

# Mount Airy Christian Academy



"cultivating strong minds and passionate faith"

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## A Note from the Administrator, Rory Rice

On Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, The Mount Airy Christian Academy (MACA) Parent's Association hosted the "Race for Education." It was a great event to raise money for MACA. The event was well attended and a wonderful time for all involved. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to help. You are truly a blessing.

On Thursday, our Athletic Director, Matt Brethauer and I attended a high school fair at The Trinity School of Frederick, a K-8<sup>th</sup> grade school. For two hours, we spoke to several 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders along with their parents. We have already received feedback from a few of the attendees.

This past Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, MACA along with MABC hosted a Fall Fest. From 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, we handed out our MACA giveaways and hosted a "Scavenger Hunt." Several families toured our school, answered the scavenger hunt questions, and received a gift at the end of the tour. A few of the families that toured included some that we met the previous weekend at the Mount Airy Carnival grounds. Another family that visited was one we met at the high school fair at Trinity.

As stated previously, our goal is to market Mount Airy Christian Academy to the local community.

As we strive to promote MACA, we pray that our parents are telling family, friends and neighbors about our school. Help us to continually promote the school for God's glory!



## Upcoming Events

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| 10/24 | End of Marking Period ½ Day                             |
| 10/27 | Booster Club Social @ 7:00 PM in Cafeteria              |
| 10/28 | Individual Picture Day                                  |
| 11/3  | Parent Conferences 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM No School          |
| 11/4  | New Parent Breakfast 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM                  |
| 11/6  | AWARDS Assembly, Class Pictures, Senior Formal Pictures |
| 11/21 | Picture Make-up Day                                     |
| 11/26 | Grandparents' Day, ½ Day Thanksgiving Break             |

## Communication Envelope Inserts

- Newsletter
- Apple Fest Flyer
- Frederick Mission Flyer

We have just added an event to our calendar. The Administrative Team, will host all parents of new students (first year at MACA), a Continental Breakfast on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM. This should be a good time of fellowship.

For His Glory,

*Rony C. Rice*

### **Announcement**

At this time, we need to make you aware of a staffing change. Mrs. Cindy Barlow has resigned her position as Middle School Science Teacher. For personal reasons, Mr. & Mrs. Barlow have decided to home school their daughter, Rachel. While we honor her decision, we will certainly miss Mrs. Barlow. We are blessed that Ethan, their son, will continue to pursue his high school diploma here at MACA.

Mrs. Barlow's last day will be Monday, November 3. She will complete the first quarter and meet with parents for Parent-Teacher Conferences. We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Gail Grab has accepted the position of Middle School Science Teacher to complete the current school year. Mrs. Grab was formerly our Librarian and also filled in for Mrs. Korn, our High School Science teacher, a few years ago for an extended period of time. She did an admirable job and we are excited to have Mrs. Grab return to our staff. While we view Mrs. Barlow's passion and expertise as excellent; we, as well as Mrs. Barlow, feel Mrs. Grab will be a wonderful replacement. Mrs. Grab will be in attendance at the Parent-Teacher conferences on November 3.

Mrs. Grab's first day will be Thursday, October 30. Mrs. Barlow will be available to Mrs. Grab for an extended period of time to help with the transition.

Please welcome Mrs. Gail Grab back to MACA. We will deeply miss Mrs. Cindy Barlow.

## From the Desk of the Educational Administrator, Daniel Perrotta



Instagram is a photo and video sharing social networking site with millions of users. It is very popular app for teenage girls who love taking selfies. What's the harm if it's only photos? Photos can be of anything, you see a bit of everything on Instagram, from pictures of ice cream sundaes and sunsets to sexual pictures and images of alcohol and drug use.

While Instagram is quite popular and many use it without incident, there are issues that parents must be aware of and informed about. Kids and teenagers sometimes use Instagram as a way to

circumvent parental restrictions on other social networking sites. Aside from knowing the stated age requirement of thirteen, parents must also know about privacy, content concerns, and cyberbullying on Instagram.

What are the privacy settings? Instagram gives users two options: private or public. Either way, bios are visible to all and can be where predators start looking for underage victims. Instagram states, "All photos are public by default which means they are visible to anyone using Instagram or on the [instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com) website. If you choose to make your account private, then only people who follow you on Instagram will be able to see your photos." The network also states on the public setting, "Anyone signed into the Instagram application can view photos or videos on a public user's Instagram profile. Once you set your posts to private, anyone who wants to see your child's posts will have to send your child a follow request which they can then approve or ignore."

