

Mount Airy Christian Academy



"cultivating strong minds and passionate faith"



3, October, 2014

A Note from the Administrator, Rory Rice

As we enter the month of October, MACA has many activities on the calendar. On Saturday, October 4, 2014, the senior class will hold an AppleFest fundraiser at Lisbon Park and Ride. Proceeds will be used to minimize the cost of the Senior Class mission trip to Costa Rica. After you pick up your apples and cider, head over to the Mount Airy Carnival Grounds for the Mount Airy Fall Fest. Mount Airy Christian Academy will be hosting a booth to promote MACA to the local community. We have all kinds of wonderful giveaways and could use your support. Our wonderful staff will be hosting the event and we welcome encouragement from parents and students. The event will run from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturday. On Sunday, October 5th, the event will open at 10:00 AM and close at 5:00 PM. We hope to see you there. Help us show Mount Airy and the local community that we are:

Proud to be a MACA Lion!

From the Desk of the Educational Administrator, Daniel Perrotta

What is  ?

Ask.fm is a social networking website set up in a question and answer format which is very popular with middle school and some high school students. A majority of parents are unfamiliar with ask.fm, so here are five things you should know.



Upcoming Events

- 10/8 Race for Education
- 10/10 Fall Break – No School
- 10/11 MABC Fall Fest/MACA Open House @ 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- 10/13-17 "O" Term for High School
- 10/15 PSAT Testing 11/12 Grade
- 10/17 MS Corn Maze
- 10/24 End of Marking Period ½ Day
- 10/28 Individual Picture Day

Communication Envelope Inserts

- Newsletter
- Apple Fest Flyer
- Parent~Teacher Conference Letter
- Health Room News
- Elementary Mighty Lions Cheerleading
- Senior Ledo's Pizza Fund Raiser Flyer
- MABC Fall Fest Flyer
- Apologetics Conference Flyer

- Ask.fm's Terms of Service state, "*Physical persons must be 13 years or older to use this service.*" That's right, tweens are not allowed on Ask.fm. Use this rule to your advantage, parents. You can say no, and the website backs you up, as does COPPA, the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, and a federal law in the U.S. (13 is the required age to have a Facebook and Twitter account, too.)
- The site can be used anonymously, users often have no way of knowing who is bullying or harassing them on the site. Random people can ask your child any question they want.
- According to Webwise, "*The website is increasingly being used as a means to communicate abusive, bullying and graphic content that is sexual in nature.*" It is also associated with some of the worst forms of cyberbullying and has been linked to numerous suicides around the world.
- A user can block another user and must give a reason. Blocking someone, however, does not mean that they go away. A blocked person can still access the profile to view all other interactions.
- Users cannot increase privacy settings, as they can with the adjustable settings on Facebook and Twitter.

Secondary Chapel:

Thursday's secondary chapel was presented to our students by MABC's own Pastor Carl Edwards. He gave a wonderful message on

John 11. Pastor Carl reminded our students to not cling to the past. This includes mountain top highs that don't create lasting relationships with Jesus. We should also remember not to dwell on the future, but rather focus on Jesus. He is here, and the time is now! Pastor Carl wrapped up by saying, "Jesus is right in front of you and is waiting for you to engage Him."

Student Highlights:

MACA is extremely proud to recognize the academic achievements of two senior students. Megan Herdt and Zack Orndorff have been recognized as Commended Students in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended students place among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2015 competition by taking the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).



Students who are named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success. We are extremely proud of Megan and Zack and look forward to watching how God will direct their paths.

Administrator for Academic & Student Affairs, Charity Leonard, MS

In just a few weeks we will begin our "O" term. I have been hearing a lot of excitement from our high school students about this new opportunity. On Wednesday, October 15th all 10th and 11th graders will be taking the PSAT. Those students will not attend blocks one and two of "O" term on that day. The PSAT exam date is scheduled by the College Board and cannot be moved. All students taking the PSAT should have received a test preparation guide. If your student has not received one, please have them come by my office. More information on the PSAT can be found here : <https://www.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt> .

