

# Rebels With A Cause...Education!

February 2020

## MID-CAROLINA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### 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.

We believe: Mid-Carolina Middle is Committed to continuously creating Meaningful and engaging opportunities which are Socially relevant and academically challenging for all students.

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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

### Counselor Reminder

Parents, we would love to know if any of you would spend 2 hours with us on our Career Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, to teach our students about your Career!! If so, please email or call the School Counselors to let them know, and they can give you more details.

It's COOKIE DOUGH time again! Round 2 of our annual fundraiser kicks off on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

MCMS Fundraiser Round 2 begins on Tuesday, February 18th. Please look for the order forms at home and on our school FB page. Proceeds of this fundraiser go toward school technology, literacy and school beautification! Thank you for all of your support!

### MISS MCMS Pageant

Miss MCMS Pageant will be held March 21, 2020. Applications are due February 28 via email to jbeam@newberry.k12.sc.us or via a paper copy to the front office. Practices start March 2nd. Applications are located in the front office or on Ms. Beam's website under the Miss MCMS Pageant tab. Please email Ms. Beam with any questions.

8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington, DC payment is due on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

DC "Date Night" Raffle is underway until Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Congratulations

to Mr. Les Arkin for being named MCMS Teacher of the Month. Mr. Arkin is the 8th grade ELA and English 1 teacher. He is also the MCHS boy's tennis coach and a Jr. Beta Club sponsor. We are Rebel Proud of Mr. Arkin and how he exemplifies the Mindset of We Are Connected.



### Congratulations

to Mrs. Earin Jamison for being named MCMS Support Staff of the Month. Mrs. Jamison is the Alternative Classroom Placement facilitator. She also helps with various school tasks that supports the faculty, staff, students, and stakeholders. We are Rebel Proud of Mrs. Jamison and how she exemplifies the Mindset of We Are Connected.

### Important dates February 2020

#### February Live to Give Project American Heart Association

- Feb 1- Archery Competition @ Meadow Glenn MS
- Feb.3- Job Shadow Day and Walk at School Day
- Feb 3-7- National School Counselor Week
- Feb. 4- Parent Institute 6 PM
- Feb. 5- Club Day
- Feb. 6- Gr. 6 Roper Mtn. Trip
- Academic Team to Westview MS
- Feb. 7- Josten's 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Ring Presentations @ 8 AM, Small Gym
- Feb. 10-14- Bus Driver Appreciation Week
- Feb. 12- Valentines Dance @ 2:20 PM (Cost \$3.00)
- Feb. 13- Early Release 1 PM
- Josten's Ring Orders Due
- Academic Team to Hickory Tavern
- Feb. 14- Professional Development - No School
- Feb 17- President's Day - No School
- Feb. 18- Interims Issued
- SIC 4 PM
- Cookie Dough Kickoff Round 2
- Washington DC Payment Due \$100.00
- Feb. 19- PREP Time with Mrs. Westwood @ 8:00 AM
- Feb. 24- School Wellness Committee @ 7:50 AM
- School Board Meeting @ 7:30 PM
- Feb. 27 -Athletic Banquet 6 PM
- Feb. 28-Black History Month Assembly @ 8:15 AM
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch & Learn
- Rebel Star Talent Show 6 PM
- Feb. 29- Archery Competition @ White Knoll HS

Don't forget to buy your MCMS yearbook for just \$40.00 as soon as possible!

### Social Media Detox!

Attention all households! Please attend our program on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6:00 PM in the Big Gym for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Parent Institute. Your student is asked to attend with you!

Congratulations to the winners of the MCMS Geography Bee. Students competed in their Social Studies classes and then moved on to the next round that include classroom winners. We are Rebel Proud of 1st Place winner, Caleb Black, 2nd Place winner, Carlos Hernandez, and 3rd Place winner, Dalton Woolstenhulme. (Pictured is Caleb Black.

