

LancerLot

Robert McQueen High School - Washoe County School District

2020-2021
Newsletter
February 2021

Principal Amy Marable

A Message from the Principal

Dear Lancer Families,

We usually have many activities and sporting events taking place during this time in the school year. Though it looks a bit different this year, we are still trying to hold true to some of our traditions. **Student Leadership** planned our Winter Faire celebration and spirit week for the kids to take part in. It was very similar to Homecoming week and students watched the assembly video in their classes and dressed up each day of the week.

We have had a few events take place that our Lancers have been a part of, and I would like to acknowledge their accomplishments. In the fall, five Lancers received recognition from the **National Merit Scholarship Corporation**. Commended students were Crispin Hilliard and Daniel Watts. **Students who were named as finalists are Jack Garman, Kenna Kolstrup, and Ramona Tobey.** This is an *outstanding* accomplishment, and we look forward to where your academic careers take you.

This year our **JROTC** program participated in the Cyber Patriot competition for the first time and our kids did an outstanding job. We had two groups who competed with one group placing in the Platinum level and the second group placing in the Gold level. They have already begun training for next year and hope to hold a camp this summer. In other JROTC news, each year high schools throughout the district participate in an essay contest. This year's topic was centered around the pandemic and how students have dealt with this unprecedented time. McQueen Cadet, Jack Armbricht, was named the first-place winner of the contest and his essay will now compete for regional honors. We are very proud of Jack and his dedication to the Lancer Brigade.

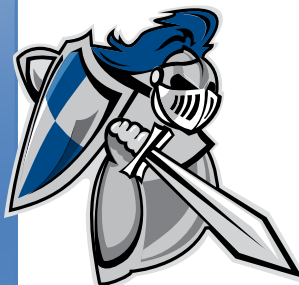
Athletics, and *when or if* students should compete, have been a hot topic this year. Students have already been participating in sports conditioning, with guidance from the NIAA and WCSD. We have ensured that all guidelines and safety protocols are being followed during these conditioning times. Coaches have been COVID-19 tested and follow the self-screening tool. If students can compete, parents will be provided the schedule and all the information needed. In the meantime, it is a perfect time for our **football field** to receive an update. Currently, our field is being prepped and the turf field will be replaced. It is going to look like a professional field when the project is complete, and we hope to play at home next fall.

We received notice that our **graduation** date is scheduled for June 17th from 1:30 to 6:30 at McQueen High School. We will start to plan for the celebration and hope to have many parents and friends of McQueen volunteer to make the day extra special for the **Class of 2021**. Assistant Principal, Matt MacKay, will oversee the organizing and details of our ceremony. This class is very special to me since I started at McQueen the same year they did. It will be bittersweet to watch the Class of 2021 receive their diplomas and head off to begin the next chapter in their lives.

Though the COVID vaccine is being administered, we will remain diligent in our efforts to keep our school as safe as possible. This includes cleaning our building nightly, wearing masks properly, washing our hands often and keeping social distance. Please continue to use the self-screening tool daily, keep kids home when they do not feel well and contact the attendance office with their symptoms. Together we will keep our students and staff healthy and safe.

With Lancer Pride,

Amy Marable, Principal



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American Visions by Kenna Ashton

Scholastic Art Awards 2021

Since 1999, the Nevada Museum of Art has overseen the Northern Nevada regional visual arts component of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the United States. 125 individual works and seven portfolios were selected to receive Gold Key awards. Five were nominated as the “Best in Region” for the American Visions Award. The creative Lancers receiving these honors are Sophomore Drew Haltom (Photography), Senior Paola Mora (Watercolor), and Sophomore Kenna Ashton (Drawing) received Gold Keys for their artworks. Their pieces can be viewed at the Sheppard Gallery at UNR Church Fine Arts building. Kenna is also one of the 5 who received top honors with her American Visions drawing. This piece will be on display at the Nevada Museum of Art. We wish them well in the national competition in March.

Cloey Duncan, Alex Jenkins, Tessa Ladd, Harmaunie Miles, Angel Reynaga, Xander Thomas, and Riley Wilson. All received Silver Keys or Honorable Mention. Their work will run on a digital display at both gallery locations.

Honor these talented teens by [visiting the exhibitions](#), and celebrating their achievements:

- Exhibitions on display from February 5 – March 5, 2021
- Gold Key | Sheppard Contemporary Gallery, University of Nevada, Reno
- American Visions Nominees | Nevada Museum of Art
- Virtual Award Ceremony | Friday, February 19 / 6 pm / Museum's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Skye Snyder M.Ed
Art and Photography Educator



GRADUATION

Washoe County School District has released the graduation schedules for all high schools. **McQueen High School's graduation celebration is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2021 from 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm.** Additional information and details will be forthcoming.

