THE PHOENIXES' CALL

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Calendar

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

PRE-ACT FOR 10TH GRADE

MONDAY, MARCH 8

REMOTE LEARNING DAY

TUESDAY, MARCH 9 – FRIDAY, MARCH 12

ANNUAL LEAVE (SPRING BREAK) – NO SCHOOL

MONDAY, MARCH 15

PLAN B STARTS: GROUP A-L

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

PLAN B STARTS: GROUP M-Z

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

EARLY RELEASE DAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

MCEC IN SESSION

MCEC Spring 2020 Bell Schedule

1st Period - - - - - - - - 8:00 – 9:25

2nd Period - - - - - - - 9:30 – 10:55

3rd Period - - - - - - -11:00 – 12:20

4th Period (Lunch) - -12:20 – 1:20

5th Period - - - - - - - - 1:20 – 2:35

Hybrid Learning

➔ Students will begin Plan B (returning to school in a hybrid format) on March 15, 2021. Families do have the option to remain on Plan C (all virtual). Please call MCEC if you have any questions.

➔ Students who plan to return to school will attend in-person class two days a week; the other three days, students will be learning remotely.

➔ Students with last names that start with letters A-L will return to school on Monday, March 15. They will attend in-person learning on Mondays and Tuesdays.

➔ Students with last names that start with letters M-Z will return to school on Thursday, March 18. They will attend in-person learning on Thursdays and Fridays.

➔ Wednesdays are remote learning for all students.

Returning to In-Person Learning?

Getting Ready to Return to In-Person Learning - March 15 (Just some reminders to get everyone ready to come back to school.)

1. **Not feeling well? - Please err of the side of caution and stay home.** Contact your teachers to let them know and if able, complete your assignments from home.
2. **Students with the last name A-L will attend Monday/Tuesday and students with the last name M-Z will attend Thursday/Friday. Please contact Dr. Seawell if you have a sibling(s) with a different last name and need to adjust your day.**
3. **Remember to bring your laptop charged daily.** There are few electric plugs available. Make sure your computer is ready to go!
4. **Bring a water bottle from home.** Drinking fountains are unavailable, but all drinking fountains have a water bottle filling option.
5. **Lunch will be served from the same location in building 100.** Students will enter in one way, wait 6 ft apart, and then exit the door nearest the serving window.
6. **Masks are required to be worn on campus.**
7. **Students will need to adhere to social distancing while on campus.** When applicable, students will travel in hallways in a one-way direction.
8. **Students will be screened daily and receive a sticker.** This sticker will be used as your "ticket" to enter college and high school classes.
9. **Remember to bring your headphones to school every day.** Many classes will require them in order to complete your assignments for the day.

Red Cross Month

Written by: Janet Hernandez Vargas

This year marks the 140th Anniversary of the American Red Cross since its establishment in May of 1881. During the month of March, there is celebration for those who help save lives and join the Red Cross Mission, whether that be by making donations, volunteering, learning lifesaving skills, or donating blood. Red Cross Month became an annual tradition in 1934 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt released the first Red Cross Month proclamation.

The founder of the Red Cross is Clara Barton, born on December 25, 1821 in North Oxford, MA. Before founding the American Red Cross, Barton started teaching at the age of 17, established the first free public school in Bordentown, New Jersey by 1852, became one of the first women to work for the federal government, brought supplies to wounded soldiers in the battlefield during the Civil War, and helped locate missing soldiers after the Civil War ended. When Clara founded the American Red Cross in 1881, she was 59 years old. During her 23 years of leading the American Red Cross, Clara Barton accomplished many things. "Clara Barton's legacy lives on as we turn compassion into action, every day." https://www.redcross.org/about-us/red-cross-month.html

Attention Sophomores!

All sophomores are scheduled to take the PreACT on Friday, March 5 at MCEC. Students should plan to arrive before 8:00 AM for the exam.

St. Patrick's Day Facts

1. The first St. Patrick's Day celebration in the United States was held in Boston (1737).
2. Legend says that each leaf of the clover has a meaning: Hope, Faith, Love and Luck.
3. The color of St. Patrick's Day was originally blue.
4. Your odds of finding a four-leaf clover are about 1 in 10,000.
5. Shamrocks are the national flower/emblem of Ireland.

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Attention Seniors!

- ➔ If you have been accepted to any college or university, or if you have received scholarships or grants, please use the form that is available in your email through our daily announcements to let us know. We want to celebrate your achievements! #PhoenixPhenoms
- ➔ If you have any college acceptances and you would like to be included in the next edition of our newsletter, please let us know by emailing Ms. Beane.
- ➔ Be sure to continue checking the MCEC Scholarship Page. Mrs. New has added several scholarship opportunities. The link is also available to you through our daily announcements (be sure to log into your MCS account).