Not Pictured: Carlos Hernandez and Dalton Woolstenhulme)



Spring Sports SCHSL First Official Practice Date starts January 28th (not all sports are starting on this date). If a student athlete is participating in a MCMS Winter Sport, then the student athlete will be able to tryout or practice with the spring sports program at the conclusion of the winter sports middle school season.

Coach Stribble: (Head Baseball Coach)

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Phone: (803)364-2134

Coach Harris: (Head Track & Field Coach)

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Coach: Joey Long: (Head Softball Coach)

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Coach Arkin (Head Boys Tennis Coach)

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Coach Wilbanks (Head Boys Golf Coach)

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Coach Mauldin (Head Girls Soccer Coach)

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Coach Guzman and Coach McManus (Co - Head Boys Soccer Coach)

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Phone: (803)364-2134

**Physical Forms can be downloaded from both the MCHS and the MCMS Athletic portion of the school web-site. Parents or students can also pick-up a hard copy of the physical form in the main office of both schools.**

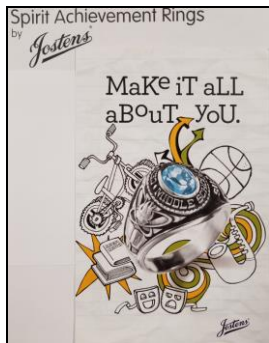
**MCMS Athletic Banquet** will be held on February 27, 2020 starting at 6:00 pm in Big Gym. See Coach Jones for details.

**Does your student use their school email?**  
**This is a great communication tool with their teacher. All students also receive free access to Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel through their email!**

All Spring Sports Offered at Mid-Carolina are affiliated with Mid-Carolina High School. MCMS has no Spring Sports. For more information on MCHS spring sports please contact Coach Arnoult [carnoult@newberry.k12.sc.us](mailto:carnoult@newberry.k12.sc.us).

**\*\*\*Parent Portal\*\*\***

Parents/Guardians: If you have not signed up for Parent Portal please contact Mary Williams, at [mwilliams@newberry.k12.sc.us](mailto:mwilliams@newberry.k12.sc.us) or pick up a form in the office. We would love for all of our parents/guardians to have access to this useful tool. It will help you connect with teachers, grades, and attendance. There are also some new features coming soon that will greatly benefit you and your student.



Attention 7<sup>th</sup> grade Students!  
MCMS proudly presents a School Spirit Ring! A Jostens presentation will be on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. in the small gym.

**February Live to Give Project is American Heart Association! Do you take care of your heart by eating right and exercising daily?**  
Visit their website for good choices:  
<https://www.heart.org/>



Rebel Star Talent Competition will be held at the Mid-Carolina Middle School Big Gymnasium on February 28, 2020 at 6pm. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students with IDs. Concessions will be available for purchase. You help decide who the next People's Choice Winner is by voting for your favorite Star!

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, Mid-Carolina Middle School Academic Team will travel to Westview Middle School. On February 13<sup>th</sup>, the team will travel to Hickory Tavern Middle School. The team will leave immediately after school for both of these scrimmages. The WPEC Academic Championship will be held at Clinton High School on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**News from the Nurse!!!!**

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.



ACCESS Testing begins on Friday, February 7, 2020. The ACCESS for English Language Learners 2.0 assessment measures students' abilities to understand and produce English used within school settings. The four sections of the test are Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing. Sample practice items can be found using the following link:

<https://wbte.drctdirect.com/WIDA/portals/wida>

**Relay for Life Fundraisers through out February**

Date of Relay – April 25, 2020

Location – Newberry College

Time - 3:00pm. till 9:00pm

## Black History Month Program

We will be celebrating Black History during the month of February with many class activities. Our Black History Month assembly will be held February 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 AM in the Big Gym. Our guest speaker is Dr. John Lesaine of Newberry College. Please join us for this celebratory event!

