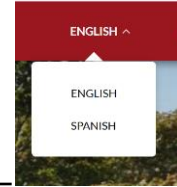


Rebels With A Cause...Education! December/January 2019/2020

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MIDDLE SCHOOL
is EXCELLENT!**

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Important Dates December-January

- December 2- Vaping Assembly @ 8:00 AM
Basketball @ Dutch Fork
- December 3- Saluda Shoals Gr. 7 part 1
- December 4- Club Day and PJ Day for \$1.00
- December 5- Saluda Shoals Gr. 7 part 2
- December 9- School Board Mtg. @ 7:30 PM
- December 10- Band Concert 6PM
Basketball @ Busbee
- December 11- Walk at School
SGA Mtgs. @ lunch
Basketball vs Irmo
- December 12- Chorus Concert 6PM
- December 13- Bully Prev. Assembly @ RA
Parent Night- Cyberbullying, etc. @ 6:00 PM
- December 16- Dental Van
Basketball vs Northside
- December 17- SIC Meeting 4PM
- December 18- Algebra 1 Exam
- December 19- English I Exam
Basketball @ Newberry
- December 20- Half Day-Dismissal at 11:30AM
Fun Friday
- December 21- Basketball Invitational @ Nby
College
- December 23-January 3- Winter Break
- December 27-28- Boys BB Tourn. in Columbia
- January
- January 6- Teachers Return P.D.
- January 7- Students Return/ Rotate Schedule
8th Grade Bible Class Begins
Basketball @ Chapin
- January 8- Club Day
- January 9- SGHA Mtgs. @ lunch
IGP Night @ 6:00 PM
Basketball @ Fulmer
- January 10- Report Cards
ABC Celebration for Attendance
- January 14- Awards Day 6th - 8AM (Sm. Gym)
7th - 8th / 8:30 AM (Big Gym)
Basketball vs. Chapin
- January 15- Walk at School
- January 16-17- Beta Club Convention
- January 16- Parent/Teacher Conferences PM
- January 17- Parent/Teacher Conferences AM
No School for Students
- January 18- Basketball @ Pine Ridge
- January 20- MLK Holiday
- January 21- Basketball vs Dutch Fork
- January 23- Academic Team Meet @ MCMS
Basketball @ Irmo
- January 27- Basketball vs Pine Ridge
- January 30- Academic Team Meet @ Edgewood
Basketball vs Newberry

Congratulations
to MCMS' November Students of the Month.
Each student was voted on by their teachers for
showing a Live to Give attitude.
We are Rebel Proud!



November Students of the Month:

Lyle Fulmer, Brainna Boland, Weston Lominick,
Audrey Fulmer, Gabi Riddle, Jabarran Gallman,
Horryana Reeder, Heyward Fellers, Jadzia
McCall, Nathaniel Crawford, Isaac Hernandez
Vazquez, Kaitlyn Lintz, Lawson Morris, Alanis
Hill, Harlee Behling, Brayden Archey, Cody
Gray, Elyse Fellers, Camryn Shealy, Truстан
Stack, Carmella Burnside, Tayvion Davis.

Congratulations to MCMS' November Teacher of
the Month, Mrs. Candice Dixon. Mrs. Dixon is a
school counselor, Jr. Beta Club sponsor, Student
Government Association sponsor, and Bully
Prevention Committee sponsor. She was voted on
by her peers for showing a Live to Give spirit every
day. We are Rebel Proud!



Congratulations
to MCMS' November Support Staff of the Month,
Mrs. Dena Pollard. Mrs. Pollard is the Media
Specialist Assistant. She was voted on by her peers
for showing a Live to Give spirit every day.
We are Rebel Proud!

Mission

To facilitate optimal learning
for all students to enable them
to lead fulfilling lives in a
rapidly changing and
increasingly complex society.

Vision

To create unity within the
school, district, and community
forming a culture while
collaboration is
expected and all
ideas are valued.

ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

Many of you did not get a
chance to come to our student
session from the Nby. Sheriff's
Department presentation on
Cell phones, Cyberbullying and
Sexting. We have scheduled a
special night on **December 13th**
at 6:00 PM in the Big Gym just
for you. A translator will also
be available for our Hispanic
parents. **PLEASE** make every
effort to attend this.

