

February 15, 2021

A Proud Past, A Promising Future

REMINDER TO STUDENTS/PARENTS: Student e-mail accounts should only be used for schoolwork and educational purposes.

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." John Quincy Adams 6TH US PRESIDENT



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 President's Day – Holiday – Schools/Offices Closed

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Breakfast – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 VIRTUAL LEARNING DAY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Breakfast – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

Varsity Girls Basketball @ L-R – 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Breakfast – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

Varsity Girls Basketball vs. L-R – 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Wrestling Duals Championship

Good News

Congratulations to our eight students from Mid-Carolina Middle and High who have been selected to perform with the SCBDA Region 6 Honor Bands.



Cafeteria News

FREE

All school lunch and breakfast are at NO charge for the remainder of the 2020-2021 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 10 a.m. until 12 noon. You do not have to register to pick up. Pick up is in the car rider line.

On-going/Opcoming Events

Parents are reminded to use the link on each school's website to report a COVID-related incident. The information requested indicates if your child has symptoms, has tested positive, or has been identified as a close contact or household contact. Thank you for your continued support of our district.

<u>https://www.mid-</u> carolinahighschool.org/article/369980?org=mchs



Here is the link for parents and students to donate to our Pennies for Patients campaign. Our campaign runs from February 15 - March 5, 2021.

https://events.lls.org/pages/sc/Mid-CarolinaHighSchool-2021/EmilyJonesMCHS -



If you have questions concerning Senior yearbook ads and personal ads please contact Mr. Peter Lewis, plewis@newberry.k12.sc.us.

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2020-2021 ACT Test @ MCHS April 17, 2021

2020-2021 SAT Test @ MCHS 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.



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Yearbooks for the 2020-2021 school year have already been ordered. A limited number of extras were ordered.

If you would like for your name to be placed on the waiting list, please contact Mr. Peter Lewis at <u>plewis@newberry.k12.sc.us</u> as soon as possible If you receive a yearbook at delivery, payment of \$75 will be expected at time of issue.

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- **NOVICE** a beginner, a newcomer Ŵ PLUCKY spirited, brave **PONDER** to think about, to contemplate
- PORTENTOUS fateful, ominous ŤĤ **POTENT** very powerful
 - PRAGMATIC practical, not idealistic **PROFICIENCY** skillful, competency

Mid-Carolina High School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age in admission to, treatment in, or employment in its programs and activities.

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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.

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.

THE GIVING AND TAKING OF OFFENSE

It seems that taking offense has become the national pastime. We can take offense at just about anything someone's political views, things done by their distant relatives, their religious beliefs, their success (or lack thereof), their hairstyle - you name it, it can offend us. Personally, I think being offended (or overly upset by other's actions) is a huge waste of time. Let other people do what they do – don't give them so much power over your emotions. Someone wants to give a political speech and you disagree with their crazy leftwing/right-wing views? Well, don't go. It really has nothing to do with you. Why let it rile you up so much? I believe the vast majority of people don't actually want to offend. They are just going about their lives believing what they believe. They don't believe these things to upset you. Really, their beliefs probably have absolutely nothing to do with you. But the world is what it is, and we tend to vilify those different from ourselves. We also tend to believe we are indeed, the center of the Universe.

People also talk a lot about being disrespected. In a recent SHRM survey, the top contributor to job satisfaction was "respectful treatment of

employees at all levels." Well, that sounds great, but what does that even mean? In working with a wide variety of people, I have come to find respect can mean 40 different things to 40 different people. To some, respect means you will listen to what they have to say when they want to say it. Being told someone is busy right now and can't meet with them is disrespect. To other people, respect might mean you don't interrupt or cut them off. And while we all agree in theory that we shouldn't interrupt other people, isn't it disrespectful to drone on and on and waste other people's time? Do you see how difficult it is to make sure no one ever feels disrespected?

Here's what I think. First of all, we should get the heck over it. If someone doesn't listen to you, make your ideas so compelling, they want to listen. Or take your ideas someplace they will be heard. The only person you can control in any situation is you. Also, I don't think it's always about us. Maybe the other person is not disrespecting you, they're just a poor communicator (to everyone). Or they are incredibly overworked and are doing the best they can, they just don't have time to soothe your fragile ego. Sure, there are some mean, evil people out there. I believe they are the exception. Most of us are blundering through, doing the best we can, probably offending people daily and not even realizing it. I have short hair. A rushed stewardess once called me "Sir." Did I get offended? Was I disrespected? Please. She didn't do it on purpose – and even if she did, who cares?

Next time you find yourself offended or disrespected, ask if either of those emotions serve you. Could you be reading the situation wrong? Is it really about you? Do you treat yourself and others with what you consider respect? I often find people who are complaining the most about not being respected often behave in ways not worthy of respect.

Life is short. Travel joyfully. Assume others like you and respect you. If they don't, let them go. Let others have their "wrong" beliefs, know that you have many of your own. And next time you find yourself offended, ask why you are giving the situation any power over you at all. Let it go. Everyone will respect you for it.

- Denise Ryan





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Life is never easy. There is work to be done and obligations to be met – obligations to truth, to

justice, and to liberty."

John F. Kennedy (1961–1963)



Important Dates

2/15	President's Day-Schools/Offices Closed		
2/26	Interim Reports Issued		
3/12	Holiday-Schools/Offices Closed		
3/23	ACT Spring Testing		
3/24	SAT Spring Testing		
3/30	End of 3rd Nine Weeks		
4/2-4/9	Spring Holidays-Schools/Offices Closed		
	(April 2—3rd Make-Up Day)		
4/12	Report Cards Issued		
4/17	ACT		
4/24	PROM (Tentative)		
5/4	Golden Oldies (Tentative)		
5/6	Art Show (Tentative)		
5/8	SAT		
5/31	Memorial Day—School/Offices Closed		
6/1-6/4	Senior Exams		
6/5	SAT		

