



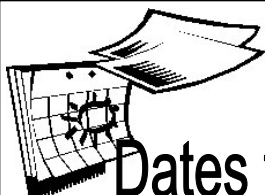
# McNAIR MESSENGER

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Rosette Brown, Principal

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## Dates to Remember . . .

**Regional Science Fair**  
Feb. 3rd and 4th  
Merritt Square Mall

**Parent Leadership Conference**  
Tues., Feb. 7th  
5:00 pm  
Media Center

**Interim Reports Issued**  
Thurs., Feb. 16th

**Student Holiday Teacher In-service**  
Mon., Feb. 20th

**FCAT Writing Test**  
Tues., Feb 28th

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope you had a wonderful start into the New Year! In a few weeks, all of McNair's 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the FCAT Writing test on **Tuesday, February 28, 2012**. Furthermore, on **April 16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**, all students will be administered the FCAT Reading and Math tests. Only 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the FCAT Science test. It is extremely important that all students are present at school on these testing days. The teachers are thoroughly preparing our students for these upcoming tests. We, however, desperately need the parents to stress the importance of the FCAT testing to their children. Remember, our motto is **"It Takes a Team to Build a Dream,"** and all of our students and parents are part of McNair's team.

During FCAT testing, the cafeteria will be providing free breakfast for students. If the students choose not to take advantage of this free breakfast, then it is imperative that they eat a nutritious breakfast at home during FCAT testing. **Again, we are offering "FCAT Saturday" prep classes beginning Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.** Snacks will be provided. The remaining FCAT Prep classes will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and April 14<sup>th</sup>.

In this Messenger, you will find more important school-related information which pertains to McNair students, parents, teachers, and staff members. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 633-3630.

Sincerely,  
*Rosette J. Brown*  
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Principal

# McNair Awards

## **State Champion KMO Team**

Congratulations to the McNair Fall Knowledge Master Open (KMO) team, under the sponsorship of Carolyn Hutchins, for competing in the middle/junior division of the prestigious national computerized tournament. McNair's KMO team scored 1401, which makes McNair FIRST in the State for the second year! They had a decisive lead over the second place team, which scored 1339. Thanks and congratulations to KMO sponsor, Mrs. Clarke, and to each member of our championship team: Dana Bramwell, Rachel Doberstein, Emily Gile, Jacob McPeak, Sarah Moore, Jacob Parker, Andrew Peppers, Abbey Pfister, Hannah Pierce, Jacob Roberts, Robert Vaughan, Eric Beck, Tyler Brazelton, Shae Doyle, Dylan Freeman, Frankie Kuzara, Hunter McCoid, Angela Moore, Kevin McMahan, Sierra Scauzillo, Lily Tucciarone, Kailyn Vazquez, and David Ward.

## **Congratulations to our DAR Essay Contest Winners!**

In the Daughters of the American Revolution American History Essay Contest, McNair students swept the county awards! The essay topic was the War of 1812 and its heroes. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade essay winner is David Ward and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade winner is Ashley Pecot. Congratulations to them for their writing expertise, and to Mrs. Poole, their Language Arts teacher, for coaching them to such a high level of achievement!

## **All-State Chorus**

David Ward represented McNair and Brevard in the 2012 MENC All-State Chorus recently. Singers must pass 3 stages of a rigorous audition process to be selected for this honor choir! We are so proud of his accomplishment! Congratulations to David and thanks to Mrs. Hill, his Chorus teacher.

## **All-State Orchestra**

Hanna Strickland went to Tampa recently to participate in the All-State Orchestra! She worked very hard for this honor, undergoing a rigorous audition process. We all are very proud of her. Thanks to Orchestra teachers Ms. Butler and Mr. Dewberry.

## **BFEA Conference Competition**

The Brevard Future Educators of America competed recently at FIT in Melbourne. Once again, McNair students shone, thanks to their effort and sponsor, Mrs. Rosales. BRAVO!

