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FOREWORD

This handbook, a project of our Student Council, is to help new and old students better to acquaint themselves with school traditions, policies, rules, regulations, and organizations.

Messick has been a school with a wonderful past history. It has been an outstanding institution which has taken its place among the best high schools in the state of Tennessee.

We should all endeavor not to be satisfied with the past, but to work to make Messick better. It is a job which will take a spirit of belonging, of friendliness, of honor, and of sacrifice.

We wish for each student the most success possible, and we hope the effort our Student Council has made in the publication of this book will serve as a help in making your stay here more pleasant and more profitable.

Radford W. Rosebrough

Principal

Lottie K. McCall

Assistant Principal

HISTORY OF MESSICK SCHOOL

In the early 1800's the land about what is now Messick School and vicinity was being obtained from the Indians. Two of the first purchasers were B. S. Elam and Geraldus Buntyn, for whom the neighborhood was named.

Messick, the oldest high school in Memphis, built in 1908, was the successor of Buntyn High on Goodwyn Street near Douglass. The school now stands on what was the old Greer place, which had Spottswood and Carnes for its double driveway.

The school, which was the first consolidated school in Shelby County, was named for Elizabeth Messick, who was Superintendent of County Schools. It was taken into the Memphis Public School System in 1930.

The principals of Messick were Miss Daisy Porter, who served from 1908 to 1917; Miss Ruby Batte, who served from 1917 to 1922; Miss Nina Rickman, who served from 1922 to 1923; Mr. Ernest C. Ball, former Superintendent of Memphis City Schools, who served from 1923 to 1928; Mr. Fred S. Elliot, who served from 1928 to 1929; Miss Sarah Fletcher, who served from 1929 to 1930; Mr. Thomas H. Grinter, who served from 1930 to 1953; Mr. Shelby Counce, who served from 1953 to 1957. Mr. Radford Rosebrough, the present principal, has served since 1957. Miss Anne Hunt served as assistant principal for twenty-eight years, retiring in June 1953. Mrs. Lottie K. McCall, the assistant principal, has served since 1953.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

SCHOOL COLORS AND EMBLEM

Messick School colors are red and black. These colors are used in all school activities.

The Panther, Messick's emblem, was selected by Mr. O. B. Ellis when he was coach of Messick's football team during the time Mr. Ernest C. Ball was principal.

The Panther is used to denote Messick's athletic teams and student publications.

SCHOOL SONG

Hail to old Messick High,
Cheer her along the way;
Onward to victory,
May we win the game today.
We'll give a cheer for old Messick High,
Long may she reign supreme;
Shout till the echoes ring,
For the glory of our team.

ALMA MATER

Here's to dear old Messick,
Grandest school I ever knew;
Give your love, your loyalty,
As we all want to do.
Cheer for dear old Messick,
Gain her fame and power;
Let us fight and win for her;
This our motto, this our vow.

Hail to dear old Messick,
Soon her hallowed halls shall be
Memories of love for thee
Unto eternity.
Cheer for dear old Messick,
Keep her strong and true;
Let us live and try for her;
This our solemn pledge renew.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

HOLIDAYS

Teachers' Meeting (T.E.A.) October
Thanksgiving November
Christmas December
New Year's Day January
Spring Vacation (2 days) March

The exact dates of most of the holidays are variable, and are therefore not included. The exact dates will be announced at the beginning of the school year.

STUDENT COUNCIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every year the student council posts a permanent calendar of events on the bulletin board in the front hall of the senior high building.

This calendar is entitled "Doings Brewing." This is a calendar of official dates, approved by the student council and by the principal. All dates for club or organization activities will be posted, as they are planned, on this calendar.

These dates will be approved by the principal and will be posted on the calendar by the student council director in charge of club activities only. No other person has authority to post dates for planned events on this calendar.

BELL AND CLASS SCHEDULE

A morning bell is rung at 8:25 for each student to report to home room. School officially starts at 8:30 and ends at 3:15.

BELL SCHEDULE

	Mon., Tues., Fri.	Wed., Thurs.
Home Room	8:30- 8:40	8:30- 9:26
First Period	8:44- 9:41	9:30-10:20
Second Period	9:45-10:42	10:24-11:14
Third Period	10:46-11:43	11:18-12:08
Fourth Period		
Lunch	11:43-12:13	12:08-12:38
Classes	11:43-12:44	12:08- 1:02
Fifth Period		
Classes	12:13- 1:14	12:38- 1:32
Lunch	12:44- 1:14	1:02- 1:32
Sixth Period	1:15- 2:15	1:36- 2:26
Seventh Period	2:15- 3:15	2:30- 3:15

Auditorium programs are held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The Senior high has auditorium programs on the second or fourth Thursdays from 8:40 until 9:26; and the Junior high has auditorium programs on the first or third Wednesdays from 8:40 until 9:26.

The R.O.T.C. battle group marches every Wednesday morning from 8:40 until 9:26.

A schedule for other meetings of clubs and organizations is distributed to the homerooms each fall.

Special programs are scheduled on Friday. On these days we run on Wednesday and Thursday schedule.

REPORT CARD SCHEDULE

Report cards are issued six times a year, at the end of every thirty school days.

EXAM SCHEDULE

Written examinations are given at the end of the first and second semesters. All pupils are required to take the tests at the time scheduled.

These mid-term and final examination grades are recorded on report cards.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found department is handled by the Key Club. The room where lost things are kept will be announced each year. Any article found in or near the school is to be brought to the office to one of the secretaries, who will send it to the assigned room.

