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Letter from the Editors

Dear Readers,
In this first edition of the Maynard Jackson newsletter, The Jackson, you will be enriched with knowledge about our school. The authors of the articles will go into depth about the history of Maynard Jackson as well as school sports and other school activities. Furthermore, you will gain insight into important and compelling, citywide and national news. The Jackson will be published monthly, and it will discuss the things that are important to the Maynard Jackson community. It is our desire that you will enjoy everything that has been published and continue to read.

Sincerely,

Your Editors:

Jaden Cody(Class of 2018)
Cloe McCarron(Class of 2018)
Isabella Welch(Class of 2018)

The Jackson

Letter from Our Principal

It is with pride that I want our community to share the celebrations, accomplishments, and goals for 2015 and beyond as we work to create a school community that provides multiple opportunities for student achievement through globally competitive academics, athletics, extracurricular activities, and service. I want to begin by thanking the students, parents, and faculty of Maynard Jackson High School for a wonder-

ful beginning to our new school year. We are continuing on the road to excellence by challenging our students to acquire and refine three key characteristics that are essential for success at school, in their future careers, and in life: advocacy, resilience, and personal/social intelligence.

We challenge our students to identify their passion, their purpose, and their priorities. As our school diversifies and grows, we want our students to experience a greater level of academic success.

At Jackson High School, there is something for everyone. In addition to maintaining a safe and rigorous academic environment, we are also committed to engaging the community. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please call 404-802-5200 for additional information. The continued success of our school community begins with you.

Stephanie Johnson,

Proud Principal

Letter from the PTSA President

Greetings Parents, Teachers and Stakeholders!

My name is Kimberly Durham-Wright and I have the privilege of serving as your PTSA president for the 2015-16 school year. The PTSA plays an important role because it brings together the efforts of parents and teachers to help make Maynard H. Jackson High the best learning environment for our children. Every year we strive to make the PTSA stronger than the year before. While we will continue to host fundraising events, this year we will also focus on three key areas:

Increasing PTSA membership – We need help from all of our parents and teachers to continue putting on programs and fundraising to support school initiatives. By becoming a member of PTSA and attending meetings, parents can also stay informed of the events and decisions taking place at our school. To join, simply attend our next PTSA meeting October 19th 6:30pm and register with our Membership Chair or register online at mjhptsa.org.

Fostering parent and teacher involvement – At Maynard H. Jackson High, we are more than just a school, we are a community. Each parent and teacher is a valuable contributor to our children's education. Through PTSA we can collaborate on the issues that affect our children inside and outside of the classroom.

Communicating more effectively – The PTSA will work with school administration to keep parents up-to-date on upcoming events and important school information. In addition, we encourage teachers and parents to provide input throughout the year to address any needs or concerns.

The PTSA board and I are excited to get this year underway, and we invite you to join us at any one of our next meetings. In the meantime, please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to having a great school year.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Durham-Wright
Maynard H. Jackson PTSA President

Would Trump make a good president?

USER2:He's a businessman, not a politician

"I don't doubt that Trump could run a business, but be an American President? Let's not joke here. This is the guy that ran Celebrity Apprentice... Not to mention he's incredibly rude, a bit racist, and absolutely brash. For the people saying "Amurrica needs to be a great and powerful nation again!", open your eyes. We don't need to be the pushy, overconfident America (that Trump is likely to lead us to) again, we need to be a more culturally evolved and environmentally conscious country. I do agree that we need a candidate who can be strong in foreign affairs as well as on home turf, but with Trump's backwards social beliefs and reliance on intimidation to make deals, that person won't be him. He's not a professional, he's a clown-- and not even a particularly funny one."

I personally believe that Trump would make a terrible president. His brash behavior would only get him so far. He also has a questionable history. .

-Trenton Anderson, Class of 2016

Deez Nuts" for President 2016

Yes, you read that right.

A candidate by the name of "Deez Nuts," who is really 15 year old Brady Olson, is running for the President of the United States. He is from Wallingford, Iowa and is a part of the Independent Party.

