

- **Monday, October 5 @ 6 pm**, we are having our monthly PTSA Meeting. Hope you will attend!
- **Thursday, October 8:** [Virtual Back to School Night](#) @ 6 pm.
- **October is National Bullying Prevention Month**
 - Unity Day, on **October 10**, is a time when people across the country wear **orange** as a show of support for students who have ever been bullied.
 - Youth can enter the Stop Bullying Video Challenge: Encourage the youth in your life to submit original PSAs, 30 to 60 seconds in length, that showcase ways they are taking action against bullying and promoting a culture of kindness and respect in their communities. The deadline for submission is **October 14**, and the top prize is \$2,000. Full details about the contest, including submission guidelines and rules for eligibility are available at stopbullying.challenge.gov.
 - StopBullying.gov, a special initiative from the Department of Health and Human Services, provides information and resources from government agencies on how to [prevent](#), [respond](#), and take action against bullying.
- **Monday, October 12** will be a day for students to catch up with end of quarter assignments. There will be no asynchronous lessons that day. We will still have Advisory that Monday and take attendance. However, we feel that students really could use this time, as the end of the quarter will be near.
- **Friday, October 16:** Teacher workday, NO school for students.
- **Thursday, October 22 and Friday, October 23:** Early Release Days ending @ noon. There are NO office hours as this time is for our students and staff.
 - The bell schedule for the early release days:
 - 1st block - 8:30-9:10
 - 2nd block - 9:20-10:00
 - 3rd block - 10:10-10:50
 - Lunch 10:50-11:20
 - 4th block - 11:20-12:00
 - 40 minute classes each with 30-minute lunch, still maintaining the 10 minutes between classes. No advisory that Friday.
- **Tuesday, November 3:** School Professional Development Day. NO school for students.
- **Wednesday, November 11:** MCPS Division CLOSED for observance of Veteran's Day.