



# McKinley Classical Leadership Academy



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*"The School of "The Ultimate Challenge!"*

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Dear McKinley Families,

October is a busy month here at McKinley. Please see the box in the lower right corner of this letter for a list of all the upcoming events. Also, remember to check the calendar on both our MS and HS webpage for updates. We do regret having to cancel the Open House. Sadly, several conflicts made it difficult to schedule this event. We hope that you get a chance to connect with many of your child's teachers during Parent/Teacher conferences; however, we do ask that if your child is doing well in a class, you leave that teacher free to meet with other parents. You can sign up for conferences by following this link [https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/McKinley\\_MS\\_HS](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/McKinley_MS_HS). If you can't get into see a teacher, please feel free to contact that teacher via email to address any questions you might have. Additionally, if you'd like to review our curriculum, you may do so by visiting the "About Us" tab on our webpage (<https://www.slps.org/domain/10191>).

I'd like to share some GOOD NEWS from McKinley. On September 26<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a celebration for over sixty high school students who have decided to take on the extra challenge of taking Advanced Placement classes. We are very proud of their willingness to put in the extra hard work and know it will pay off in the long run by helping them learn college level study skills and, for many, college credit. Students in math, English, and science AP courses will get extra support and even monetary incentives through the National Math and Science Initiative Grant. One component is three Saturday Study Sessions for each subject. The first one of these is in November at Clyde C. Miller. Teachers will provide more information to students soon. We will be putting on the musical *Footloose* this year. Almost one hundred students tried out for the musical and we are excited to see the school talent on display on November 15, 16, and 17. Our middle schoolers have been introduced to the FISH philosophy and are working hard at being good citizens by playing with a purpose, choosing their attitude, making people's day, and being there both in class and for others. They have their first FISH Philosophy celebration in November for every student who has earned one Goldbug Goldbuck by getting "caught" following FISH.

Both our middle school and high school athletic teams are working hard. Boys Cross Country participated in the Northside Invitational this past week and our JV team took home a 1<sup>st</sup> place

trophy over rival PHL schools. Ja'Dun Byrd (Sophomore) took a medal home by placing 10<sup>th</sup> out of 35 boys. With only the PHL Championships left, the team is looking to win gold! Boys Soccer and Girls Volleyball seasons are drawing close to an end with districts in sight. Both teams had up and down seasons but are looking to finish strong heading into district play offs. Boys Soccer knotted up two wins against PHL Schools Vashon and Carnahan to propel them into the final two games. Girls Volleyball have two remaining matches after participating in the University City High School Volleyball Tournament this past weekend. McKinley Middle In middle school Boys Soccer, the Goldbug team started the season off well with a 3-2 win. They were not as fortunate in their second contest as they lost to NCNAA by a score of 1-3. They still have plenty of time to get their form and make a run at the PHL middle school playoffs. The McKinley middle school volleyball team could not have had a better match to start their season. They won it in two sets 25-8 and 25-10. In their second match against Lyon it took 3 sets to close it out. The score to that game was 25-13, 14-25, and 15-9 for the hard fought win. October will continue to be a busy month for sports at McKinley.

I would like to remind families about a few school policies. Per district guidelines, the school is not responsible for damaged or stolen technology. We will investigate any issues that do arise, but please remind your child to be a good steward of his or her technology. It should never be left unattended. This includes plugging it in to be charged. Showing off one's technology can be an invitation for theft. Additionally, please discourage your child from bringing valuables or a lot of cash to school. While most of our students are honest and would not steal, we have had some incidences this year, and we would like to not see any further loss. Lastly, students should be reminded that they must follow the district's technology policy while at school whether using their technology or the school's technology. Please see page 63 of the Student Code of Conduct book (<https://www.slps.org/Domain/70>) to review the policies. It is imperative that students are not using technology to access inappropriate information or as a tool for cyber bullying.

Lastly, there are several ways to support McKinley students and teachers. Both the High School and Middle School PTO's are hosting fundraisers. Here are the links for more information about both (MS: <https://www.slps.org/cms/lib/MO01001157/Centricity/Domain/5532/McKinleyFundDriveLetter2017-18.pdf> and HS: <https://www.slps.org/cms/lib/MO01001157/Centricity/Domain/8639/McKinleyHSFundDriveLetter.pdf>). The money raised by the PTO's provides funds for teachers to do field trips and special activities, supports special events, and helps to support extracurricular activities. Dr. Bednarick is seeking to raise money through Donors' Choose for additional technology and would love your support (Student-Centered Reading Intervention <https://tinyurl.com/yca5p9sm>).

Both the staff and I look forward to a busy October with many opportunities to interact as a McKinley family.

Sincerely

*Stephen Warmack, Sr.*  
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### **MS & HS Important Dates**

Thursday, October 5 12:30 Pep Rally—McKinley Alumni Invited!

Friday, October 6 7:30-10:30 HS Only Homecoming Dance

Friday, October 13 No School/Staff PD

Wednesday, October 18 3-6 pm Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 19 3-6 pm Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 20 No School

Monday, October 23 7-8 am Coffee with the Administrative Team

Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 7-9 pm MS Only Teen Town