



THE PHOENIXES' CALL

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Calendar

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

END OF 4TH SIX WEEKS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

11TH GRADE ACT EXAM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

-EARLY RELEASE DAY

-EARLY COLLEGE
APPLICATIONS DUE

-REPORT CARD PICK-UP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

MCEC IN SESSION

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, MARH 25

EARLY RELEASE DAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

MCEC IN SESSION

Celebrating Black History Month: Marsha P. Johnson

Written by Ah'Jada Ingram



Marsha P. Johnson was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on August 25th, 1945. When asked about her gender, she would explain to others that the “P” in her name stood for “Pay it no mind.” She is known for her courageous efforts to defend and protect the lives of the LGBTQ community during their Liberation Movement. She fought endlessly to help gain the rights and freedoms that they deserved.

Johnson is known for her participation in the Stonewall riots, which began on June 28, 1969 and lasted until July 3rd. Johnson is credited for supposedly throwing the first brick, which is a misconception. Johnson actually claimed that she only arrived after the riots had already broken out. Even so, during the aftermath of the riots, Marsha and a fellow advocate by the name of Sylvia Rivera, formed a coalition in support of the LGBTQ community. It was known as the Street Transvestite (now Transgender) Action Revolutionaries (STAR), which provided housing for low-income queer youth.

In July of 1992, Marsha P. Johnson was found dead in the Hudson River under suspicious circumstances. Even in death, Marsha P. Johnson remains an important figure of Black History as well as the LGBTQ community. The Marsha P. Johnson Institute was created in honor of her legacy and serves as a voice for Black Trans youth today.

Celebrating Random Acts of Kindness!

HELP US CELEBRATE RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS BY SENDING KIND THOUGHTS / MESSAGES TO FRIENDS, STAFF, AND TEACHERS! THERE WILL BE A GOOGLE FORM AVAILABLE IN YOUR EMAIL TO FILL OUT. YOU MAY SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE MESSAGE AND YOU CAN CHOOSE TO BE ANONYMOUS. THE FORMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19 TO ARRANGE TIMELY DELIVERY.



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Earth Day Shirts on Sale Now!

Available to order until February 18th

Child S – Adult XL: \$12 2X: \$15 3X – 5X: \$16



Tiger Shirt



LOVE Shirt



Bee Shirt – In blue or gray



Peace Shirt

Attention Juniors!

All juniors are scheduled to take the ACT on Tuesday, February 23 at MCEC. Students, plan to arrive at 8:00 AM for the exam. If you need bus transportation for that day, there's a link to sign-up in the announcements within your email.

Free Fact:

Written by: Mauricio Auguilar

There is a fish with a transparent head and it is known as the barreleye.

Attention Seniors!

- ➔ If you have received an acceptance form from a college or if any scholarships or grants have been awarded to you, 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, Ms. Pratt, or Mrs. New.
- ➔ Also be sure to check 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).

Attention Sophomores!

All sophomores are scheduled to take the PreACT on Friday, March 5 at MCEC. Students plan to arrive at 8:00 AM for the exam. Check your mailbox for more information. If you need bus transportation for that day, there's a link to sign-up in the announcements within your email. The sign-up should be completed by February 26.

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

Remote Learning

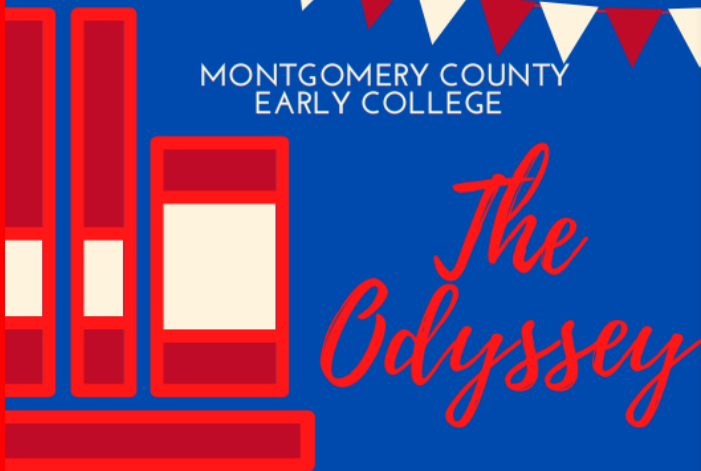
- ➔ Remote learning has been extended until March 15, 2021. Families will have the option to remain on Plan C even after this date. Please call MCEC if you have any questions.
- ➔ MCEC students are welcome to still attend any seated college classes during this time. If you need assistance while we are working off-campus, please email Dr. Seawell at heather.seawell@montgomery.k12.nc.us or call the office and leave a message. We will be checking messages frequently.

