

Mount Airy Christian Academy



“cultivating strong minds and passionate faith”

Newsletter

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A Note from the Academic Administrator, Daniel Perrotta

Refreshing Mountain Retreat Center, located near Ephrata, Pennsylvania, was the location of our high school retreat. Our high school students learned about their theme for this school year, which is “Die to Self.” They were able to hear a very moving message on their first night from Ryan Minor, husband to our Kindergarten teacher, Jessica Minor. During the next two days the students heard a series of messages from Bernt King, better known as “Bear.” Bear became a part of our school for those two days by joining us for meals and competitions. In fact, he even joined a team and participated in the three-on-three basketball tournament. Some other competitions that the students enjoyed were the kickball tournament and the Milk Jug dodgeball tournament. Back by popular demand were the traditional competitions, Bible quizzing and class skits. The highlight for most everyone at the retreat was the brand new competition, Lip Sync Battle. For this new competition, we were able to bring in a small group of VIP judges. These judges were former MACA students who attend nearby Lancaster Bible College. They were Rachel Brock, class of ‘13, Kirsten Webster and Jimmy Eagan, class of ‘12, and Lauren Winter, class of ‘10. It was a pleasure and honor for our MACA alumni to join us for the evening.

In addition to the competitions, the students were given time for reflection/journaling, devotions, small groups, and a vast amount of free time. Some of the free time activities were basketball, soccer, Ga-ga, playground, fishing, and the amazing swimming pool. During the free time sessions, it was easy to find Mr. Rust, as he fell in love with the splash down section of the pool.



Upcoming Events

- 9/26 Tailgate Breakfast @ 8:15
- 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

Communication Envelope Inserts

- Newsletter
- Junior Bake Sale Flyer

After speaking with many of our high school students, it is clear that this retreat was not filled with mountain high experiences that go away when the retreat is over, but rather, a deeper understanding of our theme. We look forward to watching our high school this year, as they grow closer to living for Christ and continue to die to self.



Class of 2015



Group Picture



Worship Team



Relaxing by the pool



Senior Ladies



Down Time



Sophomores



Waiting for the Results

Academic & Student Affairs, Charity Leonard, MS

This year one of my goals is to bring more college representatives to visit our students and expose them to the variety of higher education opportunities. In the next few weeks representatives from Messiah College, University of South Carolina, Aiken, Grove City College and St. Mary's College of Maryland will be visiting our campus to meet with students. All of these visits will occur during the seventh period block. Please encourage your student to come by to gather information and find out about the exciting programs these schools offer. I will keep you and your student informed as more colleges representatives are scheduled.

Upcoming Important Dates:

- September 22 – ASAVB testing for all 10th, 11th and 12th graders
- October 9 – Deadline to register for November 8 sitting of the SAT. To register – www.collegeboard.com
- October 2, 3 – National College Fair – Washington D.C. Convention Center. To register – www.gotomyncf.com
- October 15 – PSAT testing for all 10th and 11th grades – PSAT study guides have been distributed to students.

Staff Person of the Week, Robert Kelley



Our teacher spotlight shines this week on Mr. Robert Kelley. Mr. Kelley was born and raised in Maryland. Growing up in a Christian home in Montgomery County, he became a Christian at an early age and rededicated his life as a young adult. Mr. Kelley has been married to his high school sweetheart, Emily, for 24 years and is dad to two wonderful daughters, Jessica (22) and Krista (19). Before coming to MACA, Mr. Kelley spent 15 years managing/supporting technology in the business world. When MACA announced plans to start a high school, Mr. Kelley felt led to become part of the organization that had been such a blessing to his family for so many years. Mr. Kelley has served as Director of Technology and Computer Science teacher at MABC/MACA for the past nine years, and has served as a leader in the MABC youth ministry for the past seven years. Mr. Kelley enjoys sharing his passion for technology and love for Christ with his students. He is also a fixture at MACA athletic events, cheering on his students.

Athletic Director, Matthew Brethauer

MACA Lions Roar Report

5th Annual Spirit of the Lion Invitational Cross Country Meet

We are looking forward to hosting close to 200 runners at our Annual Spirit of the Lion Cross Country Meet this Saturday, September 13 at the Phelps/Lewis properties on Daisy Road in Woodbine. The meet starts at 9:00 AM where MACA's Middle School and Varsity Girls and Boys teams will be in action. MACA's Booster Club will be providing concessions and selling event t-shirts. Come and support your MACA Lions Cross Country teams!!

MACA Athletic Booster Club

Congratulations! If you have a student at MACA—and if you are reading this there's a better than average chance you do—YOU are a de facto member of the MACA Athletic Booster Club. And YOUR Booster Club isn't the typical booster club.

If you are new to MACA, you may not know that the Booster Club has several important goals: to ensure that every student is able to participate in MACA athletics regardless of financial situation; to actively meet the needs of the athletic program; and to honor our student athletes, coaches, and, most importantly, our Lord. We provide financial assistance to families in need, purchase extra-budgetary athletic and safety equipment, and sponsor a Coaches Dinner and the annual Middle and High School Athletic Banquet. We accomplish this by raising funds, selling concessions, Spirit Gear, and conducting fundraisers.

