



The Phoenixes' Call



May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve. - Anonymous

Calendar:

- Interims - December 3rd
- Academic Pep Rally- December 7th
- Exams - December 12th-18th
- ½ Day – December 15th
- MCC Classes End - December 14th
- Early Release Day - December 19th

Semester’s End is Here!

By: Leticia Barrera

This the end of semester and final exam are upon us. Good luck to everyone! Juniors should be prepare for the end of college classes. It’s your final chance to turn in assignments, contact your instructors, and ensure that your grades are outstanding. Juniors should keep in mind that there are only three semesters (and one summer semester) remaining before graduation. Everyone should try very hard to keep their grades up because their GPA is becoming more and more important. Continue to work hard and not give up at the end of the semester. Freshmen and sophomores should prepare for the final exams in their high school class. Try your best on your exams because they are one-quarter of the final grade for each class. Students in EOC courses (Biology, English II, and Math I) should be reminded that they may be required to attend summer school if they do not make proficiency. Second semester is about to begin. There will be new classes beginning on January 2nd which means everyone will have a new schedule when we return from winter break.

Good luck on exams and happy holidays!

Study Tips - Academic Emails

By: Koby Sedberry

In academic settings, it is extremely important to periodically check your email. Instructors often send crucial reminders and due dates which may not be mentioned in class, on the syllabus, or in Blackboard/CANVAS. Daily announcements are also sent out by Mr. Watts, so be sure to keep up to date with school events and seminar assignments this way. It is also vital to know email etiquette in order to professionally respond to instructors. Make sure to double check grammar and use professional vocabulary when writing to teachers or instructors. Always avoid rude statements and slang as they will cause your instructor to take you less seriously. With these simple reminders, your presence in emails will reflect a mature and organized persona. Using e-mail to correspond with instructors is a terrific way to show your dedication to the course and desire to learn.