Google is hosting a contest for students to design the Google homepage using the theme "I show kindness by...". Students will create a design for the Google homepage that represents how they show kindness and write a brief artist statement explaining how their artwork reflects how they show kindness. The top 4 winners will be flown to Google headquarters in California and win a \$5,000 college scholarship. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will have their design set as the Google homepage for a day, win a \$30,000 college scholarship, and a \$50,000 tech grant for their school. All medias including digital art are accepted. All artwork must be original and not contain any copyrighted materials such as logos. One application per student. The Doodle for Google contest ends March 13, 2020. Students can see Ms. Nix for entry forms or if they have any questions.



**Congratulations to the following students for reading a 2019-20 SC Book Award Title and completing the form. They will receive an extra 100 Homework grade in their ELA class!**

**One Form:** Will Barnes, Jacob Lindler, Mya Gallman, Serenity Richburg

**Two Forms:** Kursten Long, Jamarious Brown, Tony DiCorte, Carter Vinson, Madyson Brown, and Frank Eisenheimer have already qualified.

Students who have met the SC Book Award Goal of **THREE titles read and the forms** completed, they qualify for the Reading Celebration in April!



Do you want to run for MCMS Valentine's King and Queen? Submit your name to your homeroom teacher by Wednesday, Feb. 5. You may begin raising Money on Monday, Feb. 3. Proceeds support our Washington, DC scholarship fund.



FCA meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. The meeting is in the Media Center at 7:15 AM. All are welcome! Meeting dates for February are Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Rally at the Rim trip is February 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Attendance Note:**  
Parents, please continue to send in parent notes and/or medical excuses for all absences.  
If you have any questions, please call Mary Williams in the attendance office.

## Congratulations to our January Students of the Month. These students exemplified the Mindset- We are Connected! We are Rebel Proud!

Alessa Munoz Duarte, Javon Palmer, Jada Peacock, Jake Fulmer, Blake Mills, Kahmajah Wadsworth, Emma Meets, Chase Dominick, Jalynn Gallman, Austin Tarver, Ashleigh Long, Dalton Layton, Abraham Beltran-Cruz, Ashlyn Marchant, Preston Dawkins, Tamyjia Dawkins, Raheim Cromer, Kimberly Sosa, Alyssa Stanley, Dalton Evans, Trinity Maybin, Ziah Mayers, and Caden Lindler.



**ATTENTION All grocery buyers!!!**  
Please remember to sign up at your favorite Publix location @ [www.publix.com/partners](http://www.publix.com/partners) to have a portions of your purchases contributed to MCMS. We appreciate the support.



Publix Partners is turning groceries into education.



MCMS annual Valentine's Dance is Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:20-3:10. The dance is \$3.00 for entrance and small snacks will be sold for \$1.00.

MCMS very own Teagan Rauch will be attending Junior All State Band clinic in March as a seated member. We are all Rebel Proud and excited. She is invited to perform with the Region 6 Band in February. We are all so happy and grateful for this opportunity and the success as she and all the students from our school worked very hard.

Rebel Ambassador applications are available on Ms. Beam's website and the front office. Applications are due February 18<sup>th</sup> to the front office or Ms. Beam.

Thank you to all who donated toward our January Live to Give Project in coordination with Phi Mu at USC. The school donated \$785.00 to the Children's Miracle Network!  
#Rebelproud!



\*\*\*Read this newsletter online for access to hyperlinks below.

### Children, Teens, and Research: A Common Sense Research Brief

Check out some of these great blogs:



<https://www.teenink.com/> A national teen magazine, book series, and website devoted entirely to teenage writing, art, photos, and forums. Teens have the opportunity to publish their creative work and opinions on issues that affect their lives – everything from love and family to school, current events, and self-esteem. Hundreds of thousands of students, aged 13 -19, have submitted their work to us and we have published more than 55,000 teens since 1989.

<https://www.getunderlined.com/> *Underlined* A community of teen book lovers and aspiring writers sharing YA book recommendations, videos, quizzes, writing advice, and more, all on one online platform where you can connect with authors, discover new books, write your own stories, and win prizes.