Any parent who would like to volunteer to make this year's graduation special for our seniors, please email [Matt MacKay](mailto:Matt.MacKay@washoe.k12.nv.us) with the words "Graduation Volunteer" in the subject line.

June 2021 High School Graduation Schedule

Saturday, June 12

AACT 8:30 am – 11:00 am
Inspire & Turning Point 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
North Star 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm
Innovations 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm
RiSE 6:00 – 7:15 pm

Monday, June 14

Galena 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Damonte Ranch 2:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, June 15

Picollo 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Wednesday, June 16

North Valleys 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Thursday, June 17

Reno 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
McQueen 1:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Friday, June 18

Wooster 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sparks 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Saturday, June 19

Reed 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Monday, June 21

Spanish Springs 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, June 22

Hug 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Wednesday, June 23

Incline 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Attention Seniors! If you have not yet ordered your Cap and Gown, please contact our local Jostens representative at 775-626-4944.

McQueen Booster Guild Information

Now more than ever, the McQueen Boosters Guild needs your support so that we may support McQueen students and the school. ALL of the money we raise goes back to McQueen, in the form of scholarships to graduating seniors, helping teachers and staff with needed items in classrooms, assisting students through our Angel Tree, and celebrating our graduates. The Craft Faire is our biggest fundraiser every year. Since it was cancelled for 2020, your financial support is very much needed and so appreciated this year!

JOIN THE BOOSTERS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

The first 100 families to make a donation of \$100 or more to the McQueen Booster Guild will be entered into a drawing to win an Epson Perfection V800 scanner valued at over \$1600, generously donated by our local

Staples store at

Mae Anne and McCarran.

To be eligible for the drawing, donations must be received via Paypal, Venmo, or postmarked by Friday, March 19th. The winner will be notified no later than March 29th.

2020-21 McQueen Boosters Guild Membership Application

McQueen Boosters Guild is a fully qualified 501(c)(3) organization EIN 88-327354

*** Required**

Membership Level & Dues - Lancer Club Members and their pre-high school children (when accompanied by the card holder) are entitled to free admission to ALL HOME sporting events (except Zone/ State playoffs) *

Lancer Club Member - 1 person (\$50) - Lancer Club Card will be sent to you.

Lancer Club Member - 2 people (\$100) - Lancer Club Cards will be sent to you.

Regular Member - 1 person (\$20)

Additional Tax-Deductible Donation (any amount!)

First and Last Name *

First & Last Name for additional Lancer Club Membership

Phone Number*

Address, including Zip Code *

Email address *

Payment Method You Plan to Use

PayPal Button at <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/12127>

Venmo @McQueen-Boosters - please put your name(s) in description

Cash or check made out to McQueen Boosters Guild and dropped off or mailed to:
McQueen High School
c/o Booster Guild
6055 Lancer St.
Reno, NV 89523

Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year

Online Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 school year.

Parents/Guardians in the student's primary household must complete Online Registration no later than May 15th.

Instructions for registration are as follows:

1. Log in to your Infinite Campus Parent Portal
 2. Click on "More" in the list you see to the left
 3. Click Online Registration
 4. Select "Click here to go to existing student registration"
 5. Complete Online Registration in its entirety and print (or screen shot) the PDF verification.
- If you have questions or need assistance, please contact our Registrar, Mary Hall, at MAHall@washoeschools.net



Spring semester is underway, here are some of the happenings in the counseling world.

COURSE SELECTIONS began the second week of February. All course selection materials are located in Microsoft Teams, there is a class for each grade level. Within each class there is a powerpoint presentation and each student has a notebook that includes three sections: transcript, grad plan, and course selection form. The course selection form needs to be submitted so that a class schedule can be created. Please make sure you and your student are reviewing the course catalog for requirements and prerequisites on the McQueen Website: <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/1391>.

- English and math teachers will be offering recommendations for your child's future classes.
- Please encourage your students to continue the progression of their current CTE classes (culinary, human development, AP computer science, auto tech and manufacturing) as these classes can potentially earn them college credit!

PSAT for 10th grade: This exam took place on January 26th and scores will be sent home to student via the College Board. Students can view their results by logging onto www.psat.org/myscore. They will need to create a College Board account.

BYU AND OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES must be cleared by your student's counselor. In order to accurately track your child's progress and credit completion, we must be made aware of any outside programs.