Returning to In-Person Learning?

Getting Ready to Return to In-Person Learning - March 15 (Just some reminders to get 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.** You will need them to complete assignments.

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ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 22ND, 2021.

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Valentine's Day Facts

Written by: Kayla Milliken

1. Valentine's Day is the second most popular day of the year for sending cards. Christmas is the first most popular.
2. Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given for Valentine's Day each year.
3. About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year.
4. The heart is the most common symbol of romantic love and is associated with Valentine's Day. Ancient cultures believed the human soul lived in the heart and its red color is though to be the most romantic.

Human of MCEC: Hannah Shepherd

Written by: Shanti Singthong

MCEC is comprised of intelligent students who strive for greatness every single day; I would say that every student who attends MCEC is intelligent in their own way. Every student I have talked to has changed my life in a personal way. However, when I think of someone who has educationally impacted my life, my mind always goes to Hannah Shepherd.

Hannah, as many of our students at MCEC, decided to come to MCEC because she believed that it was a good opportunity and she wanted to get her college degree for free. Like many of her peers, Hannah wishes to fulfill the requirements for her Associate's degree. Other than completing her degree, Hannah states, “I’m planning on getting a certificate for Nursing Assistance before I graduate as well. Before I graduate, I want to come out of my shell and stop being so shy, it holds me back from doing a lot.”

Also, Hannah states that MCEC has influenced her in many ways. She states, “Since coming here [to MCEC], I’ve made a lot of new friends, and I’ve gotten even closer with the ones I had already. I’ve learned time management, I had none of that in middle school. I’ve learned a lot about how college works, and I feel really prepared to go to a university.”

Like many other upperclassmen, Hannah has been in attendance at MCEC since the establishment of the school in 2017. Throughout the years, she has gained many memories from the events sponsored by both MCC and MCEC. There are two events that stand out to Hannah the most. She says, “I remember MCC’s 50th anniversary the most; that was one of the most fun days I’ve had here. I also really like the cookouts we have every year, I always look forward to those. Those days are just days that I can sit around and spend time with my friends.”

Besides encouraging students to have fun at school, MCEC is all about education. Every student who attends MCEC knows that there are high standards for academic achievement. Students have different ways to exercise their minds. Reading is something that many students do not actively do as a hobby, but instead, as a part of achieving excellent academic status. Hannah loves to read and often tells me about books she has read. Hannah also encourages me, and her other friends, to read and often recommends books to us. It takes a lot for me to pick up a book and read, but Hannah often influences me to do so.

Hannah states that since in quarantine, “The last book I read was *Norwegian Wood* by Haruki Murakami, right now I’m reading one called *Dark Secrets*, and after that, I’m going to read a novella called *Carmilla*.” As she has read many books in her life, she mentions, “My favorite type of books to read are coming of age stories; I think those are really great. I also love to read mysteries and books about true crime.”

Encouraging me to read is one of the ways that Hannah educationally impacts my life; other than that, Hannah always pushes me to strive to do my best. She pushes me to think outside the box and always encourages me to think intellectually. We first met by bonding over books and fun educational topics. I like to think that we will always bond over these topics and, hopefully, that will never change.

One of Hannah’s many academic achievements while being at MCEC was to be accepted into Governor’s School last year. Governor’s School is a prestigious academic summer program that lasts for five-weeks. The program is difficult to even qualify for, so it is amazing that Hannah was chosen to attend this program. Hannah chose the concentration of Natural Science; however, Hannah was qualified in the other academic programs that Governor’s School offered. Because of the pandemic, Governor’s school was postponed last summer, but MCEC congratulates Hannah on her acceptance to Governor’s School and we all wish her the best in all future endeavors!