There are some revisions to our internship program this year. Only students in 11th and 12th grades are required to complete an internship. Also, students can choose from two different weeks to complete the internship – December 15-19 or March 9-13. Internship program guides are available on the school website. Additionally, students have access to all documents through Moodle. Students should turn in their internship proposal form by **November 7, 2014** regardless of the week they choose.

College Information and Financial Aid Seminar – November 11, 2014, 7:00 PM

Representatives from Howard Community College will be coming to MACA to host an informative presentation regarding the college admission process and financial aid

for higher education. This meeting will be beneficial for all students and parents whether you are interested in pursuing a community college or four-year school. Please RSVP to Charity.Leonard@macamd.org.

College Representatives Coming to MACA.

Oct 6 St. Mary's College of Maryland

Oct 24 Cedarville University

Oct 22 Clearwater College

Nov 7 Pensacola Christian College

Nov 11 Salisbury University

Nov 13 Liberty University

These visits are open to all 10-12 graders and will be conducted during 7th period. Please encourage your student to attend these informative presentations.

Staff Person of the Week, Doug Sweigert

Mr. Sweigert grew up in Marion, Pennsylvania, a small farming community. After High School he worked at Letterkenny Army Depot where he met some genuine Christians. Their lives challenged the truthfulness of his own, and at age 19 he put his trust in Christ for salvation. He immediately got connected to a singles Bible Study group sponsored by Camp Joy-el in Greencastle, PA. While growing in the Lord through that group, he also met his wife to be -Brenda. Four years later he enrolled at Washington Bible College where he majored



in Bible and minored in Christian Education. During those years he and Brenda were married, and began their family two years later. His daughter (Laura) is almost 27, and his son (Andrew) who is now married to Emilia is 25. Both of them graduated from Liberty University. Mr. Sweigert was the youth pastor at Derwood Bible Church in Gaithersburg, MD from 1989-2001. In 2001 he came to MACA where he presently serves as the Bible Teacher for 7th, 8th, and 11th grades. He speaks at the elementary chapels, and he also enjoys driving the bus for the various sports teams. He likes creating history at MACA by taking pictures and making collages which are in his room, and on the walls in the secondary wing. In the summer, Mr. Sweigert enjoys fishing, playing softball for MABC, reading, gardening, relaxing by the pool, and basking in the sun at the beach.

Athletic Director, Matthew Brethauer

MACA Lions Roar Report

Mighty Lions Basketball Registration

Registration is now open for MACA's Mighty Lions Basketball for grades 3-8. Registration forms were sent home in last week's folder. The registration deadline is Friday, October 17. If you need a form, please email me at matt.brethauer@macamd.org.

Mighty Lions Cheerleading Registration

Registration is now open for MACA's Mighty Lions Cheerleading for girls in grades K-5.

Registration forms are in today's folder. The registration deadline is Friday, October 24. If you have any questions, please email me at matt.brethauer@macamd.org.

Grade Basketball Clinics

Pre-K-2nd

Look for information in next week's folder about Basketball Clinic registration for Pre-K – 2nd to be held at MACA and led by our High School Coaches and Players. We are excited about this new program!

MACA Fall Sports Schedule Posters

MACA Fall Sports Schedule Posters are available now from the school office for a suggested donation of \$1.00 per poster. There are two posters – Mighty Lions Soccer and MS/HS Fall Sports. We appreciate your support of MACA Athletics!

Parent Association News From Mrs. Krissy Cook

• Wednesday Parent Prayer Meeting

Parents please come join us every Wednesday morning at 8:15-9:00 AM in the large conference room for our Parent Prayer Meeting. We will be coming together at this time to pray for families and staff of our school.