Spirit Board- 1<sup>st</sup> Place McNair

Spirit – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place McNair

Student Lesson Plan- 1<sup>st</sup> Place McNair, Serenity Baumgardner

Student Essay- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place McNair, Arielle Mingo & Deserei Perez

## **Robotics Team Wins Grand Championship**

In December, at Roosevelt Elementary School in Cocoa Beach, the McNair Robotics Team, the Tangerine Machines, competed with 17 other teams across Brevard County. They had a tough competition with the robot not working properly and having minor glitches. However, they scored highest in Research, Technical and Core Values. They had high remarks from the silent judges for their Gracious Professionalism in the pits. Overall at the end, they won Grand Championship and earned another trophy, which is proudly displayed in our front office. The Robotics team is invited to continue their mission at the Regional Competition, and we wish them success! Team members are Nicholas McAleenan, Andrew Hagglund, Andrew Peppers, Cassandra Smith, Justin Stipulkoski, David Wint, Jacob Parker, Joshua Stevens and Shannon Bailey. Many thanks to Robotics Team Sponsor, Mr. Widmeier.



# McNair Drama Awards

## District Drama Festival Honors!

Twenty-four drama and musical theater students represented McNair at our District Drama Festival in December at Melbourne High School. We are proud announce that all of our students conducted themselves with integrity and showed courtesy and support to each other and to students from other schools! Most of our students earned Excellent or Superior ratings in their individual categories.

For Monologues:

Riley Shortt earned an Excellent rating

Mariah Farmer and Isabel Rosales both earned Superior ratings.

In the Solo Musical Theater category,

Excellent ratings went to Rachel Colon, La'Kenja Norman, and Ashley Secrest.

Daniel Griessler earned a Superior rating.

For Duet Musical,

Jenna Mayes and Bailey Rollins earned an Excellent rating.

Superior ratings went to Isabella Krohne and Ashley Secrest

In the Small Group Musical category:

Marissa Barfus, Torie D'Alessandro, and Mikaela Farrell earned a Superior rating.

Whitney Brown, Madison Mahaffey, and Jessica Scales earned a Superior rating and were chosen "Best of Show" in their category!

McNair's performance of "Conjunction Junction" from Schoolhouse Rock Live, Jr. earned a Superior rating and was chosen "Best of Show" in the Large Group Musical category!

All "Best of Show" winners perform for the Closing Ceremony at the end of the competition. At that time, the theater teachers from the district choose one of the "Best of Show" winners to win the "Critics Choice" award. "Conjunction Junction" won the Critics Choice award this year! These McNair students will represent our district by performing at the State Festival in February: David Ward, Soloist with Dancers - Whitney Brown, Torie D'Alessandro, Mikaela Farrell, Gabrielle Hoog, Jenna Mayes, Bailey Rollins, Isabel Rosales, Jessica Scales, and Brittany Walker.

Congratulations to these and all of our Drama and Musical Theater Students who represented McNair so well, and to teacher, Mrs. Hill. We are so pleased and proud of you!

## Kudos and Many Thanks to our Performers!

McNair students performed the opening number at the ABC Awards on January 19 at the King Center in Melbourne. They received praise and acclaim from school board members, Florida Today newspaper, our proud principal, Mrs. Brown, and enthusiastic applause from the huge audience. Our students looked great and did a first class job. Those star performers were: Isabel Rosales, Amanda Sizemore, Daniel Griessler, Tammy Bell, Danice Loney, Amber Santoso, Brittany Walker, Torie D'Alessandro, Monet Lightner, Antoinette Nelson-Rodriguez, Morgan Woods, Arielle Mingo, and Raymond Bryant. Congratulations to Dance teacher Ms. Conwell!

## Out-of-Field Teachers

Please be advised that the following teachers are working out-of-field during the 2011-12 year while working toward their certification in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages): Ms. Knight, Mrs. Francis, and Mrs. DeRossett. These teachers meet **all** state requirements to teach in their specified subject areas, but are not considered highly qualified based on No Child Left Behind federal guidelines.



# Important Information

## Teacher of the Year Finalist

Congratulations to **Mrs. Shereen Luchten**, who was one of six finalists for the Brevard Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs. Luchten is a Science teacher, and she also serves as the Chairperson of McNair's School Advisory Council.

## Parent Survey

Brevard Public School parents are invited to participate in our annual Parent Survey. The survey will be available in English and Spanish to all parents Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.