Although Olson is running, he cannot actually serve as the President of the United States, since he is only 15. Despite this, people are still willing to vote for him. He has 9% of the vote in North Carolina. "According to a Public Policy Polling survey released Wednesday, almost one in 10 Tar Heel State voters would vote for him in a race between Nuts, Donald Trump, and Hillary Clinton," according to the political website The Daily Beast. His name is registered in the polls as "Deez Nuts," but that is not his real name nor does anyone in Wallingford, Iowa have that name. This has frustrated officials, who were looking for a man actually named "Deez Nuts."

This whole escapade began as a joke for Olson, but it has actually created serious attention. Because of the nationwide recognition that he is getting, Olson is taking his presidential candidacy very seriously. Part of his reason is to break the two-party system that America has implemented. Another part is because he is not happy with the current candidates that are running. He is using "Deez Nuts" as a satirical wake-up call for America. "Think of Deez Nuts as a costless 'protest vote'... respondents will often signal their discontent by picking third-party candidates in pre-election polls. On Election Day, though, partisans behave like partisans, and they vote for a Democrat or a Republican, not a... joke like "Deez Nuts," writes author Michael Cobb of website Wral.com. Deez Nuts, believe it or not, actually has a Libertarian political platform. He believes that Congress should not be able to spend more than it takes from people through taxes. He supports "green" technology like wind turbines, solar panels, and hydroelectric dams. He also believes in legal abortions, same-sex marriage, saying that people should be able to make their own decisions. He does not like illegal immigrants. Lastly, he also believes overseas territories, like Puerto Rico, should have voting rights. So, it's safe to say that you don't have to worry about "Deez Nuts" being president in 2016, but the effort is important.

by My' Leondré Jones & Richard Sims, Class of 2018



"Deez Nuts" as a satirical wake-up call for America.



*Mission Impossible: Rouge nation***Jadon Cody, Class of 2018**

In the highly anticipated fifth installment of the Mission Impossible Franchise, Tom Cruise not only takes on a world threatening ring of super spies but also takes over the box office. Ethan Hunt takes on a ring of super agents and with the help of his team accepts the mission to take them down. This action packed thriller lasting approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes in its first week made over \$52 million. Since it's release date, 31 July 2015 the movie itself has grossed over \$189,209,649. This movie is rated PG-13 because of the plethora of

violent scenes, the profanity, and the brief partial nudity. This movie is truly a PG-13 movie it is only for those that are of age because of the fighting and the others mentioned earlier. For those that live in the Atlanta area, Phipps Plaza AMC theater is the best option for going to see the movie. Mostly, because of the spacious and innovative seating and the great meals that are made to order. And because of the success of this movie it is only logical to expect another fantastic installment. Though it will be hard to top it, I look forward to seeing the creators of the franchise try. Overall

this movie is a great film and for a sequel it really has surpassed all expectations.



Tom cruise, the star of the movie, poses here in the movie poster

Age of Adaline: Blessing becomes a Burden

In the dramatic, twisting romance movie, Age of Adaline directed by Lee Toland Krieger, Adaline Bowman played by "Gossip Girl" alum, Blake Lively, at age 29 gets into a car wreck that enables her from ever growing a day older. Through eight decades she moved around hoping to never encounter someone who could reveal her secret, until one weekend away at her boyfriend's parents house, forces her to make a decision that would

change her life indefinitely. A movie filled with unpredictable plot twists, past secrets, and kindling love; it's a great choice for a comfortable, popcorn-eating night at home with the family. Throughout the movie you are constantly wondering will she end up with her first true love or her new luvaaa? In the end, all turns out okay. I have to give the director props for coming up with a creative ending, as well as tying everything together, be-

cause I surely did not think he would be able to! With only some mentioning of sexual content and no violence or crude language at all, it is alright to watch with younger children. Although the movie went through a dry spell, it was still oh so entertaining and I recommend that you go see it, order it, rent it, or whatever you need to do to watch this fantastic movie! It's worth it, I promise!

