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★ MSBC ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS ★



Kayleigh Brown-Phelps attends Brighton Swim Academy. She has won 3 ribbons. She played soccer with Soccer Shots. She does ballet and tap and has medallions and also won a first place trophy for dance.

She graduated from Ruby's Academy in Mt. Pleasant, SC on June 7, 2024. Kayleigh will attend Phillip Simmons Elementary School 2024/2025 school year.

Mai'la Douglas has been promoted to the 3rd grade at Compass Collegiate Academy. She has received a few awards for her growth:

- 1st award: PhD Science growth award
- 2nd award: Wit & Wisdom Growth award
- 3rd award: Foundations Growth Award
- 4th award: Dynamic Dancer in African Dancing Award

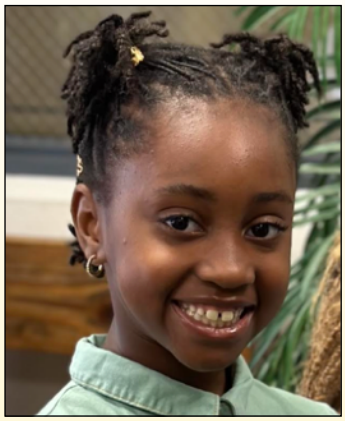


Alaina Lynné Johnson is a graduate of Charleston Charter School for Math and Science. She was recognized for the following achievements and involvement/ leadership roles in various school activities:

- Charleston County Board of Trustees Board Scholar Certificate for achieving a grade point average of 4.25 or higher
- Surpassed the graduation requirements in science and math courses
- National Honor Society
- National Society of High School Honors
- Biomedical Pathways Completion
- Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) (volunteer coordinator)
- National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) (volunteer coordinator)
- Rotary Interact Club
- Science Club (volunteer coordinator)
- Student Council
- Selected as a 2023-2024 participant of the Student Mentors for Minorities in Medicine
- Program at the Medical University of South Carolina
- Completed the Charleston Regional Youth Apprenticeship Program and received certifications as a Nursing Assistant and a Patient Care Technician

Alaina will attend the University of South Carolina Columbia in the fall, where she plans to major in neurosciences. Her goal is become a physician specializing in neurosurgery.

She is the proud daughter of Brother Allen Johnson and Sister Natalie Gamble Johnson.



Nevaeh S. McCoy completed her second grade year and has been promoted to the third Grade. She loves English and solving problems in Math. She enjoys reading new books and learning new things. She loves dancing to music and gymnastics.



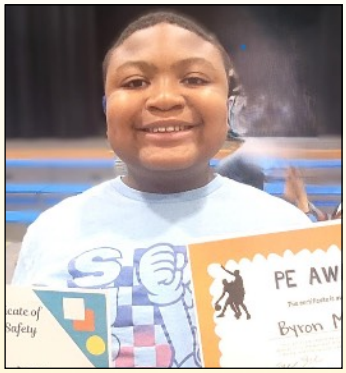
Noah O. McCoy graduated from Kindergarten. He is excited for the First grade. He enjoyed learning all that he can and playing with his sister, family and friends.



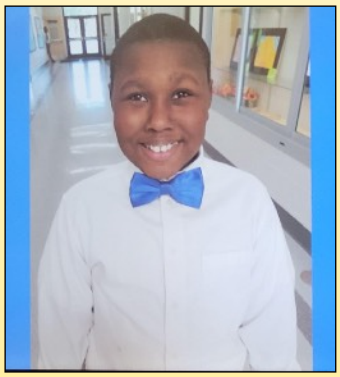
Lara McFarland is a student at Green Charter School, promoted to 2nd Grade. She received grades of Consistent Progress in Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, and Reading as well as Social Skills Development and Physical Education. She also received a Participation in Reading Partners Award.



William McFarland is a student at Green Charter School, promoted to 4th grade. He is on the Principal's List (for straight A's 3 of the 4 grading periods and the Honor Roll for 1 grading period) and received Outstanding Mathematics Student Award.



