

Class of 2021 News

McCluer North High School

Important Dates!

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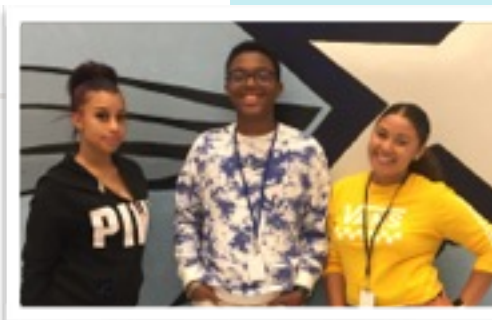
It's hard to believe the 2019-2020 school year is already half over! I am writing to share important dates with you.

If you are new to our school, my name is Erin King (eking@fergflor.org). This is my fifteenth year serving the students at McCluer North High School. I am currently studying Heritage Leadership, Social Justice and Sustainability at UMSL, I have two children in the Ferguson-Florissant School District, and I am honored to continue to serve the class of 2021 as the 11th Grade Assistant Principal!

Ms. Maeghan Gunn (mgunn@fergflor.org) is our 11th Grade Counselor. Ms. Brenda Morris (BMorris@fergflor.org) is our 11th Grade Office Professional. Please send Ms. Morris a note or email after a student's absence.

Remind!

For quick updates, **text the message @6kd7b4 to the number 81010**. You can also choose the option to email 6kd7b4@mail.remind.com



The Junior Class Officers are pictured above: Nahtyjah Sallis, Ryan Weaver-Palmer, & Brianna Gregory

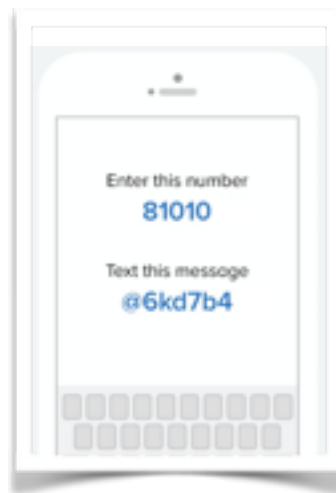
ACT Day
Tuesday, Feb. 25

Spring Break
March 23 - 27

Class Ring Ceremony
Thursday, April 23

Prom
Saturday, April 25

Crown Day
Thursday, May 21



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DAYS UNTIL GRADUATION

Make each day count!

90%

ATTENDANCE

Required to attend Prom.

100%

GRADUATION RATE

Let's make history!



Junior Class Meeting

Earlier this fall, parents voted at a PTG meeting, selecting Jostens as our official graduation merchandise provider. During advisory on **Friday, January 24**, the Class of 2021 had a Junior Class Meeting. Our Jostens representative, Mr. Sam Glennon, presented **class ring information** to our students. Everyone left with a packet of information regarding class rings. There are additional packets in the Junior Office if anyone missed the meeting or needs another packet.



There will be a parent night on **Wednesday, February 5th from 4 - 6:30pm** in the cafeteria. Mr. Glennon will be there to answer any questions about rings and to take orders. Mr. Glennon will also be available for students to order rings on **February 5th and 6th** during their lunch period. Our **Class Ring Ceremony** will be at **7am on Thursday, April 23** in the Little Theatre. Parents are invited and welcome.

Junior Committee

Junior Committee will meet this **Thursday, January 30th**, during WIN time. Junior committee [pictured right] is an enthusiastic group working to sell class shirts, plan the Class Ring Ceremony, design the Senior Sweats, and organizing Crown Day! Junior Class President **Brianna Gregory** designed the class shirts as part of an IB project, which will be unveiled during lunch next week. Order forms will be distributed during advisory!



