



June 7, 2021

## A Proud Past, A Promising Future

### REMINDER TO STUDENTS/PARENTS:

Student e-mail accounts should only be used for schoolwork and educational purposes.

*“Aim for the sky, but move slowly, enjoying every step along the way. It is all those little steps that make the journey complete.” -- Chanda Kochhar*

#### MONDAY, JUNE 7

Breakfast –Manager’s Choice, Juice, Milk

Lunch – Manager’s Choice, Juice, Milk

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Breakfast –Manager’s Choice, Juice, Milk

Lunch – Manager’s Choice, Juice, Milk

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9 – Half Day for Students UNDERCLASSMENT FINAL EXAMS (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Blocks)

Breakfast –Manager’s Choice, Juice, Milk

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 10 – Half Day for Students UNDERCLASSMEN FINAL EXAMS (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Blocks)

Breakfast –Manager’s Choice, Juice, Milk

End of 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks

#### Last Day of the 2020-2021 School Year

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 11 GRADUATION



### 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.

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

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Medications located in the health room must be picked up by 12:00 p.m. June 10<sup>th</sup> by an adult. No medicine will be sent home with students. Any medication not picked up by 12:00 p.m. on June 10 will be destroyed. If you need special arrangements, please contact Nurse Janet.

### 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](mailto:office@rhodesgraduation.com).

A Virtual Baccalaureate Service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 6. <https://bit.ly/3ievLVF>

### GRADUATION

Graduation will be held at Lon Armstrong Stadium (MCHS Football Field) at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021.

All seniors are to arrive no later than 7:30 a.m. All seating will be marked for social distancing in pods of 5. As seating is limited, each senior will receive one pass (*students will receive their graduation pass on Thursday, June 10 at graduation practice*) that will allow a total of 5 guests to attend the ceremony at Lon Armstrong Stadium (football field). Attendees will be required to enter and sit together with the pass holder at graduation. (Allowable capacity includes infants & small children).

*The entrance gate at Lon Armstrong Stadium will be locked at 8:45 a.m.!!! If your family arrives after that, they will not be allowed to enter the stadium.*

### PLEASE BE ON TIME.

Our rain-out date will be Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 5 p.m. A pass will be required for entry on either date.

### NCS D Covid-19 Social Distancing Graduation Protocols

Social distancing guidelines will be adhered to at all graduations. For the safety of all in attendance at each graduation, the following will be implemented at all high school graduations in Newberry County.

- At the end of graduation, all seniors will exit the field, move directly to their vehicles, and exit the stadium.
- Attendees will remain seated until all seniors have exited. Attendees will be released by section adhering to social distancing guidelines. Please be patient and understanding with our staff as they safely release attendees at the end of graduation.
- No individual or group photos will be allowed on school grounds or in parking lots due to social distancing requirements.



*Yearbooks are here!!!*

### WORD POWER

<b>M</b>	<b>INROAD</b> a sudden hostile incursion; raid <b>NETTLE</b> to arouse to sharp but transitory annoyance or anger
<b>T</b>	<b>ANFRACTUOUS</b> full of windings and intricate turnings; tortuous <b>COLEAGUE</b> an associate or coworker typically in a profession or in a civil or ecclesiastical office and often of similar rank or status; a fellow worker or professional
<b>W</b>	<b>PEACH</b> to inform against; betray; to turn informer; blab <b>STICTION</b> the friction which tends to prevent stationary surfaces from being set in motion
<b>W</b>	<b>EOLIAN</b> borne, deposited, produced, or eroded by the wind <b>COMPUNCTION</b> anxiety arising from awareness of guilt



# 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.

### EVERY CHALLENGE IS AN OPPORTUNITY!

I've been sharing this lesson for years and know it to be true. But knowing this doesn't make it any easier while going through a challenge. It's hard to see what the opportunity is when you are just trying to get through the adversity you are facing. It seems only in retrospect are we able to see what the challenge is meant to teach us and the opportunity and path forward.

