

Mount Airy Christian Academy



“cultivating strong minds and passionate faith”

Newsletter

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See You At the Pole

This past Wednesday, many of our secondary students exercised their freedoms and joined students from all over the country, for *See You At the Pole*. This is an annual event for students to pray freely. We are blessed to pray without restrictions each day and in every class. But, our students on Wednesday wanted to pray for all the students and teachers who are not allowed to pray or lift up God in their schools. In



addition, our students heard a strong message on Philippians 4:4-9 and sang out with worship to the Lord.

A Note from the Educational Administrator, Daniel Perrotta

I often have conversations with students about what they like to do on the weekends, and there is one answer I get more than others. “I like to talk with my friends.” So recently, I started to ask a different question. How do you talk with your friends on the weekends? Our students are talking to their friends through social media. Which social media sites they are using has become more revealing and at times, alarming.



Upcoming Events

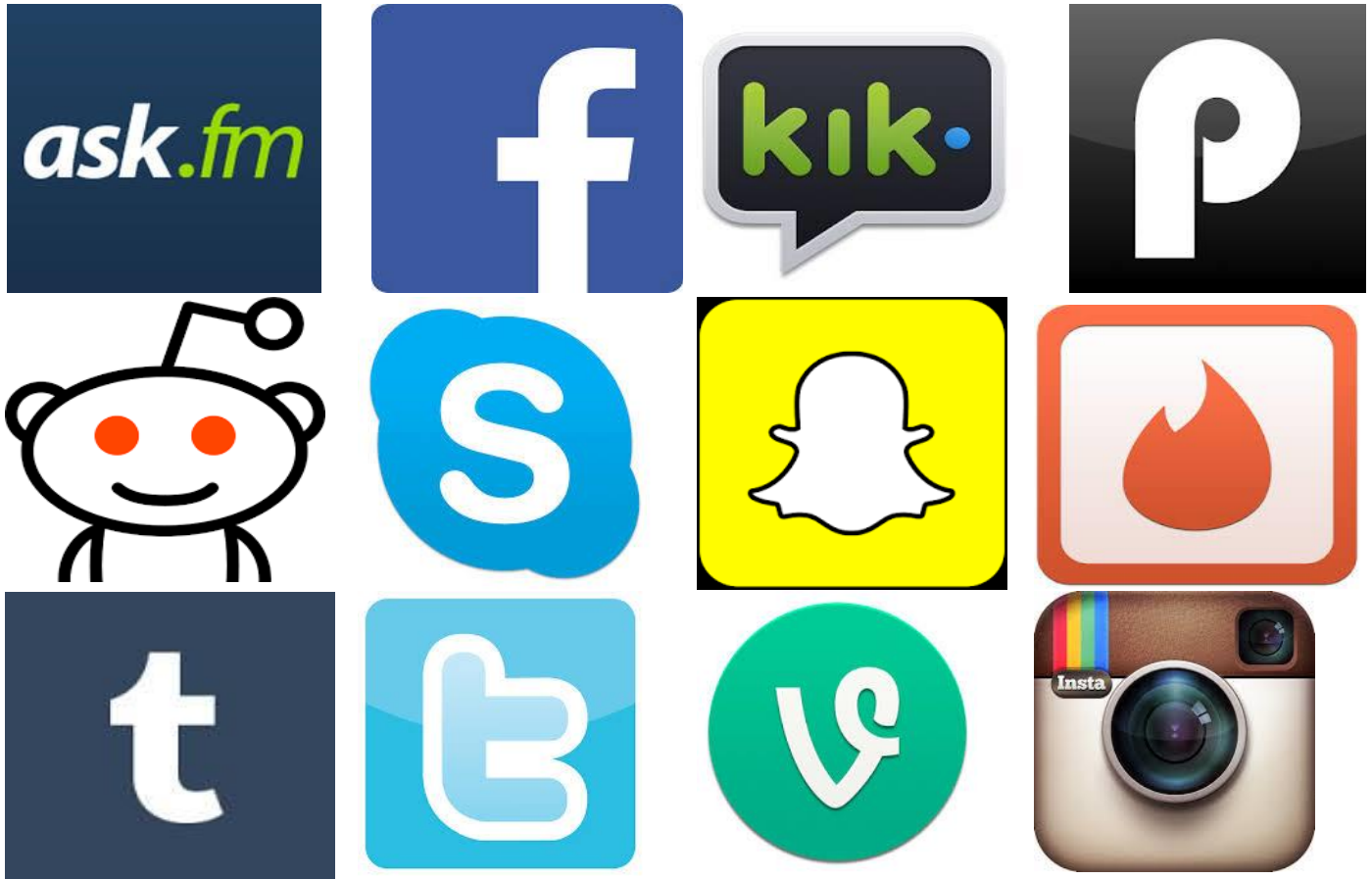
- 10/8 Race for Education
- 10/10 Fall Break – No School
- 10/11 MABC Fall Fest/MACA Open House @ 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- 10/13-17 “O” Term for High School
- 10/15 PSAT Testing 11/12 Grade
- 10/17 MS Club Day
- 10/24 End of Marking Period ½ Day
- 10/28 Individual Picture Day

