

Pipenotes

Wednesday, November 4, 2009
RED DAY

*Parent Coffees in Lecture Hall for parents of Students in Grades 9 & 10
on Thursday, Nov. 5 @ 7:30 a.m.
Grades 11 & 12 on Friday, Nov. 6th @ 7:30 a.m.
Details below in Parent News*

Student News

- McLean vs Langley



- Our game this Friday is being considered as Fox 5's Game of the Week Please go to http://www.myfoxdc.com/subindex/sports/game_of_week, click on High School Game of the Week and then vote.



- McLean Humane will meet on Thursday this week, Nov 5 in Room G 260 in the math hall---Please stop by and support all our 4-legged creatures big and small!!
- **It's Academic:** All team members need to see Mr. Jones today, Friday 10/30, concerning our scrimmage against Falls Church next Thursday. We'll be meeting Wednesday after school, as usual, in order to prepare for hosting the scrimmage on Thursday.
- Students who were unable to make the Alkahest meeting on October 29th should see their current Science honors or AP teacher after the break.
- **SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT FOR 2009 FOOTBALL PROGRAM**
The senior members of the 2009 Highlander Football Program and their parents will be recognized during a short pre-game ceremony on Friday, November 6, 2009. The program will begin at 7:20 p.m. so all Highlander fans are asked to come a little early to show your

support and give thanks to the seniors who will be participating in their final McLean Highlander regular season football game. This game is against the Langley Saxons so come early, be loud, and show your Highlander Pride and Enthusiasm.

- The **Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars** (VASTS) is a wonderful program that combines distance and experiential learning opportunities for Virginia students. The distance learning course offered during the school year uses a NASA-developed Space Exploration theme and is facilitated by master teachers. Students who successfully complete the coursework may be selected to participate in a week long residential Summer Academy at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, where they interact daily with scientists and engineers to design a human mission to Mars. The application deadline is **November 6, 2009**. Complete program information and application are located on the website: <http://www.vasts.spacegrant.org/>.

- **Powder Puff game**

This year the Powder Puff game will be held on **November 11** from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. To everyone playing in the game, emergency care cards and permission forms **MUST** be completed and turned in before any playing may occur (this includes practices!). Please return these forms to Ms. Wagoner or Ms. Truesdell in room B175 ASAP!

Everyone else, come out and see the juniors and seniors battle it out on the field. Admission to the game is either two cans of food or \$5. All proceeds from the game will be used to buy food for a local food bank.

The game starts at 7:00. See you there

- **MHS Chorus cookie dough sale – back by popular demand**

Place your order: **Friday October 16 through Monday, November 9**
Delivery: Wednesday, December 2.

The MHS Choral students are kicking off their annual cookie dough sale on Friday Oct. 16 to help you get ready for holiday baking. Quick-bake cookie dough tubs are back with a wide variety of options, as well as ready-to-bake soft pretzels, coffee and cocoa.

Find your nearest choral student to you don't miss the opportunity to stock up. Don't know a choral student? Contact Susan at 703-536-8525 (susan.reddish@verizon.net) or Joanne at 703-204-9172 (joannewertz@yahoo.com) to place your order.

Thank you for supporting MHS Chorus!

- The **McLean HS Dance Team** will be holding a car wash will be Saturday, **Nov. 14, 2009**, at the McLean B.P. gas station, on the corner of Chain Bridge and Old Dominion, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Prepaid lunch accounts** are available in the cafeteria. See Cafeteria Manager, Peggy Kovanic for more information.

- **Late Buses**

Monday – pick up between 3:50-4:00 p.m.

Thursday – pick up between 4:20 and 4:35 beginning October 8

Tutoring

- **Teachers from all subject areas are available to assist you at Area 255 & MHS Prep Plus**

9th graders, Area 255 is for you!

- Homework help
- Snacks
- Mentoring
- Room G255 Big Mac Drive (Green Hallway)
- Mondays 2:15 – 4:00 p.m.

10th 11th & 12 graders, MHS Pres PLUS is for you!