Parents can access this survey online at: <http://Parentsurvey.brevardschools.org>. If you are unable to complete it online from home, PLEASE visit our school to complete it electronically. Paper copies are also available upon request from the front office. A district wide summary of the survey results will be reported and posted on the Brevard Public Schools' Parent Involvement website. Individual schools' results will be reported to parents and staff. Schools will use the survey results and comments to guide school improvement decisions to meet the diverse needs of Brevard students and families.

## School Advisory Council Meeting

McNair's School Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

## Edline Communications

Parents, in order to exchange emails with your child's teacher via Edline, be sure you have checked the box in the email account settings that says "School Messages". Also, you must have confirmed your email address via the Edline email message you received when you first set up the account. Your email account should say "Live" next to it. If it says "Pending," click the button that says "Reconfirm" to generate another confirmation email. When you open that email, there will be a link that allows you to confirm your address. Your Edline account will then say "Live" and will allow you to communicate with the McNair staff members. To find your email account settings, go to: **My Edline"My Account"Manage Account**.

## Parent Leadership Presentation

Join us Tuesday, February 7, for our Parent Leadership Presentation in the Media Center from 5-6 PM. Officer Kathy Merus will present on "Cyber Bullying in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century". For more information, please contact Shereen Luchten at 633-3630 ext. 5646.

## School Breakfast

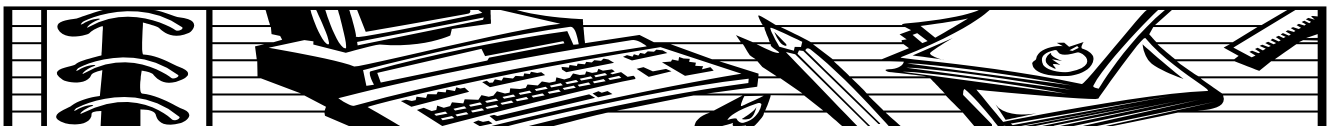
Breakfast is available for all students at **no cost**. Breakfast is served from 9:00- 9:25 a.m.

## Visitor Sign-in Policy

This is a reminder that all visitors must sign in at the front office when entering the campus. You must receive a Visitor Pass before entering any classrooms/buildings on campus. These are safety precautions that the Brevard County School District mandates for the protection of all students and staff members.

## Safety Issue

**No students are permitted on campus prior to 8:40 a.m. unless they are involved in the Before School Academic Program or a Special Interest Club/Group.** We have noticed that several students are coming on campus early in the morning to socialize. Please discuss this information with your child, and help him/her to understand that this school policy is a safety issue.



