



# Student Affairs Office



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## Welcome Back SGA Advisors!

Welcome back to all of our great advisors. I hope that you had a relaxing and wonderful summer vacation and are charged and ready for an exciting year with student leaders.

There are several new SGA advisors that we all want to welcome and say "thanks for agreeing to work with our great student leaders." Some of these advisors are new and some are returning after taking a "brief" break from advising. I know that the veteran advisors will be happy to offer advise and support when asked.

As per the MCEA contract, SGA advisors are required to attend two annual meetings with the Student Affairs Office. Knowing everyone's hectic schedule, only the new advisors need to attend. I depend on the rest of the advisors to read the monthly newsletter and pay attention to informational emails that are sent out throughout the year. As always, I try to reply to emails promptly (Karen\_L\_Crawford@mcpsmd.org). You may also reach me in the office at 301-670-1419, although with all of the meeting out of the office, if I don't answer the office line, call my cell phone at 301-318-6384.

If you are not continuing as SGA advisor this year, please send me the name/contact information of the new advisor and forward this newsletter to the new advisor so he/she is able to register for the required new advisor meeting.

New advisors: Trying to accomodate a variety of schedules, there are three different dates for the new advisor meetings, each date having two time slots 3:30-5:30 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m. The dates are Monday, September 19, Tuesday, September 27, and Wednesday, October 26. Hopefully between "back to school night" and any classes you are taking, you will be able to register for one of these session. To register, simply click on the link below (there is no user ID, just click on "request").

<http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/SGAAdvisorMeeting.tp3>



Many thanks and good luck!!  
Karen Crawford, Student Affairs Coordinator

## It's all on the Web!

Everything you need to know about the county-level student governments (Montgomery County Junior Councils - MCJC and The Montgomery County Region - MCR), Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB), Maryland Legislative Page Program, Student Emerging Leaders Program and much, much more is on the web.

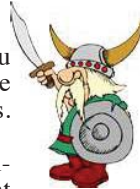
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs>

## SMOB Nominating Convention Host



High schools interested in hosting the SMOB Nominating Convention should go to the application website to see the requirements and application. Date: March 1, 2012 (snow date March 5, 2012)

<http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/smobHOSTnomcon.tp3>  
(no user ID needed, just click on "request")



## August Events

- 29 First Day of School for Students
- 30 **Deadline 4pm:** MCR ExBd reg. for Sept 1 Advance  
<http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/mcradvance.tp3>  
(no user ID needed, just click on "request")
- 31 SELP Parent/student orientation (see web site)



- 1 MCR Advance: 3:30-8:30pm (CESC cafeteria)
- 5 **Holiday:** Labor Day
- 6 SELP parent/student orientation (see web site)
- 8 SMOB Council: 6:30-8:00pm (CESC BOE conf.rm.)
- 9 **Deadline 4pm:** MCR bus request: Sept. GA  
<http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/mcrbus.tp3>  
(no user ID needed, just click on "request")
- 12 **Deadline 4pm:** MCJC Advance Registration  
<http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/mcjadvance.tp3>  
(no user ID needed, just click on "request")
- 14 SELP: Cong. Annual Hispanic Legislative Conf.
- 16-17 MCJC Advance (overnight) Smith Center
- 19 New Advisors' Meetings (3:30 or 6:30pm)
- 21 **Deadline 4pm:** MCR attendance report for GA  
<http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/mcrGAattendance.tp3>  
(no user ID needed, just click on "request")
- 22 SELP: Cong. Annual Black Legislative Conf.
- 26 MCR General Assembly (Damascus HS hosting)  
**Deadline 4pm:** MCJC bus request: Sept. GA  
<http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/mcjbustp3>  
(no user ID needed, just click on "request")
- 27 New Advisors' Meetings (3:30 or 6:30pm)
- 29 No school for students/teachers: Rosh Hashanah

## October Sneak Preview

- 3 MCJC ExBd mtg 7-8:30pm (CESC cafe)
- 4 MASC Educ. Issues Forum/ExBd reg. opens  
SEC mtg: 5:30-6:30pm (CESC cafeteria)  
MCR ExBd mtg 7-8:30pm (CESC cafeteria)
- 6 SMOB Council 6:30-8:00pm (CESC BOE conf.rm.)



## Hosting a County Event

Would your school like to host a MCR or MCJC general assembly for this school year? Links for hosting requirements / applications can be found on the web (no user ID is needed, just click on "request").



