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## 2019 Basketball Homecoming



The traditional Basketball Homecoming Ceremony was held Friday, January 11 at 5:30. Representatives are freshman Nakya Lusk, escorted by Ahman Jackson; freshman Allie Moore, escorted by Alex Moore; sophomore Kendall Barnes, escorted by Jasper Sanders; sophomore Jill Johnson, escorted by Jake Tumbleson; junior Madison Bond, escorted by Khylan Blue; junior Nadia Hill, escorted by Omari Robinson; senior Tya Ellis, escorted by Kabrari Finnie, and senior Telesia McIntosh, escorted by Antonio Smith.

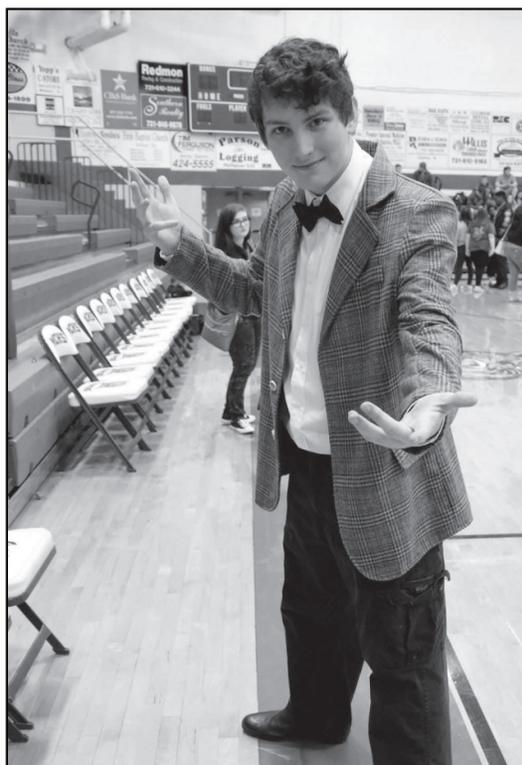
### PARENTS, NEED GRADEBOOK ACCESS?

Send an email to [grades@mcnairy.org](mailto:grades@mcnairy.org) with your name, the student's name(s) and grade(s). You will receive a user-name and password within 3 school days.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- MON Jan. 14
  - 2:00 FAFSA Frenzy
- TUE Jan. 15
  - SPIRIT DAY: Black-Out Day
  - 9:30 Pep Rally in the Halls
  - 6:00 BB Adamsville (H)
- FRI Jan. 18
  - SPIRIT DAY: Blue & Gold Day
  - 6:00 BB Lexington (A)
- MON Jan. 21
  - School Dismissed
- TUE Jan. 22
  - SPIRIT DAY: Superhero Day
  - 6:00 BB Scotts Hill (H)
- FRI Jan. 25
  - SPIRIT DAY: Space Alien Day
  - 6:00 BB Chester Co (A)
- MON Jan. 28
  - FAFSA Frenzy 3:00
- TUE Jan. 29
  - SPIRIT DAY: White/Out Day
  - 6:00 BB Northside H
- WED Jan. 30
  - Senior Cap & Gown pictures
- THU Jan. 31
  - Senior Cap & Gown pictures
- FRI Feb. 1
  - SPIRIT DAY: Babies vs Old Fogey's Day
  - 6:00 BB Southside (A)
- FRI Feb. 5
  - SPIRIT DAY: Teacher Look-A-Like
  - 6:00 BB Riverside (A)
- FRI Feb. 15
  - School Dismissed
- MON Feb. 18
  - School Dismissed
- THU Feb. 21
  - TCAT Crump Signing Day



Dr. Who, aka Dalton Turner, dressed every day of Spirit Week. He was recognized at the Pep Rally for his participation, and received a giant Hershey Kiss.



Abby "Snoop Dogg" Williams



Matt "Axl Rose" Smith



Crowned as Basketball Sweetheart was senior Telesia McIntosh. Crowned as Basketball Homecoming Queen was sophomore Jill Johnson.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 January 16  
 is the  
**FINAL DAY**  
 to purchase a  
 2019 yearbook!

## A Note for Verizon Users:



We received the following message from the "Remind" app administrators. Remind is the app we use for our school texting system, but this will also apply to any schools or other organizations using this app.

We're sorry to write with disappointing news. Recently, we learned that Verizon will be charging Remind a new fee that makes it impossible for us to continue supporting free text messaging for anyone who has Verizon Wireless as their phone carrier. Please read on for all the important details—we promise to keep this as short as we can.

**What's happening?**  
 To offer our text messaging service free of charge,

Remind has always paid for each text that our users receive or send. Now, Verizon is charging Remind an additional fee intended for companies that send spam over its network. Your Remind messages aren't spam, but our efforts to resolve the issue with Verizon haven't been successful.

As a result, the Verizon fee will increase our costs of providing text messaging by 11X—pushing our annual costs into the millions of dollars. This isn't financially feasible for us to support, and it's forcing us to end Remind text messaging for everyone who has a wireless plan with Verizon.

**How will this affect you?**  
 Beginning January 28,

2019, the people in your classes who normally get your Remind messages as texts will no longer receive these messages if they have Verizon Wireless as their phone carrier.

#### What can you do?

To make sure people in your classes continue receiving your messages, ask them to download the mobile app or enable email notifications—both of which are free of charge. Our team's also working hard on a solution that allows your classes to continue to use Remind by text, and we'll share more details with you before January 28.

In the meantime, we'll keep fighting to make sure educators, students, and parents have access to effective communication. To do this, we need your help: If using Remind has made a positive impact in your classroom, at your school, or anywhere in between, please ask Verizon to reverse the fee here: [www.remind.com/verizon-fee](http://www.remind.com/verizon-fee).

## "College Success" in Senior Seminar

The Class of 2019 is the first group of seniors to benefit from a new partnership with Jackson State Community College.

Tennessee's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) state plan includes a new indicator of college and career readiness called the *Ready Graduate*. To be counted as a *Ready Graduate*, students must meet one of the following criteria:

- score a 21 or higher on the ACT
- complete four early post-secondary opportunities (EPSOs)
- complete two EPSOs plus earn a department-promoted industry certification
- complete two EPSOs plus score a designated score on the ASVAB

In an effort to aid public high schools with reaching these goals, JSCC is making some of their courses available at no cost to high school students. Seniors will be completing the requirements for the course during their 'skinny block' each day. Skinny block

is from 9:30-10:00 each day, and is used to provide students with extra instruction or tutoring where needed, and to be involved in extra opportunities such as this. Seniors should have no problems completing the required assignments during their skinny block time, and will be reading through the textbook as well. Students may access the textbook on their phone or other digital device by signing into their school email.

The course is based on material from the textbook "Focus on Community College Success," by Constance Staley, and involves a variety of skills students will need as a first-year student at any college or university. Some of the skills covered include proper etiquette for composing an email to their college professor, how to understand a college catalog, where to find academic / medical / social help on a college campus, the differences between two and four year degrees, how to make a class schedule,



how to take notes and study for comprehensive exams, and a variety of other topics.

Seniors received the course syllabus and calendar, and began the first assignment on January 14. One of the course requirements is participating in class discussion, with the first topic "Why are you going to college?" Students must give their response in 100 words or more, identifying their reasons for choosing a particular school and/or major, and what they hope to achieve with a college degree.

Overall, the course will prepare students for greater success no matter where they choose to go to school. Parents are asked to encourage your senior in completing their assignments, but also by engaging with your senior in discussions about what they are learning and the decisions they are making regarding their future.