

The Phoenixes' Call

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Calendar

Monday, August 23rd

College Classes Start

Tuesday, August 24th

Freshman/Sophomore Information Night
(Freshmen 5:30pm, Sophomores 6:30pm)

Friday, August 27th

Interim Report Distribution

Friday, August 27th

Senior Picture Retakes

Welcome!

By: Mauricio Aguilar

Hello Phoenixes, welcome back to school! We are excited to be back in class in a somewhat normal environment and to be learning in person. We hope to escape virtual learning for the most part this year. We wish you all a successful 2021-2022 school year!



Humans of MCEC

“Humans of MCEC” is a project that came to life through MCEC’s Journalism class in the spring semester of the 2019-2020 school year. This project spotlights MCEC students by sharing their stories and the impacts they have on the Phoenix Family.



Phoenix Spotlight: Hunter “Dale” Helms, Class of 2022

By: Connor Poole

Dale is never one to overcomplicate things.

When asked about what he would like to accomplish academically or in extracurricular activities during high school, Dale stated, “I dunno...learn stuff, get my diploma, the usual.” Dale always manages to keep things blunt and down-to-earth, regardless of who he’s talking to. His favorite subject is science, which he says he has excelled in simply because it fascinates him. On the contrary, his least favorite subject is math because it can be difficult for him to understand when content is covered too quickly. According to Dale, a good teacher is someone who’s able to explain content in a way that he and everyone else can understand it. Someone who’s straightforward. He chuckled then said, “Like Mr. Watts.”

Dale decided to attend MCEC because he felt it was a good opportunity to further pursue his education, specifically because he could receive his associate’s degree in cohesion with his high school diploma. He calls it a “Two-for-one deal.” As aforementioned, Dale keeps it down-to-earth when things get hectic at MCEC. He’s always the first to question anything out of the ordinary or lighten the mood with a joke. In his free time, Dale enjoys playing video games and fishing. He’s even a core member and acting President of MCEC’s own Phoenix Anglers Fishing Club.

Dale cites his grandfather, whose namesake he shares, as his biggest influence. When asked about him, he stated, “He’s an all-around good guy. He goes to church and works hard. He’s got priorities and he’s my best role model.” Dale cares for all his grandparents, respectfully. He shared that the saddest moment in his life was the passing of his great-grandfather, with whom he was also very close.

When you cross Dale’s path, you’ll also find that he’s easy to be close with. He cites his happiest memories are the times spent with his friends, especially when Sir Pizza is involved. If you see Dale around campus, say hello. We are grateful to have him as a part of our Phoenix family!

Announcements

-Any junior or senior interested in Flex when they don't have a college class – see Mrs. New or Dr. Seawell.

- Drivers – Please park in the MCEC Bus lot (near the stairs).

- Most MCC Classes start on Monday, August 23 – Some CTE Classes start on Monday, August 16. Check your MCC Schedule for exact start dates.

- If you need to get your MCC textbooks or need an MCC ID – Please see Dr. Seawell.

- Freshman/Sophomore Information Night will be on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 (Freshmen at 5:30 PM and Sophomores at 6:30 PM). This night will provide an opportunity to learn more about MCEC and your student's high school and college classes. You will have time to review the class syllabi and learn about expectations, assignments, and deadlines.

Class Schedule

First Period 8:00 – 9:25

Second Period 9:30 – 10:55

Third Period 11:00 – 12:15

Fourth Period 12:15 – 1:15

Fifth Period 1:15 – 2:35

FREE FACT:

By: Mauricio Aguilar

One species of jellyfish is immortal due to it being able to revert back to its youth state when it becomes sexually mature.

<https://thecarousel.com/living/29-amazing-animal-facts/>

The “Dad-abase”

By: Mr. Kirk Watts, Esq.

My uncle named his dogs Rolex and Timex. They're his watch dogs!

ZOO-WEE-MAMA: A Rowley Jefferson Anthology

By: Makayla Boone



2021 WELCOME WEEK
August 16 - August 26

AUG 16 ORIENTATION - CCP
9 AM or 5 PM | Blair Auditorium (Bldg 100)
Books/Materials, Student ID, Syllabus, Tutoring Services, Blackboard Parents & Students Welcome!

AUG 17 ORIENTATION - STUDENT ACCOUNTS
10 AM - 11 AM | CATS LAB (Bldg 200)
Trailmail, Blackboard, Syllabus, Self Service, Password Reset, Office 365, Virtual Bookstore

AUG 18 ORIENTATION - STUDENT RESOURCES
2 PM - 3 PM | Blair Auditorium (Bldg 100)
Student IDs & Parking Passes, Counseling & Tutoring Services, Student Life, Library Research Tools, Drop & Transcript Requests

AUG 23 ORIENTATION - STUDENT ACCOUNTS
2 PM - 3 PM | CATS LAB (Bldg 200)
Trailmail, Blackboard, Syllabus, Self Service, Password Reset, Office 365, Virtual Bookstore

AUG 24 SNACK ATTACK
All Day | Counseling Center (Bldg 100)
Welcome Back Snack Attack! Stop by the Counseling Center and grab a snack as a welcome back to MCC!

AUG 25 ORIENTATION - STUDENT RESOURCES
11 AM - 12 PM | Blair Auditorium (Bldg 100)
Student IDs & Parking Pass, Counseling & Tutoring Services, Student Life, Library Research Tools, Drop & Transcript Requests

AUG 26 FOOD TRUCK FRENZY
12 PM - 2 PM | Building 200
Food Trucks: Higgins and Son BBQ & Cafe Smiths
Grab a FREE MCC T-shirt! | *Bring your lunch \$5

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Opinion- What is Your Favorite Album?

“My favorite album is Gaucho -Steely Dan. It's from that early eighties turning point where no one could decide what genre they're going for. It's a jazz-rock fusion type of deal.”

-Connor Poole, Senior

“Either Devastator- Catfish Haven or Man on the Moon: The End of Day - Kid Cudi. Give them a listen and see which one you like better.”

-Mr. Rushing, Faculty

“The Getaway- The Red Hot Chili Peppers. The best album for a boogie break!”

-Sierra Tevepaugh, Senior

“Inner Visions- Stevie Wonder. I love Stevie Wonder!”

-Mrs. Pratt, Faculty

“Donda- Kanye West is my favorite album because it spoke to my soul.”

-Edwin Nunez-Hernandez, Junior



Academic Awards Ceremony



Thank you for reading The Phoenixes' Call! This publication was created completely by Montgomery County Early College students. We write, edit, and publish this work on our own. We are using this publication to showcase all of the wonderful students of MCEC and to show the community what it means to be a Phoenix. We apologize for any typographical errors or misspellings. Please see Ms. Heather Dunlap or Connor Poole if you have an idea for a new story or if you would like to be involved.