



# Student Affairs



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## Weather Information

Please be sure to remember that general assemblies are canceled if there is a delayed opening...executive board meetings will be canceled if after school/evening activities are canceled. For emergency messages, call 301-279 3673 or check the MCPS web at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org>



## SMOB Election Events



This is a very exciting year as we move our student member on the Board of Education (SMOB) election to a secure web election. Schools will need to use their own computers (with internet connection) and should start planning NOW on how to set up their polling place. The election manual, as well as other important information is already posted on the web. Be informed - visit the SMOB election process web site and start your planning today. [http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/smob/election\\_process.shtm](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/smob/election_process.shtm)

## MCR/MCJC Officer Elections for 2012-2013



Montgomery County Regional Student Government Association (MCR SGA) and Montgomery County Junior Councils (MCJC) will be holding president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary elections for the 2012-2013 school year at their March general assemblies. Interested candidates should be sure to attend the February and/or March executive board meetings (7:00-8:30pm in the cafeteria at Carver Educational Services Center (CESC) 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, 20850). Students will find detailed information in the election packet which may be downloaded from the web (*coming soon*). Online applications close at 4:00 p.m., one week before the date of the election General Assembly

MCR:[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/studentaffairs/sga/mcr/exbd\\_elections.shtm](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/studentaffairs/sga/mcr/exbd_elections.shtm)  
MCJC:[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/studentaffairs/sga/mcjc/exbd\\_elections.shtm](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/studentaffairs/sga/mcjc/exbd_elections.shtm)



## Student Town Hall Meetings

Superintendent Joshua Starr has scheduled two more Town Hall meetings with students this spring. On Tuesday, Feb. 7, Dr. Starr will meet with students at Wootton High School in Rockville.

During the Town Hall, Dr. Starr will take questions from students in the audience, but students at other schools are asked to encouraged to submit questions in advance by email and Twitter.

- By email: Send the question to [pio@mcpsmd.org](mailto:pio@mcpsmd.org)

- By Twitter: Follow @MCPS and reply to the tweet seeking student questions or post a question with @MCPS at the beginning and the hashtag #studenttownhall at the end.

The town hall meeting will be broadcast live on the MCPS Student Town Hall website at [www.mcpsstudenttownhall.org](http://www.mcpsstudenttownhall.org) and on MCPS TV. Video of the broadcast will be archived on the Student Town Hall website.

The Town Hall will last for 40 minutes, from 10:57-11:37 a.m. It will be available live online and will be broadcast on Comcast Channel 34.

Another Town Hall is scheduled for April 11 at Wheaton High School.

## February Events

- 1 SMOB Candidates' Mtg 4:00-6:00pm (CESC Cafe)
- MCR ExBd Mtg 7:00-8:30pm (CESC Cafeteria)
- 2 MCJC ExBd Mtg 7:00-8:30pm (CESC Cafeteria)
- 4 MASC Legislative Session (Felix Simon Award Deadline)
- 6 Deadline: MCR/MCJC Attend Report for Feb GA
- 7 SELP: Debate and Local Issues Forum (6:15pm)
- Special Elections Com. Mtg 7:00-8:30pm (SAO)
- 8 Board of Education Day Business Mtg (CESC)
- 9 MCR/MCJC GA: Kennedy HS
- 10 Deadline: 3pm Part I SMOB Nom.Conv. Bus
- 14 BOE Business meeting (day)
- 21 MASC ExBd Mtg: BCSC (see MASC web site)
- 14 SMOB: Taping TV Show "Meet the Candidates"
- Deadline: MCJC Attendance Report for GA
- 21 SMOB Adv. Council 7:00-8:30pm (BOE conf rm)
- 24 MASC Convention registration opens
- 27 MASC Legislative Lobbying Day: Annapolis
- 28 Deadline: 3:00pm MCR bus RSVP for March GA
- 31 Deadline: MCR Bus for Feb. 15 GA

## February Special Events

- Black History Month
- American Heart Month
- 1 National Freedom Day
- 5 Souper Bowl of Caring [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org)
- 6-April 22 National Green Week (you pick!) [www.nationalgreenweek.com](http://www.nationalgreenweek.com)
- 7-11 National School Counseling Week
- 13-19 Random Acts of Kindness Week [www.randomactsofkindness.org](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org)
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 20 Presidents' Day - Holiday



## Sneak Preview: March 2012

- 1 SMOB Nominating Convention
- 2 Deadline: SMOB Voter Guide translations request (see SMOB election process on web)
- 5 Deadline: 3pm MCJC bus request for March GA
- Special Elections Mtg 5:30-6:30pm (CESC Cafe)
- MCR ExBd Mtg 7:00-8:30pm (CESC Cafe)
- 6 MCJC ExBd Mtg 7:00-8:30pm (CESC Cafe)
- 8 Deadline: MCJC Bus Request for 3/24 GA
- 9 MASC Convention Registration closes



## Student Rights & Responsibilities Review



Last call - please send your suggestions and comments about "A Student's Guide to Rights and Responsibilities" to [Karen\\_L\\_Crawford@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org) on or before February 15, 2012. Remember, if you have ideas on how to make this document more "student friendly" or if you have other remarks, now is the time to voice your thoughts.