- If enrolling in a BYU course, the course must be COMPLETED within the semester in which a student enrolls. (Example: If your child registers for a class in the fall, it must be completed prior to going on winter break).

RENOWN Medical Internships: The Career and Technical Education (CTE) department has internship opportunities available for current 10th and 11th grade students interested in the medical field. The application window is now open and will close on March 29, 2021. Detailed information on how to apply can be found by visiting www.washoeschools.net/internships.

WCSD ACT EXAM: On February 23rd, **all juniors** and seniors (who have not tested) will be taking the **ACT with Writing**. The WCSD pays for students to take this exam and **participation in this test is a requirement to earn a high school diploma**. Additionally, your student's ACT scores are used for math placement senior year. Equally important, colleges use the ACT and/or SAT scores for admission purposes, class placements, and scholarships. To prepare for this exam, students can take advantage of the free test prep (ACT Academy) offered on the ACT website (www.act.org).

2020/21 S2 School Calendar McQueen HS

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 Contingency Days

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Washoe County School District Message Regarding Contingency Days

Dear WCSD families,

We want to share the latest on the contingency days that will need to be added to the current school year, 2020-2021.

As of today, the District had to cancel classes three times so far this school year: one day due to smoke from wildfires at the beginning of the school year and two more days due to heavy snowfall in January. According to guidance from the Nevada State Board of Education, no instruction will be delivered when a school needs to cancel related to weather. Therefore, the District has built three contingency days into the Balanced Calendar schedule – June 7, 8, and 9 – and schools will be in session on those dates.

If we need to cancel school again this year, we will explore our options and keep you informed of any school calendar changes. However, no additional days will be added to the school year beyond June 9.

Thank you for remaining flexible as we work our way through the school year while ensuring that everyone's safety and security remain our top priority.

College and Career Center News

The application for the **McQueen Booster Scholarships and Other General Scholarships** awarded by the McQueen Scholarship Committee is now available on the McQueen website: www.washoeschools.net/mcqueen under the **College & Career Center tab**. You must fill out the application online, and email the completed application to Mrs. Williams LMWilliams@washoeschools.net by the deadline of **11:59 p.m. on February 26, 2021**.

McQueen's **Knight of Honour** (tentatively) will be held on **Wednesday, May 26, 2021**. If you have earned any scholarships or awards, please fill out a **Scholarship Notification Form** and return the form and documentation to Mrs. Williams in the Career Center. We would like to acknowledge your success during **Knight of Honour** and include the information in the **McQueen Graduation Program**. Forms are available in the Career Center and on the McQueen website under the **College & Career Center tab**. Deadline is **5/18/21**.



The **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery - ASVAB** will be administered for **FREE** in the McQueen High School Library on **Tuesday, March 9th**. This career exploration program can help you take steps now toward finding a career that's right for you. You can benefit from the program whether you plan to pursue a career in the military, further your education after high school, or enter the workforce right away. Sign up in the Career Center, room 401. There is limited space, so sign up early.



Cafeteria News



Pictured above, Assistant Principal Matt MacKay and Dean of Students Dan Schreiber with two of McQueen's amazing cafeteria staff, Rosalia Morgan and Cafeteria Manager Ana Diaz. **FREE** breakfast and lunch are available to **ALL STUDENTS** daily through the end of this school year.

Advanced Placement

It is that time of year again... we are getting to the point where teachers and students are gearing up for the AP exams and they will be here before we know it. Here are a few things to think about as you prepare:

- Make sure that you have signed up for the AP exam for all of your AP classes. You do this when you join the section on your College Board account. If you haven't joined the section, an exam cannot be ordered for you. **The final deadline to JOIN is March 1.**
- Use the resources on your College Board account. Your teacher may assign work in their course but there are also review lessons and videos that are available to everyone.
- Use this time to explore any practice exam materials. This will help you focus your energy on the types of questions likely to be on the exams.

The College Board just released their testing options for this school year. McQueen High School is working to create an exam schedule that best serves all our students and acknowledges that school was very different this year. Most of the tests will be offered in school and in the traditional paper/pencil format, a few will be offered in school but on computer and it is possible but not necessarily recommended that full distance learning students may test remotely. All of the tests will be full length tests and will have a comparable variety of questions. We will be posting additional information soon. Lastly, time is also running out to pay for your exams. All students taking an AP class, whether in person or via Full Distance learning must order, pay for and take the AP exam to get the credit for that AP level class. Please contact the bookkeeper, Karen Tiensvold at ktiensvold@washoeschools.net if you have questions about fees.

If you have general questions about AP exams, please contact Elizabeth Kelley at eakelley@washoeschools.net.