Isabella Welch and Destiny Cook, Class of 2018

Business Spotlight: Centennial Olympic Park

It's a new school year! You're making new friends, teachers, and doing new things. Not to mention, it gets pretty hot outside. Luckily, you live in Atlanta! If you are new here, you may not know Centennial Olympic Park. This no ordinary park. Its an extraordinary park. It was established in 1996. When you go here you will have a fun time. The park offers the Fountain of

Rings. The Fountain of Rings is an attraction in the middle of the park that shoots out water for you to run and play through. This will instantly cool you down on a hot day. There is also a Rings show that plays 4 times a day, 365 days a year, at 12:30PM, 3:30PM, 6:30PM, and 9:00PM. The Fountain of Rings is also one of the most photographed places in Georgia. If you get hungry, make

your way to Googie Burger. Googie Burger makes it food from scratch. Anyone can have a fun time at Centennial Park. It is suitable for young and old. Come visit Centennial Olympic Park. You won't be disappointed.

-Traci Hogan, Class of 2019



FEATURE STORIES

History of Maynard Jackson

Did you know our school use to be an all-girls school? Girls High School, now MJHS was where all the girls went while the boys went to Boys High School, now Grady High. The building used to be located where Roosevelt Apartments are, around the corner from the current campus.

This school was started because it was the only public, all girls school in Atlanta. Girls High school had many departments and courses to offer such as laboratories, a business department, sewing rooms, music rooms and outdoor classrooms. It also included a model apartment and a bank which encouraged girls to save money and simultaneously gave them an opportunity to learn banking business. This is rare because during the late 19th century/ early 20th century, women were treated different than men so giving them opportunities to learn about business and money was empowering.

In 1947, Atlanta schools became coeducational and the high school was renamed Roosevelt High. Roosevelt high was visited by President Roosevelt because he was honored to have it named after him. Later, in 1985 it became known as Southside and moved to the current campus, and in 2008 it became Maynard H. Jackson High School. Maynard Jackson was the first African American mayor in Atlanta . He was a member of the democratic party .He was born on March 23 , 1938 - June 23,2003 . Maynard Jackson son, Maynard Jacon the second, still visits the campus on a regular basis.

Gabriella Welch and Jalynn Harris, Class of 2018



Present day, Maynard Jackson high school has the vision and objective to become an academically competitive school with students that strive to be the very best in and out of school.



Home for Free?!

Home free

Hey you, yeah you, have you ever wish for a reality show that is interesting and not boring. Well you come to the right place there's a fresh new show called Home free that has the whole world talk about. Home free is hosted by Mike Holmes who has been constructing houses for 30 years. It first premiered July 22, on the Fox network every Wednesday night. Home free is a reality competition that features couples turning a run-down house into a dream home for a deserving couple. Each week the couples will be judged by 3 judges who are experts in design and real estate. Once a week a couple will be eliminated which will make the competition more difficult. At the end of the 10

week the last couple in the competition will receive their own dream home.

Mike Holmes decided that each week every couple work hard on a particular house, they should not go home empty handed. In fact Mike Holmes is so generous that he will offer that house to a deserving family, which little the couples know they are the deserving family. That's when the famous phrase hard work pays off is 100 percent true in this competition.

When building a house it usually takes a good month or two but not in this competition. Try building one in a week with a crew of 9 couples, which means 18 people working to save themselves from elimination. Teamwork, communication, leadership, it's all affective. Here's the down fall of it a

thing called "work order", which basically means Mike Holmes can ask a couple to do a certain task which is waste of time to finish their house assignment. A good thing about work orders is it can save you when being eliminated. You have to do it correctly only if not then you will return back to your home with less time to work on the house. Time is very important to these couples they should manage wisely.

Probably the most anxious part of building the houses is the 3 judges who inspect the home before an elimination. This will indeed give the couples more pressure on themselves than the 3 judges. These judges are like I said are experts in design and real-estate, they are the real deal when it comes to a house that people would want to buy.

"The atmosphere, the overall feeling at our school kind of drags and feels stuffy, I want school to be something people get excited about."
-Shniya Lester, Miss Maynard Jackson Candidate

An Interview with Miss Maynard Jackson Candidate: Shniya Lester

In this article I interviewed one of our schools contenders for the coveted crown of Miss Maynard Jackson. I ask Shniya a series of questions having to do with the reasons she decided to run and what she thinks being Miss Maynard Jackson really means. In this article SL represents Shniya and her answers and LD represents me the interviewer.

