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Dear MCPS staff and families,

I am writing to communicate a change to our originally published homecoming week schedule and activities. We learned yesterday that King and Queen Central High School has canceled the rest of its varsity football schedule, including our upcoming homecoming game. Accordingly, **we have moved our homecoming game to Thursday, November 2nd** against Mathews, which is our last regular season home football game.

What about the homecoming parade?

We already have the permission from VDOT and other agencies to hold our homecoming parade on Friday, October 27 at 5pm. The time associated with the reapplication process and anticipated heavy traffic related to the Oyster festival the next day lead us to believe attempting to move the parade to our new homecoming game date would be unwise and would likely result in our having to forfeit the parade entirely. Students are excited and have worked too hard for us to take that chance, so the **parade will remain on Friday, October 27 at 5pm.**

What about the homecoming dance?

The dance will **remain on the originally scheduled date, Friday, October 27, from 8 to 10pm.** Moving the date to November 2nd would be problematic because we have many students engaged in Oyster Festival activities the next day and we don't want to keep them out for a school function so late the night before. Guests who attend the dance from other localities would also be late returning home on a school night. Finally, our DJ is booked and would likely not be available for the rescheduled date.

While this certainly was not our original plan, I am grateful to Mrs. Fleet and the MHS team for developing such a positive and timely response that enables our school community to enjoy all aspects of the homecoming experience. **Our new homecoming week is October 30 through November 2**, all kicked off with the excitement of the homecoming parade and dance to follow.

Thank you for joining us in adapting to what could have been a very unfortunate turn of events. Our students have more time to prepare and decorate and our athletes will have the opportunity to shine for their homecoming crowd!

Let's make this our best homecoming yet!



Peter M. Gretz, Ed.D.
Division Superintendent

Our 2017 Homecoming Spirit Days:

Monday, 10/30:	"America Monday"
Tuesday, 10/31:	"Tacky Tuesday"
Wednesday, 11/1:	"Team Wednesday"
Thursday, 11/2:	"Charger Spirit Day"