MCR: <http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/MCRhostGA.tp3>  
MCJC: <http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/MCJChostGA.tp3>

If space is a problem for middle schools, they may consider hosting at their cluster high school—the high school provides the auditorium and the middle school brings the refreshments - split the cost of selling lunch (usually \$3 providing 2 slices of pizza, chips/cookies, and a drink)!

## Opportunities....

Throughout the year, there are service and leadership opportunities listed on the Student Affairs web site. Check it out and advertise these opportunities to students at your school.

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



## Calendar for 2011-2012

The MCR, MCJC, SMOB Council, Special Election Committee calendars for 2011-2012 are attached to this newsletter.

The SMOB election is scheduled for the last Wednesday in April (April 25, 2012) with the Nominating Convention the first Thursday in March (March 1, 2012).

## MD Legislative Page Program 2012 Session

Selected high school seniors, who attend public or nonpublic schools within the State of Maryland, will be given the opportunity to participate as pages for members of the Maryland General Assembly during the 2011 session. Application Deadline 4:00 p.m., October 26, 2011. Click on link for information.

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

## Memberships: Be Involved!

It's never too early to join MCR/MCJC and MASC for the 2011-2012 school year. It's a simple on-line process, then pony the membership check to the Student Affairs Office. As before, MCR and MCJC offer a \$5 discount (limited time offer) to schools that join MASC at the same time they join MCR or MCJC.



*For most links below, no user ID is needed, just click on "request."*

MCJC = Montgomery County Junior Councils (middle schools)

<http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/mcjc.membership.tp3>

MCR = Montgomery County Region

<http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/mcr.membership.tp3>

MASC = Maryland Association of Student Councils (*if joining directly to MASC and not through MCR or MCJC for the discount*)

<http://www.mdstudentcouncils.com/apply>

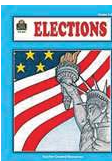
NASC = National Association of Student Councils

<http://www.nasc.us/JoinNASC.aspx>

HIGHLY Recommended for Advisors: The Alliance for Student Activities

<http://www.alliance4studentactivities.org/index.html>

## Help During the Presidential Primary



The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking school-age students, grades 6-12, to serve as Election Day student aides during the 2012 Presidential Primary Election, Tuesday, April 3, 2012. Students and their guardians must attend mandatory training to serve on Election Day and, if applicable, to receive Student Service Learning (SSL) credits. Students are placed in neighboring precincts according to their home addresses. This initiative combines civic participation and the opportunity to observe democracy in action. U.S. citizenship is not a pre-requisite to participate. Students with bilingual and American Sign Language skills are encouraged to apply.

Interested parents/guardians should register their student(s) online before January 27, 2012 and by visiting the Montgomery County Board of Elections' website at <https://www4.montgomerycountymd.gov/BoardOfElections/registerGuardianFv.seam>. For additional information, email [future.vote@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:future.vote@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Training Dates (Locations are tentative - not confirmed - but hopefully will be in high school auditoriums from 7:00-8:00 p.m.): Monday, 1/9/2012, Wednesday, 1/11/2012, Friday, 1/13/2012 Tuesday, 1/17/2012, Thursday, 1/19/2012, Monday, 1/23/2012, Wednesday, 1/25/2012, Friday, 1/27/2012.

## 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. Thanks so much!



## Contact Information

We need student leaders in your school to be connected. Information about events will be emailed not only to SGA advisor, but to the student leaders in the school.



HS: Please have the new SGA president and your selected MCR Liaison register their contact information <http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/mcrPresidentLiaisonInfo.tp3>

MS: The SGA president should register contact information at <http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/mcjc.SGAPresidentInfo.tp3>

Middle schools that conduct elections in the fall are requested to register their SGA president information as soon as it is available.



## SMOB Student Advisory Council

SMOB Council: This council is a small group of individuals that works intimately with the SMOB throughout the year in planning and executing various projects. As a whole, the council works to promote student advocacy and provide the student voice on certain key issues.

Application information, staff positions, and meeting dates: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/smob/news11.12.shtm#smobcouncil>

## County Council Youth Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

6:30 p.m. (reception) 7:00 p.m. (meeting starts)

Have your say! Get your questions answered on: class size and other school issues, opportunities for activities and programs outside of school, safety concerns inside and outside of school, public transportation needs, pedestrian safety, proposed youth curfew and much, much more.

**You MUST RSVP by calling 240-777-7931 or by email: [delphine.harriston@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:delphine.harriston@montgomerycountymd.gov)**

The meeting will be televised LIVE on County Cable Montgomery (Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN; Channel 30 on Verizon).