Positive Behavior & Attendance Incentives

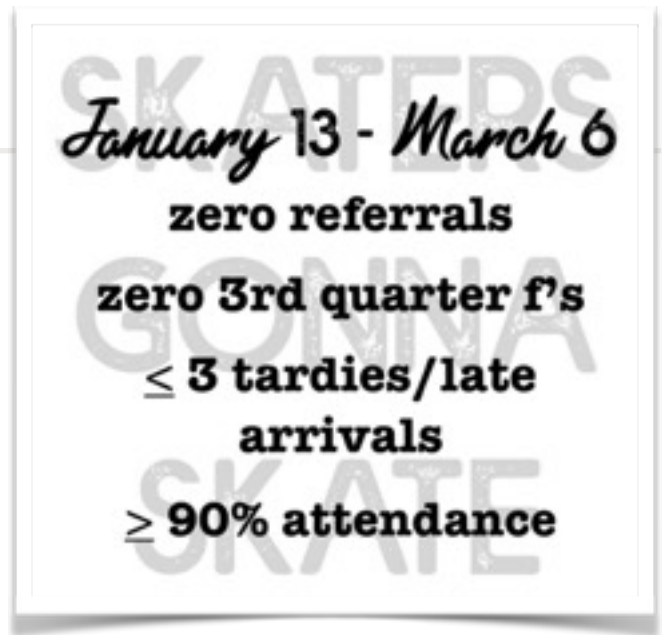
There is a new teacher committee this year called the Student Expectations Leadership Team [SELT]. Our goal is to reward good behavior and attendance. Last semester students were rewarded by earning a trip to the zoo, an ice-cream social, a s'mores lunch treat, student of the month honors at



sporting events, and “Caught Doing the Right Thing” drawings. This quarter

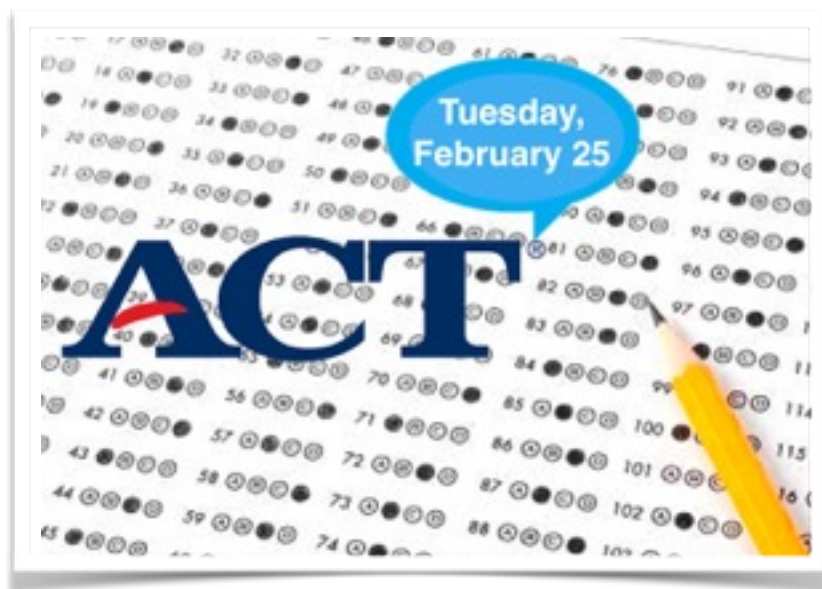
students can earn

a roller skating trip and a donut party. Juniors **Arnez Payne, Brianna Accord, and Demetrius Hall** have been honored this year for being caught doing the right thing.



ACT Day

All Juniors will take the ACT for FREE on **Tuesday, February 25th**. The ACT is a standardized test used for college admissions that covers English, Mathematics, Reading and Science Reasoning. Scores are used by colleges, universities and to qualify for many scholarships.



Please get a good night's rest on Monday, Feb. 24th. Bring our ID, pencils & your calculator. Contact Ms. Gunn if you have any questions. It's extremely important to **ARRIVE ON TIME February 25th!**

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

On November 21st, McCluer North had our **IBDP World School Flag Ceremony**. Parents, students, and IB faculty celebrated together with an international meal and a student-led talk show. FFSD's Superintendent, Dr. Davis, even played along in the game "Are you Smarter Than an IB Student?"



After School Tutoring

The Principal's Advisory Committee facilitates Peer-to-Peer after school tutoring in the advisory area on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** for **Algebra 1, Geometry and Biology**.

Activity busses are available for students on Tuesdays - Thursdays. A non-profit organization is serving **SUPPER at 3:10** for any student staying for an after-school activity.

MLK Day

Mr. Paul Morris and Ms. Hannah Montford took a group of students to Washington, DC in June to attend the National Technology Student Association [TSA] Conference. While in DC, the students traveled to many museums and important spaces. Junior class officer Ryan Weaver-Palmer sent me this picture of some of those students in front of the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington, DC**.