### teenreads



<https://www.kidsreads.com/> and <https://www.teenreads.com/>



Both of these sites are dedicated to book lovers, providing a forum to discover and share commentary about the books and authors they enjoy. Includes author interviews, book reviews and more.

<http://www.penguinteen.com/> Find the best books for teens and fans of young adult literature, connect with authors, and get custom reading recommendations.



Brightly provides passionate parents, educators, and caregivers with the tools they need — such as tips and advice, book recommendations, *Brightly* Storytime, which features read-aloud and flip along videos, and more — to keep kids connected to books through every age & stage of life.

<https://www.readbrightly.com/ages-stages/tween/>

MCMS Media Center has added 420 titles to our collection since August. That totals close to 8000 books to choose from in our library! Come check these out!



### MCMS Drama Club Presents

### “Hairspray Jr”.

### Tuesday, March 31, 2020

### beginning at 6:00 PM

### Cost is \$5.00.

### Jr. Beta News Congratulations

to the MCMS Jr. Beta Club! From January 15-17, students competed against other middle schools across the state in Myrtle Beach, SC. MCMS came home with 11 awards! The following students received awards and will compete at the National Jr. Beta Club Convention in June in Texas:

SC State Secretary: Kassidy Harrison  
1<sup>st</sup> Place 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: Jack Gantt

1<sup>st</sup> Place 3D Design: Bryn Thurman, Hannah Hamilton, Hannah Perkins, and Josie Shepherd.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Quiz Bowl: Campbell Stuck, Dakota Ross, Jack Gantt, and Sarah Hicks

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Robotics: Andrew DeLavalle, Ben Hawkins, Elyse Fellers, Gage Gilliam, Jack Gantt, John Berry, Justin Smith, and Logan Stafford

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Engineering: Blake Mills, Brady Davenport, Jake Fulmer, Jamarcus Gallman, Lyle Fulmer, Weston Lominick, Nolan Palmore, Murray Johnson, and Caleb Black

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Service Learning Showcase: Madelyn Coker

4<sup>th</sup> Place 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: Campbell Stuck

4<sup>th</sup> Place Digital Art: Eliza Dixon

4<sup>th</sup> Place Sculpture: Gage Gilliam

5<sup>th</sup> Place Songfest

A Rebel shout-out to all Jr. Beta Club Sponsors. We are Rebel Proud!



### MCMS 7 Mindsets Thoughts

During the month of February, we will be focusing on the mindset of Passion First. The Passion First mindset teaches us that we are all unique expressions of human existence. It's vital to find out what our individual strengths and talents are so that we might connect them with our goals and visions for the future. In this mindset, we will work with students to understand their unique gifts, their skills and strengths, and how to share them with the world to the maximum extent possible. Not only will they explore their interests, they will begin to identify their core values and what they stand for. The next step is helping them learn how to make their dreams into reality, tapping into both the courage and perseverance needed to overcome any challenges they encounter in pursuit of the lives they desire.

Top 5 Do's and Don'ts at Home:

Do recognize your child's strengths and passions. Often your children concentrate on their weaknesses and miss opportunities to feel proud of their accomplishments. It's best to focus on things that they can do well, recognizing and praising strengths will encourage them to continue.

Do spend time with your child discussing core values. Children need to know what they stand for and what is important to them. Having conversations about what is important helps them to discover who they are.

Don't berate a child for dreams or passions that you do not agree with or find interesting. Each person has his or her own set of unique characteristics. Being respectful of whatever dreams a child has is important for them to be happy and enjoy their unique gifts and talents.

Don't discourage them with the talk about how their passions won't result in any kind of financial gain. The job market shifts and changes. In fact, it has been suggested that 65% of today's students will be employed in jobs that don't even exist yet.

Do fun things and understand that every moment is a teaching moment. These are opportunities to talk about pursuing their talents and passions in various areas.

The Related Art's Team is having a basketball shoot-out on February 21<sup>st</sup> to support our February Live to Give Project, the American Heart Association.

The game is \$2.00 to get in or \$1.00 to get in if you wear a red shirt to support heart healthy awareness.