

Mount Airy Christian Academy



“cultivating strong minds and passionate faith”

Newsletter

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A Note from the Administrator, Rory Rice

This week we welcome a returning student from China, Fengxu Zhou, whom we all know as Josie. After several emails and some lengthy phone calls, Josie has returned for her senior year at MACA. The 12 grade class is excited to have her back. Some of Josie’s favorite things to do are watching movies, shopping, hanging out with friends, and traveling. Josie is staying with the Schaefer family, Mark and Barbara. They have graciously opened their home for another year. Eli and Katya have been patiently waiting for her return. Welcome back, Josie!



In other foreign student news, Charles Picq arrived in Maryland on Friday, September 12. He jumped right in by attending our home Cross Country meet this past Saturday. He met several students on Saturday and received a warm MACA welcome. Charles started classes at MACA on Monday, September 15th. Charles likes to play soccer, tennis and ski. He is staying at the home of George and Hollie Ellis. Sam, Emilee and Lily have made Charles feel more than welcome.



MACA thanks both families for stepping up and hosting these students. If you would like an opportunity to host a foreign student, please contact me. One of the organizations that we are working with, ASSE (American Scandinavian Student Exchange), is in touch with students in 31 different countries. Another organization, Gateway Educations, sponsors students from Korea and China. I am happy to discuss guidelines, fees, and opportunities regarding our international hosting program.



Upcoming Events

- 9/22 ASVAB Testing for 10, 11, and 12 Grade
- 9/26 Tailgate Breakfast @ 8:15 AM
- 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
- Tailgate Invite Flyer
- Picture Day Flyer
- School Calendar

At this time, we do not plan to accept any more international students for the 2014 – 2015 school year. For 2015 – 2016, we plan to interview and host as many as twelve international students, depending upon enrollment guidelines. MACA has already started the process of promoting our school through these two organizations. If you have any questions, general interest, or would like to host an international student, please contact me. Our goal is to identify families for hosting by late February in order to accommodate international interest in our school. MACA's goal is to influence our local community; however, reaching the entire globe for Christ is wonderfully rewarding and exciting for the staff and students here at MACA.

On another note, I hope all parents have seen the field maintenance project on the east side of the property. We are very close to seeding the field which should be ready for use next spring. One family graciously pledged an amount up to \$3,000 to fund the project. Two other families gave \$1,000 and another \$500. With the unexpected purchase of top soil, our \$3,000 to \$4,000 project turned into an \$8,000 project. We are now looking for another \$2,500 to complete the funding for the field. I fully expect this to be one of our many focal points to attract families to our school especially at the younger ages. While the middle school and varsity teams should be able to practice on the field, I can already envision our Mighty Lions soccer teams playing next fall with parents, students and concessions. Please prayerfully consider giving \$100 or more to complete the funding for this project.

I praise God each and every day for our parents, our students and our faculty. This school year is off to a great start. I am proud to be a MACA Lion along with each and every one of you!

For His Glory,

Rory C. Rice

A Note from the Academic Administrator, Dan Perrotta

Romans 1:16 *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."* Today Scott Markus, "The Train Man," spoke to the secondary students about his near death experience when his dump truck was struck by a train. He emphasized the importance of not waiting to make our decision to accept Christ as Savior. We do not know when our last day may be. He also thanked his best friend Fran for his faithful Christian witness that led him to pursue his own personal relationship with the Lord. Scott reminded us of these questions. What about you? Have you made Christ your Lord and Savior? Are you living as an unashamed witness for Him?

On September 25, Pastor Keith Surland will be speaking at our secondary chapel. Please feel free to join us.

Administrator for Academic & Student Affairs, Charity Leonard, MS

This Monday, September 22, all 10, 11 and 12 graders will be administered the ASVAB test. The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is a career exploration program that offers an interest inventory and other activities designed to help students explore the world of work and gain confidence in making career decisions. This test will begin promptly at 8:15 AM. Students should report directly to the gym and not homeroom.

College Representatives Coming to MACA.

Sept 29 University of South Carolina, Aiken

Oct 1 Grove City College

Oct 6 St. Mary's College of Maryland

Oct 22 Clearwater College

Nov 11 Salisbury University

Nov 13 Liberty University

These visits are open to all 9-12 graders and will be conducted during 7 period. Please encourage your student to attend these informative presentations.

Staff Person of the Week, Carrina Hammond

When asked why she loves teaching, Mrs. Hammond replied, "I believe that God has ordained a special purpose for each of us to fulfill. I teach with the desire to help my students discover what God has called them to do. I take seriously the opportunity to shape the minds of impressionable children, to delight them with the ways their heavenly Father cares for them; how He has even numbered the hairs on their heads, clothed the lilies of the field, and keeps His eyes on the sparrows. I teach them that they are never alone; not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest, the world seemingly most difficult. I believe that when His Word sinks into a student's heart, everything changes. I teach in an effort to reflect His glory. I teach that life is to be enjoyed and celebrated, so that even in the craziest times, we can trust Him!"