## Summer Leadership Camp Information

Experience matters! Maryland Leadership Workshops (MLW) has been providing leadership training to students across the state of Maryland for over 50 years. MLW, offers three unique, week-long residential programs each summer:

• **Middle School Experience in Leadership:** July 15 – July 21, 2012  
*During the Middle School Experience in Leadership, students will begin to develop their individual leadership skills and learn how to identify and take advantage of opportunities for leadership in their schools and communities. The experienced staff fosters a fun, safe and supportive environment in which middle school students become comfortable building their leadership talents.*

• **Senior High Workshops:** July 22 – July 28, 2012

*The Senior High Workshop (SHW) seeks to provide a fun, challenging, inspiring, and fulfilling week-long experience for teens while helping them to develop leadership skills needed to succeed in diverse environments. Through innovative leadership activities and engaging group challenges, students interact with both peers and staff to develop a unique leadership style to apply to their lives at home. Throughout the week, teens are encouraged to set goals and are given the tools to achieve them. Additionally, the students meet other teens from around the state and have the opportunity to form life-long friendships with each other. The SHW staff strive to empower teens to be the leaders they want to be in their community and agents of positive change in society.*

• **Advanced Leadership Seminar:** July 15 – July 21, 2012

*The Advanced Leadership Seminar attracts Maryland's best and brightest young leaders interested in building upon their previous leadership experience. ALS challenges delegates to re-examine themselves as individuals and leaders through innovative workshops crafted according to their unique needs, individual goal setting and a culminating project focused on real-world application of leadership skills. Delegates will participate in workshops unlike any typical classroom experience and have a chance to build lasting relationships with fellow enthusiastic high school students and extensively trained staff members alike.*

Visit <http://www.mlw.org> for details and early bird registration discounts

***It's on the web.....everything you need to know is on the web! Bookmark the site and check it frequently for updates!***

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs>

***"Every job is a self portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with excellence."***

### School Counselor's Week

Exams are over and you are moving into the second semester. Time to get back into high gear. SGA public relations committees should consider some sort of special recognition for your school counselors during School Counselor's Week, February 7 - 11, 2012! It's easy: coffee and donuts, a certificate of appreciation, a small plant, etc. Remember, public relations go a long way to help build the image of your organization - and it's so easy to do and the counselors will love receiving what ever you do to express appreciation!

### Used Injet Cartridges Needed!

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. Please PONY your used inkjet cartridges to the Student Affairs Office, Lakelands Park MS. Questions? Email [Karen\\_L\\_Crawford@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org).



## MASC Convention

**SNEAK PREVIEW - BE PREPARED!**

The MASC convention is only open to MASC members schools. Online registration will open Feb. 24 (<http://www.mdstudentcouncils.com>). Information will be emailed to all SGA advisors. MASC will not accept any late registrations and MUST close off registration when it reaches 1000 (thus, you want to be prepared ahead of time!) or on March 9th. Convention is March 28-30. The MASC cost per student is \$225 (4 to a room) and \$275 per adult (2 to a room). There will be an additional cost payable to MCPS (\$25) to cover the charter buses (the full transportation cost is not covered by the budget and students are not permitted to drive to the MASC convention), bus driver gratuity, MCPS tee shirt, and lunch on the return trip. Students must be able to attend the conference in its entirety. School delegates MUST have adult chaperones (professional leave from the Student Affairs Office is provided for 2 1/2 days - with sub coverage only on 1 1/2 days, Wed. afternoon and Thursday as Friday is already a professional day). If MASC member schools have students that wish to attend the convention, but the SGA advisor or other school staff cannot attend, schools **MUST** notify [Karen\\_L\\_Crawford@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org) to discuss chaperone coverage and charges **BEFORE** registering students. There are only two 55 passenger buses - one for middle school and one for high school. There will not be any additional buses, so schools need to register for the bus on a first come, first served basis.



### Leadership Montgomery Scholarship

The Youth Community Leadership Awards identify, reward and promote outstanding community service efforts and demonstrations of leadership by high school students. Five (5) \$1,000 scholarships are available to students attending a public or independent school located in Montgomery County, Maryland, who are currently enrolled in the 12th grade and have completed a minimum of 260 hours of community service learning activities by the end of the last semester of their junior year. Verification is required. Completed applications must be received in the Leadership Montgomery office on or before 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 2. <http://www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org/awards/yclsla.asp>. Questions? Contact [carol.ippolito@leadermont.org](mailto:carol.ippolito@leadermont.org).

### Awards, Awards, Awards!

Want to honor your principal, advisor, or student government association (SGA) for their dedication and commitment to student leadership? Nominate them for MCR or MCJC awards. All awards (open to MCR or MCJC member schools) have strict deadlines for submissions - the deadline for some of the awards (not previously filled) is now March 8 for MCR/ April 13 for MCJC. See details for additional awards!

HS Awards:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/sga/mcr/awards.shtm>

MS Awards:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/sga/mcjc/awards.shtm>

***"Life does not require us to be the biggest or the best, it asks only that we try."***

Send your questions, comments, and concerns to

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