You see, this week my wife Kathryn and I are celebrating that she is officially off probation! Seriously she received 6 months probation after being arrested at LaGuardia airport. It was one of the strangest days of our lives.

I had just spoken to all the principals of NYC schools. We went to LGA airport where I was flying to Kansas and my wife was flying home to Florida. We went to different terminals. About 20 minutes after I arrived she texted me...

She said "Don't freak out it's all going to be okay but I just got pulled by TSA and they just called the police."

What?

"You know that lipstick taser I carry in my purse for protection? Well I forgot to put it in my checked bag. I told them to just keep it but they called the police. I'm sure it will be fine. Just get on your flight."

I couldn't leave knowing this was going on. I waited and waited and then she finally called me and said.

"OMG they are arresting me and taking me to a local precinct at the airport and about to handcuff me. They are taking my phone."

It turns out her lipstick taser is legal in Florida where we live and

in most states but three, New York being one of them. Who knew? Three police officers took her away in handcuffs.

I called my client in Kansas and said I had to cancel. My mission was to find my wife and get her out of jail. Just saying these words is funny now but was absolutely crazy then. I eventually found the local precinct after taking a few airport shuttle buses and dodging cars.

I was told she would be transported from the local precinct to the Queens city jail and have to go up in front of the Judge but since the Judge wasn't in she would have to stay overnight in a jail cell and see the Judge sometime in the next few days.

What??? I felt like I was in the twilight zone.

At that point I called a friend who lives in NY and he knew a great attorney who called me and said he didn't think he could keep my wife out of jail but he could try to help her get her own jail cell.

In the meantime my wife was locked up in a jail cell at the precinct. I talked to the cops and they said they had good news. My wife wasn't a terrorist and didn't have a record. I wanted to yell. "I know! She's a wife and mother!!"

Speaking of being a mother, I had to call our kids. "Hey guys. Umm. Mom is in jail."

The cops said my wife was still going to the city jail to see the Judge. I sat down, put my head down and just prayed. I didn't know what to do. I felt helpless, powerless and just tried to stay positive. About a few hours later I got a call from the attorney and he had good news.

They were going to let my wife go. She wouldn't have to stay overnight in jail. But we'd have to fly back in a month for her court date. Of course I didn't want to fly back but anything was better than making my wife stay overnight in jail with nothing but the dress she had on.

A month later the judge gave her six months probation and community service which she does a ton of already and this week she is officially off probation!! I can no longer tease her that I'm married to a criminal but truth be told it was a scary, crazy time that will always be a part of us.

In all seriousness this experience gave us a whole new perspective. We saw and felt how fast you could lose your freedom. One minute you're free, the next you're in jail. We were fortunate to have the resources to deal with this but what about those that don't? What about those who are more likely to be arrested and placed in the system because of their skin color or nationality?

We think about this often and now see the opportunity this challenge has presented.

We believe in law enforcement (my dad was NYPD) but want to be an advocate for change to improve the system. We have no idea what that looks like right now (I might run for office) but know this challenge is an opportunity to make us better and make the world better.

That's what we all have to do. In order to grow we have to take our mess and make it our message. We have to transform our tests into our testimony. We have to take every challenge in our lives and use them to create a better future.

—Jon Gordon

# M-C Faculty News

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### Important Dates

- 6/6 Baccalaureate—Virtual
- 6/9 & 6/10 Underclassmen Exams
- 6/9 Half Day for Students
- 6/10 Half Day for Students



- 6/11 MCHS GRADUATION Teacher Workday



## 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.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

wishes to

Peggy Corley (6/3), Karen Barnes (6/8), Sarah Bridges (6/9), Laura LaBarre (6/10), Taci Allen (6/20), Jason Long (6/22), Vernelle Murphy (6/23), Jessica Felker (6/25), Jennifer Long (6/30), Ray Cooper (7/8), Kristina Cannon (7/9), Shaquille Counts (7/17), and Brooke Goode (7/31).