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R – Respect
E – Exemplary
B – Behave Well
E – Explain Calmly
L – Listen

W – Wise
A – Ask Questions
Y – Yes you can



ATHLETIC NEWS:

NOTE: Admissions Prices

Adults/Parents: \$5.00 Students: \$1.00 Children 10 & Under: Free
FYI: MCHS Booster Club Passes, Sr. Citizen Passes, District I.D. or Pass will be accepted.

SCHSL Passes accepted for admission to our MCMS basketball games.

Concessions will be sold

2019-2020 Girls Basketball Roster:

Addie Bowers Nadia Harmon
Anna Milstead Audrey Fulmer
Delaina Sherman Braley Brown
Alaija Bookman Hannah Shealy
Josie Shepherd Zeta Hobby
Callie Wilbanks
Madelyn Hamilton

2019-2020 Boys Basketball Roster:

Braxton Rodgers Zac McCormack
Camden Hendrickson
Nolan Palmore Ty Floyd
Conner Cromer Jay Bookman
Trey Broome Jacob Clark
Brady Davenport Landon Still
Andrew DeLavalle
Kayden Myers

Attention all!

The MCMS School Improvement Council is asking for donations for our teachers! They would like to thank them by donating boxes of Kleenex, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, and pencils. Please send any of these items by your child.



Chorus Concert

The MCMS Winter Chorus Concert will be held on Thursday, December 12th in the MCMS large gym at 6:00 P.M. Admission is free; students will be collecting a free-will donation at the door to help support the wonderful music programs here at MCMS.



Band Concert

The Combined Bands of Mid-Carolina Middle and High Schools Winter Concert will be held Tuesday, December 10th at **Mid-Carolina High School Gymnasium** at 6:00 P.M. Admission is free; students will be collecting a free-will donation at the door to help support the musical endeavors of the Bands of Mid-Carolina.

Parent/Teacher Conferences in January.

The School District of Newberry County has scheduled semester parent/teacher conferences for the afternoon of January 16th and morning of January 17th. If your child is in danger of failing, a letter will be mailed home needing you to schedule a conference with their team of teachers. If you do not receive a letter and wish to see your child's teacher, you may still schedule a conference.

Letters will be sent home after the holiday break.



The FCA will meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. This month the FCA meets on Friday, December 6th, Friday, December 20th, Friday. We meet in the Media Center at 7:15 a.m. Students attending FCA should enter through the doors located near the Media Center. All students are welcome!

**Attention 8th graders going to Washington;
Your next payment is due January 30th.**

December 4, 2019 \$100.00
January 29, 2020 - \$100.00
February 18, 2020 -\$100.00
March 17, 2020-\$25.00

Please stay tuned for REMIND messages/announcements concerning Washington information.



8th Grade IMPORTANT Note from our School Counselors!!!

Attention 8th grade parents:

Watch for mailings over the break from Counselors about two important meetings!

* All 8th grade parents will receive a letter about their child's IGP (Individual Graduation Plan) meeting with your child's Counselor. It will list a specific date and time in January or February, and we will be discussing course offerings at the high school.

* **IF your child has a 504 plan**, you will receive a letter from Mrs. Dixon (504 Chair) requesting your presence at the annual review meeting as we get the 504 plan ready to send to the high school.

If you have any questions, please email or call your child's Counselor. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!!



Congratulations to Ms. Beverly Wood, MCMS Assistant Principal, for being named the 2019-2020 Mid-Carolina Middle Distinguished Administrator of Literacy. Ms. Wood has a love for literacy and helps teachers connect literacy into all content areas. She is an avid reader and shares her love for reading with all students. We are Rebel Proud of Ms. Wood for exemplifying the mindsets of Passion First and Everything is Possible.

Since literacy is a school wide goal, please remember to continue to read for pleasure over the break.

Beta News:

•All Jr. Beta Members are reminded that documentation for at least 10 service hours are due by Friday, December 13th to Mrs. Hawkins.

* The Jr. Beta State Convention is Wednesday, January 15th through Friday, January 17th in Myrtle Beach, SC. Members attending the convention should be working on their competitions!

* Students traveling on the Beta Club trip to Myrtle Beach in January MUST have any medications needed for the trip at the school no later than December 20, 2019. Parents must bring the medications in to the nurse. Students are not allowed to carry medications while at school. Please call Nurse Lauren with any questions.

* Thanks to all students who contributed canned food items to the Clemson/Carolina Food Drive. All food will be donated to the Pomaria Food Bank. Final counts have not yet been completed at the time of this printing.

***The December Beta Project is holiday cards for shut-ins. Please write a cheerful note inside and get your cards to Mrs. Westwood by Friday, December 13th.