There are other areas that parents need to be aware of. When signing up, the user has the option to include a phone number as part of his public profile. Common sense dictates that posting any phone on an online site is never a smart idea. It is also important to know that Instagram reveals the user's locations. This means that all photographs can be geotagged, revealing the location of the photo using the latitude and longitude. Instagram encourages users to create a Photo Map. While it is possible to turn that off, it's clear that most kids and teenagers don't turn it off, thereby allowing the world to know exactly where they are and where they've been. Even if the privacy settings are set to private, do you know who is following your child? Do your children even know them? Parents need to ask about every follower. If not, there shouldn't be an online relationship or even an Instagram connection with that person. Another reason privacy settings are critical is that there are social groups dedicated to displaying images of minors in sexually suggestive poses that are not technically pornography. Even innocent vacation pictures could appear in a forum for pedophiles.

While Instagram can be harmless if it is properly monitored, it can be used by kids and teenagers to cyberbully their peers. [Cyberbullying.us](https://www.cyberbullying.us) displayed a testimonial from one child in Colorado: "I posted a picture of myself on Instagram and people started commenting these awful things like 'Eww, you are so ugly.', 'Why don't you go kill yourself, everyone would be happier that way.' And I KNOW these people...they go to my school. I cried for a good two hours. But this wasn't the first time this has happened on all my pictures. At least three people say something like that." This is just one reported case of cyberbullying, but there are thousands of cases that go unreported each year.

Parents need to monitor the apps and online sites where their children travel. Know their password, and check their accounts to see what they are posting and who is following them.

Create an Instagram account. Become familiar with the site, and follow your children. Teach them to be aware and to practice online safety.

If you are not watching your children online, someone else will be.

## Secondary Chapel

This past week in chapel, Mr. Korn taught us from Hebrews 6:1-8. He addressed the first three verses of the passages which command us to mature in our faith. He mentioned verse three, which shows us that it is God who enables us to mature. The author mentions in chapter five that he wants to talk to his audience about more mature things, but they are still spiritual infants. Much like a baby weans off of milk, learns to eat food, and then over time is eating solid food; Christians too must continue to mature in our faith.

Please join us next week, Thursday the 23rd, when Ryan Minor (husband of our Kindergarten teacher, Jessica Minor) will be speaking to the secondary students at chapel. Secondary chapel is from 8:25 – 9:15.

## Administrator for Academic & Student Affairs, Charity Leonard, MS

Today students finished up their first experience with our new “O” term classes. I trust it was a unique and enjoyable break from their regular courses. We were able to offer a wide variety of options that met the different interests of students. A few of those courses were Cosmetology, A Virtual Amazing Race, The Mental Side of Sports and Baking for Beginners. If you have an area of expertise or a hobby you would like to share with our students, please contact me for details on “D” term coming up the week of December 15-19.

I also want to remind parents of all 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders that the deadline for turning in the internship proposals is November 7th. Students are responsible for securing their site of internship. Students are allowed to work with a parent, parents' friends or other family members. They are able to work at a previous internship site but the job responsibilities must be different than prior years. If you are having difficulties finding a suitable place I will try to help where I am able. If you as a parent are willing to host students at your place of business please contact me as well.

### 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](mailto:Charity.Leonard@macamd.org).

#### College Representatives Coming to MACA.

Oct 22 Clearwater College

Oct 24 Cedarville University

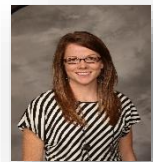
Nov 7 Pensacola Christian College

Nov 11 Salisbury University

Nov 13 Liberty University

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

## Staff Person of the Week, Amber Griffin



After spending my first eighteen years in North Carolina, I have enjoyed a somewhat nomadic life living in Florida, South Carolina, and Peru. While my roots run deep in southern heritage and traditions, I have made countless memories by traveling in Latin America and the Middle East and by meeting people from various cultures and walks of life. After graduating with a degree in English, I taught for almost six years in a bilingual school in Lima, Peru. Immersing myself in the lifestyle of living abroad counts, without a doubt, as one of the most amazing opportunities God has given to me. Developing friendships with people vastly different from myself, learning to understand and appreciate another culture, enjoying some of the most delectable dishes right in the comfort of a new-found friend's kitchen, having meaningful conversations about God in more than one language--these are just a few of the privileges that became quite normal.

While nothing entices me more than a plane ticket, a map, and a packed suitcase, visiting my family in North Carolina never fails to keep me grounded. For it is back home that I fill up on that yummy barbeque and sweet tea and southern life. Fishing or target shooting with my brother, going to the tractor pull with my nephew, sitting around Granny's dinner table to a plate of her delicious collards and sweet potatoes straight out of the garden, falling back into that southern twang and hospitality--these are the simple things that delight. The old saying that "absence makes the heart grow fonder" certainly holds true.

Yes, I sometimes long for the familiarity of North Carolina or the unfamiliarity of world exploration, but God continues to teach me that home is where he leads me, that he is not limited to amazing traveling experiences or overseas lifestyles. God works in the here and now with the

people surrounding me. In the past two years at MACA, God has taught me lessons and forged relationships that have grown me and challenged me. Each place I have lived, God has added to my family; Maryland is no exception.