- Test preparation
- Homework help
- AP/advanced level course support
- G279 Piper Place (Green Hallway) Mondays

Student Volunteer Opportunities

- **Teen Volunteers Needed for Chesterbrook Elementary School's Bookfair**

Earn community service hours and have fun at Chesterbrook Elementary School's Fall Book Fair. We need help during the day packing up books on November 2nd (9am-4pm). To sign up to volunteer or for more information, please email Laurie Plishker at lplishker@gmail.com

- **COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE AT KENT GARDENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S FALL FUN FETE**

Have fun while you earn community service hours at Kent Gardens Elementary School's Fall Fun Fete on **Saturday, November 7**. We need your help! Fun Fete shifts are from 10:45 – 12:00, 11:45 – 1:00, and 12:45 – 2:00. Clean up will be from 2:00 – 4:00. Sign up for as many shifts as you like. To sign up, just follow this link to our Eventbrite site: <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/455472330> . You can sign up for the exact activity or game you prefer and the shift(s) that work best for you. If you aren't sure what a certain activity is, just click on more info next to activity name and you will get a full description. ALL VOLUNTEERS GET THREE FREE FOOD TICKETS!

*Important Note Regarding Eventbrite: EventBrite.com is our new online volunteer sign up and tracking tool, which will prompt you to "purchase a ticket." There is in fact no purchasing to be done, but simply log on to sign up. Feel free to sign up for any activity

except those identified as PARENTS ONLY as the type of volunteers needed. You will see this information by clicking on more info by the specific activity (which are called “ticket types” in Eventbrite). If you are able to help for multiple shifts, you must “purchase” a ticket for each shift or activity.

If you have any questions, please contact Diana Kost at dkost@cox.net.

Activities

McLEAN HIGHLANDERS Athletics (Hotline 703-749-8138)

Check the Athletics Web Page for the most up to date information on activities.
<http://www.mcleanactivities.org/>

Parent News

McLean Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 12, 2009

A community event sponsored by McLean HS Boosters

Open to the Public 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Vendor Set up: 7:30 a.m. Vendor Pack-Up 3:00 p.m.

In an effort to reach out to the entire McLean community, this event will have press releases through the local papers, Craig’s List, Facebook, feeder elementary schools, Longfellow Middle School PTA websites, and the McLean Chamber of Commerce website. Local artisans, writers and businesses are invited to sponsor a table. Students and teachers in your sport or activity, local artisans or businesses interested in reserving a space are invited to contact Linda Ristig directly. Tables will be assigned on a first come-first served basis. Reservation forms can be obtained by clicking on the following link.



bazaarvendorform.
pdf

For more information, please contact Linda Ristig at linda.ristig@verizon.net or call at 703-790-9684

- **Parent Coffees** for parents/guardians of students in grades 9 & 10 on Nov. 5th, grades 11 & 12 on Nov. 6 in the Lecture Hall at 7:30 a.m. The coffees provide an opportunity to meet the Administrative Team and Guidance Staff. In addition, Diane Eckert, Prevention Specialist, from the office of Student Safety and Wellness, will discuss the results of the recent Fairfax County Youth Survey with data specifically for the McLean – Langley pyramids.
- **Mini-Conferences** will be held on November 20th. Students report to school 3 hours late. School begins at 10:20 a.m. Dismissal time remains the same. Mini-Conferences offer parents and guardians an opportunity to touch base with their child’s teachers during a brief meeting. Teachers and Counselors will be available to meet individually to discuss progress and answer any questions you may have. Spanish and Korean translators will be available to assist where needed.
- **McLean High School Band Fruit Sale**
Fresh from the Florida groves to you!

Delicious, healthy citrus for yourself or as a gift for the Holidays.



Please place orders by November 25.

Visit our web site at www.mcleanband.org or order directly through the website at <http://mcleanband.org/annual-fruit-sale.html>

Credit card orders must be paid via Pay Pal on Website.

Payment (cash or check) & Pick Up on:

Saturday, December 12: 9 am – 3 pm at McLean High School



- **Leaf Raking Fundraiser**

The Mclean Crew Team is once again holding their annual leaf raking fundraiser. A team of 4 students and one adult will rake and bag your leaves for \$50/hr. The raking will be over the weekends of November 14/15 and 21/22. To sign up or to get more information, please contact Selena Gallagher at 703 883 1414 or email leoandena@gmail.com.

