PTSO members
- Volunteers to support administration and staff requests
- A sense of community between MHS administration, teachers, students and parents!

Click [HERE](#) for our website for more information, to pay DUES, donate to our virtual fundraiser, purchase SpiritWear and Memory Bricks.

FREE MONEY FUNDRAISERS: These fundraisers are easy ways to support McIntosh High School financially!!

Corporate Matching: You may be working for a company that does corporate matching. Thousands of companies match, double, or even triple tax-deductible contributions made by their employees. Please check with your human resources department. It is a win for our students, staff and school! Please check [HERE](#) to see if your company matches.

Kroger Commitment Card: Kroger is committed to helping local community schools to grow and prosper. Year after year, our school earns hundreds of dollars through the Kroger Commitment Card. All you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your value card! *You must re-enroll annually.*

Amazon Smile: Amazon is committed to giving back to the communities it serves. This company donates to local non-profits like our PTSO through their Amazon Smile program. To participate in this program, type in *Amazon Smile* when logging onto Amazon and register your purchases to McIntosh HS PTSO.

PTSO MONTHLY MEETINGS: Please join us and Dr. Lane. This month's meeting will be at **MHS at 9 a.m. this Friday, September 18th**. Please sign in at the front office. Please adhere to the school's COVID protocols in place by social distancing, wearing a mask and being symptom free.

Our meetings' schedule is as follows: October 16th, November 20th, January 15th, February 26th, March 19th, April 16th, and May 21st.

EVENTS:

Thursday, September 17, 2020:

5:30 p.m. - JV Football vs WHS

5:30 p.m. - V Softball vs Northside

6:30 p.m. - V Volleyball @ Landmark Christian

Friday, September 18, 2020:

6:00 p.m. - V Softball @ WHS

7:30 p.m. - V Football @ FCHS

Monday, September 21, 2020:

5:30 p.m. - V Softball @ Griffin

Tuesday, September 22, 2020:

4:00 p.m. - Auditions for One Act Play

6:30 p.m. - V Volleyball @ SMHS (Region)

Wednesday, September 23, 2020:

4:00 p.m. - Auditions for One Act Play

5:00 p.m. - V Volleyball @ Newnan

5:30 & 7:30 p.m. - JV & V Softball vs Harris County

Thursday, September 24, 2020:

5:00 & 7:00 p.m. - JV & V Softball vs WHS

5:30 p.m. JV Football @ Northgate

6:00 p.m. - JV Volleyball @ Carrollton

Friday, September 25, 2020:

7:30 p.m. - V Football vs Upson Lee

Saturday, September 26, 2020:

7:30 a.m. - Cross Country @ Acworth Big Peach Mustang Stampede