



# Upcoming Events

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8**

Student Council Back to School Bash

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**

Faculty orientation

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16**

Faculty return to work

**MONDAY, AUGUST 19**

First day of school

## AUGUST



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

Jr. High/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

Senior Class Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

See You at the Pole (day of student-led prayer)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

Junior Class Meeting

## SEPTEMBER

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report Cards

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

PSAT/NMSQT test for sophomores and juniors

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31**

Red Ribbon Week (drug and alcohol awareness week)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

ECS Homecoming Reception

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

Make a Difference Day (national community service day)

## OCTOBER



## ACT News

It may only be August, but it's never too early in the school year for ACT preparation!

The next free Get2College Center ACT workshop is **Saturday, September 14, 2013**. This workshop is great preparation for the **September 21, 2013**, ACT test date!

This workshop includes:

A review of each subject covered on the ACT

Actual practice testing

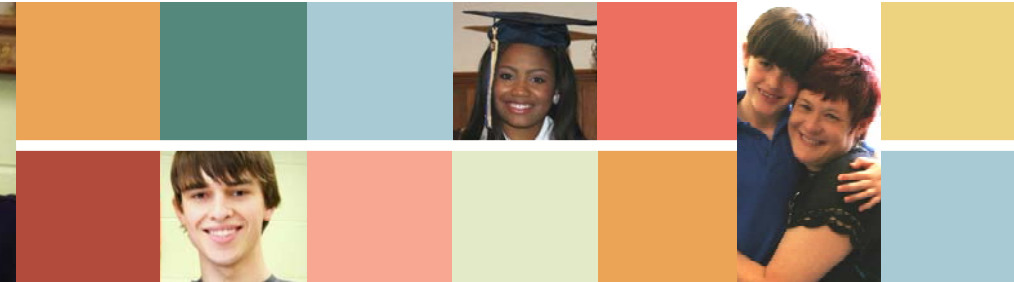
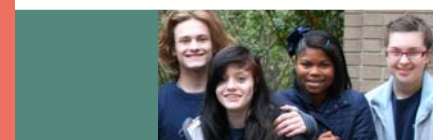
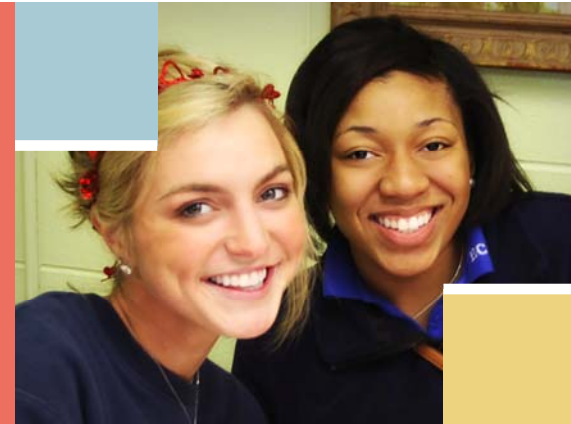
Test-taking strategies

Information on how the ACT is scored

Tips on achieving your perfect score

The Get2College Center provides many free services for high schoolers interested in college! They are the experts on financial aid, test prep, and more!

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## Online Classes Soar in Summer

### ENROLLMENT FOR ACCREDITED ONLINE COURSES SKYROCKETS IN OUR 2013 SUMMER SCHOOL SESSION

Students were able to choose from a wide variety of user-friendly, comprehensive courses including required core subjects and numerous electives. Edcenter-Online, our innovative and effective online program, is tailored to fit the needs of many different learning styles and is enhanced by audio and video clips, graphics, and pictures. Students were able to utilize materials in the way that worked best for their learning styles.



In a survey concerning our online classes, students and parents said they enjoyed these features:

- Enroll anytime and start immediately - all classes available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, anywhere in the world
- Accredited by AdvancED/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, so courses are transferable
- Course tracks are available for student athletes that are NCAA approved
- Students and parents are able to track progress at any time
- Students can study at the pace that suits their schedules and lifestyles
- Flexibility combined with academic rigor and individualized attention
- Transcript analysis to assist the individual student in course decisions and career success
- Physical campus is available to online students, who may participate in student activities and community service projects to build desirable transcripts for choice colleges and universities

The survey also revealed reasons why students were interested in our online courses:

- Options for accelerated learning programs
- Differentiated teaching methods for a wide range of learning challenges
- Unique outside-of-school pursuits such as music, acting, sports, travel, and other activities that keep students from being able to attend traditional schools
- The ability to participate in the creation of a personalized education plan built around the student's needs, interests, and abilities
- Dedicated counselors and faculty who work closely with our online students by phone, e-mail, and webcam to ensure a successful outcome

Enrollment for Edcenter-Online is open at any time of the year and begins with a visit with our experienced counselors. Contact us at [edcenter@bellsouth.net](mailto:edcenter@bellsouth.net) or call (601) 982-2812, ext. 0 for more information!