But it all starts with YOU (and yes, I'm talking to you!). We need you to become involved, to take an interest in your school this year by becoming an active participant in the Booster Club. I got involved seven years ago when my 9th grade daughter, Nora, was still just a "Mighty Lion." I have stayed involved over the years because I have seen first-hand the tremendous and lasting impact we have had behind the scenes—from purchasing athletic gear for families who need a hand, to purchasing a bus to transport students. But just a few of us can't share the challenges and blessings alone. We need YOU.

This year, we've decided against traditional meetings (yawn) and instead are hosting monthly Booster Club Socials. It's more than just a name change. These gatherings will include opportunities to help with our goals, regular updates from MACA AD Matt Brethauer on what's happening in the athletic program, a forum to voice athletics-related concerns, and time to fellowship with other MACA parents. Oh, yeah—and refreshments!

The first **Booster Club Social is scheduled for THURSDAY, September 25 at 7:00 PM** in the MACA cafeteria. Please come with your questions, suggestions, and comments, ready to have a good time!

Duane Doxzen, Booster Club President

Upcoming Games

Sept. 13 – V/MS Cross Country at Spirit of the Lion Invitational (9:00 AM) Phelps/Lewis Properties

Sept. 13 – GMS "B" Volleyball at New Life Playday (9:00 AM)

Sept. 15 – BV Soccer at Key School (4:00 PM)

- Sept. 15 – GMS “A” Volleyball at Visitation - Monocacy Valley Church (4:00 PM)
- Sept. 15 – GJV Volleyball vs. Cumberland Valley Christian (4:30 PM) MACA Gym
- Sept. 16 – GJV/GV Volleyball vs. MSD (4:00/5:00 PM) Glenwood Community Center
- Sept. 16 – GMS “B” and “A” Volleyball at MSD (4:00/5:00 PM)
- Sept. 18 – BV Soccer vs. Baltimore Lutheran (4:00 PM) Western Regional Park Field 7
- Sept. 18 – GJV/GV Volleyball at St. James (5:00/6:00 PM)
- Sept. 18 – Co-ed MS Cross Country at Indian Creek Meet (4:00 PM)
- Sept. 19 – GV Volleyball/BV Soccer at Open Bible (4:00 PM)
- Sept. 19 – BMS Soccer vs. Liberty Christian (4:00 PM) Western Regional Park Field 7
- Sept. 19 – GMS Volleyball vs. Liberty Christian (4:00 PM) MACA Gym

Parent Association News from Mrs. Krissy Cook

- **Tailgate Breakfast**
Please join us Friday, September 26th right at drop-off (8:15 AM) for our annual Tailgate Breakfast; we will be set up by the playground. This is a great opportunity for you to meet and connect with other parents. Hope to see you there!
- **Race for Education**
We have started the preparations for the Annual Race for Education fundraiser. All lists need to be turned in so that we have time to update our information. Students will sign donor letters on Friday, September 26th in their classrooms. If you have not received any information in your Friday folder about the donor list, please

contact us at macarace@macamd.org. If you would like to volunteer your time on race day October 8th, please email me at krissy.cook@macamd.org.

Cafeteria News From Mrs. Krissy Cook

- **Cafeteria Volunteers**
We are still in need of more volunteers to help in the cafeteria. Pick a day that best fits your schedule. If you can volunteer just one day a week from 10:30 AM -1:00 PM, that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Krissy.cook@macamd.org to volunteer.
- **Cafeteria Account**
All families have a cafeteria account set up. Parents may add money to their account via RenWeb or money sent to the office. Please contact Mrs. Carla Smith if you have any questions.
- **Hot Lunches**
Just a reminder that HOT LUNCHES will begin on Monday, September 22, 2014. All ordering will close at midnight on September 16, 2014. For Monday September 22, 2014, ordering will close weekly on Tuesday at midnight for the following Wednesday, Friday and Monday. Any questions contact
 - Mondays - fresh subs from Safeway
 - Wednesdays - Chick-Fil-A
 - Friday - Weis pizza.

Other Information

- **MABC Fall Fest/MACA Open House**
Mount Airy Bible Church will be hosting a Fall Fest and Open House, on Saturday, October 11, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Please look for full details about this special event in the coming weeks.

- **Attendance Forms**

The office would like to remind you that when your student is absent, has a tardy arrival, or an early dismissal, must fill out an Attendance Form. Forms are available at the front desk, Mrs. Duvall's office, or on RenWeb under Resource Documents. Parents who wish to have their students dismissed early, you need to notify the office in the morning. Students who do not submit absent or early dismissal notices on the proper form, will be marked unexcused until the proper form is submitted.

Just a reminder that we are signing in students, both elementary and secondary, in Mrs. Duvall's office.

- **Junior Fund Raiser**

Bake Sale – September 17th – 19th, see flyer for details

- **Booster Club Social**

September 25th @ 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria.