Athletic Director,  
Matthew Brethauer

## **MACA Lions Roar Report**

### Booster Club Social – Meet The Coach Night

**Our next Booster Club Social is scheduled for Monday, October 27 at 7:00 PM. in the MACA cafeteria** and will be a *Meet the Coach Night!* Many of our MACA Winter coaches will be there to introduce themselves and talk with you about the upcoming basketball and cheer season! Please come with your questions, suggestions, and comments for the Booster Club as well. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Mighty Lions Basketball and Cheer Registration

Registration is now open for MACA Mighty Lions Basketball and Cheerleading. The registration deadline for basketball was Friday, October 17 and Friday, October 24 for Cheer. If you need a form, please email me at [matt.brethauer@macamd.org](mailto:matt.brethauer@macamd.org).

### Pre-K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Basketball Clinics

We are excited about our PK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Basketball Clinic to be held at MACA and led by our High School Coaches and Players. Please see the registration form in last week's folder for more information!

## Parent Association News From Mrs. Krissy Cook

- **Race for Education**

A special thank you to the following businesses that helped make race day a big success: Greg Cook/Grayson Plant and Stone Landscaping, Lucy's Consignment, Tom & Marsha Gibney/Mount Airy Collision Center, Drs. Scott, Sorkin and Jarvis Orthodontics, Tommy Barnsley /Country Boy, and Bob & Lisa Lewis/ Laurel KIA.

- **Operation Beacon of Faith**

In lieu of fall parties this year, the MACA-PA has decided to partner with Frederick Rescue Mission and help those in need in the Frederick area. We will be helping The Beacon House, which is a men's shelter, and Hope House (coming soon), a shelter for women and children. I

presented to the students in chapel this past week our goal for each class to provide items that are needed to offset costs for the missions. Our mission verse is Matthew 25:35-40

We will collect items starting now until Friday, November 21. A flyer detailing items needed is in this week's folder.

- **Students' Thanksgiving Lunch**

On Monday, November 24, the MACA-PA will serve a Thanksgiving style lunch to grades K-12<sup>th</sup> during their lunch shifts. A \$3.00 fee will be charged to help with the cost and everyone will be billed. If you have any questions or concerns with this, please contact Krissy Cook [krissy.cook@macamd.org](mailto:krissy.cook@macamd.org).

- **Box Tops**

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

If you have any questions regarding any of these activities, please contact Krissy Cook [krissy.cook@macamd.org](mailto:krissy.cook@macamd.org).

## Cafeteria News From Mrs. Krissy Cook

- **Hot Lunches**

There is a need of a cafeteria helper on Thursdays. Please contact Krissy Cook [krissy.cook@macamd.org](mailto:krissy.cook@macamd.org) if you can help.

## Other Information

- **Senior Fund Raiser**

Senior Apple Fest – Oct 25, 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM. See flyer insert for details.

- **Junior Fund Raiser - CANCELLED**

Barn Dance – Oct 18, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Cancelled due to lack of interest. Checks turned in will be returned in this week's communication envelope.

- **Pre-K(3 yrs.) – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Individual Student Picture Day**

Student individual pictures will take place on October 28. Picture envelopes were sent home a few weeks ago with ordering information. Picture envelopes may be turned into the Office or on picture day. **Make checks payable to Scherling Photography.** After photos are taken, your pictures will be processed and shipped to the school in approximately 3 weeks or less.



Since we are using a new company, **Scherling Photography**, options for ordering pictures have changed and are as follows:

1. Order pictures using the envelope and paying by check/cash/or money order. Additional envelopes are available in the office
2. Pre-order photos online using Scherling Photography's **pre-order** website [www.virginiapreorderphotos.com](http://www.virginiapreorderphotos.com) before picture day and typing in code R37GP4.
3. **Re-Order and Add-on Sheet**  
After photos are taken, every student will be given a re-order/add-on sheet with a website listed on it, [www.virginiareorderphotos.com](http://www.virginiareorderphotos.com). The sheet will have an access code where parents can view their child's own individual photo. The re-order prices are slightly higher than the pre-order prices and shipping and handling is not included. These photos will be shipped to the parent's home. You are under no obligation to pre-order pictures, however, you will get a better deal with the pre-ordering option

Please refer to the *Parent Handbook* for the student dress code for that day.

On picture day, we are in need of two parent volunteers to act as runners. If you can help, please email Pam Proffitt [pam.proffitt@macamd.org](mailto:pam.proffitt@macamd.org).

- **Other Picture Information**

Friday, October 24 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM Seniors' Individual Pictures (optional). By appointment only. Order forms available in office.

Thursday, November 6, Class pictures and senior formal yearbook pictures. Seniors' formal pictures are mandatory as they will be in suit and drape and in the yearbook.

Friday, November 21 – Individual student picture make-up day.

- **MACA to Go Coffee Cups**

MACA to Go Coffee Cups prices are as follows:

1 - \$8.00    3 - \$20.00  
2 - \$15.00

Pick yours up in the Office today.