

The Phoenixes' Call

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Announcements

January Symposium - In January, MCEC is planning on hosting a student-led symposium. Please email or see Dr. Seawell if you would like to share any topic, lead a discussion, learn a new skill, or work with other students on a project.

Annual Youth Legislative Assembly- Students between 14-18, you're invited to apply for the 50th Annual Youth Legislative Assembly (YLA) at the General Assembly on April 8 – 10, 2022. This is a unique opportunity to learn first-hand about the legislative process. Students draft, debate and vote on mock legislative bills while developing skills in research, interviewing, group facilitation and policy writing. Applications will be accepted through February 1, 2022.

National Beta Scholarship- Senior and Phoenix Scholar members of the Beta Club, the National Beta Scholarship is now OPEN. Please follow the link to apply and make sure you hit the January 20, 2022 deadline.

Seniors and Phoenix Scholars – FAFSA is Open! See Mrs. New if you have any questions. (See flyer below for an upcoming MCC Event)

Spanish Tutoring- MCC will have a Spanish Tutor available on Wednesdays in the library from 9:20 – 10:50. Stop by the library for more information.

College Math Students – Don't forget Mrs. Hare offers Math assistance from 12:45 – 1:15 every Friday. If this time conflicts with another class, please email Mrs. Hare at kymberlie.hare@montgomery.k12.nc.us

College Chemistry Students – Mrs. Williams will be offering Chemistry assistance from 12:45 – 1:15 every Tuesday. If this time conflicts with another class, please email Mrs. Williams at mollie.williams@montgomery.k12.nc.us.

Help Wanted – Do you have a free period and would like to volunteer in the office? See Dr. Seawell for more information.

MCEC Students – Please remember that no hats or pajamas are permitted to be worn at Montgomery Central. DO NOT WEAR THESE ITEMS IN THEIR BUILDING!

Please remember to wear your mask properly and wash your hands regularly. Students are reminded to eat lunch outside whenever possible and put your mask back on after eating.

A Note from the Editor: Farewell...for Now!

By: Connor Poole

Greetings! My name is Connor Poole, I am a senior here at the Montgomery County Early College, and I have been chief editor of "The Phoenixes' Call" for the past semester. Without a doubt, it has been a hectic one, with us transitioning, surprisingly smoothly, into in-person learning. Though we have made it through thus far, we still need to maintain a positive spirit and a strong work ethic to finish out the school year, which will be a challenge. However, I know that we can push through it, as we always have. Having to fill the role of newsletter editor is certainly one opportunity I never thought I would encounter and while it has been an incredible experience, I wouldn't have been able to do it without the help of my co-editor, Mauricio Aguilar, whose contributions have been immeasurable, and you, the readers. Without you, the few loyal readers who take the time to read the newsletter every two weeks, there would be no reason to publish a newsletter. Thank you for taking the time to read our final newsletter for the semester and enjoy your Winter Break! Until next time, Happy Holidays!

The Dad-abase: Fatherly Witticism

By: Mr. Kirk C. Watts I, Esq.

How do mountains stay warm? They put on their snowcaps!

Biography: Burl Ives

By: Connor Poole



Burl Icle Ivanhoe Ives (June 14, 1909 – April 14, 1995) was an American singer, musician, actor, and author.

Ives began his career as a traveling singer and guitarist, eventually launching his own radio show, "The Wayfaring Stranger," which popularized traditional folk songs. In 1942, he appeared in Irving Berlin's "This Is the Army" and became a major star of CBS Radio. In the 1960s, he successfully crossed over into country music, recording hits such as "A Little Bitty Tear" and "Funny Way of Laughin'." Ives was also a popular film actor through the late 1940s and '50s. His film roles included parts in "So Dear to My Heart (1948)" and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1958)," as well as the role of Rufus Hannassey in "The Big Country (1958)," for which he won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor.

Ives is often associated with the Christmas season. He did voice-over work as Sam the Snowman, the banjo-playing "host" and narrator of the story of the classic 1964 Christmas television special Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Ives also worked on the special's soundtrack, including the songs "A Holly Jolly Christmas" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", both of which continue to chart annually on the Billboard holiday charts into the 2020s.

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.

MCEC Exam Schedule Fall 2021					
Starting on 12/8/21 - 12/9/21	Friday 12/10/21	Monday 12/13/21	Tuesday 12/14/21	Wednesday 12/15/21	Thursday 12/16/21
Teacher-Made Exams (Latin, PE, Classical History, Math II, English I/IV, etc.)	PLTW	11 th /12 th Grade Computer Turn In	Career Mgmt 9 th /10 th Grade Computer Turn In	Biology – 10 th	Make-Up Exams Last Day of the Semester

Biography: St. Nicholas

By: Connor Poole



The true story of Santa Claus begins with a man known simply as Nicholas, who was born during the third century in a village known as Patara in Asia Minor. At the time, the area was Greek territory on the southern coast of what is now known as Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying what he was taught through the church, Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist those in need. He dedicated his life to serving the church and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need and his love for children.

Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. The prisons were so full of Clergymen there was no room for the real criminals. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. He died December 6, AD 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church. The anniversary of his death, December 6th, became a day of celebration known as St. Nicholas Day.

Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas’ life and deeds. These accounts help us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector and helper of those in need.



Profiles in Nature: Reindeer

By: Mauricio Aguilar



Found in the Arctic tundra and adjacent boreal forests of Greenland, Scandinavia, Russia, Alaska, and Canada. In North America, these animals are called Caribou.

These animals are around 3.9 feet tall and they around 550 pounds. These animals eat vegetation throughout the winter known as reindeer moss. These animals mature as yearlings if their nutrition is good enough and the males gather with the males during fall for migration.

Thanks to all who participated in Holiday Spirit Week! Enjoy a brief glimpse at our fun.

