



## MCHS Principal Message for 10-3-2021

Good evening Maverick Nation:

This is Principal Taylor-Simon with some important announcements. I apologize in advance for the length of this message:

- The end of the grading quarter for high school classes is on Friday, October 8. Grades will be available in the Powerschool Parent Portal and mailed home on October 15. Please remember that report cards will not reflect any college grades until the end of the semester. If you have any questions about report cards, please contact Mrs. Kimberly Faison. If you have any questions about grades or grading, please contact the teacher directly.
- Middle College families, we need your assistance. Many of you have not completed the PowerSchool enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. This step is different from just accessing PowerSchool to check grades. You must click on the “enrollment” link on PowerSchool to access this portion of the system. Only 5% of our families have completed this step which includes verifying/updating contact information and signing off on important DPS forms/handbooks. Please visit the [DPS PowerSchool information website](#) for the steps to complete this process. If you need assistance, Please contact Mrs. Kimberly Faison, the data manager.
- If your student is registered to take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 13, they need to attend one of the Pre-Administration Sessions! During this session, students are asked to complete non-test information. The session will last approximately 30 minutes. October 13 is an early release day so it is imperative that students complete the non-test portion prior to the test day. Please ask your student to complete the Google Form that Mrs. Tugman sent to them via email to attend one of the last remaining sessions:
  - Monday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m.
  - Wednesday, October 6 at 3:30 p.m.
- Durham Tech is offering free on-site testing each week, Mondays and Fridays from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. via drive-through, located on [Main Campus](#) in the parking lots surrounding Building 6 (B4, B5, B6). Testing is **free** and is open to Durham Tech students,



employees, and all community members. No appointment necessary. To learn more about Durham Tech's response to Covid-19, please visit their [website](#).

- Please join the DPSCelebrates team as they celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the Hispanic Heritage Celebration Series occurring each Monday evening from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., now through November 1. Please visit <https://celebrate.dpsnc.net/hispanic-heritage-celebration-series> to view the featured guest list and access additional educational resources.
- Compass Learning, the DPS Practice ACT provider, has created a guide to help students and families prepare for the upcoming ACT and other admissions tests. [English](#) & [Spanish](#)
- The City of Durham is launching a "Imagine a Day Without Water" video contest. Students aged 13-18 are encouraged to produce a creative, minute-long video that captures what a day without water would be like. The due date for student submissions is Monday, October 18. For more information about the contest, please visit: <https://durhamnc.gov/3746/> or contact [Grant.Cullinan@durhamnc.gov](mailto:Grant.Cullinan@durhamnc.gov)
- The DPS Family Academy is offering a course series to support Latina students and families. This course is a series of 3 sessions in Spanish that will provide information for families to learn about parental access in communicating with their student's school, equitable access to advanced course tracks as well as available community resources for Latina students. For more information you may contact Melissa Pérez via email at [melissa\\_perez@dpsnc.net](mailto:melissa_perez@dpsnc.net).
- Don't forget to check out Mrs. Machak's [Counselor Corner](#) on the website. Important upcoming events have been included for this week and will be included in the email version of this message.
  - College Fair October 11 & 12 (5:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.)
    - Registration is now open for our Virtual College Fair! Sign-up to virtually connect with colleges and universities from around the country for free. Check out the schedule, list of colleges, and register for sessions now! - <https://www.strivescan.com/carolinas/>
  - Upcoming MCHS College Visits (College Visits will be virtual. Please RSVP to receive the link.)
    - 10/4 @ 3:30 p.m. - UNC Chapel Hill - \*\* Come with Questions!!



- 10/11 @ 3:30 p.m. - Meredith
- DUE OCTOBER 7, 2021 Levine Scholarship Nomination Request Form.
  - Students interested in applying to UNC Charlotte's full ride Levine Scholarship, should complete the nomination request form by October 7th. To learn more about the Levine scholarship, please see their website - <https://levinescholars.uncc.edu/>
- October is college application month. CFNC will be hosting live virtual events each week to talk about each part of the college application process. Check out their calendar here - [https://www.cfnc.org/media/agbmyvnu/cfnc\\_2021\\_c2c\\_oct\\_events\\_calendar.pdf](https://www.cfnc.org/media/agbmyvnu/cfnc_2021_c2c_oct_events_calendar.pdf)
  - Week 1 - Imagine your future
  - Week 2 - Financial Aid 101, FAFSA & RDS
  - Week 3 - Apply - Free Application Week
  - Week 4 - I applied. Now What?

Thanks for being a part of the Middle College family. Have a great evening!

**Attachments:**

- [Counselor's Corner Website](#)
- [DPS Family Academy Catalog 2021-2022](#)