Communication Envelope Inserts

- Newsletter
- Applefest Flyer
- Barn Dance Flyer
- MACA Mighty Lions Basketball Registration Form
- MS Permission Slip and Corn Maze Flyer

Over the next few months, I will attempt to share the most popular social media sites that our students use. My goal is that we, as the MACA community, become more educated and aware, in order to support our children's development and growth.

Do you know these apps? Your children do.



Secondary Chapel

Pastor Keith Surland gave a powerful message on Hebrews 12:1-2. He was able to explain to us that in order to become closer with God, we must understand obedience. In the same way as Jesus obeyed God by suffering on the cross. Please feel free to join us at secondary chapel next Thursday, October 2nd, as Pastor Carl Edwards gives our students another message.

Elementary Lead Teacher, Brenda Sweigert

Progress reports were emailed to you this week. They give you a glimpse of where your child is midway through the quarter. There is still plenty of time to improve these grades. Here are a few ways to help your child. Please go over the tests and quizzes with your child when they come home in the Friday test folder. Check Renweb weekly to see how your child is doing. Review regularly- not just when homework is assigned. The teachers are available to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

The MACA elementary team continues to evaluate the academic program for its students. Our focus remains with mathematics and the guided reading program. Mr. Rice, Mrs. Sweigert and Mrs. Webster have completed an evaluation of the current structure (triangles) and have made some minor modifications that will best accommodate the students. These modifications will begin on Monday and were designed to provide more academic instructional time and less transitional time. Please see your child's newsletter for any changes that will occur in your child's day.

Administrator for Academic & Student Affairs, Charity Leonard, MS

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

Staff Person of the Week, Beth Esterly

Mrs. Beth Esterly is our staff person of the week. Listed below Mrs. Esterly shares some interesting facts about herself. Mrs. Esterly is currently teaching middle school Latin.



- I grew up in upstate New York (near Woodstock)
- I attended Messiah College (in Pennsylvania) , University of South Carolina (1 year), and the University of the Philippines (exchange student for 1 year)
- I majored in English Education and Mass Communications (wanted to be a Librarian, Journalist, Teacher or Shakespeare Scholar)
- I met my husband, Scott at Messiah (married 25 years!)
- We have one daughter, Zoe who is 12 years old (beautiful and smart)
- We lived in England for 12 years , 4 years outside of London (met the Queen) and 8 years in the North of England, close to Scotland (would have voted no to Scottish independence)
- I've taught 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th grades
- I started at MACA in 1999 teaching 2nd grade(my students are now graduating college and getting married!)

- I love to travel (Europe especially), read (mostly English works), hike (anywhere), and eat chocolate(any time)!
- I am absolutely loving Latin!

Carpe diem!
Beth Esterly

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 are included in this week's folder. The registration deadline is Friday, October 17. Please email me with any questions at matt.brethauer@macamd.org.

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 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**

Thanks so much to all the parents that came out to share a cup of coffee and refreshments with us at the Tailgate Breakfast. We want to extend a special THANK YOU to Erin Howard, our Fellowship Coordinator, and all the parents that provided such a wonderful breakfast! We could not do, what we do for our school, without parent support!

- **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 has been emailed to parents for students to ride the bus and participate on race day. Please make sure that responses are submitted by October 3.
- Signed, sealed, and delivered to the post office! Another successful day for all our students writing out their letters to their sponsors for Race for Education! A special thanks to Michael and Erin Howard for doing all the data entry for our donor lists!
- 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. 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 internary for Race Day will go home in next week's communication envelope. Parents, family, and friends are welcome to come out and support our school and cheer the students on!

- **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**

The Golden Spatula Award for last week went to K-5th grade. Students received their special treat on Monday. Way to go students!

- **Hot Lunches**

The first hot lunch for the year went smoothly. Students enjoyed their freshly prepared subs from Safeway on Monday, Chick-fil-A sandwiches and nuggets on Wednesday, and pizza on Friday. We are still in need of volunteers in the cafeteria. Please contact Krissy Cook Krissy.cook@macamd.org if you can help.

Other Information

- **Progress Reports**

Progress reports were emailed to parents showing student's progress for the first 4 ½ weeks of school. Please check with your student's teacher if you have any concerns or questions.

- **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.

- **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.