

# Memphis School of Excellence



## Parent Newsletter

### **Paper Drive**

Did you know that the Memphis School of Excellence uses nearly 20 boxes of paper per month, and nearly \$15,000 worth of paper per year? All that paper goes to printing the worksheets, guided notes, activities, study guides, and projects necessary to set our students up for serious academic success. Students who bring in 2 reams of paper will earn a dress out day on Friday, 10/7, and a homework pass in one of their classes.

Students who bring paper after 10/7 will get their dress out day on 11/18.

### **Sweatshirts**

New sweatshirts are in. The cost is \$25.

### **Box Tops**

Art Club coordinates Box Tops at Memphis School of Excellence. This year, our goal is to raise \$1000 for art supplies. Clip the Box Tops from hundreds of participating products and send them to school, Art Room 117. Each one is worth 10¢ when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

### **ACT Tutoring**

Remember that the school offers free ACT tutoring for all high school students after school on Monday and Tuesday from 3:15-4:00. Mr. Dibi tutors math on Mondays and Mrs. Vander Haak tutors English/Reading on Tuesdays.

### **Making Strides Walk**

The school is planning on putting together a team to walk in the Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk at the Liberty Bowl on Sunday, 10/23, to honor those who have fought the battle against breast cancer. Stay tuned for more information the Monday after fall break.

### **Movie Night**

From 3:30-5:30 on Tuesday, 10/18, the drama club will be hosting a movie night fundraiser. For \$5 students can dress out during the day and then watch a movie and eat popcorn after school.

### **PTA Meetings**

The Memphis School of Excellence PTA meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00. We hope to see you there!

### **Canned Food Drive**

Every year MSE collects canned food (any non-perishable can, side, or dessert) to make boxes to deliver to families who need a Thanksgiving meal. The school provides a turkey for each box. Starting Monday, 10/17, students can bring in cans to contribute to these boxes. Students who bring in at least three cans will receive a dress out day in November.

### **Memphis School of Excellence Vision Statement**

The vision of MSE is to become an internationally competitive urban school that produces well-rounded students. MSE wants to raise students' awareness of the world around them and seeks to begin the process of developing the necessary skills and desire to compete at the highest level.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3	4 Senior parent meeting @ 8:00am	5 PTA @ Senior parent meeting @ 6:00pm	6	7 End of first 9 weeks	8	9
10 Fall Break	11 Fall Break	12 Fall Break	13 Fall Break	14 Fall Break	15	16
17 Deadline to register for PSAT XC City Championship @ Ed Rice, 5:00	18 Seniors: TN Promise Meeting (2pm)  3:30-5:30- Movie Night Fundraiser (Drama Club)	19 PSAT (select 10 <sup>th</sup> + 11 <sup>th</sup> graders)  Report cards sent home	20 Field Trip: Freedom Awards Student Forum (African American History Class)	21	22 ACT  Drama Club Tournament @ Overton HS	23 Make Strides Breast Cancer Walk, 3:00 (more information to come)
24	25	26	27	28 MS Halloween Dance	29 Mock ACT, 9am-12pm  Drama Club Tournament @ St. Mary's	30
31 Deadline to pay deposit for MS EOY trip	1	2	3	4 Fall Performing Arts Program	5 ZAP	6

Congratulations to the September students of the month! These students were selected by their teachers for their academic and behavioral performance.

6<sup>th</sup>- A. Vega      7<sup>th</sup>- L. Rodriquez  
8<sup>th</sup>- J. Coburn    9<sup>th</sup>- A. Harris  
10<sup>th</sup>- B. Williams 11<sup>th</sup>- D. Thompson  
12<sup>th</sup>- J. Romo