Byron D. Middleton, Jr. (BJ), the son of Byron and Shana Middleton and the grandson of Lillian T. Washington and Benjamin Middleton, is an 11 year-old rising 6th grader who will be attending Allegro Charter School of Music. He completed his 5th grade year at North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary School where he was active with the school's string program. This year Byron excelled at playing the Double Base (Upright Base). He participated in the Strings Club for 4th and 5th graders and was also a member of a trio with his friends. This was something he looked forward to being a part of each week. He and his club members delivered a very nice spring performance as well. Byron was awarded for having the highest IReady test score in the area of Reading for his class. He received the Physical Education award as well as the Soaring Certificate of Recognition for Safety award. Byron enjoys school very much and loves playing with his friends. He also loves reading books, especially graphic novels and is reading above grade level. He still enjoys swimming and looks forward to getting in the pool. We are very proud of Byron's accomplishments. He completed his last year in elementary school and is looking forward to his new journey in middle school! Great job and do well in 6th grade!



Mal'achi Saxby-Hilliard is the grandson of Ms. Mary McClendon and the Godson of Byron and Shana Middleton. He is a happy and spirited 11-year-old who attended Dunston Elementary School. Mal'achi completed his 5th grade year as an active participant in class where he was awarded a Gifted and Talented Artistic Certificate for Dance and was a member of the "Distinguish Gentlemen," a social group for 4th and 5th grade boys who are learning to exhibit leadership qualities. Mal'achi is a bright light in his classroom, around school, and in his church. He enjoys reading, dancing, playing video games and talking with his friends. Mal'achi is a rising 6th grader who will be attending Allegro Charter School of Music. He is excitedly looking forward to middle school. We are so proud of you and look forward to a great year in 6th grade!



Stephan F. Slaughter, Jr. will be a Hanahan High School senior this fall. He had a successful academic year by maintaining a place on the Honor Roll. Stephan's extracurricular activities include his membership in the the Renaissance and International clubs. He was inducted into the National Honor Society. He was also given an award for the Character Trait - "Responsibility". Stephan's hard work in producing a Biography Project Video, earned him the grade of 98.

He wants to become a meteorologist and one of the highlights of his year was opportunity to shadow chief meteorologist, Rob Fowler, WCBD News 2.

Stephan is the son of Bro. Stephan and Sis. Sharvette Slaughter, brother of Sis. Sydni and grandson of Sis. Joyce Jennings

COLLEGE & HIGHER EDUCATION



Semaj Fielding is going into her third year of law school at Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She is currently ranked in the top 10% of her law school class. This summer Semaj is working at three big law firms in New Orleans. These firms are Phelps Dunbar, McGlinchey Stafford, and Irwin Fritchie. Each firm is providing Semaj with great insight into the legal field, and she is grateful for these opportunities. This coming fall, Semaj will serve as a 3L Class Representative for the Student Bar Association, which is the law school equivalent of a Student Government Association. Semaj is excited to help her classmates and encourage them throughout their last year of law school.

Last year Semaj tutored as a Student Advisor for federal basic civil procedure, civil law property, criminal procedure, and evidence. In this capacity, Semaj tutors other students and helps them to understand the concepts being taught in each class. Semaj has earned 3 CALI Excellence Awards since she started law school in August of 2022. The CALI excellence awards are given to law students that receive the highest grade in a course. Semaj received the CALI award for legal writing 1, legal writing 2, and legal research.

Semaj will graduate law school in May of 2025. After graduation, Semaj will take the Louisiana bar and after successfully passing it, she will move to New Orleans and begin practicing law as an attorney. Within her first year of practicing law, she will sit for the patent bar which will allow her to help businesses patent their inventions. She is grateful for all of the people who have supported her along the way, including her church family at Morris Street Baptist Church. She continues to keep God in the middle of all her plans and goals and has witnessed firsthand how trusting God pays off. Semaj is grateful for the opportunities God has given her since she moved to Louisiana and is so excited to see what is next!



Sydni B. Slaughter, a College of Charleston senior, participated in the Blacks In Government Regional IV Training Conference. She was the Youth speaker for the 2024 Plenary Session held at Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center on Friday, June 7, 2024. Her remarks centered around bridging the generation gap by encouraging open communication, facilitating, mentoring, and diversity. The conference theme was, "Shaping the Future by Bridging the Generation Gap". Sydni is a sociology major who hopes one day to start her own nonprofit organization. She is the daughter of Bro. Stephan, Sr. and Sis. Sharvette Slaughter, sister of Stephan, Jr. and granddaughter of Sis. Joyce Jennings.

