

# Mount Airy Christian Academy



“cultivating strong minds and passionate faith”

## Newsletter

5 September 2014

### A Note from the Administrator, Rory Rice

It was a joy to see all of the parents on “Back to School Night”. We, the staff at MACA, had a great time entertaining the parents of our wonderful students. After introductions, several of our staff members spoke, including Krissy Cook, regarding the Parent’s Association. Do you want to get involved? Find Krissy Cook! She will put you to work.

We spent about fifty minutes speaking to the parents. Afterwards, parents went off to the classrooms to meet the teaching staff. Our faculty had their calendar, syllabus and grading scale ready for parental observation. They were available for a short list of questions, but mostly to let the parents know how much they care about the development of their children. We had so much fun that the evening, originally scheduled to end at 8:30 PM, did not end until 9:15 PM. We love the students at MACA.

Many of the MACA needs were met through the generosity of our families by the famed *Jeopardy Board*. Wow! The parents sure came through for MACA! I want to thank each of you who looked and acted on the items located on the *Jeopardy Board*. We also had a family donate another tv to replace the smaller one located in the lobby. We received an initial pledge to grade the field located to the right of the parking lot. Another family donated “all the top soil you will need.” This will go along with the final phase of “seeding the field.” To top it off, a family came to me personally and asked to host the German (now French) student through ASSE.

We often say how much of a privilege it is to have your children as our students here at MACA. If you did not take the time to read the letters written by some of our alumni, please visit the lobby and read how MACA impacts the lives of our students. More importantly, let me tell you how blessed we are to have you so involved in the education of your children. While it is a blessing to have our students, it is just as much a blessing to have all of you as parents.

Looking forward to how the high school retreat will impact the lives of our students!

For His Glory,

*Rory C Rice*

School Administrator



### 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](#)
- [Media Release Form](#)

## Academic Administrator, Daniel Perrotta

The Middle School Retreat was such a wonderful success and was based on this year's theme for the middle school. Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous." This past Friday our middle school went to Cedar Ridge Adventures team building and ropes course. The students were also challenged by David Blair, who is an associate pastor for Gethsemane Baptist Church. Pastor David is a phenomenal speaker and he really engaged the students in the message.

There were many highlights from the day. One particular activity that comes to mind was the *Repeated Instances*. This is when students on the ground, cheered for and yelled out encouragement to their classmates, who were climbing, balancing, and attempting to reach the goals. We observed 8th graders taking directions from 6th graders; quiet kids speaking up, and new kids being treated as if they had been at MACA for years. One of the best observations was to watch the strongest and most courageous students, who were scared, face their fears, and overcome the obstacles. I think that we have a really great group of kids. The middle school retreat was an encouraging day and the perfect start for the school year.





## Elementary Lead Teacher, Brenda Sweigert

How exciting it is to have the elementary children back for a new school year. We love their energy and enthusiasm. The children are adjusting nicely to the "triangle" teaching. Since our schedule requires focus and attention to detail, please encourage your child to get plenty of sleep and a nutritious breakfast. We are here for you, so please contact us with any issues or concerns you may have.

## Staff Person of the Week, Katie Korn



Born and raised in Maryland, Katie Korn did not expect to become a science teacher. Instead she had aspirations of becoming an artist, an opera singer, a chef or a interpreter. She was the fifth of nine children and was born after her parents had lost a child to SIDS, so she was raised in a very Christ focused, loving and noisy household where life was valued, cherished and celebrated. She spent most of her childhood with her nose firmly stuck in a book.

In her senior year of high school, her younger brother had a heart attack and her oldest sister was diagnosed with leukemia. This inspired her to study science in college in the hopes of becoming a doctor. Three semesters into her college education, she realized her medical goals had become something of an idol to her and she decided to move toward a career in education. She graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Biology and began teaching at Christian schools soon thereafter. Ten years later, she is still teaching and loving it more and more every year.

She is married to MACA Bible teacher, Patrick Korn, and together they are raising their three living children to love Christ and value life. Bo just started kindergarten at MACA and loves it. Maggie Jake (3) wants to say her favorite colors are pink and purple and Joe (9 months) is just starting to take his first independent steps. In 2012, they delivered a daughter, Luna, stillborn.

She has suffered quite a few major losses recently - losing a brother, a daughter, a sister and her father in

less than four years. While this time has been difficult, God has taught her a great deal about faith, trust, love and family. She firmly believes that she would have nothing to mourn if God had not blessed her so much in the first place. So, it is in mourning that she realizes the scope of her many blessings.

## Athletic Director, Matthew Brethauer

### MACA Lions Roar Report

#### SVCA Tournament Recap

Congratulations to our Varsity Volleyball and Soccer teams on a successful tournament at Shenandoah Valley Christian School to open the 2014 season! Our Varsity Volleyball team were crowned tournament champions for the second straight year after defeating Carroll Christian 2-0 in the finals. Ashtyn Bouslog was named tournament MVP with Hannah Coakley and Taylor Warner earning All-Tournament Team recognition. Our Varsity Soccer team took 2nd place in the German Cup bracket. Teddy Thompson, Judge Russell and Estiven Saldarriaga were named to the All-Tournament Team.

#### 5th Annual Spirit of the Lion Invitational Cross Country Meet

We are looking forward to hosting our Annual Spirit of the Lion Cross Country Meet on Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Phelps/Lewis properties on Daisy Road in Woodbine. The meet starts at 9:00 AM. 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!!

#### Upcoming Games

Sept. 6	V Boys/Girls Cross Country at Interstate Classic (9:00 AM) Clear Spring HS
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- Sept. 9 BV Soccer vs. Arlington Baptist (4:00 PM)  
Western Regional Park Field 7
- Sept. 9 GMS/GV Volleyball vs. Arlington Baptist  
(4:00/5:00 PM) MACA Gym
- Sept. 11 BV Soccer vs. CHEN (4:00 PM) Western  
Regional Park Field 7
- Sept. 11 GV Volleyball vs. CHEN (4:00 PM) MACA  
Gym
- Sept. 12 GJV/GV Volleyball at Greater Grace  
(4:00/5:00 PM)
- Sept. 12 BMS/BV Soccer at Greater Grace (3:30/4:30  
PM) Herring Run Park
- 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)

## 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 to connect with new parents, returning families, and meet and greet with our administration team. Hope to see you there!

- **Race for Education**

Please remember that Race for Education list changes are due by September 8. Please submit any changes to the Parent Association at [macarace@mabcmd.org](mailto:macarace@mabcmd.org) or in writing into the office.

You may contact Krissy Cook at  
[PA@macamd.org](mailto:PA@macamd.org) or [Krissy.Cook@macamd.org](mailto:Krissy.Cook@macamd.org).



## Cafeteria News From Mrs. Krissy Cook

- **Cafeteria Volunteers**

We still need volunteers to serve in the cafeteria. Volunteer hours are Monday-Friday 10:30 AM-1:00 PM. Please contact Krissy Cook if you are interested.

- **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**

Hot lunch will start Monday, September 22nd. Details regarding hot lunches were given out at Back to School Night. Please contact Mrs. Carla Smith if you have any questions.

- 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, 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.

- **Parent Handbook**

We have copies in the office if you wish to have a hardcopy of the *Parent Handbook*.