In case any article is lost, the owner should report to the lost and found department to see if it has been turned in. Any articles not claimed will be disposed of at the end of the school year.

BUS TICKETS

The bus tickets are issued by the home room teachers.

ASSEMBLIES—AUDITORIUM

Programs held in the auditorium include those regularly scheduled by the student council, safe driving programs, initiations, talent shows, speech plays, band concerts, choir presentations, White Christmas programs, and others presented on special occasions.

Each home room has a certain assigned section, in which the members of the home room must sit. Assigned sections are announced by the office at the beginning of each school year.

Entry and exit must be orderly, and courteous attention during every program is expected. Applause should be generous, but there should never be whistling in the auditorium.

ATTENDANCE—EXCUSES

Regular attendance is necessary for satisfactory completion of school work.

Absences are excused only for sickness, death in the family, and special permission previously sanctioned and excused by the principal or assistant principal. Any other absence without cause is unexcused.

Admit slips are issued by home room teachers only upon the presentation of notes signed by a parent or legal guardian. When the admit slip is issued, the cause of the absence is noted on it. Absence for any special reason must be approved by the principal or the assistant principal *prior to the absence*. Any truancy will be noted by the home room teacher, who will issue an admit slip marked TRUANT.

After any absence, a student will be allowed to enter classes only upon the presentation of an admit slip, which must be signed by the teacher.

School officially begins at 8:30, and any student arriving after that time is marked tardy. Tardiness is excused by the home room teacher only upon presentation of a note signed by the parent or legal guardian stating the cause. Recurrent, habitual, or aggravated tardiness will be punished by the home room teacher.

Any student completing a full year without an absence or tardiness will be presented by the school with a perfect attendance certificate.

BOOK STORE

The book store is open every morning from 8:00 until 8:30 for the convenience of the students. All school supplies may be purchased in the book store. The book store is located in the senior high building on the basement floor near the center of the building.

Students are urged to buy school supplies in the book store. All proceeds go to the school.

CHECKING OUT OF SCHOOL

A student may check out of school only for sufficient cause. Before a student can check out, he must present a note signifying the cause, signed by parent or legal guardian. This note must be

placed on the stick-up file outside the principal's office; it must be approved by the principal or the assistant principal.

When this is done, the student must sign his name on the check-out book in the office.

Whenever a student must check out because of illness, his parents must be called and their approval obtained. The student must then sign the check-out book and bring a note to school upon his return.

Under no circumstances may a student check out without the knowledge and approval of the office.

CONDUCT—DISCIPLINE

Messick students have behind them a tradition of proper and polite behavior; improper conduct is never condoned. Classroom disturbance will be handled at the discretion of the classroom teacher. Unruly behavior, repeated and aggravated classroom disturbance, and any other serious breach of discipline will be handled by the principal or the assistant principal.

FIRE DRILLS

Fire drills are conducted periodically.

When the fire bell is rung, all faculty and students are required to file out of their classrooms in a quiet and orderly manner. All windows should be closed, all lights must be turned off, and all doors must be shut. There must be no talking.

Every classroom has an assigned exit. Students must leave by that exit. A second fire bell will signal the return to classes.

Twice a year the Memphis Fire Department conducts a fire drill during Fire Prevention Week and during Clean-up Week.

No student is ever allowed to ring the fire bell at any time without expressed permission of the office unless a fire is discovered.

Fire escapes are never to be used at any time except during fire drills.

GYMNASIUMS

The Messick Gymnasiums are used primarily for basketball games, boys' and girls' physical education classes, and school dances.

In the gymnasiums are the offices of the physical education teachers and coaches, athletic equipment storage space, locker rooms for both boys and girls, and a public address system.

The old gymnasium is the site of Messick's home basketball games. Student spectators are expected to abide by the rules of propriety and good sportsmanship. There must be no derisive floor stamping or booing.

The old gymnasium is open to all students during lunch time for impromptu basketball games, and for minor sporting events (ping-pong, shuffleboard).

Cold drinks may be purchased at all major evening activities conducted in the gymnasium.

HALL TRAFFIC

Hall traffic is regulated by student council monitors. Orders and directions of monitors must be followed.

Students going from one classroom to another must keep to the right of the halls. Students must keep to the right and in a single file when going up or down the stairs. Students must never break in line; this is a violation of student council regulations, and violators will be penalized by the student council court.

Hall monitors who are selected by the student council director of traffic are allowed to leave classrooms at the first bell in order to take their stations. Their names are listed on an official bulletin.

LIBRARY

In order that every student may have the equal right to work, study, and relax, a quiet library is necessary.

Any student attending Messick may use the library.

Books are loaned for a period of two weeks and each student may take two books. A fine of 2 cents per day is charged for books that are not returned on time.

Reserved books are loaned for over-night only and each student may take only one. A fine of 10 cents per day is charged for reserved books not returned at the proper time.

Magazines and reference books are to be used only in the library.

Each student should be sure that the books he takes are properly checked and stamped at the circulation desk in the library. All books should be returned to this same circulation desk in the library. Until a book is returned, the borrower is liable for it. Any book that is defaced or lost must be paid for by the borrower.

LUNCHROOM

The lunchroom is operated daily during the school year for the convenience of all students, grades 1 through 12.

