## A Proud Past, A Promising Future

REMINDER TO STUDENTS/PARENTS:
Student e-mail accounts should only be used for schoolwork and educational purposes.
"The trouble with the future is that it usually arrives before we're ready for it."

- Anonymous


## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Breakfast-Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk
Lunch - Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk
Varsity Boys' Basketball - Lake Murray Tip
Off @ White Knoll/Lexington
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Breakfast -Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk
Lunch - Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk
Varsity Boys' Basketball - Lake Murray Tip
Off @ White Knoll/Lexington
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
SCHOOLS/OFFICES CLOSED
Varsity Boys' Basketball - Lake Murray Tip
Off@ White Knoll/Lexington

NOVEMBER 26 \& 27 SCHOOLS/OFFICES CLOSED

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
Breakfast-Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk
Lunch - Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk
Basketball @ Airport High School
TUESDAY, DECEMBER I
Breakfast-Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk
Lunch - Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
Breakfast-Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk
Lunch - Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
Breakfast -Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk
Lunch - Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk
JV Basketball vs. Newberry

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Breakfast-Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk
Lunch - Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk
Varsity Basketball vs. Newberry

## Good News

Congratulations to the Mid-Carolina Cheerleading team. They won first place at the 19 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Annual Trojan Invitational on November $7^{\text {th }}$ and first place at the Rock High School Bearcat Cheer Invitational on November I $4^{\text {th }}$. GO REBELS!

Congratulations to Wyatt Still for being selected as the WLTX I9 Player of the Week for your performance on and off the field.

Congratulations to Anthony "Moo Moo" Wicker for being selected The State Paper Player of the Week.

## Cateteria News

All school lunch and breakfast are at NO charge for the remainder of the 2020-202I school year. Students who choose to bring their own lunch may still get a fruit, vegetable, fries, or milk at no charge. Also, if you have a negative balance from last year please clear it up asap.

We have meal pickups on Wednesday I0 a.m. until I2 noon. You do not have to register to pick up. Pick up is in the car rider line.

## On-going/Opcoming Events

Senior yearbook ads and personal ads are currently for sale online. Prices will vary by size. Purchases can be made at: https://yearbookforever.com/schools/midcarolina_high s chool buy yearbook $5230 / \mathrm{gIt} 936 \mathrm{um} 97 \mathrm{~m} 7 \mathrm{TFxFOKoGM}$ pIX/personal-ads

2020-2021 ACT
Test @ MCHS
December 12, 2020
February 6, 2021
April 17, 2021

## 2020-2021 SAT

Test @ MCHS
December 5, 2020
March 13, 2021
May 8, 2021
June 5, 2021

## SAVE THE DATE MCHS PROM 2021 - Saturday, April 24, 2021

Anyone wanting to be on the Prom Committee needs to contact Mrs. Felker or Mrs. Haltiwanger.

## DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

Reserve your 2020-202I yearbook today for $\$ 65$. After Christmas the price will increase to $\$ 70$.
Yearbook orders are placed on January 23 with the publishing company. A limited number of extras will be ordered. Therefore, if you wish to purchase a yearbook after January 23, your name will be placed on a waiting list. If you receive a yearbook at delivery,
payment of $\$ 75$ will be expected at time of issue.

## WORD POWER

M $\quad$ ABSOLUTE total, complete
BOLSTER to reinforce, to strengthen
i CAPITALIZE to take advantage of
DEBACLE a big failure, disaster, fiasco
W ECSTATIC overioyed, jubilant
FEASIBLE possible, achievable
TH GALVANIZE to energize, excite into sudden activity IMPERISHABLE to last forever, enduring
E JAUNT a short pleasure trip.
LEVITY lighthearted fun, frivolity

Mid-Carolina High School A Proud Past. A Promising Future.
Our mission: To engage students in educational experiences that ensure success and life-long learning.

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## THE POWR IS ON THEINSIDE

Two Coffee Beans Who Are Changing Their World

The minute I walked into PS6, an elementary school, in the South Bronx I knew it was a special place. Signs with encouraging messages and quotes adorned the walls. I felt the positive energy from the teachers and students and saw hope in their eyes. Students were engaged during my talk and asked brilliant, insightful questions afterwards.

I learned that while most of the kids were on reduced or free lunch and faced challenging circumstances at home, the school had provided a safe, nurturing and challenging environment for them to learn, grow and thrive. The school wasn't always like this but ever since Tiawana Perez, who started her education career as a school secretary, became the Principal she and her leadership team have created one of the best school cultures I've ever seen.

In talking with Tiawana Perez I learned that she was unwilling to let the circumstances and environment surrounding her school dictate their internal circumstances and expectations. While many educators in challenging environments feel powerless or stop caring, Tiawana and
her staff were empowered to care even more and make a greater difference.

Unlike the carrot that gets weakened when put into hot water or the egg that gets hardened by it, Tiawana Perez was like a coffee bean who transformed her environment from the inside out. Just as the coffee bean transforms the water into coffee, she transformed her school culture into something completely different through her love, positivity, accountability and leadership.

Anthony Tucker is also a coffee bean who has refused to let circumstances define his life. He grew up surrounded by drugs and gangs and for years thought his only viable future occupation was to be a drug dealer. As he got older and saw his friends join gangs, die, or go to jail he knew he wanted more for his life and future. He didn't want a life and career that destroyed lives, neighborhoods and families. He wanted to be a leader that helped others prosper. His desire and path led him to become an educator and he's now an assistant principal at a preschool in the South Bronx.

Anthony has also written two children's books: A

Rocky Start and Tied In, which teaches children how to tie a tie. He created a program at his Pre-K School that invites fathers to read to the students and also created mini libraries at playgrounds around the Bronx to encourage kids to read more.

After surviving his rough childhood, Anthony could have left his neighborhood but he decided to stay to be a role model for children. In doing so he's transforming his community like a coffee bean from the inside out.

It's easy to look around and say we don't have the resources we need to be successful. It's common for people to blame their circumstances and environment for why they haven't accomplished more. It's convenient to say that a lack of commitment from others is the reason for your lack of effort and results. But Tiawana, Anthony and other coffee beans like them demonstrate that you always have the power to create positive change.

You don't have to let your circumstances define you. You can define your circumstances. No matter how difficult the environment, you have the power to transform it.

Just like the coffee bean, the power is on the inside.
-Jon Gordon

## Reminders

## FACULTY FUND

Don't forget to contribute to the MCHS Faculty Fund. The cost for 2020-202I is $\$$ I5 each.

Please check your mailboxes and e-mail for vital information early each morning.


[^0]:    Our vision is of a culture where all ideas are valued; a cooperative relationship exists between the school, the district, and the community; collaboration is expected; and people want to work and students want to learn.

