



May 10, 2021

A Proud Past, A Promising Future

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REMINDER TO STUDENTS/PARENTS:
Student e-mail accounts should only be used for
schoolwork and educational purposes.
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*"Spread Positive News About People Today.
Instead of negative gossip, focus on saying
something good about others... to others. Let's
create a culture of positive praise today!"*

-Jon Gordon

MONDAY, MAY 10

Breakfast –Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

- Golf Upper State Tournament @ Greenville

TUESDAY, MAY 11

Breakfast –Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

- Softball vs. Lexington – 5 p.m./7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Breakfast –Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

- Softball @ Chapin – 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 13

Breakfast –Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

FRIDAY, MAY 14

Breakfast –Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

Lunch – Manager's Choice, Juice, Milk

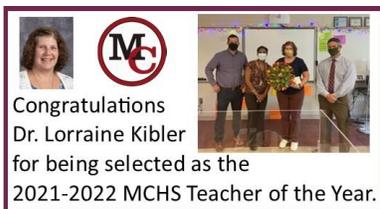
SATURDAY, MAY 15

Varsity Baseball Ist Round of Playoffs – 6 p.m.

Good News

Congratulations to our April Students of the Month,
**Elyse Fellers, Brady Moates, Ella Schafer, and Aleah
Cromer.**

Congratulations to **Mrs. Valerie Haltiwanger**, our
Teacher of the Month and **Sharon Turner**, our Support
Staff of the Month for April.



Congratulations to the **MC Girls Track Team!** They
captured the Region IV AAA Track & Field
Championship at Keenan HS. The girls scored 150
points to triumph over Fairfield Central (73 points),
Lower Richland (68 points), Keenan (49 points), and
Chester. Top 4 in each event will compete at Upper State
on Saturday, May 15 at Seneca HS.

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MC Boys Track Team placed third in the Region IV
AAA Championship. The boys fought hard and posted
many personal records. Congratulations to all of these
young men.

Cafeteria News

 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/Upcoming 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.

[https://www.mid-
carolinahighschool.org/article/369980?org=mchs](https://www.mid-carolinahighschool.org/article/369980?org=mchs)

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2020-2021 SAT

Test @ MCHS

May 8, 2021

June 5, 2021

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CLASS OF 2021

If you have not placed your senior supply order or you have a
balance, you will need to call Rhodes Graduation Services
(Jostens) at (803) 485-4503. You may also contact them at
office@rhodesgraduation.com.

Senior Night will be presented in a virtual format on June 1,
2021.

A Virtual Baccalaureate Service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on
Sunday, June 6.

Graduation will be held at Lon Armstrong Stadium (MCHS
Football Field) at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021. Our
rain-out date will be Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 5 p.m. A pass
will be required for entry on either date.



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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

plewis@newberry.k12.sc.us as soon as possible

If you receive a yearbook at delivery, payment of \$75 will be
expected at time of issue.

WORD POWER

M **DROSS** the scum or unwanted material that forms on the surface of
molten metal
FUSTIAN a strong cotton and linen fabric

T **ABJURE** to renounce upon oath; to reject solemnly
CONCILIATORY tending to win over from a state of hostility or
distrust; intended to gain the goodwill or favor of someone

W **SUCCUMB** to yield to superior strength or force or overpowering
appeal or desire
SPRIGHTLY spirited; lively; full of energy

TH **LIMN** to draw or paint on a surface
UNDERWHELM to fail to impress

F **INDISSOLUBLE** not dissolvable; incapable of being annulled,
undone, or broken; permanent
TOADY one who flatters in the hope of gaining favors



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 POWER OF APPRECIATION

In the spirit of Teacher Appreciation Week, I wanted to share an exchange I had six years ago with my high school teacher/coach. Like so many great teachers out there he changed my life. Teachers possess the greatest power in the universe. The power to impact the life of a student. Let's appreciate all the teachers who are on a mission to make a difference and take the time to show they care and, in the process, leave an incredible legacy.

Are you the Tony Caiazza who coached at Smithtown East? If you are, you changed my life and I just want to say thank you!

His response:

Yes I am. I coached some Great teams & athletes at Smithtown East! Please share more with me!!!!

I responded with this email.