# School Donations



**215 Brevard Ave.**

**Cocoa Village**

**321-631-0270**

**[jonsfinejewelry.com](http://jonsfinejewelry.com)**



**190 Malabar Road, Suite 129**

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# Special Announcements

## FCAT Writing

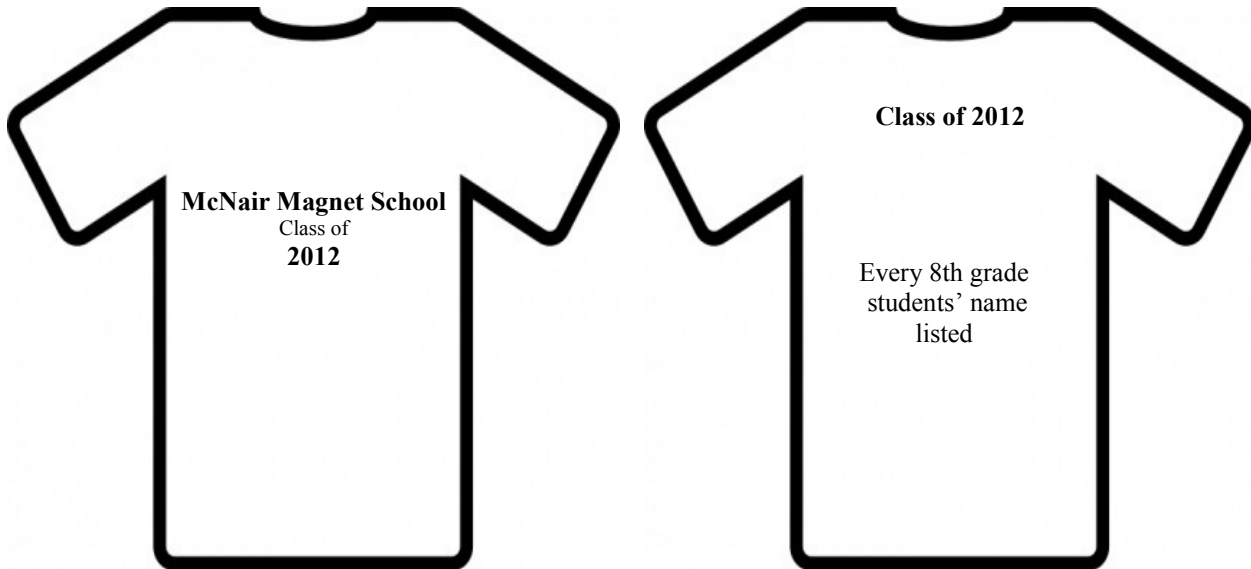
Please make every effort to have your child in school on Tuesday, February 28 for our district (for 7<sup>th</sup> graders) and state (for 8<sup>th</sup> graders) writing assessments. These are very high stakes tests, and parents are asked to ensure that their children get a good night's sleep on the night before testing, have a nourishing breakfast, and get to school on time. No electronics are allowed in the testing rooms, so it may be wise to leave cell phones and other electronics at home. Other FCAT tests for Math, Reading, and Science will be administered April 16-27, 2012.

## Requested Donations

Recently, there was a letter mailed to all of the McNair families requesting a \$25.00 donation to assist with supplementary materials and/or tangible incentives for our students. This fundraising initiative is sponsored by McNair's School Advisory Council. Any consideration rendered toward this request is sincerely appreciated.

## Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents and Students - Class T-Shirts

We are excited to announce the first annual sale of eighth grade t-shirts! Each t-shirt will have *McNair Magnet School, Class of 2012* on the front and every eighth grade student's name on the back. Preordering of t-shirts will be held January 17-31 outside the cafeteria. Complete the attached order form and return with the total monies needed (cash only).



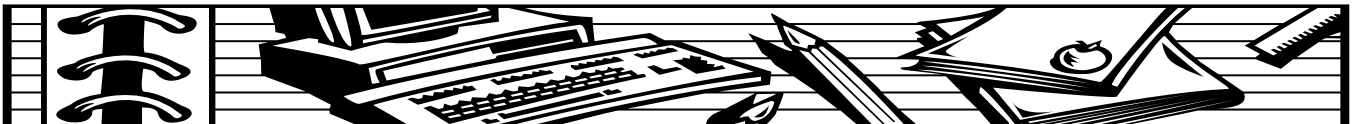
Please use the order form below

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ 7<sup>th</sup> period teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Size

_____ S	(\$10)	_____ L	(\$10)	_____ XXL	(\$11)
_____ M	(\$10)	_____ XL	(\$10)	_____ XXXL	(\$11)

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# Important Information

## Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to all participants in the McNair Spelling Bee which was held this morning in the media center. Special congratulations to Runner-Up Zachary Mayer and to First Place Winner, Danielle Bellew. Danielle will represent McNair at the District Level Spelling Bee in March.

## Checking Out Students

At McNair, we adhere to district and school guidelines in providing a safe environment for all of our students to learn. Please be reminded only those individuals who are listed on the student's Contact Form can check the student out. Be prepared to show proof of ID. Please refer to these specific instructions when checking your student out early.

1. Please try to refrain from checking out students during the last 15 minutes of the school day.
2. Inform the school if there is a change in the student's home address or telephone numbers.