Healthy Tip Corner

Ditch the Pressure to be a Perfect Parent. Embrace the fact that you're a gloriously imperfect parent raising gloriously imperfect kids. Having sky-high expectations of yourself increases the likelihood that you'll find yourself struggling with parent burnout - something that isn't healthy for you or your kids. Instead, make this the year you allow you to be less than perfect, give yourself time off for good behavior and recognize that you can't be all things to all people at all times. BUT, you can be your very best to everyone by engaging in healthy self-care.

Invest in Your Relationships. Make a list of what you do well in your relationships and areas you'd like to improve. Keep these lists in a journal or in your bedside drawer and take a look at it every week to add, edit and gauge your progress. If you don't set goals and develop specific strategies to improve your relationships, you're unlikely to grow. One of the easiest ways to improve any relationship is to be present in conversations and make that person feel like they are the most important person in your life.

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Please remind your child to visit READY time before school, Catch-up Café at lunch or their teacher's tutoring day if they are behind, missing work or need extra help. All MCMS students can succeed if they use the tools available to them every day! We thank you for your continued support.

Attendance Note....



Please remember that attendance is taken during each class. If your student has an appointment that causes him/her to be late to school, leave early from school, or be absent from school, please provide the attendance office with a medical note. If a medical note is not available, please send a handwritten note. Thank you.

MCMS
FACULTY
AND STAFF
WISHES
EVERYONE
A SAFE AND
HAPPY
HOLIDAY
BREAK!



Mrs. Studer was fortunate to receive a fully-funded project by Donor's Choose. She submitted a request for 25 new calculators, and the donations were met on November 5th. Mrs. Studer and her students are very thankful and excited to use these new pieces of technology in the classroom!



Thank you for your support for our November Live to Give Kindness Project, Angel Tree. Many students will have a nice holiday because of your support. Our December project continues to be Angel Tree. Dec. 4th is our next Pajama Day to support our Angel Tree Project. \$1 to wear pajamas, and an additional \$1 to wear slippers. Please remember school dress code still applies, even for kindness projects!

Tag! You are a Rebel!

Want to support your school everywhere you go? Buy a Rebel decal for \$5.00! Decals are available at any time in the main office.

They make for a great surprise gift too!



COMMUNICATION IS KEY!

Please make sure the school has your correct phone numbers and address! We mail information out periodically.

For specific school details visit the school webpage to see the calendar, highlights and teacher websites where homework is posted after 4:00 PM daily. Like us on Facebook too!

Mindset Reminder: We Are Connected

During the months of December and January MCMS students and staff will be focusing on the mindset--We Are Connected. "We Are Connected", teaches us the importance of everyone who comes into our lives because they can all help us to achieve and live our dreams. Working with, for, and through others is crucial to realizing each of our dreams. When you understand this and constantly seek the positives from relationships with others your performance in every area of your life improves. Through the lessons of this mindset, we help students explore synergies with others, embrace diversity, and relish the competition that will allow them to maximize their potential by working with and through others.

Please help us at home by practicing our "We Are Connected" mindset not only this month but every month at home with your family, with these tips!

Do spend time talking about and modeling the We Are Connected mindset at home by embracing everyone, finding ways to connect with others and learning from them.

Don't spend time talking about others negatively. It's better to focus on the positive things that people bring into our lives rather than on the negative experience.

Do look for ways to connect with other people. By celebrating life with friends and family and spending time going places with others and connecting children learn the importance of these relationships. Realize that you are a role model for how to deal with others, and know that they'll continually look to you for guidance.

Don't discourage them from making new friends. Sometimes our children pick friends we might not be excited about, but it's important to talk with them about their relationships with others and find value in these connections. Talk through values and what's most important in building relationships with others.

Do find ways to give back and lead with value in the community. Serving others teaches us a lot about ourselves and the importance of cooperation. You never know who might be the next person to help you through something, help you get a new job, or assist you with something else, so it's always a good idea to put yourself out there and help others first. It is much easier to receive help when others know you're willing to do the same for them.



Congratulations to Ms. Tacandra Rountree, MCMS ESOL teacher, for being named the 2019-2020 School District of Newberry County's Distinguished Teacher of Literacy. Ms. Rountree is a published author as well as an advocate for literacy in and out of the classroom. Each day she uses literacy to engage her students and connect them to the real world. We are Rebel Proud of Ms. Rountree for exemplifying the mindsets of Passion First and Everything is Possible.



