Hello Mayo Families,

With a very productive second semester underway, we are only a few weeks from the end of the third grading period and SPRING BREAK. With spring in the air, things are buzzing at Mayo. Seniors are embracing their last semester of their high school career, and graduation is well in sight. They are bringing in college acceptance letters and scholarship offers every day. We are so proud of them. All of our students need to continue to strive for excellence to prepare for the future. Students, parents, and teachers must continue to work together to improve our student achievement and meet the challenges of tomorrow. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Mrs. Arlene B. Wallace, Principal

Congratulations!!

SC Beta Club Convention
The Beta Club Sponsor Mrs. Genovia Miles took 92 Beta club members to Myrtle Beach to attend the State Beta Club convention. The convention had over 1400 Club members present from across the state of South Carolina. There were four chaperones that accompanied the students to the convention: Ms. Paulette Lunn, Mrs. Cindy Bryant, Coach Justin Danner, Mr. Jay Flowers, and Coach Chris Pietrzak.

We had students to compete in various competitions. The competitions included English, math, science, social studies, creative writing, spelling, Spanish, oratory, acrylic painting, pencil drawing, colored pencil drawing, quiz bowl, banner, group and special talent, skit, and state officer. Our club made it to the finals in Quiz Bowl, placed 3rd in Acrylic Paint, 3rd in Spelling, 1st in Oratory, 1st in Banner, and 1st in Special Talent.

Senior Supper 2015
Coach Justin Danner hosted another successful Senior Supper/Financial Aid Workshop. Feedback from the parents was very positive. Over eighty individuals were in attendance. Mrs. Betty Williams from Coker College did a great job explaining the financial aid process to our seniors and their parents. Thank you to Mrs. Barbara Jenkins, Mrs. Cindy Bryant, Ms. Paulette Lunn, Ms. Jill Knight, and Ms. Dawn Taylor for setting up, serving the food, and assisting for the evening.

Region Honor Band
Alisha Dundy, Chris Graham Arionna Rawls, and Gloria Rawls will perform in the Region 5 Honor Band Clinic at Cane Bay High School. We are proud of their hard work and talent.

Black History Program
Ms. Paulette Lunn and the Drama Classes presented “A Reflection of Our History” for our annual Black History Program. The Drama students were wonderful. Special thanks to Coach Pietrzak, Dr. Lovelace, Mr. Cole Davis, Phoenix Phame, Landon Allen, student from Spaulding Middle, Mrs. O'Donnell, and the Art students for making the presentation possible.

Academic Challenge
Dr. Steven Lovelace and the Academic Challenge team completed the season 5-1. Special thanks to Mr. Gerald Porter, Ms. Paulette Lunn, Mrs. Carol Ross, Ms. Jill Knight, Ms. Sharon Cox, Mrs. Carla Doke and Ms. Kelly Long for assisting with the home matches.
We need your help again. If you can donate bottled water, bags of peppermint or hard candy, or door prizes for the honor roll snack and incentives, we would greatly appreciate it. These items will be shared with the students and staff.

Attendance
All absences require official documentation explaining why the student was absent. This documentation must be turned in within five days of the student’s return to school. Please call Mrs. Cindy Bryant, if you have any questions regarding attendance.

Don’t forget to checkout our webpage and Facebook page for school information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Taste of Mayo - Please support the Academic Booster Club with the upcoming Taste of Mayo Fundraiser that will be held Tuesday, March 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Darlington Raceway. Come sample some of the area’s finest dishes provided by local restaurants and families. All proceeds will support the academic programs and scholarship fund of Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology. This is a very big project, and we need your help. The members of the booster club are working hard to support our academic programs. All money raised directly benefits our students and the school. We need your help and will appreciate it greatly. There will be prizes for the top selling students. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please contact President Shannon Haas - shanhaas@bellsouth.net or (843) 621-2341 and Vice-President Stevette Young - stevetteyoung@aol.com or 843-307-0906.

Individual Graduation Plans (IGP) - Students have gone through the registration process for the 2015-2016 school year and will receive their course verification once the IGP process is complete. Thank you for your help with your child’s Individual Graduation Plan and course selections. I cannot stress how important this process is because decisions about next year’s course offerings and staff allocations will be determined by what they have requested.

Student Council is sponsoring a Spring Blood Drive through the American Red Cross on Tuesday, March 10. Students 16 years old (with parental consent) and up are allowed to donate. Potential donors are reminded to drink plenty of water and eat healthy meals prior to donating. Parents are encouraged to donate as well and to contact Ms. Knight (Jill.Knight@darlington.k12.sc.us with “Blood Drive” in the subject or 398-2667) to schedule an appointment.

New State Testing - Our Juniors will be taking the State’s new assessment – ACT and Workkeys. English and Math teachers have been working to help identify areas that need additional attention before they take the actual test. We feel that they will be prepared and will do their very best.

The Jostens Junior Ring Ceremony will be held on March 18 at Brockington Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. This is our pre-graduation ceremony, where parents/guardians/significant individuals present class rings to their juniors. This ceremony is a very special time in the lives of these young men and women, and you are encouraged to come and be a part of this event.

Prom – April 18 from 9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. at the Darlington Country Club - Prom may be one of the highlights of high school and being responsible is key for a healthy and safe prom night. If a Mayo student plans to bring someone to the prom who is not a Mayo student, that student will need to fill out a Prom Guest permission form available in the main office. This form is due by March 6, 2015.

Prom Dresses - In keeping with the elegance and sophistication of the prom, I am asking for female students to email a picture of their prom dress for prior approval. While we understand that the prom is a special occasion, we are willing to be flexible with the dress code but not to dismiss it completely. All females and female guests will need to submit a picture, preferably wearing the prom gown to arlene.wallace@darlington.k12.sc.us by March 13. We have wonderful students and want them to have a safe, beautiful prom. Thanks in advance for your support and cooperation.

Junior parents - Mark your calendar. The Jump Start Breakfast for juniors and their parents will be Saturday, April 25 at 9:00 a.m. Learn about the senior year timeline and costs, the college application process, and financial aid and scholarship information while enjoying a fabulous breakfast. More information to come.

Attendance Reminders - Please continue to monitor your child’s attendance. Regulations state that five (5) absences in half unit classes and ten (10) in one unit classes are allowed without the potential loss of credit. Students who miss more than the allotted number of days will not receive credit for the course. Students can make up no more than two absences for half unit classes or four absences for one unit classes. Students can make up seat time through Thursday School or Saturday School. A fee of $5.00 will be assessed per class hour.