Well-balanced, nutritious, tasty, and economical hot meals are prepared at minimum cost. Candy, cold drinks, pastry, ice cream, and sandwiches are also available. A good wholesome lunch can be obtained for about thirty-five cents.

Lunchroom traffic is regulated by the student council. The student body is expected to cooperate in keeping the lunchroom lines orderly and the tables and floors clean.

All students are requested to return to the proper place all bottles, cartons, paper, trays, dishes, and silverware. Only with the cooperation of the entire student body can this be accomplished.

Any misconduct or violation of the correct standards of lunchroom cleanliness is a violation of student council prestige and authority, and violators will be penalized by the student council court.

The first line on the right in the lunchroom is reserved for teachers. Students may use the line *provided they yield right of way to teachers.*

FIRST AID

The nurse's room is located on the second floor of the elementary building. Two girls assigned by the high school girls' physical education director are on duty at all times during the school day in case of emergency.

Any time a student is ill or is in need of quick, emergency first aid treatment, he must notify one of the secretaries in the office, who will treat him or send him where he can receive attention.

Serious accident cases will be sent home or to a hospital.

Simple first aid treatment of cuts or abrasions can be obtained in the office.

PERMITS

Four different permits are issued at Messick: consultation permit, lunch permit, pass slip permit, and work permit.

1. The consultation permit is issued directly by the classroom teacher to the student. This permit is then presented to the study hall teacher, who will allow the student to meet in consultation with the issuing classroom teacher at the time and date specified on the consultation permit.

2. The lunch permit must be signed by the principal. Any student who desires *to go home* to eat lunch must bring to his homeroom teacher, early in the school year, a statement, signed by the student's parent or legal guardian, with the following information: student's name, homeroom, section, date, and address. The homeroom teacher will then obtain for the student a lunch permit. The lunch permit is good for one year and is issued only to go home for lunch.

3. The student pass slip permit (green) is issued directly by the classroom teacher. This permit must be carried by every student when he is in the halls during class period—to run an errand, because of sickness, to go to any other place in the building, or for any other reason. A student cannot be excused from classes to do special work for another teacher.

4. If a student has an afternoon job and must be excused from school early, he must personally confer with the principal. A student with a work permit must maintain passing grades in all subjects.

SMOKING

Students are never allowed to smoke on the Messick campus. Any student seen smoking on the campus will be brought to the office.

Further regulations regarding smoking will be announced at the beginning of each school year.

SCHOOL VISITORS

Any person visiting Messick School is required to obtain permission from the office before entering any classroom.

A member of the Honor Society is stationed in the front hall of the senior high building at all times to direct visitors.

Any visitor who visits Messick with legitimate cause is welcome at any time.

A parent wishing to see a teacher is welcome at any time. He should come to the office and ask for a conference with the principal or assistant principal, who will then send for the teacher.

STAYING IN

Any student asked by a teacher to stay in after school must stay in not later than 4 o'clock for that teacher on the date specified. If two teachers ask a student to stay on the same day, he must report to the one who asked for him first; then he must take to the second teacher a note from the first, stating the time he stayed.

TELEPHONES

Pay telephones are located in the front hall of the second floor of the senior high building near the office and just outside the old gymnasium.

These telephones are designed to be a convenience for students who may use them at any time.

Those students using them are expected to abide by the proper rules of telephone etiquette.

Students are not to use the telephones in the office except in extreme emergency.

USE OF LOCKERS

Sometime early in the school year every student in the junior and senior high will be assigned a locker by his homeroom teacher.

These lockers are located in the halls and in some classrooms.

All students are requested to obtain locks and to keep their lockers locked, except when in use.

Books and other paraphernalia are never to be left on the top of any locker. Anything found on the top of any locker will be picked up and sent to the "Lost and Found."

Students are requested never to bang lockers when closing them.

Sometime toward the end of every semester there will be a locker clean-out day. On the morning of this locker clean-out day, all students will remove everything from their lockers. Anything remaining in any locker will be brought to a central place, where it must be reclaimed. Things not reclaimed will be sent to the Goodwill Industries.

MISCELLANEOUS

Students are never to leave the campus at any time during the day except with permission from the principal or the assistant principal.

Students are to obey all student hall monitors and lunchroom monitors.

Students are not to go into their home rooms until the home room teacher arrives.

Students are not to congregate in the courts north and south of the lunchroom, around the elementary building, or near the high school buildings at lunch hour.

Students, except monitors, are not to leave any class until the second bell rings for dismissal.

