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REMINDER–December 2

Student Leaders' Meeting with the BOE

The Annual Student Leaders' Meeting with the Board of Education (BOE) is **December 2, 2008, from 7:00 - 8:30pm** in the auditorium at Carver Educational Services Center (CESC). The BOE will devote this evening to listening and responding to students' questions and concerns. This meeting will be facilitated by Ms. Quratul-Ann Malik, the current student member on the BOE. Interested student need to register through their school's SGA advisor.

High school and middle school students will alternate presenting their questions and comments. (Parents and/or advisors driving students are welcome to attend and listen if there is room, however, this evening is a time for student voices.)

The BOE provides light refreshments for the evening and asks schools (through the SGA advisor) to RSVP to Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org by 3:00pm, Monday, December 1, 2008, with the number of students attending (a limit of four to six students per school due to space limitation). All secondary schools should have student representation at this important meeting.



STATE Student Member of the Board of Education

Every high school is allowed to nominate one student for the state student member of the Board of Education. All high school principals and SGA advisors received a mailing from the Maryland Association of Student Councils. Deadlines: School Nomination postmark deadline of December 4, 2008 – Student Application Packet postmark deadline of December 10, 2008.

Go to www.mdstudentcouncils.com or www.masconline.info to download a complete school application packet. Note: Schools nominating a student should notify Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org so she can help "coach" the students through the process.

Support MCJC & MCR at their Border's Fundraiser



Come and do your holiday shopping at Borders in the White Flint Mall on Sunday, December 7th or Saturday, December 20th between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. MCR SGA (Dec. 7) and MCJC (Dec. 20) will be at Borders wrapping purchases and asking for donations. The donations will be given to

MASC for our state selected charity - The Arc. Students wishing to volunteer to help wrap gifts (service learning hours applicable) should contact Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org.

December Events

- 1 **Deadline:** MCJC bus RSVP (3:00pm) for 12/17/08 GA
- 2 SMOB Advisory Committee 5:30-6:30pm (CESC Rm 120)
- 3 **Deadline:** MCR bus RSVP (3:00pm) for 12/19/08 GA
- 4 State SMOB School Nomination due to MASC
- 7 MCR Fundraiser - White Flint Border's (all day)
- 8 MCR Taskforce (Race/Social Issues) 5:00-6:30pm (CESC cafe)
- MCR executive board mtg 7:00-8:30pm (CESC cafeteria)
- 9 MASC executive board meeting (daytime) PG County BOE business meeting (day)
- 10 State SMOB indiv. application packet due to MASC
- 11 MCJC executive board mtg 7:00-8:30pm (CESC cafeteria)
- 13 MASC Training of Trainers #1 (Westminster HS)
- 17 MCJC General Assembly (Poole MS)
- 19 MCR General Assembly (Richard Montgomery HS)
- 20 MCJC Fundraiser - White Flint Border's (all day)
- 24-25 Holiday - Christmas (schools and offices closed)
- 26-31 Winter Break (no school for teachers and students)

Beginning of January

- 1 Holiday - New Year's Day (schools and offices closed)
- 2 Winter Break (no school for teachers and students)
- 6 SMOB Candidate Informational Meeting 4:30-5:30pm (CESC Board Room)
- 7 **Deadline:** MCR Advisor/Principal Awards due
- 8 MCR Taskforce (Race/Social Issues) 5:00-6:30pm (CESC cafe)
- MCR executive board mtg 7:00-8:30pm (CESC cafeteria)
- 9 **Deadline:** MCJC Advisor/Principal Awards due

Special December Events

- 1 World AIDS Day
- 1-5 National Inclusive Schools Wk
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 15 Bill of Rights Day



For a complete listing of the interfaith calendar, go to <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publishingservices/PDF/compcal.pdf>

Please share the items in this newsletter with the students at your school. Create PA announcements, flyers/posters, or post a copy of this newsletter in a central location. Please be a representative organization by communicating information to your constituents!

MCPS Student Member of the BOE Informational Meeting

On January 6, 2008, current and former student members of the Montgomery County Board of Education will meet from 4:30-5:00 p.m. in the Board room at the Carver Educational Services Center with any sophomore or junior interested in running for the 2009-2010 student member of the Board of Education. Qualifications for the position require a student to be a resident of Montgomery County, regularly enrolled in a Montgomery County Public School, and a junior or senior the year he/she serves. All questions should be referred to Mrs. Karen Crawford, coordinator, Student Affairs Office, at Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org or 301-670-1419.

