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UPCOMING

EVENTS

THU Oct. 19

•6:00 Powder Puff

FRI Oct. 20

•Blue & Gold Day

•9:25 Pep Rally

•6:15 Football Senior Night

•7:00 FB Westview (H)

MON Oct. 23

•Senior Class Road Trip

WED Oct. 25

•MS State Campus Visit

THU Oct. 26

•FB Scotts Hill (A)

WED Nov. 1

•TN Promise application closes

•UNA Campus Visit

FRI Nov. 3

•Snow Cones on sale during

lunch for \$3

TUE Nov. 7

•Univ. of Memphis campus visit

WED Nov. 8

•Students dismissed @ 11:16

FRI Nov. 10

•9:25 FCCLA & FBLA Fashion Show

Scott Joins Faculty as Chemistry Teacher

by Keirrah Ervin

Cathy Scott is a new member of the faculty for 2023-24.

Scott has been living in McNairy County for 26 years, and luckily for us, was available for the position of chemistry teacher at MCHS. Fresh out of retirement, Scott has nineteen years of experience, a bachelor's degree, and a Master's degree up her sleeves for this school year.

When asked why she started and continues to teach, she said simply, "I

love science and I love to do labs."

Mrs. Scott first retired in May of 2014, spending nine years in retirement. This school year is to be Scott's twentieth year teaching. Scott says her main goal in teaching chemistry this year is "to guide students to a better understanding of chemistry and appreciation for learning."

When asked what the most difficult thing about her job was, she said "This year has been difficult to get back into 'teaching mode' after

being away from teaching for 9 years. And, as always, I find it difficult to motivate some students to do what they need to do to succeed." Despite this, Scott says; "The best thing is getting to be around so many sweet kids."

Due to relatively recent safety measures at MCHS, no outside doors are to be open without a teacher within a five foot radius. Scott is one of the many teachers responsible for minding the doors. She is typically supervising Entrance 1 on Tuesdays.

Scott's favorite quote is

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better do better, - Maya Angelou.

Scott is not the first nor the latest teacher in her family tree.

"My mother taught kindergarten... My father taught classes in the Navy... I have a niece who has been teaching Elementary school in Decatur, and my daughter is a Speech Pathologist at Michie," she says.

When Scott retired, she spent her time as a stay-at-home-grandmother. During



Mrs. Cathy Scott

her spare time, Scott likes to read, sew, craft, and go for walks.

Meet The PawPrint Staff

The MCHS school newspaper *The PawPrint* is returning for the 2023-24 school year. Editor Lisa Forsythe is reactivating the publication after taking a year off.

"For many years, we ran issues of the paper inside The Independent Appeal and McNairy County News, but I always had a staff of students who wrote the articles. When I gave up the yearbook five years ago, I no longer had a staff to work with," said Forsythe. She continued the pa-

per on her own until last year, when she said "something just had to give. I hated not to publish it, but I found myself scrambling to put issues together by the deadline each week."

This year, the newspaper is part of the after school program Project Enrich. Students interested in writing for the paper are invited to stay after on Thursday afternoons and begin learning the journalism career.

Two students interested in journalism as a future ca-

reer have taken on the role of lead reporters.

Sophomore Keirrah Ervin has been writing for some time, and has a lot of ideas for the newspaper. She enjoys blogging and reading all types of books. Ervin is also a member of the choir and enjoys performing with the group.

Freshman Myla Poynter hopes to become an author or a journalist someday, and wants to live in a big city. She enjoys reading all types of mystery and thriller stories, as well as romance and history.



Kierrah Ervin
Reporter



Myla Poynter
Reporter

October 19

POWDER PUFF

6:00 pm

Game 1 - Freshmen vs Sophomores
Game 2 - Juniors vs Seniors
Game 3 - Consolation Game
Game 4 - Championship Game

Concessions Available

\$1 Admission

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