



THE PHOENIXES' CALL

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*"Nothing is impossible:
The word itself says
"I'm possible!"
— Audrey Hepburn*

Calendar

SEPTEMBER 7

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY,
NO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 25

SENIOR PICTURE MAKE-
UPS, BEGINNING AT 8:10
AM

SEPTEMBER 14-18

SGA SPIRIT WEEK

Free Fact:

The brown-throated three toed sloth takes two weeks for it to digest one meal which is the longest digestion time of any mammal.

<https://animalfactguide.com/animal-facts/brown-throated-three-toed-sloth/#:~:text=It%20takes%20two%20weeks%20for,digestion%20time%20of%20any%20mammal!>

Need A Laugh?

Q: What's the best way to communicate with a fish?

A: Dropping them a line

Q: Why can't you lie to an X-ray technician?

A: They can see right through you

Q: What did the Janitor say when he jumped out of the closet?

A: SUPPLIES!

Study Tips:

1. Act like a teacher: Say the information you need to know out loud like you are teaching a class. It might seem weird, but it does work!

2. Break up your studying: Try not to study for hours all at once, break up your study sessions into 30-40-minute sessions.

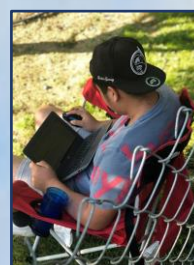
3. Move around: Don't try to work in the same place every day. Move around your house or go to a coffeeshop (maybe wait a while to do this).

4. Get ahead: If you find yourself having a small amount of work one day or week, take advantage of it! Use that time to work ahead in your other classes.

Humans of MCEC

Who is Eric Vargas?

Written By: Jacquelin Vargas- Hernandez



"Being productive or watching YouTube or listening to music" is how Eric described spending his free time while completing his homework due for the next day. The work he happened to be working on was for his Earth and Environmental Science. This happens to be his favorite class because the teacher makes sure that the content is interesting. One thing he described enjoying for that class was reading an article about space altering one's genes. The one fact he remembered about that article was that Scott Kelley "has genes that were changed by space travel." Just like Eric has a favorite subject, he also happens to have a least favorite subject. This subject happens to be math. He believes that math consists of a lot of work which he dislikes. Although Eric dislikes math because of the consisted work, he appreciates the teacher being supportive and helpful through the rigor of the class. This is a characteristic that MCEC teachers have implemented in their teaching which allows MCEC to stand out among the rest of the schools.

Eric may have subjects of interest and dislike just like any student, but he stands out as a unique student at Montgomery County Early College. He not only wanted to attend MCEC to save money for college, but also to represent the school in events such as Beta Club Conventions. One of his goals is to be able to represent the school and state as a National Beta Club winner for Recyclable Art Division I. This is one reason that much of his free time has been spent working on his car design. Eric also enjoys keeping the environment clean and being artistic, which is why he is a part of SOW (Save Our World) and Art Club. One of his big weekly volunteering he enjoys is at his church, being a part of the church ministry and playing the drums. One of the big influences on Eric's hard work is his parents. He states that his parents always remind him to never give up and always work hard. Eric respects and admires his parents; he states that all he wishes to do is make his parents proud so they know he appreciates the sacrifices they made when coming to this country!

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 Mrs. Heather Beane if you have an idea for a new story or if you would like to be involved.

Attention Seniors:

- As you being to complete college applications and the Common App, please make sure you do the following:
 - 1- As you ask for recommendations: please do not choose Ms. New to be one of them, she has to do school counselor recommendations for all seniors automatically—we want as many people as possible letting colleges know about your accomplishments
 - 2- For the school counselor recommendation, please email Ms. New a copy of your college resume or list of accomplishments, clubs, etc. that you would like her to focus on. Include service both in school and out as well on the list
 - 3- Financial Aid applications can be started on October 1st. Complete getting a FSA ID for you and one parent NOW, so you will be ready (website: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/>)
 - 4- RDS if good for 15 months so keep in mind colleges may ask you to do it again as you enter school. Please email Ms. New with any questions and it is always a great idea to have one of your English teachers review applications prior to submission
- If you are interested in EC Scholars, UNC Charlotte Levine Scholars, NC State Park Scholarships, NC Central Cheatham—White Scholarship, UNC Chapel Hill Morehead-Cain Scholarship—you’re invited to attend an informational zoom meeting. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/NCScholarships-Fall2020>
- Check your email for important information about Senior Yearbook sections. Email Mrs. Beane if you have any question
- Senior Picture Make-ups are on September 25 starting at 8:10 AM



Virtual Spirit Week!

September 14th – 18th

Post pictures of yourself on Instagram or Facebook and tag the MCEC

Mask On/Mask Off Monday

Send in pictures of you with your mask on and your mask off!



Tuesday: Pajamas Day!

What comfy pjs have you been wearing? Send a picture of you in your favorite pajamas!



Watcha Watchin' Wednesday

Share your favorite shows and movies you've been bingeing lately!



Throwback Thursday

Post pictures from when you were a baby or toddler!



Friday: Battle of The Classes

Show your school spirit by proving your class is the strongest! Create outfits with the color your grade level has below and share them!

Freshmen: Wear Black	Sophomores: Wear Yellow
Juniors: Wear Blue	Seniors: Wear Red
Super Seniors: Wear Green	Teachers and Staff: Wear Gray

Announcements:

- College Math Students: Mrs. Hare is offering college math assistance every Tuesday from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Google meet. Email her if you have any questions
- Virtual College Fair—CACRAO is hosting a virtual college fair/exploration September 14—October 9 (check your email to view the schedule and register)
- The North Carolina Rural Water Association is offering a Pre-Apprenticeship Program. Email carolynbynum@ncrwa.org for more information
- If you need technology assistance, contact MCEC at 910-898-9690 if you are having any issues with your computer or logging into Canvas.
- If you are interested in being a Phoenix Ambassador, send a letter of interest to Dr. Seawell by September 11. This letter must be at least a paragraph and should describe why you would like to be an ambassador or why you be a good representative of MCEC.
- ALL STUDENTS: If you need assistance in printing course notes, email Mrs. Hare (kymberlie.hare@montgomery.k12.nc.us)
- ALL STUDENTS: To be counted present, students need to communicate with their instructor by 1:00. This includes seminar as well.
- ALL STUDENTS: Pay attention to the daily announcements to see information on how to join student clubs!
- Freshmen: Please consider running for an office in Student Government! Nominations are now being accepted for candidates interested in running for Freshman Class President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Candidates must be members of MCEC’s freshman class who are in good academic standing and who are willing to represent the freshman class as well as MCEC through various projects during the coming school year. Nominations should include the student’s first and last names, the office for which they are being nominated, and the qualities that make them a good candidate. All nominations must be submitted to Ms. Beane by Friday, September 4th at 3:00 pm. Nominees will receive further information from Ms. Beane related to their speeches and the election process. All freshmen will vote on Friday, September 11th, for their Freshman Class Officers. An e-mail will be sent with more information related to voting at a later date.