

Dear Ronald E. McNair High School Parents, Guardians and Students,

The first semester of the 2018-2019 school year has passed and we are well into the second semester. There were many highlights from the first semester. Our LINK Crew transformed our small gym into beach for a Hawaiian themed welcome back dance, Back to School Night gave parents and guardians an opportunity to visit the campus and see many of the programs and classes that McNair has to offer and our homecoming football games resulted in wins by both JV and Varsity teams. The semester is shaping up to be an exciting one as well. Our volleyball team qualified for the playoffs for the second year in a row and our senior football players celebrated their last home game during senior night on October 26<sup>th</sup>. On October 30<sup>th</sup> our LINK Crew turned a part of the campus into a haunted house and welcomed students to help celebrate Halloween. There will many exciting events as we work our way toward the winter break including a Star Party hosted by our Science Department and the Stockton Astronomical Society, our drama departments Hogwarts dinner theatre and Winter Concerts by our band and choir. Please visit McNair's website or call the main office at (209) 953-9245 for more information.

The staff at McNair High School is currently preparing for a visit from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). WASC is the organization that accredits schools and ensures the quality of educational institutions and programs. Parent and guardian participation is an important aspect of the accreditation process. There will be many opportunities in the coming months for parents and guardians to participate in the process. We have scheduled two parent meetings (November 7 and November 28) and we will be asking parents to complete a survey to gather information for our report. We will also invite parents and guardians to meet with the WASC visiting committee on Sunday, February 24, 2019. Parents and guardians will have the opportunity to share their experiences with the visiting committee. The time and location for the meeting has yet to be determined.

The staff at McNair continues to work to implement PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) in an effort to increase student engagement and recognize students for the positive things they do. Our S.O.A.R behavior expectations matrix is now visible around campus. The letters in S.O.A.R. stand for Safe, Organized, Accountable and Respectful and outline the expectations we have for ourselves and our students. Soon our students will have the opportunity to earn "Eagle Bills" for their positive contributions to the school. The "Eagle Bills" can then be exchanged for McNair themed merchandise. We are looking forward to this becoming an integral part of our school's culture.

Thank you for your continued support of your students and of McNair High School.

Respectfully,

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