LD: Why did you decide to run?

SL: My mom wasn't able to run when she was in highschool, so I knew that this was something I could do for her to show just a little appreciation."

LD: Why do you think that you deserve to run."

SL: I know that if I win, I would represent the school the best way possible. I am well spoken

and the students concerns will not go unnoticed."

LD: If you win, what will you do?

SL: Student involvement, more student endorsed activities, change the whole image of Maynard Jackson from ride and ignorant to exciting yet serious."

LD: If you could change anything about our school, what would it be."

SL: The atmosphere, the overall feeling at our school kind of drags and feels stuffy, I want school to be something people get excited

about."

LD: What do you love about our school."

SL: The relationships that students have with each other."

This article has shown you what Shniya Lester is all about, so remember when voting what you read. She seems to be a good example for the underclassmen, she also seems to be driven which is very important for the person that will be representing this school. I know who I'm voting for do you?

ADVICE TO FRESHMEN

I never really knew exactly how I felt about starting high school. While I was excited to make new friends and learn new things, I was also nervous about finding my way around and learning locations of my classes. I knew the work would be more difficult than middle school so I dreaded it, but there is always someone to help! I also knew there were so many extra-curricular activities to participate in. Knowing what I know now, there isn't really much to be afraid of worried about. You are never alone in high school. There are several counselors, teachers, and even new friends who would be there to help you if needed. It's also fun to join interesting clubs and sports teams during your years in high school. It is most important to stay focused on school work as much as possible. Always try your best to complete all assignments and pass every single class. Most important, never worry about being popular or "fitting in" with the rest. Its best to be your own individual person, popularity means nothing.

Brianna Burley, Kanissus Mayfield, Class of 2016



Freshmen Interviewee

My advice to the freshman would be choose ur path wisely, you should do all and any work (including extra credit) and stay on top of work in math. Math work can be the trickiest but also the most fun, it is honoring and achieving when you receive a good grade in math (for me anyway). Don't mess with Mrs. Robinson, she may be very lay back in class but, very eager to see proper work getting done, do all of her work and do it right. If you are the type of person that messes up work the first go around, I would suggest making a copy of the homework before beginning the assignment. Keep your locker organized for it will be your best friend if you do. Have it easy to get into and out of, and have everything in there correct

places and in order. I passed the year with very well maintained grades. I stuck to my work and put in all my effort. I followed my checklist composed of the items above. Make unsure you do all of the above and you will succeed.

I noticed that you have not paced a grade for my first article, I have sent it a while ago but maybe it did not reach you, here it is

-Aidan Dowell, Class of 2018



Freshmen,

I know you are probably still confused on what's going on in high school, because you are just now really getting to know the school. So I would like to inform you on two things NOT to do in high school.

First I would like to tell you that skipping is not worth it. You may not know this now but it is really not because teachers do not care if you do not come to their class because its your life and if you don't want to be successful that's on you. Teachers will fail you and not even think twice about it. Also when you skip it goes on your record and having so many absents will hurt you in the future.

Lastly, do NOT come to school just to fight and be in drama 24/7! Being in drama is not cool because it gives you a bad name with not just other students but with teachers too. Also, every time you fight it goes on your record and if you are always fighting no colleges are going to want to accept you in the future.

-Kobi Hill, Class of 2018

Dear Freshman of Maynard Jackson,

First off, welcome to high school. When I started high school I was so nervous, I was sure I would have a mental breakdown. I felt so small surrounded by hundreds of older strangers, and being barely five feet tall didn't help either. I came from a small middle school, and being thrown into a school this big was a shock that took some getting used to. Even if you come from a large middle school, it's still an adjustment. Here is some advice, learned from personal experience, to help you through this year and the years to come.

The most important thing to remember is that school comes first. This year will be an exciting one with many new social opportunities, however never choose friends over schoolwork. There will always be another time where you can hang out and have fun but projects and homework have deadlines. It will be hard seeing the photos on instagram of everyone at a football game while your at home studying, but your hard work and sacrifices will be rewarded with good grades, possibly honor roll and, the most important thing, trust and admiration from your teachers.

