



October 10, 2022

A Proud Past, A Promising Future

*"The best preparation for tomorrow is
doing your best today."*

-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

Breakfast – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

- Girls Tennis vs. Irmo – 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Breakfast – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

- Girls Tennis @ Abbeville – 5 p.m.
- Volleyball @ Abbeville – 5:30/7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12 - PSAT

Breakfast – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

- Cross Country @ MCHS (Senior Night)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

Breakfast – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

- Girls Tennis vs. Saluda – 5 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Saluda – 5:30/7 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

- **Fall Semi-Formal Sadie Hawkins Dance**

Breakfast – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

- Varsity Cheer Competition @ Wildcat Classic (Lexington HS)
- Band Competition @ Chesnee HS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

- **HOLIDAY – Schools/Offices Closed**
- Girls Tennis @ Whitmire – 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 - EXAMS

Breakfast – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 – EXAMS

- **END OF 1st NINE WEEKS**

Breakfast – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

- **STUDENT EARLY RELEASE DAY**

Breakfast – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

- Middle School Football vs. Newberry – 5 p.m.
- JV Football vs. Keenan – 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 – REPORT CARDS ISSUED

Breakfast – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

- Varsity Football @ Keenan – 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

- Band Competition @ Upper State (Boiling Springs HS)
- MC Varsity Cheer Competition @ Dorman Cavalier Classic (Dorman HS)

GOOD NEWS

Congratulations to the MCHS Rebel Regiment on their 2nd place finish in the 2A class at the Henry Laurens Marching Band Invitational. The band tied for 4th overall for the day!

Congratulations to the Mid-Carolina Varsity Competition Cheer Team for their 2nd place finish at the Okra Strut Invitational on Saturday, September 24, 2022.

Congratulations to MCHS September Students of the Month, **Zoe Reid** (9th), **Ava Pullen** (10th), **Bella Ferreira** (11th), and **Riley Peel** (12th).

Congratulations to **Mr. Kyle Branham**, MCHS' Teacher of the Month and **Mr. Mike Mauldin**, Support Staff of the Month for September.

Congratulations to **Ms. Kaitlyn Fugel** for being voted in as a board member with the Environmental Educators Association of South Carolina.

On-going/Upcoming Events

**2022-2023 ACT
Test @ MCHS**
December 10, 2022
July 15, 2023

**2022-2023 SAT
Test @ MCHS**
November 5, 2022
December 3, 2022
March 11, 2023
May 6, 2023
June 3, 2023

PSAT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Test Date: October 12, 2022

Registration Closes: October 11, 2022

Sophomore and Junior Fee: \$19

Sign-up in the main office with Mrs. Long

On **Monday, October 24th**, all second-year (10th grade) MCHS students will be participating in state-mandated testing at Mid-Carolina High School. All students should report to campus by 7:35 a.m. on testing day. Second-year (10th grade) students will be taking the **Pre-ACT**, a short, multiple-choice assessment with results that predict performance on the ACT. Any student who normally reports to the Newberry County Career Center in the morning will report to Mid-Carolina High School instead on Monday, October 24th. Breakfast will be provided. Students, please check your email soon for more information regarding test day.

The Office of School Health Services will conduct **Vision and Blood Pressure screenings** on **Thursday, October 27, 2022**. If you do not wish for your child to be screened, please send a handwritten note to your school nurse prior to the date of the screening.

ASVAB (Nov 15, 2022 & March 24, 2023)

The ASVAB is offered to high school students as part of their Career Assessment. It helps students learn more about career exploration and planning, in both the civilian and military worlds of work. The ASVAB assessment is free of charge to students.

The ASVAB is administered at Mid Carolina High School generally in the fall and spring to interested sophomores, juniors and seniors. Please note: you do not need to be joining the military to take this test. To reserve your spot for the test please stop by the guidance department and add your name to the test list.

Football Game Theme

**October 28 (vs. Eau Claire)- "Pinkout"
HOMECOMING GAME**

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

Reserve your 2022-2023 yearbook today for \$75.

After Christmas the price will increase to \$80.

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 \$85 will be expected at time of issue.