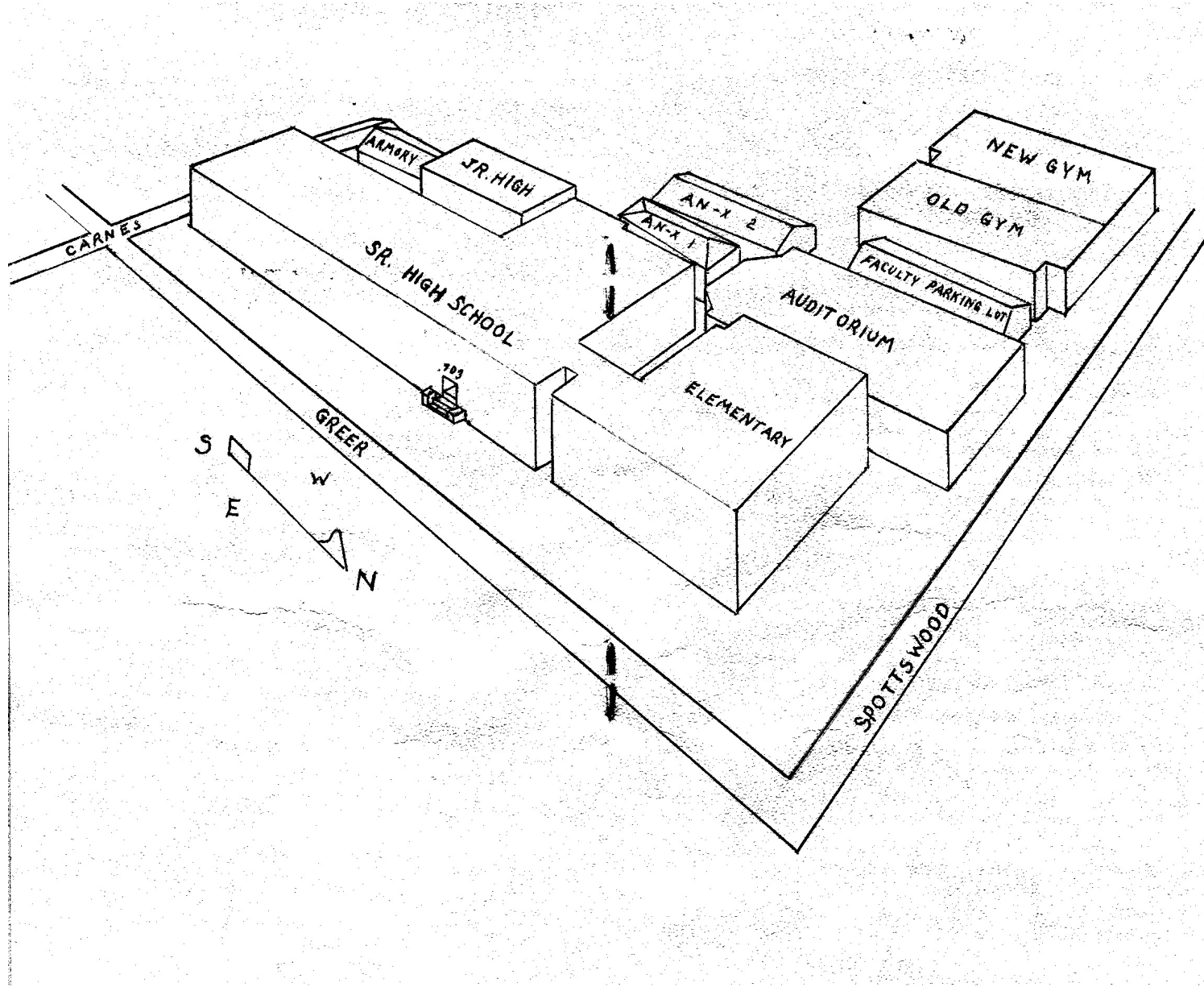
Students are to put bicycles in racks behind the buildings or in the courts.

Students are never to shoot paper wads or any other object with rubber bands at any time.

Students are never to evince any indication of ratting of any kind.

Students are not to chew gum in the classrooms.

Since it is a violation of a city ordinance to shoot fireworks, students are not to bring fireworks of any kind to the campus.



CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

Pupils are classified as follows: Three units for the tenth grade, seven units for the eleventh grade, and eleven units for the twelfth grade.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL — 16 CREDITS

- 4 in English
- 1 in American History
- 1 in Math—either Algebra or Arithmetic
- 1 in Physical Education and/or ROTC***
- 1 in Science
- 1 Major in a 3 year subject other than English
- 2 Minors in a 2 year subject.

*** Girls are required to take physical education in the ninth and tenth grades, each year counting as $\frac{1}{2}$ credit. Boys must take physical education in the ninth grade, and ROTC in the tenth and eleventh grades.

If a boy in the eleventh grade participates in one of the major sports for an entire season or is a member of the senior band, he need not take ROTC provided he already has one credit in physical education and/or ROTC.

Each year a student takes four subjects plus physical education and/or ROTC, until the requirements for physical education and ROTC have been met: After that he takes four subjects a year.

A student may not take Vocal and Instrumental Music at the same time.

A Senior may not take Art 1 or Music 1.

A student must have passed Algebra 1 before taking Chemistry.

A pupil must have had or be taking typing in order to take stenography.

A pupil must have passed typing and have had or be taking one other credit in business in order to take Office Practice.

A senior may not take the first year of a language unless he has passed two years of another language or has an overall B average in high school English.

Seniors with only 15 credits at the end of their senior year will be issued certificates of credit instead of diplomas.

CREDITS OFFERED

I. Academic Credits	
A. English	4
B. Languages	
1. French	3
2. Latin	4
3. Russian	2
4. Spanish	3
C. Mathematics	
1. Algebra	2
2. Unified Geometry	1
3. Trigonometry	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. Advanced Algebra	$\frac{1}{2}$
D. Sciences	
1. General Science	1
2. Biology	1
3. Chemistry	1
4. Physics	1
E. Social Studies	
1. Civics	1
2. World History	1
3. World Geography	1
4. American History	1
5. American Government	1
II. Non Academic Credits	
A. Arithmetic Ninth grade only	1
B. Art	4
C. Business Administration	6
1. Bookkeeping	2
2. Stenography	2
3. Typewriting	1
4. Office Practice	1
D. Home Economics	3
E. Industrial Arts	8
1. General Shop	2
2. Mechanical Drawing	2
3. Wood Work	2
4. Metal Work	2
F. Instrumental Music	4
G. Physical Education and Health	1
H. ROTC	1
I. Speech	2
J. Vocal Music	4

SCHOLARSHIPS

Opportunity to participate in all national scholarship competitions and testing programs (such as the National Merit Examination, the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, The

American Council on Education Test, and the College Boards Tests) is available.