Exam and Study Session Dates

By: Liz Loflin and Angela Jaimes

Tuesday, December 11th

English I Study Sessions

Wednesday, December 12th

English I Exam

Math II and English III Study Sessions

Thursday, December 13th

Math II Exam

Chemistry Study Session

Friday, December 14th

Chemistry and PLTW Exams

Juniors return textbooks from 12:30-2:30 PM

World History Study Session

Monday, December 17th

World History and English III Exams

Sophomores return textbooks from 9-10 AM

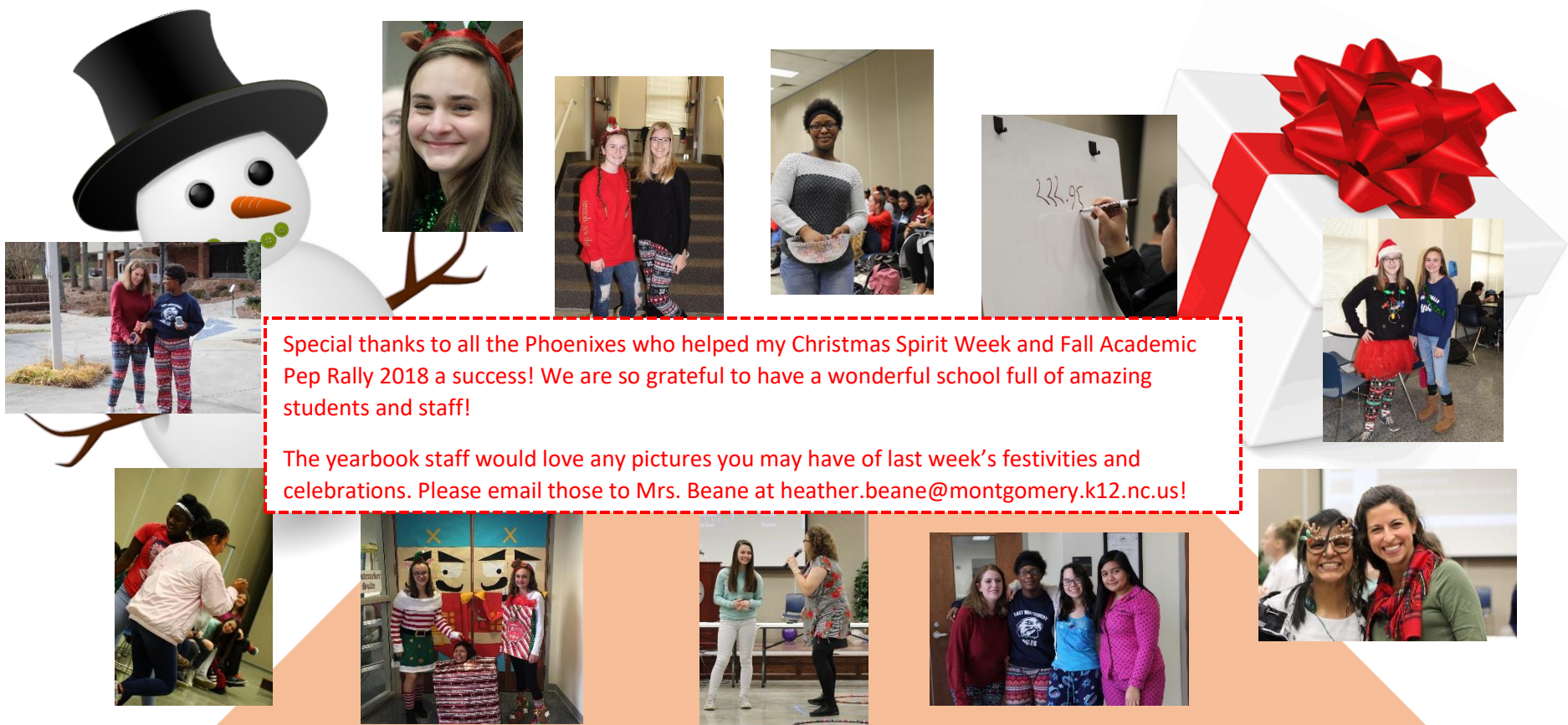
Biology Study Session

Tuesday, December 18th

Biology Exam

Wednesday, December 19th

Make-Up Exams



Special thanks to all the Phoenixes who helped my Christmas Spirit Week and Fall Academic Pep Rally 2018 a success! We are so grateful to have a wonderful school full of amazing students and staff!

The yearbook staff would love any pictures you may have of last week's festivities and celebrations. Please email those to Mrs. Beane at heather.beane@montgomery.k12.nc.us!

Winter Sports

By: Eli Kelly and Hunter Steele

West Montgomery:

- * Varsity Basketball: Kenania Allgood, Eli Kelly
- * JV Basketball: Ethan Davis, Malik Mcauley
- * JV Girls Basketball: Kailey Boyette
- * Swim: Nathan Hensley, Juliana Inman, Zachary Lucas, Allison Weaver
- * Cheer: Kariah Butler, Jaylyn Efird, Ah'Jada Ingram, KeAsia McRae, Jocelyn Moore, Nivea Robinson, Riley Shaw

East Montgomery:

- * Varsity Basketball: Kayla Pegues, Kaliyah Ratliff-Wall, Zykirah Quick
- * Swim: Darby Massey, Garner Thomas
- * Cheer: Darby Massey, Ajaya Price, Roslynn Ratliff-Wall
- * Wrestling: Bryan Tinoco-Reyes

Need a Laugh? 😄

By: Beverly Perez and Patricia Saavedra

Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut?

He just needed a little space

What's the difference between a cat and a comma?

A cat has claws at the end of paws; a comma is a pause at the end of a clause

What did the left eye say to the right eye?

Between you and me, something smells.

Farewell to the very first editors for The Phoenixes' Call! Mattie and Eli, you have done an amazing job! To all contributors, thank you for your hard work in making the first semester of *The Phoenixes' Call* a success!



Hey guys, I am Mattie Beeson. This semester I served as co-editor of the newsletter. It was a great experience. I got to work closely with the staff to ensure a great publication. I hope you all found *The Phoenixes' Call* fun and informative. I want to thank everyone who helped with the newsletter; you guys really pulled it together and created something wonderful. I want to thank the readers because without you guys we would not have a reason to write. I want to thank the teachers and staff of the Montgomery County Early College for the constant support given. As the semester comes to an end, I hope that you all have enjoyed your time here and are ready for all that is to come. Have an amazing winter break. Happy Holidays!

Hello Phoenix Flock, my name is Eli Dawkins, and I was one of two editors on this semester's newsletter staff. As this was our inaugural season, we hit more than a few bumps in the road; we had to decide on a general layout, how to translate that design to a digital format, what actually would go in the newsletter, and who would write each piece. Just like with anything, the first time doing something is always the most awkward. We all worked together to get our jobs done, and I'm incredibly proud to have been a part of this team. As co-editor, my job was to make sure every article was completed, but I actually ended up being more of a general helper. Whenever there were technical issues, spelling and/or grammar problems, or anything of that nature, I was the guy to help.

I want to say that it has been a great honor to serve on this semester's newsletter staff, and if I had to leave a message to the people, I'd tell them not to stress out too much over anything. It's not your grades you'll be thinking about 60 years down the line, it's all the time you spent with your friends and your family. Smile often and laugh twice as much. It's December, this is the season for joy. Happy Holidays!

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!