2021 Spring Athletes

Cheerleading:

Meaghan Ayala
Darby Massey
Riley Shaw
Lexi Parker
Ajaya Price
Faethe Davis
Lillian Wood

Football:

Zac Lucas
Coleman Burris
Ethan Davis
Nathan Hensley

Men's Soccer:

Angelico Lara Rodriguez
Erik Nuñez Cruz
Alan Alvarez

ACT Review Winners

Spring 2021 ACT Review Sessions were very successful. Over the course of three weeks, students were given access to review for each component of the ACT, as well as an overview discussion of the testing format. Students could attend any or all sessions, and in total, we had over 163 participants from all days. As a reward, each attendee's name was added to a drawing for six prizes. Thank you to all students who participated, asked questions, and reviewed together for ACT success for the entire Phoenix Family!

Winners:

Faethe Davis **Alex Mendoza**

Makayla High **Hailey McLeod**

Emily Vang **Kaylee Wright**

2021 Math Olympics Winners

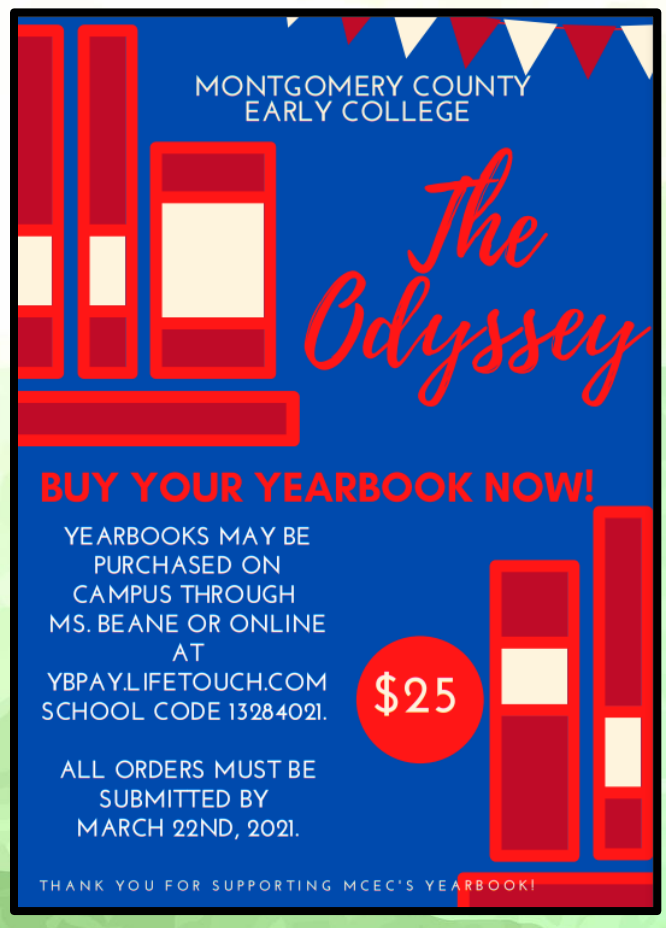
Written by: Janet Hernandez Vargas

The Math Olympics are a great opportunity to get some practice in for the Act and Pre-ACT or just to have fun! For the Math Olympics students were to answer 32 math questions within 35 minutes without pausing time.

The following Phoenixes tied for the highest score on the Math Olympics test:

Gwenyth Greene, Katelin Johnson, and Chloe Spivey

Congratulations!



Announcements:

→ Seniors - If you are interested in staying a 5th year to complete your college degree, please let Mrs. New know as soon as possible so we can complete a college registration for you. All high school requirements for graduation need to be completed this year by May, but you are welcome to stay and work on college classes next year in the associate degree path and CTE pathways.

→ **Need college math assistance?** Mrs. Hare is offering tutoring for College Math every Wednesday at 2:00 pm. The link is **https://meet.google.com/vew-zxny-mmb**

→ **MCC Tutoring is available in the library or by phone.** Do you need assistance with navigating your course in Blackboard or need assistance accessing Blackboard, your student email, your Self-Service account or setting up any of your learning tools for your courses (Cengage, MindTap, Lrnr)? Do not hesitate to call for assistance at 910-898-9650 or 910-898-9619. **No appointment is necessary. Walk-ins welcome!**

Women's History Month

by Ah'Jada Ingram

Throughout the course of our country's history, women have fought tirelessly for their rights as American citizens. Women from around the world have made contributions to society as a whole in countries all around the world to gain the same rightful freedoms as men. To honor the progress made by these historical women, we celebrate Women's History during the month of March. This tradition began in March of 1982.

When we think about some of the most important women who have impacted society, some familiar names that may arise are Susan B. Anthony, Harriet Tubman, and Malala Yousafzai. These ladies are celebrated for their aid to women around the world and have risked their lives for their causes. We acknowledge Susan B. Anthony, who fought for American Women's Suffrage, meaning their universal right to vote in political elections. We recognize Tubman for her contributions to the Underground Railroad, where she sought to free enslaved black people. Malala, who is a modern figure of women's history, still fights for the education of girls and women. Women today are breaking barriers in pop culture, medicine, engineering, politics, and in society as a whole. As we celebrate Women's History Month this year, it is important that we give flowers to the remarkable women who are still with us today.

"Don't let anyone rob you of your imagination, your creativity, or your curiosity. It's your place in the world; it's your life. Go on and do all you can with it, and make it the life you want to live."
— Mae C. Jemison, first African-American woman astronaut

"Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you."
— Princess Diana of Wales, wife of Prince Charles

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