Friday, November 8, 2019

Mid-Carolina Middle School's students, faculty, and staff honored our country's veterans during our annual Veterans Day Program. Senior Airmen Sarah Arkin was our keynote speaker. Mr. Brian Gootee, father of MCMS student, Erin Gootee, honored all veterans by reading the Roll Call of Honor. We are Rebel Proud!



From the Desk of the Bookkeeper:

As the school year progresses, be sure to check on parent portal occasionally to ensure there are no charges due on your students account that you may be unaware of. You may call the school anytime for assistance. Below is the link to make payments on student accounts (*lunch and media center excluded*) via your debit or credit card. There is a small charge. The link should now be working for Washington and Beta cost.

A Message from Nurse Flynn:

Illness Reminder:

We need your help to reduce the spread of germs! By working together, taking precautions, we can help to minimize the impact of any illness that can be spread to others.

Please be reminded of the following:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds;
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick;
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick;
- Stay home when feeling sick, and obtain consultation from your health care provider.
- Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have vomiting or diarrhea.
- Ill children should stay home until 24 hours after they are fever free without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
- Cover your cough/sneeze. It is best to cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands. If you cough/sneeze in your hands or in a tissue, make sure you wash your hands afterwards.

These everyday steps are a good way to reduce your chances of getting the flu. However, a yearly flu vaccine is the best protection against flu illness.

Ways to get your tween/teen reading at home:

- Parents know how to inspire a love of books in babies and toddlers: Just put 'em on your lap, and start reading. But as kids get older and go to school, reading can be seen as work rather than fun -- and kids, especially teens, [may stop reading for pleasure](#). Here are some ways to get teens reading, either again or for the first time.
 - **Find the "why" in YA.** YA (young adult) novels tackle the edgy issues teens struggle with, from peer pressure and romantic longing to grief and trouble at home or school. Whether they're personally grappling with these issues or seeking vicarious thrills, teens gravitate toward subject matter that's relatable. Check out some of these websites and blogs for ideas!
 - **Merge movies with books.** Hollywood is turning to teen lit for ideas more than ever. Offer your teen the print version to read before or after a big film adaptation comes out, and talk about the similarities and differences between the two. Check out our list of [12 YA Books Coming to the Big Screen \(or Netflix\) in 2019](#). And [2020](#).
 - **Get graphic.** Gone are the days when graphic novels were dismissed as comic books. Now recognized as literature, they may be the key to getting some teens hooked on books. They're available in a wide range of genres -- from adventure and fantasy to historical fiction, memoir, and biography -- so certainly there's a graphic novel out there to suit your teen's taste. See our editors' picks for [Graphic Novels](#) and [Graphic Novels That Teach History](#).

Mid-Carolina Middle School Academic Team

Mid-Carolina Middle School Academic Team will practice on January 14th in Ms. Richardson's room from 3:10 – 4:00 p.m. On January 23rd, Mid-Carolina Middle School will host the first academic scrimmage of the season beginning at 4:15 p.m. The following are the scheduled scrimmages:

- Thursday, January 30 at Edgewood
- Thursday, February 6 at Westview
- Thursday, February 13 at Hickory Tavern

All scrimmages are scheduled to begin around 4:15 p.m.

MCMS was named one of 7 schools in South Carolina to be state finalists for the Samsung Solve For Tomorrow Engineering Design Challenge. Eighth graders Peyton Kingsmore and Gage Gilliam, sponsored by teacher Cecilia Kelly, are the team members. They won a Samsung Galaxy Tablet for the classroom. They are moving on to the next stage of the competition. They are looking at ways to apply STEM to solve the problem of babies and young children dying when left unattended in car seats. They are hoping to develop an affordable alert system that any parent can use in any vehicle.

We are Rebel Proud and wish them lots of luck!

Please follow us on our school Facebook, Twitter and the school website, mcmiddle.org, for up to date shout-outs, news and events!



Simply sign up for a Publix.com account (if you don't already have one), and select our school under your account settings. Then enter your phone number every time you check out.

What do we collect that gives back to the school?

- Box tops!
- Campbell Soup labels!
- Can tabs!

Please support MCMS and our Live to Give Projects!

The students had a speaker, Luka Kinard, on the dangers of vaping. If you would like more information, you can Google him. He also has an Instagram page.



MCMS would like to give a Rebel shout out to Newberry College football players and cheer leaders for coming out and reading with us during American Education Week!