The next most important thing is your relationship with your teachers. Making good first impressions and showing your teachers that you are responsible and mature can help you in the long term. When teachers trust you, you have more leeway. For example, once you prove that you are a scholar by always doing your work and paying attention, if you are ever in a situation where you are struggling with your grade or finishing an assignment a teacher is more likely to work with you. All of your teachers want you to succeed and be the best you can be, if you work with them and try your hardest, you are sure to have a better high school experience.

The last thing to remember is It's just high school. It's only four years. To many people get wrapped up in petty drama and trivial relationships instead of focusing on passing classes and just having fun. As Charles Kendall Adams said, "No student ever attains very eminent success by simply doing what is required of him: it is the amount and excellence of what is over and above the required, that determines the greatness of ultimate distinction."

Dear Freshman ,

We conducted an interview on a student in the class of 2019. Based off the results we have, we are going to give the 9th graders advice. First, if you are not feeling too good about your ninth grade year and take a deep breath. Your ninth grade year is your easiest year by far. It is the start of high school, so that means this is where it starts. The transition from middle school to high school can be very different. You have to block out all of the distractions that are in high school. At Maynard Jackson, there are going to be fights, there are going to be gangs and all , but make sure to stay out of them to be successful. Challenges that you face will be hard to overcome, but if you can get through them high school will be very fun for you. Set your goals on a 4.0 GPA for your freshman year. With a GPA of 4.0 or better, you can pretty much get into any college. Also, involve yourself in extracurricular activities such as baseball, football, soccer etc. With extracurricular activities that is something that you can put on your college resume. The projects that the teacher give you will most definitely help you. Your projects are worth 25% of your grade, which means they are a very big part of your grade in the class. Without projects, the highest grade you can receive in the class is a 75%, which is a C and that is not good to be going on your transcript. Based on Atlanta Public Schools graduation rate, only 59.1% of students graduate from high schools. The worst thing to do is to drop out of high schools. You need a high school diploma to get a good job that pays a lot of money. The last is to set your goals high to begin with. As your high school career continues, you can modify those goals as you go, but start at something that you can only dream. —Byron Brinkley and Quincy Gonzalez, Class of 2017

SPORTS

Interview with Coach Howard

Tashiana and Marquis: How do you prepare for upcoming football games? What strategies do you use?

Coach Howard: Watch films for the team that about to play, make sure boys prepared based on the film.

Tashiana and Marquis: Who do you think your most outstanding players?

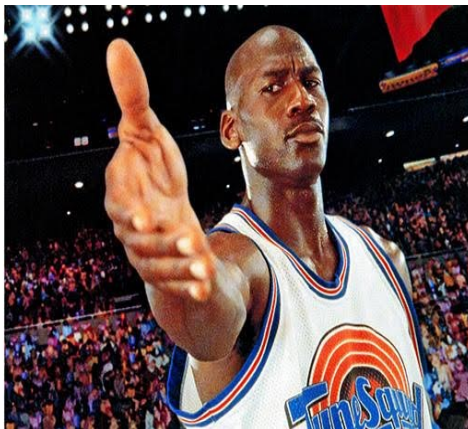
Coach Howard: THE ENTIRE MAYNARD JACKSON FOOTBALL TEAM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Tashiana and Marquis: As the season come along how do you overcome big losses?

Coach Howard: Continue to stay together as a team, and just go game by game.

Interview conducted by Tashiana Colquitt, Class of 2017 and Marquise Colzie, Class of 2018

MJJ ALL DAY!



MJ Jersey For Sale: \$15,000.00!!

Have you ever seen space jam? Michael Jordan stars in the movie and do all kinds of spectacular dunks. Space Jam opened in 1996 and went on to make nearly \$230 million worldwide and was considered the best basketball movie all time. Jordan's Space Jam jersey is going up for auction between \$10,000-\$15,000. The jersey logo says "Tune Squad" with Michael Jordan's jersey number on the back. The uniform also comes with a pair of matching basketball shorts in size 38. Jordan actually wore the uniform during the showdown against the alien monsters. The showdown was located in outer space. Got about 15,000.00 to spend?... then get this jersey!

Want to see actual interview conducted by students in the Journalism Class, Click the link below: