

Macon Early College

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Macon Early College Parent Teacher Student Organization PTSO 2011-2012 Welcome Letter

On behalf of the MEC PTSO, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your student to Macon Early College. I would also like to encourage you to become involved with your student's school experience. One way to do that is through the PTSO.

PTSO Programs and Fundraising

Our primary objective as a PTSO is to provide our school with funds, programs, resources and services that will enrich and maximize the education of every student. To meet this important objective and afford services that are no longer covered by our school budget, we must fundraise.

MEC students will have the opportunity this year to tour colleges throughout the state, both in the fall and spring. MEC PTSO assists with the costs of these trips. We also have plans to beautify the grounds at the school, provide teachers with resources for special projects and help the school with the rising costs of textbooks in the future.

We are proud to support the Ashleigh Moore Scholarship Fund, in memory of a beloved former student that passed away in the spring of 2010. Our Student Council members hold car washes, bake sales, yard sales and other fundraisers to assist with this. The Scholarship is \$500.00 and awarded annually to a student interested in a Nursing career. If you would like further information, please contact Mr. Gibbs.

We have exciting fundraisers planned for this school year. We will be offering MEC Spiritwear, T-Shirts, Hoodies, car decals, etc. for you and your student to visibly help promote our school. We are planning to host a Pancake Breakfast, have a Cookie Dough sale in time for the holidays, and have a Walk-A-Thon in the spring. We will be participating in the Ingle's and BI-LO's Boosters, Box Tops for Education and Empty Ink Cartridges Recycling Program. We will also have 50/50 raffles where the lucky winners take home half of the money raised!

Become a Volunteer – Why YOU should get involved!

As you can see, we are a busy PTSO! We need your help, and so do our students. There are many ways in which you can help. Our PTSO Executive Board currently has open positions available. Vice-Presidency (we can have up to four and only have two), Media Relations and Volunteer Coordinator. We are currently in the process

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of amending our By-Laws to allow for Co-Presidency. This will increase our Vice-Presidency open positions to three because one of our VP's will be stepping up.

Whatever your own level of flexibility, MEC PTSO always appreciates its parent volunteers, as do our teachers and staff. Keep in mind that by volunteering, you will get to enjoy interacting with the students, become friends with other parents, and accomplish things that truly make a difference. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, your time, and your talents are truly needed. We can match your time constraints and interests to needed tasks. We have many ways in which everyone can contribute and we need your ideas and energy! We look forward to meeting you!

PTSO Communication

We will send emails and Connect Ed messages, post announcements on the PTSO Bulletin Board located at the school, post messages on the MEC web page and PTSO Facebook page, and distribute an electronic Newsletter, via email every other month.

Soon you will see a calendar of events, volunteer opportunities, parenting resources, and other useful information. Stay tuned!

The contact information for our PTSO board is:

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On behalf of the MEC PTSO, we would once again like to extend a warm welcome and many wishes for a successful school year!