If there is a change in any of the contact information, please notify Mrs. Reuter in the front office immediately. **This information is critical in the event of an emergency situation involving your child.**

## Student Progression Plan (Promotion) 2011- 2012 Grades 7 and 8

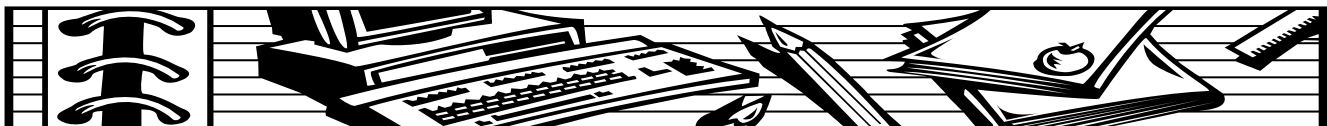
The grading system and interpretation of letter grades used for students in public schools in grades 6-12 shall be as follows:

Percentage	Grade Point Average	Value Definition
A 90-100	4	Outstanding Progress
B 80-89	3	Above Average Progress
C 70-79	2	Average Progress
D 60-69	1	Lowest Acceptable Progress
F 0-59	0	Failure

### **Grades 7 and 8**

#### **To be promoted, a student must have completed the following:**

1. Received a yearly passing grade in the four major academic subjects (mathematics, language arts, science, and social studies) by demonstrating satisfactory mastery of the State Student Performance Standards in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies as documented in accordance with procedures described in administrative guidelines.
2. Received a yearly passing grade in at least two of all other courses taken during the year.  
-Note 1: The Grade 7 semester middle school career exploratory course must be passed.  
-Note 2: If the student has to take a remedial reading course, this course must be passed. Students scoring at Levels 1 or 2 on the FCAT Reading the previous year must take the remedial reading course.
3. Met the district attendance requirements
4. Scored at Level 2 or above on FCAT Reading. Remediation is required of students scoring at Level 1 or 2 on FCAT Reading the previous year.
5. Scored at Level 2 or above on FCAT Math.  
-Note: Remediation is required of students scoring at Level 1 or Level 2 on FCAT Math the previous year.



# A couple more things . .

## **Attention Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students:**

Please take a moment, if you have not already, to contact Jane Reuter in the front office to schedule a time to meet with your child's school counselor for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade Individual Program of Study Meeting. These meetings are mandatory and must be completed before March 31<sup>st</sup>. This meeting will assist you and your child as he/she transitions from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. We will discuss general information regarding the change from middle school to high school as well as academic information specific to your child. Please contact Jane Reuter at **633-3630 ext 1000** as soon as possible to schedule this meeting. Students with a last name ending A-J will meet with Mrs. Kristen Merrick. Students with a last name ending K-Z will meet with Ms. Joan Thompson.

## **Family Showcase Night: Thursday, March 22, 5:30-8:00 PM**

McNair families and friends are invited to our annual student showcase night. Join us for a pizza dinner: two slices of pizza, salad, dessert and soda (\$5 per person) Visit the classrooms to see the wonderful projects and activities our students have completed this year. The evening will culminate with an array of performances by our talented students in Musical Theater, Drama, Dance, Band, Orchestra and World Drummers. Dinner ticket pre-sales start March 1, 2012.

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# Honor Roll

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**Gold Level - 4.0 GPA 8TH GRADE:** JENNIFER BOGUS, ANGELA CAESAR, HANNAH CALLEY, RACHEL DOBERSTEIN, DANIEL GRIESSLER, CHRISTEN INDELICATO, TAYLOR JENKO, NICHOLAS KOSTER, LYNSI LICONA, ALYSSA MARTINEZ, ALEENA MCCOY, JACOB MCPEAK, MORGAN MILLER, TREVOR PAYNE, ASHLEY PECOT, HANNAH PIERCE, KAIRA SIMMONS.

**Silver Level - 3.5—3.9 GPA 7TH GRADE:** ERIC BECK, ERIK BURNS, JARED CHAMPA, JONATHAN COPELAND, DOMINIQUE CORIELL, ALYSSA FALKNER, ASHLEY HALLIDAY, HANNAH HICKMAN, KRISTINA KRAUSE, JACOB KREINER, FRANKIE KUZARA, KEVIN MCMAHAN, YVONNE NGUYEN, MASON RIPPER, SOPHIA BYRD, GWENDA CAUDILL, DANIELLE FARINELLA, JUSTIN HAHN, ISABELLA KROHNE, MADISON LITTLE, JANET LOMBARDI, MADISON MAHAFFEY, KEVIN MCDUFFIE, PRESTON NEWTON, ERICA OWENS, JADE PARR, ERIC POWERS, MARIELLA RETIG, WALKER SHINTA, AMARA SIMMONS, KATHRYN SOLANA, JOSHUA WOOD, JESSICA WOODS, PETER BALSITIS, CHELSEA BROWN, ZACHARY CHRISTIAN, JUSTIN COLE, SHAE DOYLE, DYLAN FREEMAN, ERIC JOHNSON, CAROLINE LEE, JENNA LEVINE, HUNTER MCCOID, ALYSSA MILLER, JAMIE MINERA, MCKENZEI SAFKO, MARCUS SMALL, CATHERINE STEWART, SEAN TYSON, JOSHUA VELAZQUEZ.

