



MCHS Principal Message for 11-12-23

Good evening Maverick Nation:

This is Principal Taylor-Simon with some important announcements.

- Friday, November 17 is the next ACT Prep Session. Please help me remind your juniors.
- Save the Date! The DPS Advanced Academics Department will host a brief [virtual High School AIG Parent Information Session](#) on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!
- DPS will soon be launching the DPS Student Climate Survey for all 5th, 7th and 11th graders. This is an annual survey that has been provided to students to find out how they feel about Durham Public Schools. Topics will include:
 - Emotional and Physical Safety
 - Student Discipline
 - Expectations for Students
 - Student Support
 - Social and Emotional Learning
 - Teacher and Administrator Treatment of Students
 - School/Classroom Environment and Learning Conditions

On Friday, November 10, the Office of Public Affairs sent a Google opt-in form via email to all parents / guardians of students in grades 5, 7, and 11 and parents must complete this form if you would like your student to participate in the survey. The survey *will be administered between Monday, November 20 and Tuesday December 19.*

- The DPS Board of Education has updated its [exam exemption policy](#) to include language that allows some excused absences not to count towards the absence total. Per the MCHS Policy in the [Student/Family Handbook](#), all notes are to be turned in no later than 3 days upon the return of the student.
 - I would like to provide you with an additional opportunity to turn in any outstanding notes. Any outstanding notes must be turned in no later than December 1 by 5:00 p.m. This will allow Mrs. Silva to update the attendances in



PowerSchool in time for teachers to determine the student's exam exemption status.

- After that date, "old" notes that were not turned in within that 3 day window will not count towards the exam exemption policy. We will continue to accept new notes that fall within the 3-day window. Teachers must have this information in a timely manner so that they can clearly communicate to students if they will be exempt from their teacher-made exams.
- Please remember that students cannot be exempted from state-mandated exams.

Feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

- The holidays are quickly approaching and we realize that everyone's holiday experience is not the same. If you need any support during the holidays, please reach out to our school social worker, Mr. Brandon Evans via email at brandon_evans@dpsnc.net or our school counselor Mrs. Sarah Machak at sarah_machak@dpsnc.net.

As always, thanks for being a part of the Middle College family.
Have a great evening!

Attachments:

- [Bell Schedules](#)
 - [Information](#) regarding M.A.N.E. time.
- [CAP & Gown Ordering Information](#)
- [Lunch Pre-Order Form](#)
- [MCHS Reverse Progress Report](#)
- [MCHS Student of the Month Nomination Form](#)
- [MCHS Staff Member of the Month Nomination Form](#)