Important Dates

- 10/10 SIC Meeting @ 5 p.m. Media Center
- 10/12 PSAT
- 10/14 Fall Dance (7-11 p.m.)
- 10/17 Holiday—Schools/Offices Closed
- 10/18 High School Semester Exams
- 10/19 High School Semester Exams End of 1st Nine Weeks
- 10/20 Students Early Release Day
- 10/21 Report Cards Issued
- 10/27 Mass Screening
- 11/2 District Wednesday
- 11/5 SAT
- 11/8 Election Day (Schools/Offices Closed)
- 11/14 Underclassmen Make-Up Picture Day
- 11/15 ASVAB Fall Testing
- 11/16 Ring Delivery Day 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
- 11/17 Student Early Release Day
- 11/21 Blood Drive 9 a.m.—2 p.m.
- 11/22 Interim Reports Issued
- 11/23- Thanksgiving Holidays
- 11/25 Schools/Offices Closed

THINK BIG.
TRUST
YOURSELF
AND MAKE
IT HAPPEN

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

Happy birthday wishes to
Sandra Casey (10/18) and
Ann Darr (10/21).

M-C Faculty News

Our mission: To engage students in educational experiences that ensure success and life-long learning.

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.

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THE BRICK AND LESSON I FOUND FROM 26 YEARS AGO

I was speaking in downtown Atlanta this past week at the Outbound Sales conference when I decided to look for the brick I had bought before the 1996 Olympics that would become one of the pavers in Centennial Olympic Park. I was 25 years old at the time and couldn't remember what I had inscribed on my brick to commemorate the occasion.

I do remember, however, the excitement and buzz in Atlanta as we awaited to host the Olympics. I was 23 when I moved to Atlanta after college. I arrived with a few suitcases, a pillow and nervous excitement about the possibilities that awaited. I wish I could say I had dreams of being an entrepreneur, a philanthropist, and an aspiring writer and speaker. But the truth is I had no dreams or plans. I just wanted to move to a new city and create my life.

I started out waiting tables and working as a para-professional in a school for kids with behavior disorders. I eventually would find a bartending job, get my Masters in Teaching from Emory University and teach while I also bartended. One day I asked the owner of the bar next to where I worked if he would ever sell his place. When he said, "Son everything is for sale," I found some investors/partners and, without any business experience, bought his place and made it a successful hot spot in Buckhead.

Three weeks after the bar opened, I met my wife while standing on the corner as she walked by me. She was having dinner with a friend and wasn't interested in coming into my bar. If you read Relationship Grit you know the whole story of how she blew me off and I eventually got her to go out with me.

While owning the bar I ran a non-profit I started called The Phoenix Organization (we raised money and volunteered for youth focused charities such as the Boys and Girls Club), ran for the city council of Atlanta (sometimes you have to lose a goal to find your destiny) went to law school for a year and half, quit and went to work for a pioneering technology company that delivered data from computers and servers to any mobile device. I was the one who first worked with the NFL to first put scores on mobile devices. We were way ahead of our time and unfortunately were spending a lot more money than we were making.

In 2001 I moved my family to Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, sold my bar to my partners and career fall apart as the company I worked for crashed along with the rest of the dot.com industry. As I wondered how I was going to provide for my family and pay my mortgage and bills, I desperately prayed and asked what I was born to do and why I was here and that's when

writing and speaking came to me.

I thought about all of this as I walked around Centennial Olympic Park looking for my brick that I created what felt like a lifetime ago and many failures and successes along the way.

After about an hour of searching I was flooded with emotion when I saw it. It had been there for 26 years and had likely been walked on by millions of park visitors over the years. But on this day, I felt as if I struck Gold.

Inscribed on the brick was, "Jon loves Kathryn" and the date of our upcoming wedding. I thought about my past, how I met my wife, the life we have built together, 25 years of marriage, the children that we have who are now 24 and 22 and the future yet to be created.

Looking back, I realize I didn't have a plan but God did. I think too many young people today believe they need to have it all figured out and have their whole life planned. But sometimes the best plan is not to have one. It requires more trust and less fear but this allows magical moments, including failures and successes, to shape your life and become

- Jon Gordon



Reminders

FACULTY FUND

Don't forget to contribute to the MCHS Faculty Fund. The cost for 2022-2023 is \$20 each.

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