**Silver Level - 3.5—3.9 GPA 8TH GRADE:** LINDY BARILLAS, MASON BENELL, AARON BLAYLOCK, CHASE HALL, ZACHARY HAYES, SASHANIE KEISE, ZACHARY MCKEONE, LUCAS MERGEN, ASHLEY MILIA, ANTOINETTE NELSON-RODRIGUEZ, ALEXIS PERRY, SHANEQUA REDDICK, ISABEL ROSALES, AMBER SANTOSO, ALLYSSA SHARROW, ALEXIS BARNES, TAMMY BELL, HERNANDO CASTELLON, RACHEL COLON, LEANN DAY, ASHLEY EGENDOERFER, MARIAH FARMER, MEGAN HARRIS, KAYLA JOHN, ANNE KLAUS, MONET LIGHNER, MICHAEL MCCARTY, SEAN MCKEONE, ARIELLE MINGO JACOB ROBERTS, KAIRA SIMMONS, MORGAN WEST, NYAH WILLIAMS, DIAMOND ANDERSON, TAYLOR BAILEY, J'ENA BAKER, DANA BRAMWELL, TATYANA CHEEK, GERVER CORADO, LAUREN COX, SARAH COX, JASMINE DULANEY, REGINA GALDAMEZ-BARILLAS, MONTGOMERY GRAY, ADAM GRIFFEN, KENDALL JONES, NICHOLAS MCALEENAN, SARAH MOORE, MARIE MORALES, JACOB PARKER, KRISTOPHER PERRY, LEXXUS ROBERTS, GLORY ROLDAN, NATAISHLA ROSADO, MATTHEW SANFILIPPO, JULIANA SHEAHAN, ANNA SMITH, CONNOR VERNACHIO, PAUL WILSON.

**Honor Level - 3.0—3.49 GPA 7TH GRADE:** ALEXANDER BALSITIS, MARISSA BARFUS, GRAEME BIXLER, ZAKERIA BROTHERS, KRISTA CHURCHWELL, IZEGBUWA EKATA, MIKAELA FARRELL, FRANCESCA FENLON, WILLIAM GRATSCH, KIANA HINES, ERIK JONES, ANITA KHOK, DANICE LONEY, ALEXIS PEREZ, LANCE REYNOLDS, JESSICA SCALES, ANNALEA WAMPLER, AUROURA WARNER, HERMONIE WEAVER, HANNAH BACHMAN, JOCELYN BROWDER, WHITNEY BROWN, MARIANA CASTELLON, YAZZI DENNIS, SHELDON DUDLEY, CORTNEY GADACZ, TIFFANY HARRIS, ADAM HEMPHILL, VONTREVIOUS JONES, MADISON KORNS, JOAQUAN LENNEAR, BAILEY LYNN, AMANDA RIPOSTA, STEVEN STEWART, TYLER TENNITY, SAKIB ZAMAN, ALEXANDER NIEVES, TYLER DECKER, CAPONE DUNN, ALEXANDRA GABRIELSKI, KELLIE JENSEN, TAYLOR JOHNSON, MADISON NESS, JESSICA OWENS, DEANNA PRATT, BRYCELYN ROBERTS, RHYDER SHEPHERD, PATRICK TRAHAN, ANTONIO YOUNGBLOOD, TIARA BRANCH, ELIZABETH BROWN, TYKEDRIA COVIN, ISABELLE DIAZ, JACOB HILL, CRYSTAL MOORE, ANNABETH MURPHY, ADRIAN MURRAY, ELIZABETH REME', MAX WILSON.

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