From the Student Relations Office

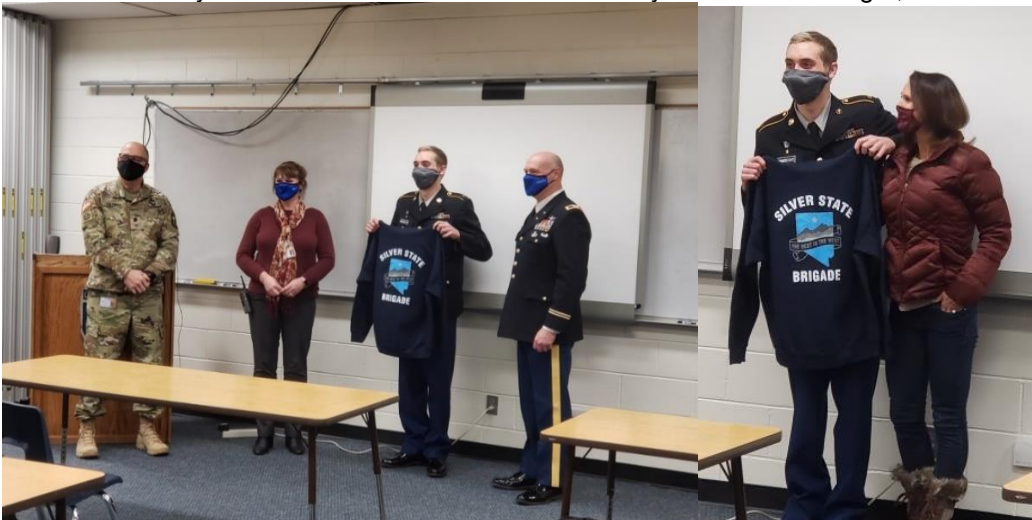
As we move toward the end of the school year, please remind your students of the following safety requirements:

- Students must wear appropriate face coverings at all times (covering both nose and mouth).
- Students may remove face coverings only when eating/drinking.
- **Hats/Hoodies/Head Coverings are not to be worn inside the building.**
- Prior to coming to school, make sure to evaluate your health using the [self-screening](#) tool.

Thank you for your efforts in keeping us all safe.

McQueen JROTC Cadet's Essay Advances to Final Round

C/SGT Jack Armbrecht is well known as a very talented swimmer. But now he is also known as a very talented writer. His essay on "The Challenges of Online and In-Person Learning in a Pandemic Environment" advanced to become one of the final 16 essays in the annual JROTC National Essay Contest involving 1,700 JROTC High Schools.



C/SGT Jack Armbrecht is recognized by Principal Amy Marable (2ndLeft) and LTC(R) Scott Caldwell (Left)

Proud mother and son

Athletic Registration

If you are interested in participating in sports at McQueen, please complete the athletics registration form for your child and register for **ALL** the sports they are planning to participate in this year by going to [Register My Athlete](#). After you have completed your online sports registration with Register My Athlete, you will need to upload a completed Sports Physical (if applicable), NIAA Health Questionnaire (1st/3rd year) or NIAA Pre-Participation History (2nd/4th year).

For additional information, please visit the [McQueen Athletics](#) webpage or contact the McQ Athletics Secretary, [Diane Wood](#), if you have any questions
775-746-5880.

Please visit the [McQueen Calendar](#) for updated activities and athletics information.

Fall Season Sports (six competitive weeks)

Practice begins Saturday, February 20, 2021 (all sports except football, which is TBD)

First contest may be held Friday, March 5, 2021

Last contest Saturday, April 10, 2021

Spring Season Sports (six competitive weeks)

Spring Registration must be completed by Friday, March 19, 2021

Practice begins Saturday, April 3, 2021

First contests may be held Friday, April 16, 2021

Last contest Saturday, May 22, 2021

Athletics Self-Screening Tool for Practices and Games

Prior to participating in any daily practices or competition, athletes are required to complete a COVID-19 self-screening tool. Any player who answers 'Yes' to questions 5-8 should not attend practice or competition.

Athletic Fees

For those students planning on playing a sport, please visit the Athletics section of the [McQueen Webstore](#) to your fees. The total cost is \$90 (\$25 Student Activity Fee, \$5 Impact Testing Fee, \$10 Athletic Training Fee and \$50 Transportation Fee) and payments can be made online, in-person with the bookkeeper or mailed to McQueen High School directly.