Montgomery County Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue, 3rd Floor Hearing Room, Rockville

*(The Council Office Building is a three-block walk from the Rockville Metro-rail Station, which also is a stop of many significant Ride On bus routes. For those who will be driving to the meeting, we have arranged for free parking in the building's adjacent garage, which can be entered from Fleet Street.)*

Send your questions, comments, and concerns to

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# MCR Calendar 2011-2012

**MCR Advance** – “retreat” at the MCPS Carver Educational Services Center (see directions below)

- Thursday, September 1, 2011, 3:30 -8:30 p.m.
- Tentative cost \$5 (covers materials and food)
- Registration: no user ID needed, just click on “request”  
<http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/mcradvance.tp3>

Special MCR Fundraiser with Montgomery Business Roundtable for Education (MCBRE) at their annual Golf Tournament: Saturday, August 26, 2011 6-8 a.m.  
 Preparing donated materials Friday, August 25, 2011 (10am-1pm SAO office)

## Executive Board Meetings 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Cafeteria, Carver Educational Services Center

(directions: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/meetings/directions.shtm>)

- Thursday, June 2, 2011
- Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011
- Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011
- Monday, Nov. 28, 2011
- Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012
- Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012
- Monday, March 5, 2012
- Wednesday, April 11, 2012
- Thursday, May 3, 2012
- Monday, June 11, 2012



**Special Elections Com.**  
 10/4 CESC 5:30-6:30pm  
 11/2 CESC 5:30-6:30pm  
 11/28 CESC 5:30-6:30pm  
 2/23 SAO 7:00-8:30pm  
 3/1 Nominating Convention  
 4/10 & 4/18 CESC 6:30-8:30pm Official Training?  
 4/25 SMOB Election  
 5/22 SAO 6:30-8:30pm

**SMOB Council:  
 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
 CESC**

Sept. 8	Feb. 21
Oct. 6	Mar. 20
Nov. 3	Apr. 17
Dec. 15	May 31
Jan. 24	

- MAY 24, 2012 – MCR AWARDS PROGRAM



- **General Assemblies** – buses pick up students at schools between 9:30 – 10:00 a.m., the General Assembly is at a host middle school from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. (bring or buy a lunch) and the buses return students to school between 1:15 – 1:45 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 26, 2011 (bus Sept 9; attendance Sept. 21)
- Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011 (bus Oct. 20; attendance Nov. 3)
- Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011 (bus Nov. 22; attendance Dec. 5)

SMOB Informational Meeting:  
 Jan. 5, 2012  
 5:00-6:00 p.m. CESC Cafeteria

- Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012\* (bus Jan. 24; attendance Feb. 6)
  - Thursday, Mar. 15, 2012 (bus Feb. 28; attendance Mar. 12)
  - Monday, April 30, 2012 (bus Apr. 12; attendance Apr. 26)
- \* combined GA with MCJC

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 Town Hall Meeting  
 October 12, 2011



- **Annual Meeting with the Board of Education**  
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Carver Educational Services Center  
 Thursday, December 8, 2011 (evening of the December GA)

- **Annual MCR Fundraiser Activity**  
 Tentative: Saturday, December 17, 2011  
 Sign up for a two hour shift: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
 Location TBD



- **Board of Education meeting recognizing Student Leadership Week**  
 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Carver Educational Services Center  
 Tentative date: March evening BOE meeting (TBD)

**MASC Calendar**

- Advance August 10-12, 2011
- Fall Leadership training Oct. 21, 2011
- ExBd, Ed. Forum October 25, 2011
- Fall Leadership Conf. Nov. 19, 2011
- Winter Retreat Dec. 9, 2011 (overnight)
- ExBd meeting Dec. 10, 2011
- LegSes Training Jan. 21, 2012
- LegSes Training Feb. 3, 2012
- Legislative Session Feb. 4, 2012
- ExBd Meeting Feb. 25, 2012
- Leg. Lobbying Day Feb. 27, 2012
- Convention March 28-30, 2012
- ExBd meeting May 12, 2012

**MCR Membership Application:**  
 No user ID needed, just click on “request”:  
<http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/mcr.membership.tp3>

# MCJC Calendar 2011-2012

**MCJC Advance** – overnight “retreat” at the MCPS Outdoor Education Center (Smith Center) for MCJC elected officers, appointed staff, and SGA presidents only.

- Registration by Monday, Sept. 12: <http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/mcjcadvance.tp3> (no user ID needed, just click on “request”) – details downloaded on registration site
- Friday, September 16, 2011, 4:30 p.m. through Saturday, September 17, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
- Cost \$15 (covers overnight insurance, confidence course fee, materials, food)

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<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/sga/mcjc/eb.shtm> Cafeteria, Carver Educational Services Center  
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