This nationally prominent and award winning team is totally self-funded. Please give them your support!

- **Annual TJ Craft/Gift Fair - Saturday, November 21**

The Annual Craft/Gift Fair at the Thomas Jefferson High School of Science & Technology (TJ) will be held in the Cafeteria on Saturday, November 21st from 9 am to 4 pm (6560 Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA) - be a Vendor or Customer, visit www.tjgiftshow.com. If you have a ART/CRAFT/MUSIC or any personal invention or service that you would like to sell at the Gift Fair, please check out our website at www.tjgiftshow.com or contact tjgiftshow@gmail.com for more information. The Gift Show is for the shared benefit of the arts/crafts community and TJ Crew. The vendors keep their entire 100% proceeds, and TJ Crew retains 100% of the space rental fees and food sales in its control. Spaces are limited, reserve your space early.



- **White House Ornaments** are here and available for sale in the **Main Office** (See Helen). Proceeds help fund the All Night Grad Party. No need to order, we have ornaments on hand. Cost is \$20.00 payable to McLean HS A.N.G.P.

- **McLean PTSA October 2009 Newsletter**

To read the October 2009 PTSA Newsletter visit the McLean PTSA website www.mcleanptsa.org and click on the Newsletter/Minutes link in the left hand navigation bar. The Newsletter includes great information including a message from MHS Principal, Dr. Deborah Jackson; information on upcoming activities at McLean High School including: McLean HS Chorus Best of Broadway, a Program on the Benefits of a Gap Year, a Program on Healthy Food Choices and a Program on Protecting Your Child From the Realities of Substance Abuse; Information the Safe Community Coalition; Information on Student Services and Class Notes; Recruitment of Volunteers for Senior Ethics Day and the Class of 2010 All Night Grad Party Committee; Information on PTSA, Club and School Fundraisers and More!

- **McLean Good News:**

Parents, we love to hear about the accomplishments of our students. If you would like to share an honor or achievement about your son or daughter, please send it to McLeanGoodNews@fcps.edu

Parent Volunteers Needed

- **ATTENTION: Senior Parents:**

Senior year is a year filled with many exciting activities, events and milestones. We need lots of parent volunteers to make this happen. Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Gayla Hassett, ghassett@cox.net, 703/534-7480, if you can help with any of the following:

Easy Fundraisers to help MHS

Help McLean High School Earn Cash for Educational Equipment. Last year the Grocery Store Fundraisers raised over \$15,000 for MHS.

Giant Food A+ BonusBucks Program and Safeway's eScrip Program

You may register on line at www.giantfood.com and www.escrip.com In order to register you must have your 12 digit Giant or 11 digit Safeway card number. Even if you designated our school last year, you must re-designate McLean this year.

Harris Teeter

If you shop at Harris Teeter, please register your VIC card with the cashier the next time you go into the store, and MHS will receive 5% of all your provagte-label purchases at the store. For McLean to benefit, you must give them our account code which is 5560.

Target and Office Depot Rewards Programs for McLean High School *New!!*

In addition to the supermarket rewards programs (Giant, Safeway and Harris Teeter), McLean High School (MHS) is also enrolled in rewards programs with Target and Office Depot. Please click on [Target Flyer](#) or [Office Depot Flyer](#) for more information on how to participate and earn money for MHS while shopping!

GoodSearch

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the school its users designate. The more people use GoodSearch on behalf of MHS, the more money it can raise for our school. Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter McLean High School as the cause you want to support.

Grading Schedule



INTERIM GRADING TIMELINE

End of Interim Period	Interims delivered 7th period	End of Grading Period	Grades mailed home
1 st qtr Wed 10/7	Interims delivered 7 th period 10/9	1 st qtr Friday, 10/30	Friday 11/6
2 nd qtr Wed 12/9	Interims delivered 7 th period 12/11	2 nd qtr Friday, 1/29	Thursday 2/4
3 rd qtr Wed 3/3	Interims delivered 7 th period 3/5	3 rd qtr Friday, 4/9	Friday 4/16
4 th qtr Wed 5/12	Interims delivered 7 th period 5/14	4 th qtr Tuesday, 6/22	Grades mailed home 6/30