Fee Information

If you have not yet paid your student's lab or AP fees, please stop by the Bookkeeper's office to make your payment. You may also pay through the McQueen Webstore at https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/mcqueen_high_schopuz/

Also, for all parents who have had other students come through McQueen, yearbooks from 15/16, 16/17, and the 17/18 school years are now on sale for **½ price. That's right, \$50!**

If you find that you have missed out on a previous year's yearbook they are now available at a discount. These are also listed on the Webstore or you may stop by the Bookkeeper's office to make your purchase.

Additionally, we still have 18/19 and 19/20 yearbooks available for \$100.

Fee's questions? Contact Karen Tiensvold, McQueen Bookkeeper, at 775-746-5880, ext. 32018, or via e-mail at KTiensvold@washoeschools.net.

At Home Impact Instructions

All athletes are required to complete a yearly ImPACT Test. The test should take place in a quiet area on a desktop or laptop computer. To access the test, go to <https://www.impacttestonline.com/htmllauncher/> and input code **TVN2LLT8V0**

Select Validate

Select McQueen High School from the drop-down menu

Click Launch Baseline Test



Please enter your Customer Code:

University of Nevada, Reno (Murray)

You will be prompted to enter your demographic information. The following questions are sometimes confusing:

- Position or Class is whatever position you play on your team (golf, tennis and cross country can skip that question). If you have never had a concussion, you may skip that section.
- When it asks the number of years of school you have completed, answer as follows:
 - Freshman = 8, Sophomores = 9, Juniors = 10, Seniors = 11
- How many year's experience have you had at this level? This question refers to how many years, not counting this one, you have participated at the high school level.
 - Possible Answers - Freshman = 0, Sophomores = 1, Juniors = 2, Senior who has never played before this year = 0

Global Studies

We have been so lucky over the years to welcome so many bright and excited students into our Global Studies program. The program has made a few changes over the past couple of years and our hope is that it has become more flexible but still a great avenue to obtain a well-rounded education that is grounded in exploration of global cultures whether through language, music or art.

So, I would like to invite our students to apply for the Algerian Youth Leadership Program. The Northern Nevada International Center has an opportunity in summer 2021 for American high schoolers to get involved! They are seeking motivated students to apply for a **four-week-all-expenses-paid Algerian Youth Leadership Program in Washington D. C.** During the program, participants will *get involved* in leadership workshops, *engage* in valuable volunteer opportunities, *plan* a community service project, and *develop* public speaking skills while working with university professors, community, and international student leaders.

The deadline to apply is March 1, 2021... just a few weeks away.

For more information and to apply go to Youth Leadership Programs with Algeria

at <https://www.unr.edu/nnic/programs/american-youth-engagement!> Or go to [@nnicreno](#) | [Linktree](#) to go directly to the application.

You can also look on Teams or come to the office for the Flyer with detailed information.

Good luck! We can't wait to hear about your amazing experiences!

Family Tech Support

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
7:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday:
11:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

775-789-3426



Soporte técnico familiar

Lunes, miércoles, viernes:
7:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Martes, jueves:
11:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

775-789-3426



9th Grade High School Science Assessment

McQueen High School is preparing to administer the Nevada High School Science Assessment. This is a **mandatory test for all 9th graders, including those on full Distance Learning.** The test is approximately 2 hours long. The test will be held March 1st through March 12th in the McQueen library. **We will be administering the test alphabetically by the last name of each student.** The schedule is as follows:

Nevada High School Science Test Schedule (9th Graders Only)

March 1st **B-day Students Only**

Agu – Gab 7:45am

Gao – Nel 11:58am

March 2nd **A-day Students Only**

Ada – Iss 7:45am

Jea – Sal 11:58am

March 3rd **B-day Students Only**

Ols – Woo 7:45am

March 4th **A-day Students Only**

Sal – Zub 7:45am

March 5th **Full Distance Students Only**

Agg – Con 12pm

March 8th **Full Distance Students Only**

Dah – Heu 12pm

March 9th No Science Test This Day

March 10th **Full Distance Students Only**

Hoo – Naz 12pm

March 11th **Full Distance Students Only**

Nes – Rus 12pm

March 12th **Full Distance Students Only**

Sal – Xie 12pm



Upcoming Dates to Remember



- March 1: AP Exam Registration Deadline (see AP info on page 7)
- March 12: End of 3rd Quarter Grading Period
- March 13-28: Spring Break-No School
- March 29: Classes Resume (B-day)
- May 26: Senior Knight of Honour (Schedule/Location TBD)
- May 31: Memorial Day – No School
- June: Finals (Schedule TBD)
- June 17: Class of 2021 Graduation (Information coming soon!)

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