A grade of "A" is the one most preferred for a scholarship, and a "B+" is practically essential. Colleges such as Yale, Harvard, and Princeton require a grade of not less than "A—".

Students eligible for scholarships should have 14 to 16 academic credits. Most large colleges prefer 16 or more academic credits.

Students who are interested in obtaining scholarships or in attending a college requiring the college boards should confer with the guidance counselor during the junior year.

Special information concerning scholarships is posted on the bulletin board outside Room 215. In addition, announcements of some scholarship competitions and programs appear at intervals in the daily bulletin.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Representatives of the Student Council are elected by the members of all junior and senior high home rooms. Each home room has one representative. Student Council officers are not counted as representatives.

The Student Council usually meets once a month and acts as the legislative branch of the student body. Special meetings may be called by the President and/or the faculty advisers.

Student Council elections occur once a year—usually in March or April. To be an officer or a representative of the Student Council or a delegate to the nominating convention, a student must have a "B" average for the semester preceding his election, with no average of "F" in any subject and no "U's" in conduct.

The many activities of the Student Council include the presentation of auditorium programs, hall traffic and lunchroom regulation, promotion of school spirit, unifying the work of clubs and organizations, assisting the school on special occasions, and working on all special projects designed to aid the school—for example, this handbook.

The Messick Student Council is an accredited member in good standing of the Southern Association of Student Councils and the National Association of Student Councils.

After a spirited campaign, the Student Council and the Messick student body chose as its motto, "It's bright to do right."

ATHLETICS

INTERSCHOOL

A student desiring to participate in athletics must maintain passing grades in three full-credit academic subjects. He must also

register with the coach in charge of the particular sport in which he is interested and should endeavor to keep seventh period free in order to practice. Messick fields prep teams in football, in basketball, in baseball, and in golf—in both junior high and senior high and in tennis, swimming and track in senior high. Messick is an accredited member in good standing of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association.

INTRAMURAL

Each seventh, eighth, and ninth grade home room is eligible to enter a team of girls to compete in the Junior High basketball and volleyball intramural tournament. The winning team receives awards.

NEWSPAPER AND STUDENT DIRECTORY

Every year the *Messick Panther* newspaper staff publishes eight monthly issues of the paper and a student directory.

Students interested in working on the school paper must sign up in the spring before the fall they intend to work. The staff members must be in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade, and members must maintain a "B" average in their subjects. The staff meets every day during the seventh period. A student cannot work on both the newspaper and the yearbook.

The *Messick Panther* is designed to mirror Messick. Its basic function is to report on all the events and activities of the school.

The directory is basically a listing of the name, address, and telephone number of all students in the junior and senior high school.

ANNUAL—YEARBOOK

Every year the *Messick Panther* yearbook staff publishes an annual. Students interested in working on the yearbook must be in the tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade and must maintain a "B" average in their subjects. The staff meets every day during seventh period.

Those wishing to work on the annual staff during their senior year must sign up in the spring of their junior year. However, a student cannot work on both the newspaper and the yearbook.

The annual, or yearbook, is designed to record the highlights of the school year, pictorially and verbally.

The yearbook is usually distributed in May. A concerted sales drive is conducted in October and November.

The annual is a member of the National Scholastic Association and the Tennessee High School Press Association.

BAND

All students are eligible for membership in the band whether they have had previous musical training or not. Beginning groups are set up for those who have not had previous training.

The band is composed of instrumental music students. The band officers, one first lieutenant, two second lieutenants, two sergeants, and a chaplain, assist the band director.

Band members who meet specified requirements receive honors at the end of the school year.

Each year the band participates in local and out of town football games; marches in local parades—the Veterans' Day, Fire Prevention Week, Cotton Carnival, and Christmas parades; makes a yearly concert tour of several towns of the Tri-state area in late spring; and presents band concerts each spring in the school auditorium.

All band members are eligible to compete for positions in the yearly All-State Band and Orchestra.

MODERN MUSIC MASTERS

The Modern Music Masters is an international music honor society. Eligibility is based on the following requirements: Students must have been a vocal music student or an instrumental music student at least one semester, must maintain a "B" average in academic subjects, and must have a good attitude and spirit of cooperation toward teachers and fellow students.

Membership is by invitation. Candidates for active membership are chosen by the faculty sponsor and the executive committee (chapter officers). They must complete a number of tasks and pass an exam on the Tri-M constitution before being formally initiated.

Its purpose is to increase and advance the spirit of good music and musical knowledge and further the reputation of Messick High as a music center.

MU ALPHA THETA

Mu Alpha Theta (M A Th) is the Messick Chapter of The National High School and Junior College Mathematics Club. Its purpose is to stimulate interest in mathematics by providing public recognition of superior mathematical scholarship and by promoting various mathematical activities. Membership is open to students enrolled in their third year of mathematics who have maintained a B average in mathematics and an overall B average in all high school work and who have no grade lower than an S in conduct.

NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE

To qualify for membership in the National Forensic League, one must be a speech student and participate in public speaking, such as debate, oratory, poetry reading, interpretation, and student congresses. When a student has earned twenty-five points, he automatically becomes a member of N.F.L.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

JUNIOR HIGH

Members of the Junior High National Honor Society are chosen by the faculty from the eighth and ninth grade students on the basis of character, service, leadership, and scholarship. Each spring new members are tapped at a Junior High Auditorium period.

SENIOR HIGH

Members of the National Honor Society are chosen by the faculty on the basis of character, service, leadership, and scholarship. Each spring and fall the Honor Society has an assembly program, at which time new members are tapped. In the spring ceremony the juniors to form next year's chapter are tapped. The members are selected from the upper fourth of their respective classes.

The purpose of this organization is to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of American high schools.

NATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY

The National Thespian Society is devoted to the advancement of drama in secondary schools. Students are granted membership in this society for having performed meritorious work in dramatic arts.

The aims of the society are to establish and advance standards of excellence in all phases of drama and to create an active and intelligent interest in dramatic arts among high school students.

Messick's chapter of the National Thespian Society is Troupe 186.

QUILL AND SCROLL

The Quill and Scroll is a national honor society for student journalists. Its purpose is to promote interest in the school's publications and to acquaint people with the work of the staffs. The club is limited to juniors and seniors who have shown outstanding ability in some particular field of high school journalism.

To qualify for membership, students must be in the upper third of their class scholastically and must have contributed to the school publications, and they must be approved by the faculty adviser.

Messick's chapter of Quill and Scroll is named for the Pulitzer and Nobel prize winner, William Faulkner.

A CAPPELLA CHOIR

The A Cappella Choir, the outstanding group in the vocal music department, is composed chiefly of third and fourth year music students with some sophomores. Eligibility is based on musical ability, willingness to work, and cooperative attitude.

The A Cappella choir performs at many special occasions: at churches, on television, on auditorium programs, on the White Christmas program, at P.T.A. meetings.

The Messick A Cappella choir is a member of the First Chair of America.

ART CLUB

The Art Club is composed of second, third, and fourth year art students who have maintained a "B" average and who are interested in furthering their knowledge of art. Meetings are held as scheduled, at which times films and other interesting programs are presented.

CHEERLEADERS

JUNIOR HIGH

There are nine junior high cheerleaders chosen in the spring by representatives of the junior high faculty. Generally, one cheerleader is in the seventh grade, three in the eighth, and five in the ninth.

The girls are judged on appearance, poise, voice, and pep. They cheer at junior high pep meetings and at junior high football and basketball games.

SENIOR HIGH

There are nine senior high cheerleaders and an alternate chosen in the spring of each school year by current cheerleaders and representatives of the faculty. They are chosen on appearance, rhythm, voice, timing, and grades.

The senior high cheerleaders help in promoting school spirit. They lead cheers at pep meetings, football games, and basketball games. Before each football game, the girls decorate the goal posts.

FRENCH CLUB

The French Club of Messick High School has for its major purpose the promotion among the students of an understanding of the French language and way of life. Any person who is enrolled in the French Department may become a member of this club. Pupils are considered active members if they attend all meetings, take part in the club's activities, and pay their dues. Any person desiring membership in the club who does not take French may join the club after stating his reasons for desiring membership.

FUTURE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Twelfth grade students who are taking advanced bookkeeping and who are planning on pursuing a career in accounting comprise the club's membership.

The members seek to broaden their knowledge of the accounting field through the club's programs and activities. All members adhere to the school's Honor Code.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

JUNIOR HIGH

A student, to be eligible for the Junior F.H.A., must be taking home economics or must have taken one year of home economics previous to her membership.

Some of the purposes of the organization are to emphasize the importance of worthy home membership, to encourage democracy in home and community life, to work for good home and family life for all, to promote international good will, to foster the development of creative leadership in home and community life.

Each year the Junior F.H.A. participates in the World Christmas Festival; it fills a thanksgiving basket for a local needy family; it joins the Senior F.H.A. in the Christmas bazaar; it makes up a page in the state scrapbook; it sends delegates to the state convention; and it encourages self-improvement through its degrees of achievement program.

SENIOR HIGH

The Senior Future Homemakers of America is the national organization of pupils who study homemaking in the senior high schools. The slogan is: "We work for better and happier home life for everyone."

The Senior F.H.A. believes that helping to make happy homes,

now and in the future, is the most important thing that youth can do for democracy.

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA

Future Teachers of America is open to eleventh and twelfth grade students. The club is affiliated with the National Education Association and the Tennessee Education Association.

Its members explore the teaching field and work with children so that they may realize potential satisfaction in teaching. The club seeks to cultivate the qualities of leadership, character and scholarship among its members and render service to the school and the community.

All members adhere to the school's Honor Code. Each year the PTA offers a senior member of the club a \$100 scholarship.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

JUNIOR HIGH

The Junior High Junior Red Cross organization consists of representatives, one from each home room section. Officers are elected from this group.

The chief aim of the Junior Red Cross is to be of service to others. It hopes to accomplish this aim, by filling gift boxes to be sent abroad; by sending gifts to stricken areas within the United States; by making holiday favors for hospital patients; by collecting books and current magazines for hospitals; by giving at least one flower shower to hospital patients; and by taking Christmas gifts to children's wards.

SENIOR HIGH

The Senior High Junior Red Cross council consists of a representative from each home room in Senior High.