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# ECS

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**CHECK IT OUT:** The Jackson Arts Council will be showing ECS art teacher Grace Orsulak's collection "Unstable Structures" starting September 7!

*The Year in Review:  
2013 News & Notes*

It's hard to believe that over half of the year is behind us, with the first day of school just around the corner. But before we begin the 2013-2014 school year, we wanted to share with you some highlights from this past semester. Our students stayed as busy as ever with fundraisers, community service projects, Student Council activities, and more. We can't wait to see what our students do this fall!

**FEBRUARY**

Each year on February 14th, ECS celebrates Teacher Appreciation Day. This year the Student Council organized a special luncheon for our faculty as a way to show their appreciation for all that our teachers do for them every day. Students also put together a surprise birthday party for beloved math teacher Bette Hutto, whose birthday falls on Valentine's Day.

Left: Seniors Tinsley Martin, Seth Hersey, and Varah Potter with Mrs. Bette Hutto

Bottom left: Elementary student Zachary Hoggatt shows off a Valentine's art project

Bottom right: Caitlyn Brown and Savannah Walker help out at the luncheon



**MARCH**

Because March is Red Cross Month, the Student Council decided to have a pizza party and bake sale to raise money for the American Red Cross. Our students worked hard to prepare brownies, cookies, and all kinds of treats to sell. In total, they collected \$1,002 in donations for this amazing organization! Thank you so much to everyone who contributed! Above, members of the Student Council present our donation to American Red Cross representative Joshua Friedel.

**APRIL**

Senior Wesley Williams prepares red tulips for delivery to local businesses. These tulips were planted in October as part of our Red Ribbon Week and Make a Difference Day project "Plant the Promise." Now that they have bloomed, they serve as a reminder that we pledge to stay drug free.



**MAY**

May was a very busy month for us! First the Student Council planned a fun-filled Field Day for the elementary and junior high students. Then Elementary Awards Day was held, during which the little ones performed the adorable play "Go Fish" for their families and friends. And finally, the biggest event of the year: graduation! Congratulations to the Class of 2013!

Left: Elementary student Chelsea DeLoach having fun during Field Day

Bottom: (left) Graduates Zachary Draine, Taylor Roden, Tinsley Martin, and Eric Woolard; (center) Junior hostesses Mallory Risinger and Rachel Clark; (right) Graduates toss their caps



*Alumni Spotlight:  
Rachel Clark, Class of 2013*

July 2013 graduate Rachel Clark was an invaluable member of our Student Council last year as School Photographer, taking pictures of our council's many events and activities. Like many of our students, Rachel is highly committed to community service, and she has found a great way to combine two of her passions: photography and animals.

Rachel began volunteering at Webster Animal Shelter in Madison in August of 2012. Since that time, she has become an important part of the shelter, dedicating 20 hours per week and helping out in any way she can. While some of her jobs include walking and bathing dogs, socializing cats, and feeding animals, her main role is as the shelter's photographer.

As shelter photographer, Rachel takes a photo and writes a biography of each animal the shelter takes in and uses them to make individual cage cards. Rachel's photos are then submitted to The Madison County Herald each week and posted on the shelter's Facebook page. She has also created an album of all adoptable cats and dogs which is used at the shelter and adoption events.

Rachel's dedication to animals really shines through in her service. Shelter staff member Anna Ford says, "Rachel is very special to us. She has been coming to the shelter volunteering her time helping with the animals. She truly loves them. One of the big things she helps out with is taking pictures of our animals, and since she started doing this, our adoptions have increased so much."

This fall Rachel will be attending Hinds Community College in their Veterinary Technology program, to which only 20 students are admitted each year. With the kindness and devotion she shows toward animals, we know she will make a great veterinarian!



Rachel Clark (right) with fellow July 2013 graduate Sarah Weathersby

*ECS Director Recognized for Years of Service*

**LYNN T. MACON RECEIVES AWARD FROM NATIONAL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION**



Director Lynn T. Macon

During its 97th annual conference, Ignite 13, The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) presented the Membership Star Award to Lynn Thomas Macon. Mrs. Macon, our director, was presented the award for service and commitment to the organization at the National Leaders' Banquet on March 1, 2013, in Washington, DC. NASSP currently serves more than 27,000 members. Only two members receive the Membership Star Award each year.

NASSP, in existence since 1916, is the preeminent organization of school principals and provides leadership through research-based professional development, resources, and advocacy so that every student can be prepared for postsecondary learning opportunities. The organization is the voice of school leaders from across the United States and more than 45 countries around the world.

NASSP annually recognizes principals from across the country for their leadership and for making positive, significant differences in schools and communities. The Education Center School has served the Jackson Metro Area for 49 years with unique and specialized courses and programs for students in grades K-12.