Deaconess Darlene W. Green is the Regional IV Training Conference Chair. She also serves as Treasurer.

GRAD RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Let's celebrate our amazing Class of 2024 graduates, Sis. Alaina L. Johnson and Bro. Marcus "MJ" Grant, Jr. as they prepare to head off to college. They both are graduates of Charleston Charter School of Math and Science, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements.



THE BEAUX AFFAIR

We were elated to have participants of the Beaux Affair "Rights of Passage" Program, their families, and mentors join us in worship on April 7th. The Beaux Affair is a nine month program that mentors high school junior and senior males. We pray God's continued blessings over these young men as they journey into manhood.

Our own Bro. Marcus "MJ" Grant, Jr., a 2024 graduate, was a participant in the program.





MAKING "HERSTORY"

We are thrilled to congratulate our newly ordained deacons, Deacon Theodosia Becoate and Deacon Elise Davis-McFarland, who have made history as the first women to hold this esteemed position in our church.

Your commitment, faith, and service inspire us all, and we are excited to see the incredible impact you will have in our community. We thank God for the leadership of the Reverend Dr. Caroles S. Taylor and extend a heartfelt thank you to all program participants, guests, and all who participated in making the day a resounding success. Your support and involvement are truly appreciated.

View the Ordination Service here





















159TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who joined us in celebrating the 159th anniversary of our beloved church. Your presence made this milestone even more special, and we are thankful for the love and support from our church family and friends.

A special congratulations to all the award recipients! Your dedication and service to our church and community have not gone unnoticed. We are proud to honor your contributions and achievements.

Here's to many more years of faith, fellowship, and community!






























CELEBRATING 7 YEARS OF SERVICE

We celebrated 7 years of service to the Charleston community through our Food Bank Ministry. This journey has been marked by hope, compassion, and the unwavering support of our incredible volunteers, donors, and community partners.

As we commemorate this milestone, we also honor the memory of Sis. Emily L. Smith, whose dedication and kindness were the heart and soul of our ministry. Her spirit lives on and continues to inspire us each month.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Pastor Taylor for being appointed to the Morris College Board of Trustees.

HATTIE P. HOLMES PALM SUNDAY TEA

Sunday, March 24th marked the return of our beloved Hattie P. Holmes Palm Sunday Tea. Thank you to all who joined us for worship and an afternoon of fun & fellowship!

Click here to enjoy a quick recap of last week's Palm Sunday Funday event.





























Hailie S. Grant

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am deeply grateful for your generous donations, which have significantly enhanced my education both in Uganda and Hawaii. Your contributions have provided me with invaluable opportunities and resources, enabling me to pursue my academic goals and dreams. Your kindness and support mean the world to me, and I am committed to making the most of this incredible chance you've given me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,
Hailie

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Please see Hailie for phone number

Sensational Senior Citizen of Morris Street Baptist Church

By Deacon Al Sumter



Dolores M. Fizz

Music has always been a part of the profession of Sister Dolores Fizz from an early age. She would practice playing the piano daily. She has been a dedicated member of Morris Street Baptist Church for over 40 years. During this time she played the piano and organ, and was a member of the Senior Choir, Sunday School Teacher for the Children's Class, and Pianist of the Children's Choir.

She has received many awards and plaques for her service to Morris Street. She quotes " it was an honor to serve as a member of Morris Street Baptist Church." Her favorite song is Ava Maria (which she quite often sang with the choir).

Her favorite scripture is Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Her hobbies include playing the piano, needlepoint, and collecting clowns. Presently she has a collection of over 200.

Sister Fizz enjoys her supportive family of three children, William Crowell, Sharon Gregory, and Kathy Britt, along with six Grandchildren, and three Great Grandchildren.

She will be celebrating her 92nd birthday on July 27th. Thank you for your many years of service at Morris Street Baptist Church.

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By Deacon Al Sumter



Albertha C. Lee

Sister Lee attended the public schools of North Charleston, SC where she graduated Bonds- Wilson High School. She is the recipient of a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Allen University, Columbia, SC and a Master of Science degree in Education from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

She retired after teaching in the Charleston County School System for 31 years.