The group carries on at least one international project—the gift boxes. During the year there are drives for magazines, comic books, old playing cards, ash trays, etc. At the holiday season favors, place cards, etc. are furnished for hospitals.

KEY CLUB

The Key Club is a school service club composed of Senior, Junior, and Sophomore boys selected upon their individual records made in junior high and early senior high school.

This Club, national in scope, is patterned after and sponsored by local Kiwanis Club. Its main objective is the development of leadership by providing opportunities for service to the school and the community.

LATIN CLUB

A student must be taking Latin to be eligible for either the Junior High or Senior High Latin Club.

At each meeting, members take part on a program dealing with some phase of ancient Rome.

Each year the Latin Club has one party, near the close of the school year.

The purposes of the club are to promote better speaking; to add to the social activity of the school; to develop better students; and to inculcate appreciation for contributions of the Latin language and the Romans to modern civilization.

Each year members of the Latin Club participate in the Latin tournament held at Memphis State University.

LIBRARY CLUB

The Library Club consists of the library assistants and their sponsor, the Librarian. They meet monthly and discuss good books and magazines, and how to manage the library more efficiently for the good and enjoyment of the students and faculty.

The Library Club is responsible for the management of the library. Any student interested in library science may become a member of the club.

"M" CLUB

JUNIOR HIGH

The Junior High "M" Club established in 1956 is to be patterned after the Senior High "M" Club to vitalize the interest in Junior High athletic activity.

SENIOR HIGH

The purposes of the "M" Club are to promote school spirit and to prepare the teenage boys for better citizenship by setting up clean moral standards.

To become a member a boy must be in grades ten through twelve and must have earned a letter in one of the four major sports—football, basketball, baseball, or track. Membership is by invitation.

The boys in the "M" Club are responsible for selling concessions at the basketball games.

OFFICERS' AND SPONSORS' CLUB

The Officers' and Sponsors' Club is composed of the R.O.T.C. officers and sponsors, whose primary aim is to promote cooperation and enthusiasm among the members, teachers, and others connected with R.O.T.C.

The officers and sponsors enjoy a number of parties and picnics during the year. Two traditional activities are the Messick Officers' and Sponsors' luncheon after the parade on November 11, and a Valentine Ball for all the High School R.O.T.C. Officers and Sponsors of Memphis.

PEP CLUB

The purpose of the Pep Club is to promote good sportsmanship and school spirit at all athletic events and in all activities throughout the year.

SCIENCE CLUB

The Messick Science Club is composed of high school students who have had, or are taking their second science subject. Meetings are held monthly at which speakers, films or field trips are scheduled. The purpose of the club is to promote interest in the broad field of science.

SOCIAL STUDIES CLUB

The Social Studies (History) Club is for all interested history students. It meets once a month on club meeting days.

The club endeavors to further an interest in history and social studies. Sometimes historians or persons with particular experiences interesting to social studies students come to speak and show slides. The club tries to encourage the students to arrange their own programs.

SPANISH CLUB

The purpose of the Spanish Club is to create greater interest in and to learn more about the Spanish language and cultural aspects of the countries in which this language is spoken. Membership is open to students enrolled in the Spanish department and other interested students who have completed one year of Spanish.

SPEECH COUNCIL

The Speech Council is made up of all speech students. When a play or other speech department presentation is produced, all the members of the speech council are urged to participate.

TWELVE-YEAR CLUB

The Twelve-Year Club was organized in 1951. The membership consists of seniors who have attended Messick for all twelve years and have never repeated a grade. Each year the group does something for the school.

The purpose of the club is to establish a close relationship between the students and faculty. Its motto was adopted from a favorite saying of the former principal, the late Thomas H. Grinter. The motto is: "We do as we please, because we please to do right."

Y-TEENS

JUNIOR HIGH

Membership in the Junior Y-Teens is composed of Junior high school girls in the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. Any girl in these grades is eligible to join. Membership dues of one dollar include all Y.W.C.A. privileges because the club is an auxiliary of the Y.W.C.A.

The Junior Y-Teens undertake a major and worthwhile project every year.

Events on the Junior Y-Teen calendar include a sweater hop, a spring formal, a potato chip sale, and a city-wide fashion show.

Part of the purpose of the Junior Y-Teens is as follows: "... In this endeavor we seek to understand Jesus, to share His love for all people, and to grow in the knowledge and love of God."

SENIOR HIGH

The Senior Y-Teens are a part of the Young Women's Christian Association. The purpose of this organization is "to build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to the task of realizing in our common life those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our own faith as Christians."

Membership of the Y-Teens carries with it membership in the Y.W.C.A. of the United States, which is a participating member of the World's Y.W.C.A.

ATHLETIC LETTERS

Athletic letters are given to the "A" team and to the top percentage of the boys as determined by the coach. Letters are not given entirely on ability, but also on attendance at practice, attitude, spirit, and interest. Athletic letters are given for participation in football, basketball, golf, track, tennis, swimming and baseball, and for managing the teams.

BAND QUEEN

The Band Queen is chosen in a popularity contest for which only tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade girls are eligible.

The winner receives gifts that vary from year to year. She gains the privilege of marching at the head of the band with the drum major in the parades, and also she takes a trip with the band. She is usually crowned in a ceremony at a football game in November.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CITY

Boys' and Girls' City is sponsored by the American Legion. Each school has delegates, one per fifty students.

Each school has its own method of choosing its delegates, who are certified by the principal.