• Race for Education

Please check out the Sign-up Genius that was sent to parents several weeks ago to volunteer on race day, October 8. The race will take place at 1901 Back Acre Circle in Mount Airy. High school students who need to earn community hours may

volunteer to help. Please email Mrs. Cook Krissy.cook@macamd.org if interested.

- On-Line Permission Slips – An on-line permission slip was emailed to parents for students to ride the bus and participate on race day. Responses were due by **October 3**. If you have not submitted your form then you're late. Please do so before Monday if your child is participating in the race.
 - This year the RACE FOR EDUCATION lunch will be handled a little differently. We will be having cheese pizza from Domino's that will be delivered to the field during lunch time. It is mandatory that you order through the hot lunch ordering program by no later than **midnight, Sunday, October 5**. If you do not pre-order, you must provide a bagged lunch from home for your child. There will be no emergency lunches available on this day as we are at an offsite location. There will be no food for sale the day of the race for parents and or volunteers. The Parents Association will be providing water and dessert for the students.
 - The Itinerary for Race Day is in this week's communication envelope. Parents, family, and friends are welcome to come out and support our school and cheer the students on!
- **Box Tops**

Box Tops, Labels for Education, is doubling all submissions for the month of October. If you are collecting labels, please turn them in now for us to take advantage of this special offer.

Cafeteria News From Mrs. Krissy Cook

• **Hot Lunches**

We are still in need of volunteers in the cafeteria. Please contact Krissy Cook Krissy.cook@macamd.org if you can help.

Other Information

Parents it is imperative that you pay close attention to due dates for turning in forms and ordering lunches.

• **MABC Fall Fest/MACA Open House**

Join us for Mount Airy Bible Church's community-wide Fall Fest Saturday, October 11, 10 AM. All are invited! This family event will have something for everyone. The MABC youth group will be providing lunch to purchase. You can tour our school, Mount Airy Christian Academy. There will be games, prizes, and free gifts. Come jump in our moon bounce! Dunk the Pastor! Fun for the whole family!

• **Playground Equipment**

Children are not permitted to be on the playground equipment during and after school without adult supervision.

• **Lost and Found**

It is early in the year and already the lost and found bins are overflowing. Please take a moment to claim your children's articles. Items

that are not claimed by **October 10**, will be donated to the local clothing donation drop boxes.

- **Senior Fund Raiser**

Senior Apple Fest – Oct 4, 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Oct 25, 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM. See the flyer in this week's communication envelope for details.

- **Junior Fund Raiser**

Barn Dance – Oct 18, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Bob and Lisa Lewis' Barn. Please contact the Junior Advisors, katie.korn@macamd.org / patrick.korn@macamd.org for information and ticket prices.

- **Pre-K – 11th Grade Individual Student Picture Day**

Student individual pictures will take place on October 28. Picture envelopes were sent home last week with ordering information. Please refer to the *Parent Handbook* for the student dress code for that day.

- **Inclement Weather Procedures**

The front desk asked me to relay to Parents a few reminder regarding indoor dismissal procedures?

- ELEMENTARY PARENTS ONLY in the lobby for indoor dismissal. Because of limited space, we do not have room to accommodate all our parents in the lobby.
- In the event of an inclement weather dismissal, parents will be notified by 2:45 PM via the school sign located at the parking lot entrance.

- Standard operating procedures for an inclement weather dismissal are as follows:

1. Parents can park in the east or the west lots, but may only enter and exit through the main lobby.
2. The gym will be utilized for games and practices and cannot serve as a cut-through passage.
3. Drivers may not park in front of the building and should not utilize handicapped spaces unless they have proper documentation.
4. Parents may enter the lobby beginning at 2:55 PM. Elementary students will be dismissed at 3:00 PM from classrooms off the main lobby and must be picked up by a parent or approved adult.
5. Middle school students are dismissed at 3:00 PM from class, should visit their locker, and meet their ride in the lobby or parking lot.
6. Drivers may leave the parking lots once they have picked up their students.
7. Please use caution in the parking lots and watch for pedestrians who will be crossing the lots.