Sister Lee has served her community as a volunteer in several capacities: A member of the YWCA Board of Directors, Hospice Health Services, Inc. Board of Directors, YMCA Women's Auxiliary to the Cannon Street Branch and MUSC Hospital.

She is a life member of the South Carolina Education Association, NEA, NAACP and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Sister Lee has been a dedicated member of Morris Street Baptist Church for 65 years. She has served faithfully as a Sunday School Teacher for 64 years, the Director of the Children's Department, Chairperson of the Education Ministry for 30 plus years, Chairperson of the Deaconess Ministry, Vacation Bible School Teacher, Chair of the Pew Rally, and a Member of the Drama and YWCA Committee.

She has been recognized as the first member for Outstanding Service (1974), Mother of the Year (1978), and Women of the Year in 2007.

Sister Lee has traveled extensively during her retirement. Just recently (March 2024), she had the privilege to attend the Sphinx Medals of Excellence Dinner at the Supreme Court of the United States, Washington, DC where she met Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

She is the widow of the late Deacon George Gong Lee, the mother of Timothy G. Lee and Kim (Craig) Bedford and she has five grandchildren. Her hobbies are Reading, Bridge, and Gardening.

Sister Lee's daily prayer is the Serenity Prayer: **"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."**

- Reinhold Neibuhr

July Birthdays

Erich G. Robinson - 1
Toby Cason - 1
Monique Priester - 2
Kandache' Griffin - 3
Bruce Morgan - 3
Paul A. Wright - 7
Tiffany Deleston - 7
Nevaeh S. McCoy - 9
Jerome R. Clemons - 10
Devyn McGill - 11
Thomas Brown, Jr. - 12
Benzina Holmes - 12
Justin Horsley - 14
Zenia N. Green - 16
Belinda C. McLaughlin - 18
Lillian Mitchell - 19
DeVaughn Middleton - 19
Paula Singleton - 20
Althea Holmes - 22
Shambracia Frasier - 23
Dolores M. Fizz - 27
Angela M. Orr - 28
Dora Washington - 29
Kayla S. Coleman - 29
Richard A. Singleton - 29
Miriam D. Smith - 31

August Birthdays

Anthony Coaxum - 1
Ricardo McPherson - 1
Samuel McNeal - 4
Olliemae T. Mack - 5
Cynthia Williams - 6
Dennia Taylor - 6
Chemequa Reid - 6
Emily Parker - 11
Alice Green - 12
Geneva B. Robinson - 13
Paisley Gilmore - 13
Deadra S. Ross - 16
Kyndra Sumter -17
Margaret W. Lewis - 17
Bryan K. Johnson - 18
Michael F. Simmons - 20
Leon McGill - 21
Jason Seabrook - 21
Kent Waddy - 22
Sara W. Chapman - 24
Allen Washington - 24
Ashleigh Galloway - 25
Katrina W. Jenkins - 26
Majes O. McCoy - 27
Karen Robinson - 27
Reginald Simmons - 29
Michael Reid - 29

September Birthdays

Bianca Heyward - 1
Leslie D. Riley - 3
Theodosia Becoate - 4
Jamaal Rouse - 4
Carolyn A. Bartley - 5
Charlene E. Reid - 8
Teresa Byrd - 8
LaPonda R. Greene - 13
Jason Williams - 17
Brenda R. McPherson - 17
Julius Dawson - 19
Garvin Green, Jr. - 20
Dionne Stoney - 21
Daralese F. McCullough - 22
Priscilla Jones - 22
Maya M. Waddy - 22
Lawrence Washington - 23
Charles Goss - 23
Clyde Johnson - 25
Charliss Taylor - 26
Edward M. Brown - 27



WOMEN'S DAY

"Empowering Women Kingdom Building through Faith & Self-Care"'

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
Psalms 139:14

DATE: JULY 7TH, 2024
TIME: 6:00 PM

Prayer Conference Call Kick-off
Registration:
https://tinyurl.com/WDPrayerCall24

DATE: JULY 13TH, 2024
TIME: 11:00 AM

Day of Self Care: Self Care is Self Love.
Registration:
https://tinyurl.com/WomensDayRegistration24
A nutritious lunch and the following activities:

- Yoga and Meditation - Ms. Leah Alford
- Vision Board Creation Exercise
- Medical Moment - Dr. Paula Orr, Charleston Women's Wellness Center
- Sister Talk - Deaconess Carol Richardson, a journey to wellness