On a personal note, I spent this past MLK weekend in Montgomery, AL, reflecting on the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I visited the Equal Justice Initiative's new Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice. If anyone might be considering a visit there, I encourage every person to make that trip. The museum and memorial are so powerful and inspirational.



Prom

Junior/Senior Prom will be on **Saturday, April 25th** at the beautiful Renaissance Hotel. Tickets will be sold at school for 2 weeks. **March 16-20 they are \$65**, then **March 30 - April 3 they are \$75 per ticket**. Tickets are sold during all 3 lunch shifts, and students must have an ID, 90% attendance, and NO fines. There are no outsider permits. April 3rd is the absolute last day to purchase a ticket.

Crown Day

The senior class of 2020's last day of school is May 20th. McCluer North has a tradition that the following day is Crown Day, signifying the first day of the new class' SENIOR YEAR!!! The Crown Day for the CLASS OF 2021 will be **Thursday, May 21st**. The official King & Queen Crown Day t-shirts will be on sale in the cafeteria in advance.

Student Spotlight: Jada Pittman

On October 16, McCluer North's, **Jada Pittman**, represented the CLASS OF 2021 again this year at the NFTE global competition in New York City. Jada Pittman and her business "Bow'd Out" competed for a chance at \$15,000. She was the regional finalist last year and used the business she created in Mr. Lapinski's Entrepreneurship class for competition. Jada was previously awarded over \$500 for her in class and regional competitions.

The competition is like the show Shark Tank. She has an impressive business and a excellent presentation. She had been practicing for months. She completed the first round and was champion of her room and moved on to the semi finals, which earned her another \$1000. People in New York reported that she did an unbelievable job, and the competition in the semi finals was super tough.



Bow'd Out is a customized skin for the bows for wood sting instruments. The skins can be made in any colors or designs to help express yourself. There is nothing out there like this. She has put a lot of time and effort into this competition. Mr. Lapinski says that it is truly amazing what she has accomplished so far. What she did was very impressive and took a lot of guts and hard work.

Jada is impressive in all areas at McCluer North. She takes a combination of Honors, AP and IB courses. She excels in Future Business Leaders of American [FBLA]. Jada plays the violin in McCluer North's Honors Orchestra, and has earned both Silver and Gold Awards on the violin, representing McCluer North at Solo & Ensemble Festival.

CLASS OF 2021 MAKING HISTORY

Pictured on the right: Mr. Byron Crawford, our IB Coordinator, with the bravest, kindest, hardest working, smartest people I have ever had the pleasure of serving.

The following students have made the initial commitment to the full IBDP: Haley Bellamy, Brianna Gregory, Deaja Jackson, Noah Jackson, Genesis Jones, Chantal Kagarama, Jermaine Lomax, Shyann Michaels, Tierah Moore, Aniya Patterson-Turner, Ray'Mon Peebles, Madeleine Pinkston, and Brooke Strautmann. *There are about twice as many additional students taking individual IB courses but not pursuing the full IB Diploma.*

Students can earn college credit for each IB class they take—the IB Diploma candidates are taking 6 college-level courses, which is a larger course load than most college students! They are doing amazing things. I am so proud to be their principal!

This is the very FIRST group of students at McCluer North to aspire to earn an International Baccalaureate Diploma.

If you have any questions about the program, Mr. Byron Crawford (BCrawford@fergflor.org) is the IB Coordinator for the district, and Ms. French (KFrench@fergflor.org) is the IB counselor.



NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

Each year outstanding students who exhibit excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, & character are inducted into the National Honor Society. The NHS Faculty Selection Committee will be considering sophomores, juniors, and seniors for membership in this organization in 2nd semester. Applications are available in room 3265 from Ms. Schnettler and in room 3145 from Ms. Klamm. Completed applications are due no later than **Wednesday, February 5th**.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Brianna Gregory, Matthew Patterson, Joshua Rayford, Nicholas Bush, Tanesha Brandon, Madeleine Pinkston, Ariy'anna Rogers, Imani Tomlin, Temyra Johnson, and Genesis Jones have been busy with Youth Leadership this year. Ms. Monahan will be taking these students to volunteer at St. Patrick's Center next **Tuesday, February 4th**. Last week they visited the Holocaust Museum with Youth Leadership. We are so proud of them!