Tony, you encouraged me to go out for the freshman lacrosse team. I played basketball and you told me I would be good at lacrosse. I never played before and couldn't catch the ball and tried to quit. You wouldn't let me. You told me I was going to play lacrosse in college one day. You even said I would play in the Ivy League because I was a good student. I graduated in 1989 and played lacrosse at Cornell University for Richie Moran. Playing lacrosse at Cornell changed my life and if it weren't for you I would have quit. If it weren't for you I would venture to say that I wouldn't be the person I am today. Now, I speak for professional sports teams, college teams, businesses and school districts around the country. I often talk about YOU and how you believed in me, wouldn't let me quit and changed the course of my life. I'd love to send you my books if you would like. You're in the acknowledgement section of Training Camp. If there is anything I can do to give back to you and your school or team please let me know. It's the least I can do.

Tony responded with an email that taught me the power of appreciation. He wrote:

Jon, you don't know how much your email means to me! It's just as exciting as winning the Lottery! Ironically, as I turn 55 this October, I am at the phase of my life where you spend a lot of time in reflection ie; "The Road Not Taken". Recently, I have been faced with many challenges both professionally & personally. Your communication could not have been better time d!!!! It provided instant verification of who I am & what I am all about and why I went into the field of education & coaching. I always talk of the book the "Giving Tree" and that has always been the fabric of my humble existence. I have been a Dean of Students at Oceanside for the past 28 years. I have coached both football & lacrosse here and have also been the Head Lacrosse coach at Dowling College from 1993-2000. My assistant, Tim Boyle took over the program in 2001 & last year won the National Championship! The impossible dream? I think so! I was invited back for the ring ceremony, it was a proud moment! I would love to read your books! Keep in touch.... YOU MADE MY DAY!... MONTH!... YEAR!!!! I shared your communication with those close to me & with those who question me... for both it was well served!! THANKS FOR PROVIDING THE "GUSTO" IN A TIME MUCH NEEDED!

After reading Tony's email, I realized how important it is to reach out to those who made a difference in our lives and let them know. They need to hear it more than we think and so do their families. This was an email I received the other day from Tony's wife.

My name is Patti and I am Tony's wife. I wanted to send you a message to let you know how grateful to you my children and I for taking the time to reach out to Tony. Your email reminded Tony and all of us how his compassion and dedication to teaching and coaching makes a difference. Your words also enlighten my children to understand how powerful taking the time to stop and thank the people along your journey can be. My daughter will

*be a sophomore at Molloy College this coming fall. She recently attended a week long leadership conference for the school. One of her workshops required her to deliver a speech on inspiration. She knew exactly what her subject should be. She spoke about your email, your dedication to Tony, who you were and was proud to tell about her Dad's devotion to teaching and coaching and the difference he has made to so many. She looks forward to following in her father's footsteps. She coaches lacrosse with Tony on the weekends and is majoring in Math Secondary Education. Her goal is to be a Guidance Counselor one day. She received many accolades regarding her presentation from her peers and professors. They are considering adding a workshop discussing the power of acknowledgement and gratitude for those who inspire and encourage for next year's conference. In closing, I would just like you to know the impact you have had to my family. Tony was so touched by your email. When each of my kids were born, Tony bought them the book The Giving Tree. This summer all of us will be reading Training Camp. With Much Gratitude,
Patti Caiazza*

I asked Tony and Patti if I could share our story and correspondence with you. They said yes because they, like me, realized that something very special happened between us. The power of appreciation caused a ripple effect that not only impacted Tony, me and our families but also those who heard Tony's daughter's presentation. Our hope is that this ripple effect will continue by inspiring you to thank someone who made a difference in your life. By sharing the power of appreciation you will create your own positive ripples in the lives, hearts and families of those who need to hear your encouraging words, especially a teacher.

I appreciate you!

—Jon Gordon



M-C Faculty News

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Important Dates

- 5/8 SAT
- 5/24 EOC—English II Writing
- 5/25 EOC—English II Reading
- 5/27 EOC—Algebra I
- 5/28 EOC US History
- 5/31 Memorial Day—School/Offices Closed
- 6/1 EOC—Biology I
- 6/1 Senior Night Virtual
- 6/3 & 6/4 Senior Exams
- 6/5 SAT
- 6/6 Baccalaureate—Virtual (Tentative)
- 6/9 & 6/10 Underclassmen Exams
- 6/9 Half Day for Students
- 6/10 Half Day for Students
- 6/11 Teacher Workday & MCHS Graduation



Reminders

FACULTY FUND

Don't forget to contribute to the MCHS Faculty Fund. The cost for 2020-2021 is \$15 each.



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