This is Mrs. Hammond's eighteenth year at MACA. She grew up in Maugansville, MD with her sister and two brothers. After high school she attended Messiah College in Grantham, Pennsylvania, where her major was nursing. She later enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a Hospital Corpsman while attending the Naval School of Health Sciences. After earning a degree as a cytotechnologist, she worked at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego, California, and at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. (A cytotechnologist screens cells under the microscope for

abnormalities and cancer.) After fulfilling her commitment to the Navy, she worked for SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories for the next ten years. Realizing her God-given calling was to teach, she left the cytology field to finish a degree in Christian Education at Trinity College of the Bible. She is currently working on her Master's degree in Literacy and Curriculum Development.

Mrs. Hammond has three sons and one grandson. Three year old, Ryland, loves to fill her weekends with joy and laughter. All of her sons attended MACA and she considers it a great privilege to give back to the ministry that the Lord used to give so much to her family.

As well as being involved with a ministry to the elderly at Lorien (an assisted living/nursing facility), Mrs. Hammond is a Children's Church teacher. She also travels to South Africa each year to serve as a missionary/educational assistant for an orphanage (Dumisani) and to train teachers at a newly opened Christian school (Kingdom Kids).

When Mrs. Hammond isn't teaching she delights in being "cheerleader" at her boys' baseball games (GO NAVY! BEAT ARMY!), surprising her husband with a home-cooked meal, putting lessons together for her students to enjoy and finding a quiet moment to read a devotional classic or taking a walk and reflecting on all the blessings that God has poured upon her. She also loves to journal.

Mrs. Hammond has chosen Ephesians 3:20 as her life verse:

"Now unto him that is able to exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us..." She has experienced and witnessed this incredible love.

Athletic Director, Matthew Brethauer

MACA Lions Roar Report

MACA Boys Basketball Teams to Hold Car Wash Saturday, September 19

MACA's High School Boys Basketball teams will be holding a Car Wash this Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM at the Lisbon Sandy Spring Bank to raise funds for the basketball program. Please spread the word to your family and friends to come out and support the MACA Basketball program!

MACA Athletic Booster Club Social – Thursday, September 25

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!

MACA Boys Win Title at 5th Annual Spirit of the Lion Invitational Cross Country Meet

MACA's Varsity Boys Cross Country team, led by strong finishes from Joshua Woolverton, Garrett Carroll,



Brady Smith, and Andrew Schrider, took first place at the 5th Annual Spirit of the Lion Invitational last week. MACA's

Michael Belmaggio won the Middle School race and Abby Woolverton was the highest finisher for



MACA in the Varsity Girls race. Congratulations to all of our runners and thanks to all of the volunteers and fans who came out to support!

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!

Upcoming Games

- Sept. 20 GV Volleyball at MSD Tournament (8:30 AM)
- Sept. 20 V Cross Country at Frank Keyser Invitational at Boonsboro High School (9:00 AM)
- Sept. 20 Mighty Lions Soccer Games at Mayeski Park (PK/K at 9:00 AM; 1/2 grade at 10:30 AM; 3/4 grade at 12:00 PM)
- Sept. 22 BV Soccer vs. Living Grace Academy (4:00 PM) Western Regional Park Field 7
- Sept. 22 GMS Volleyball vs. Banner (4:00 PM) MACA Gym
- Sept. 23 BV Soccer/GV Volleyball at New Life (4:00 PM)
- Sept. 23 GMS Volleyball vs. New Life (4:00 PM) MACA Gym
- Sept. 23 BMS Soccer vs. New Life (4:00 PM) Western Regional Park Field 7
- Sept. 26 BV Soccer at Arlington (4:00 PM)
- Sept. 26 GMS "A" /GV Volleyball at Arlington (4:00/5:15 PM)
- Sept. 26 BMS Soccer vs. Perry Hall (4:00 PM) Western Regional Park Field 7

Parent Association News From Mrs. Krissy Cook

- **Wednesday Parent Prayer Meeting**
Parents please come join us every Wednesday morning at 8:15 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.
- **Tailgate Breakfast**
Are you looking to get plugged into our school, meet some new faces? Please come have a cup of coffee and breakfast with the PA, Friday, September 26 at 8:15 AM by the playground. Hope to see you there!
- **Race for Education**
Please check out the Sign-up Genius that was sent to parents this week 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.
- **Box Tops**
MACA participates in Box Tops, Labels for Education, and Tyson's Project A+ Programs. These programs are an easy way to help earn funds for the school. They can be turned in at any time via the communication envelope or to the office.

Cafeteria News From Mrs. Krissy Cook

- **Cafeteria News**
Have you heard about the Golden Spatula Award; ask your (K-5th) children about it? I am giving out secret surprises to the class that is

quiet when the lights are off, helps others, helps clean tables, sweeps, and listens. *Kudos* goes out to Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Hoefler and Mrs. Schuetz's class for winning it last week. Stay tuned for this week's winner.

- **Hot Lunches**
Hot Lunch starts Monday, September 21. We are still in need of volunteers in the cafeteria for Monday, Wednesday and Friday shifts. Please contact Krissy Cook Krissy.cook@macamd.org if you can help.

Other Information

- **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 details in next week's communication.

- **Booster Club Social**

September 25 @ 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria

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

Student individual pictures will take place on October 28 . See the enclosed picture envelope for ordering information. Please refer to the *Parent Handbook* for the student dress code for that day.