Go to <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/smob/history> for an informational brochure and a flyer that you can post at your school.

MCR-SGA & MCJC Awards

There are many opportunities for your school leaders to be recognized this year. Please consider applying to give your principal, advisor, or SGA recognition for their dedication and commitment to student leadership. All awards have strict deadlines for submission of applications (MCR SGA January 7, 2009; MCJC January 9, 2009). Go to www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs and click on the link about awards to see detailed information and download applications.

*MCR and MCJC is allowed to submit one advisor and one principal of the year award to MASC (the state student government association). The selection committee meets to make its selection in January. Go to www.mdstudentcouncils.com or www.masonline.info for MASC award applications.

Special Holiday Card

When doing your Holiday cards this year, take one card and send it to the address below. If you pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get.



A Recovering American Soldier
C/O Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001



Coming Soon MASC Legislative Session News

MASC should be mailing information to schools soon about the Legislative Session conference held on Saturday, February 7, 2009. This conference offers opportunities for students to elect two nominees for the position of student member on the State Board of Education, learn about the legislative process and lobbying, and debate and take positions on bills before the state legislature. It is being hosted by Westminster High School in Carroll County. When available, conference materials may be downloaded at www.mdstudentcouncils.com or www.masonline.info. Please note, MASC requires the SGA advisor or other adult from the school to chaperone the students. (Note: Karen Crawford will chaperone MCJC or MCR-SGA executive board members if they wish to attend and their school is not attending. Executive board members must still register through their SGA advisor following MASC registration procedures. Only Advisors may complete the on-line registration process.)

Schools wishing to send delegates who cannot find a staff member or parent from their school to chaperone should email Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org before registering. If approved by the MCPS freeze committee, there will be a MCPS bus for this event (students \$5, adults free). MASC registration fee will be \$25.

MASC 2008-2009 State Charity

The Arc is the world's largest community based organization of and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It provides an array of services and support for families and individuals and includes over 140,000 members affiliated through more than 850 state and local chapters across the nation. The Arc is devoted to promoting and

improving supports and services for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

For detailed information, go to www.mdstudentcouncils.com or www.masonline.info.



Your Comments Please!

A Student's Guide to Rights and Responsibilities



Believe it or not, now is the time to start the review of A Student's Guide to Rights and Responsibilities. Please take the time during one of your SGA meetings to carefully review the information included in this guide. Please email any suggestions for additional information or changes to Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org no later than the end of January, 2009.

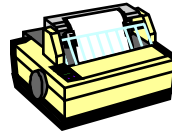


Cheeburger Cheeburger MCR SGA Fundraiser Feb. 19

MCR SGA invites you to eat and socialize between 4:00-10:00 p.m. at Cheeburger Cheeburger, 14921 Shady Grove Road, Rockville. This is the second MCR SGA fundraiser social activity this school year. Please print and bring the quarter-page flyer with you and present it to your server. MCR SGA will receive 25% of the proceeds for all customers that present the coupon between 4:00-10:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19th. The coupon can be downloaded from the MCR SGA news page at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/sga/mcr/news

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...Used Inkjet Cartridges



The Student Affairs Office (SAO) needs your used inkjet printer cartridges. The office receives \$1.00 for every used inkjet printer cartridge it turns in. This is the only way that we can put money into the SAO purchasing card - the money is used to buy refreshments for advisor meetings and supplement MCR/MCJC items which can be purchased at local stores or on-line.

Thanks so much to several of the schools who have already sent in some used inkjet cartridges this year.

Please PONY your used inkjet cartridges to the Student Affairs Office, Lakelands Park MS, Room 120 (Questions? Call the Student Affairs Office at 301-670-1419 or email Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org).

SGA-SSL Hours

Be sure to work with your SGA members in completing their reflective writing on the student service-learning (SSL) submission form. SGA activities (not including strictly social activities such as dances) during non-instructional hours are pre-approved for SSL. If you have questions about activities, please contact Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org. 1st semester forms are due to your school's SSL coordinator Friday, January 9, 2009.



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