JOIN US

DATE: JULY 14TH, 2024
TIME: 10:00 AM



REV. DR. KRYSTAL SEARS

GUEST SPEAKER

Victory City Atlanta,
Campus Executive Administrative Pastor

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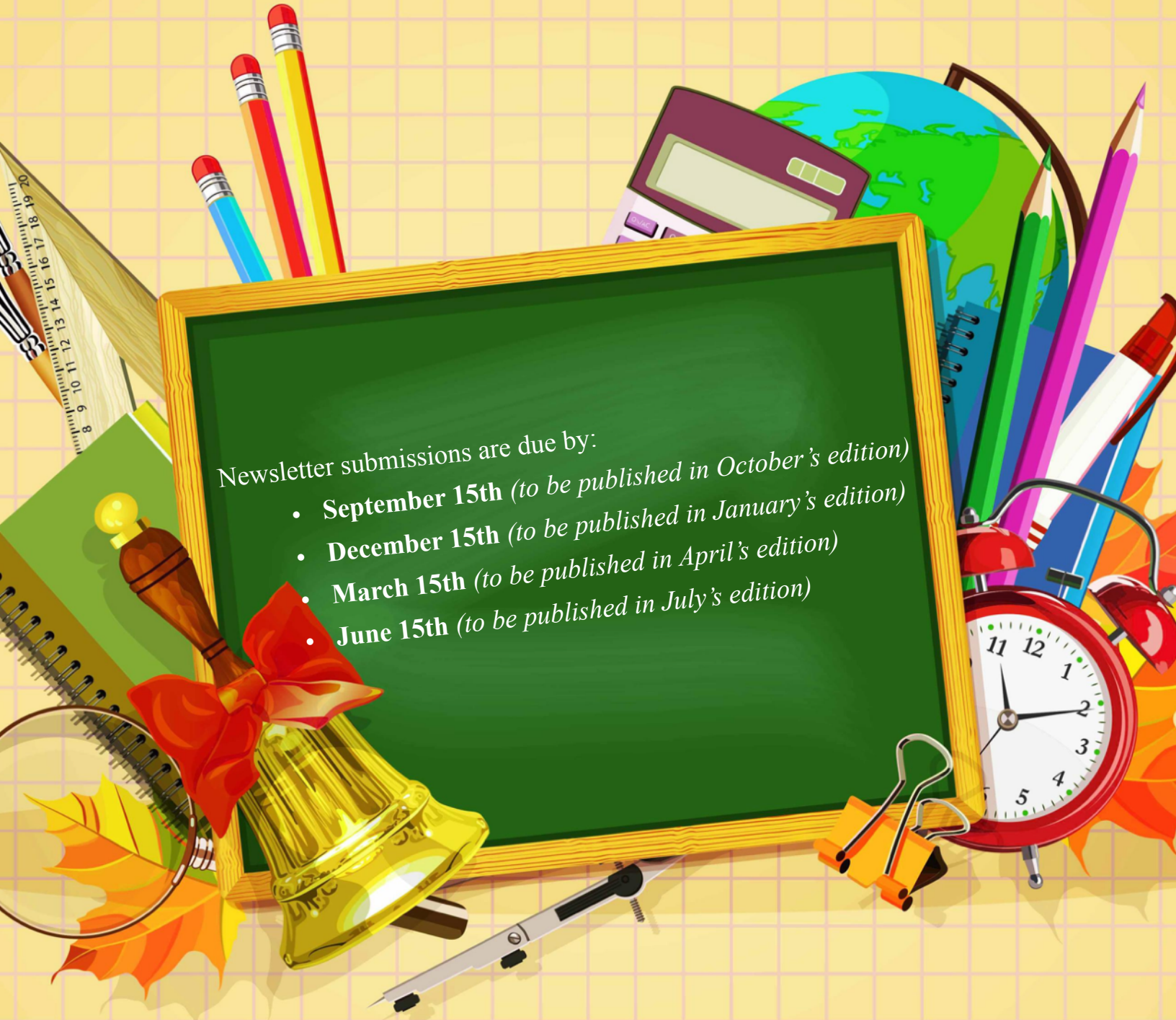

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