



The Phoenixes' Call



"You don't have to be perfect to be amazing!"

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Calendar

October 15th – MCC Midterms Begin
October 16th – PTA Meeting
October 19th – PreACT (10th)
October 19th – 9:45 Guest Speaker (9th)
October 22-26th – MCEC Benchmarks
October 25th – SGA Taco Sale
October 26th – BETA Club Fall Festival
October 29th – MCC College Transfer Fair
October 31st – MCC Spooktacular

Study Tips – Distractions

By: Koby Sedberry

It isn't very difficult to become distracted when trying to complete schoolwork or study, but there are some easy ways to combat a short attention span. One of the main distractions for many people is electronics. As obvious as it may seem, try putting your phone out of reach or turning it off when you need to focus. Consequently, it has been shown that it is more difficult to focus with your phone next to you, and that cognitive skills significantly decline. Clearing the space around you of known distractions and putting away your phone will nearly guarantee focus.

PreACT

By: Leticia Barrera

Attention sophomores: You will be taking the PreACT Friday, October 19th, 2018! Make sure to check seminar for practice assignments. There are also several online resources like act.org where you can take practice tests and learn more specific details about this test. The PreACT is a required exam for all sophomores. It has four sections: Reading, English, Math, and Science. Each section is 30 minutes long except math which is 40 minutes in length. Sections will be graded and combined for a final score between 1-36. Take this test seriously; it will give you a good preview of what the ACT will be like during your junior year. It is important to note that the PreACT can help with placement in college courses (English and math) here at MCC and it will allow you a year to study any sections that you may want to improve. Get plenty of rest the day before testing, answer every question on test day, and remember not to stress!

MCEC SGA

TACO Sale

\$1

BISTEC (STEAK).....	\$1
CHORIZO (SAUSAGE)..	\$1
PASTOR (PORK).....	\$1
BOTTLED WATER.....	\$1

Come support MCEC SGA by buying tacos during lunch on October 25th, 2018 from 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. in front of Blair Hall (Building 100) near the flag pole.

Right: Congratulations to Hunter Helms for winning 9th place at the NC State Fair with his beautiful turkey!



Above: Our students are fortunate to have teachers who love learning and continue to seek out professional development in order to make our classrooms wonderful places to learn and grow!

Need a Laugh? 😂

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant...
...but then I changed my mind.
I used to be a banker...
...but I lost interest.
How does NASA organize a party?
They planet.

Phoenix Sports

Most fall sports teams are finishing up their regular seasons, and we have several who will be participating in regional events in the coming week. Yaricel Salazar placed fourth in the conference championship for East Montgomery ladies tennis and she will be playing Friday at the regional tournament. Ashton Williams competed this week in the tournament for West Montgomery ladies tennis. East and West Montgomery volleyball teams will compete in their regional tournament next week. East Montgomery men's soccer has one more game before they can officially claim the title of conference champions, but they are currently sitting in the lead. East Montgomery cross country teams placed fourth in the conference (both men's and women's). Cross country teams from both East and West will be competing on a Saturday in the next few weeks for regional titles. Janet Vargas-Hernandez, Karyna Vargas, Beverly Perez, Shanti Singthong, Liz Loflin, and Sara Delaney will all be running in this event. Football is rounding out its season on both sides of the county. We are very proud of all fall Phoenix athletes and would like to ask that they report to the steps of Capel Hall (building 200) on Wednesday, October 24th at 12:45 to take a group picture. Phoenix athletes, please wear a jersey, shirt, or hoodie representing your team on this day!

Academic Awards – Fall 2018

Congratulations to all winners from our Fall 2018 Academic Awards Day! We hope you all had a blast celebrating the successes of MCEC's first year and we look forward to our next not-your-average MCEC event! Below are a few pictures capturing some of our favorite moments.



Phoenix Overview

By: Liz Loflin and Angela Jaimes

- November 1st will be a normal school day. Because of Hurricane Florence, we will be replacing the early release in order to make up time.
- MCEC will have no school Nov. 21st -23rd for Fall Break.
- Our Beta club will be participating in West Montgomery's Fall Festival on Oct. 26th. Please see Mrs. Daywalt if you are interested in participating. There are only a few remaining slots available!
- College Transfer Fair Oct. 29th. On this day, MCC hosts a college fair that shares information about transferring to a four-year university. MCEC students may browse college options and learn more about programs that correlate directly with MCC.
- MCC's Spooktacular will take place this month. If you are new to MCEC, be prepared for excitement! MCC's SGA sponsors a costume contest, games, and food will be available. Last year, MCEC students won lots of prizes, and several currently hold titles for best costumes.
- College Midterms are wrapping up this week and high school predictive assessments begin next week. If you need help in ANY class, please see a teacher, Mrs. New, or Dr. Seawell. We are half-way through the semester!

Thank you for reading The Phoenixes' Call! This publication is 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!