



THE PHOENIXES' CALL

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Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12
MCC GRADUATION
FRIDAY, MAY 13 – TUESDAY, MAY 25
2 ND SEMESTER HIGH SCHOOL FINAL EXAMS
THURSDAY, MAY 13
TEACHER MADE EXAMS
FRIDAY, MAY 14
ATTENDANCE WAIVERS DUE
TEACHER MADE EXAMS
TUESDAY, MAY 18
JUNIOR TECHNOLOGY/TEXTBOOK/FEES DUE
THURSDAY, MAY 20
SOPHMORE TECHNOLOGY/FEES DUE
FRIDAY, MAY 21
FRESHMAN TECHNOLOGY/FEES DUE
MONDAY, MAY 24
MCEC GRADUATION
TUESDAY, MAY 25
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

MCEC Spring Exam Schedule

- ❖ Thursday, May 13th
 - Teacher Made Exams
- ❖ Friday, May 14th
 - Teacher Made Exams
 - Career Management Exam
- ❖ Tuesday, May 18th
 - English II Exam
 - PLTW Exam
- ❖ Thursday, May 20th
 - Math III Exam
- ❖ Friday, May 21st
 - Math I Exam
- ❖ Monday, May 24th – Tuesday, May 25th
 - Make-Up Exams

Senior Important Dates

- ❖ Wednesday, May 12th
 - MCC Graduation
- ❖ Wednesday, May 19th
 - Cap & Gown Pictures (1p.m. – 5 p.m.)
 - Senior Awards and Scholarship Distribution
 - Senior Fees Due
- ❖ Friday, May 21st
 - Graduation Practice (3p.m.)
 - Senior Social
- ❖ Monday, May 24th
 - MCEC Graduation (report at 6p.m. / starts at 7p.m.)

2021 Senior Picnic / Cap & Gown Pick-Up



Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Written By: Ah’Jada Ingram

The month of April recognizes Distracted Driving, as it is a prominent issue in the United States today. Distracted driving entails many actions, including cell phone usage, eating/drinking, navigation systems, or even speaking with other passengers. Anything that diverts the driver’s attention away from their task at hand is a distraction to them. This has become such an issue that over 3,000 lives were claimed in 2019 from distracted driving in the United States. Even a mere five seconds is long enough to divert a driver’s attention and result in catastrophic events. This is because the average highway has a speed limit of at least fifty-five miles per hour, which means five seconds equates to the entire length of a football field. This is important to us especially because the leading number of incidents happen among teenagers. With this in mind, we should remember to drive carefully and cautiously at all times. Parents and teachers must lead by example, never demonstrating bad driving techniques for their teenagers to pick up on. Never use your phone while driving, no matter how urgent the matter may be. Be mindful of the lives of your passengers, other drivers, and yourself. Drive safe everyone.

“You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world.” —Tom Brokaw

2021 Senior Parade



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Humans of MCEC: Harley Beeson

Written By: Aja Goode



As one of the many students who has been a Phoenix since the beginning of Montgomery County Early College, Harley Beeson shares their experience from applying to this school to their future plans after graduation. Beeson states that she decided to apply to this school because it would make going to college a lot easier. She admits that once she almost regretted it when the work seemed too much. Throughout her experience at the early college, Beeson expressed her biggest challenge and how she overcame the challenge. Beeson states, “My biggest challenge is trying to finish school while struggling with my mental health. What I do to try to overcome this challenge is reaching out for help. I started seeing a therapist and taking medications to help with my mental health.”

When asked about their plans following graduation, Beeson spoke about what they are most afraid of right now which is what comes after graduation. Along with being a senior, Beeson states that she is not attending a university, but if she did she would pursue cosmetology because of her love for makeup. Finally, Beeson spends her free time being creative, loves drawing, painting, doing makeup, and writing. She hopes that her friends see her as a loyal and caring person.

Can Tab Collections!

If you have any can tabs, bring them in to your homeroom teacher by May 14th, 2021.



Any Aluminum Tabs

- Soda Can Tabs
- Soup Can Tabs
- Pet Food Tabs

The Can Tab Collection is hosted by the Save Our World Club to help collect can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity.

This organization collects \$0.40 - \$0.50 for each pound of tabs. Each year this fundraiser helps raise around \$6,000 for families in need.

2021 MCEC Yearbook Dedication

Written by: Janet Hernandez Vargas



For this year’s yearbook dedication event, we wanted to recognize both Mrs. Pratt and Mr. Watts. Because of COVID last year, we were not able to hold a yearbook dedication event to recognize Mrs. Pratt for being dedicated the 2019 - 2020 yearbook. The 2020-2021 yearbook, The Odyssey, is dedicated to our amazing teacher Mr. Watts. We are so thankful for all that he has done for MCEC and our students. Thank you Mr. Watts and Mrs. Pratt for all that you do at MCEC!

Beauty is everywhere. You only have to look to see it. – Bob Ross

May the Fourth Be With You



2021 May the Fourth be With You
Winners:

Overall: Tarian Tanner (9th Grade)
Best Moves: Scarlett Kelly (10th Grade)
Longest Run: Andrea Padron (12th Grade)

Great job to everyone who participated in this year’s lightsaber battle. May the force be with you!

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