The purpose of Boys' and Girls' City is to allow the youth of Memphis to become better acquainted with governmental functions of the city. The students elected to offices take over the duties of their respective offices for one day, under the supervision of the existing governmental officer in that position.

The annual meetings are set up by the American Legion Delegation. There are several elected officers, and no school can have more than one of these offices.

BOYS' STATE

Each year two or three outstanding boys from the eleventh grade are selected to represent Messick at Boys' State, which is sponsored by the American Legion. The selection is made in the spring, and the boys selected meet in the summer in Lebanon, Tennessee, along with representatives for many high schools in Tennessee.

Messick's representatives are selected by a faculty committee; the qualifications for this honor are leadership, character, courage, scholarship, and service.

The purpose of Boys' State is to develop leadership and to bring to the boys a full realization of the duties of the American

citizen.

CIVITAN CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Civitan Citizenship Award is presented every year to one outstanding senior boy. Three boys are nominated by the senior boys, and the winner is chosen by a faculty committee.

The winner's name is engraved on the plaque in the front hall. This honor is based upon scholarship, leadership, service to the school, and participation in school activities.

D.A.R. CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award is presented yearly by Messick's Adam Dale Chapter to one outstanding senior girl. Three nominations are made by the senior girls and from them the winner is chosen by a faculty committee.

HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame is sponsored by the annual. It is composed of a group of senior boys and girls selected by the seniors. They are selected on the basis of intelligence, athletic ability, talent, personality, popularity, friendliness, versatility, and wit.

The members of the Hall of Fame are leaders of the senior class and are featured in the annual.

MR. AND MISS MESSICK

Mr. and Miss Messick are nominated and elected by the faculty. They represent ideal Messick Students and are the seniors about whom the faculty would at any time in the future with the most pride state: "There goes a Messick student."

This is one of the most coveted individual honors awarded to seniors at Messick. This award is sponsored by the annual, and the winners are featured in the annual.

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

ART

The art department awards a gold pin every year to the outstanding art student who was most able to complete his own work and other work that the department assumes.

Silver pins are given to students excelling in such subject matter as composition, design, and technique.

Other outstanding students receive brushes.

These awards may vary from year to year, depending upon the number of outstanding and capable students and the quality of achievement of the students in the department.

BAND

The Arion award is given each year to the most outstanding senior bandsman. The recipient of this award qualifies for scholarships to various leading colleges throughout the nation.

Awards are given to the most outstanding first, second, third, and fourth year band members, neatest band member, most valuable girl member, and the most valuable boy member.

Each year the band director appoints one senior to serve as student conductor. This appointment is determined by musical leadership.

HOME ECONOMICS—MISS HOME ECONOMICS

Miss Home Economics is chosen by the girls in the Future Homemakers of America Organization. She must be an outstanding student and live up to the standards set by that department. She must be reliable, loyal, sincere, considerate of others, truthful and honest, cooperative, unselfish, adaptable, cheerful, sportsmanlike, a good home and community member, and she must contribute to club work.

This is the honor toward which every girl in the organization strives. It shows that she is truly a "good homemaker." The winner is given a cup to signify the honor.

R.O.T.C.

Every year the best drilled company in R.O.T.C. is selected in the spring after Federal inspection. Also selected are the best drilled platoon, the best drilled squad, the outstanding first year cadet, the outstanding second year cadet, the outstanding third year cadet, the neatest cadet, the best drilled sponsor, the best marksman, the best manual of arms, and the neatest sponsor.

Patches are given to the rifle team and to the drill team.

SCIENCE

Every year the science department makes an award to the outstanding senior student. This award is based upon citizenship and upon scholarship in science.

The award is in the form of a medal and is presented each year by the Bausch and Lomb Optical Company of Rochester, New

York.

SPEECH

Every year the speech department awards six name medals to six students excelling in various facets of speech work. These six medals are named as a memorial to six speech students of past years who gave their lives for their country in World War II.

The Arthur Allen medal is given to the student outstanding in Debate, the Jack Beaty one to the student outstanding in Humorous Declamation, the George Phillips one to the student outstanding in Dramatic Declamation, the Robert Phillips one to the student outstanding in Extempore, the Richard Chauncey one to the student outstanding in Oratory, and the Frederick Turner one to the student outstanding in Drama.

Pins are also given to the two students with the most Thespian points earned and with the most N.F.L. points earned.

A best Thespian is named each semester. A student is also selected who is outstanding in poetry interpretation.

Medals are presented to the four varsity debaters and to each member of the cast of the one-act tournament play.

The winners of these awards are selected by the speech teacher according to their achievements.

VOCAL MUSIC

Each year four gold medals are awarded to four students for outstanding work done in the vocal music department. The awards are based upon talent, work, rehearsal attendance, and classroom attitude.

In order to achieve one of these medals, the four must make the largest number of merits in a year, given for performances in church choirs, ensembles, solos, and small group work.

JOURNALISM

Every year the yearbook adviser and the editorial board of the yearbook staff determine the number of senior class members who have most effectively and efficiently contributed to the success of the yearbook. These seniors are awarded a yearbook pin signifying their outstanding contribution.

SENIOR PERSONALITIES

One senior boy and one senior girl are featured in every issue of the *Panther*. They are nominated and voted on by the newspaper staff and represent those seniors who have best contributed to the betterment of the school.

Election of these senior personalities is based on popularity, service to the school, leadership, character, citizenship, and ability.