

Mount Airy Christian Academy



"cultivating strong minds and passionate faith"



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Secondary Chapel

What an amazing opportunity we had Thursday to honor our nation's veterans and active members of our armed forces. High school history teacher, Norm Rust spoke on the creation of Veterans Day and reasons why we must always remember. President John F. Kennedy once said, "A nation is known for the men and women who it honors and the men and women it remembers." Our veterans and active military are willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice, if needed for the sake of freedom. Our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus came into the world to pay the ultimate sacrifice for all our sins. God has blessed us by allowing Jesus to serve us through His teachings, example, and sacrifice. As Jesus served us, we too must serve. We must serve our Lord first and foremost, then we must seek God's will and serve Him the way He sees fit.

For our veterans and active military, they have made a commitment to serve and we will honor and remember their service to our nation and our enduring freedoms. Mr. Rust began his speech by reminding us of Francis Scott Key's question at the end of the *Star Spangled Banner*, "O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?" We can clearly answer Mr. Key, by saying yes! The star spangled banner still waves, in the land of the free, because of the brave!

Next week, Thursday the 20th, Mr. Charley Burrall will present a message to our secondary students. Please feel free to join us for chapel each week at 8:25 AM.

Upcoming Events

11/21	Picture Make-up Day
11/22	Secondary Drama Club Performance of <i>Why Christmas?</i>
11/26	Grandparents' Day, ½ Day, Thanksgiving Break
12/1-5	Scholastic Book Fair
12/5	Elementary Christmas Program
12/6	Secondary Winter Program
12/6	Fifth Grade Class Performance of <i>The Night the Animals Talked</i>

Communication Envelope Inserts

- Newsletter
- Frederick Mission Flyer
- 5th Grade Invite Flyer
- Secondary Drama Flyer
- Grandparents' Day Flyer
- PA Christmas Shop

Administrator for Academic & Student Affairs, Charity Leonard, MS

In addition to my responsibilities of college and career planning, I have the pleasure of leading classroom guidance lessons to students in kindergarten through third grade. Some of the topics that have been covered during these weekly lessons include identifying feelings, following rules, respect, friendship, and kindness. Most recently, our lessons in third grade have been focused on bullying. Students are now able to identify what a bully is and how to respond when



being unfairly targeted by a bully. In an effort to cultivate a climate of kindness and respect, the third grade designed posters to discourage bullying and encourage kindness. You will see the posters all around the building. Thank you to our third grade for an excellent job in creating these positive and encouraging posters!

Our next round of special classes, “D Term,” begins on December 14th. A course description guide and directions for registering for classes will be available soon. A few of the classes available will be The French Experience, The History of Jazz, and a return of the popular Latin Cuisine. If you have a special talent, hobby, or professional experience that would benefit our students, please contact me about being a guest instructor for the upcoming “D Term” or the “M Term” (March 9-13).

This past Tuesday evening representatives from Howard Community College’s admissions office and financial aid office gave an informative presentation to parents. The presentation highlighted the opportunities for students at HCC and the process of applying for financial aid. There were a number of materials provided. If you are the parent of a junior or senior those materials and handouts are included in your communications envelope. You will also find the presentation on financial aid available on Renweb.

Staff Person of the Week, Tyler Buisch

Mr. Tyler Buisch grew up in Mt. Airy, Maryland. Giving his life to Christ at an early age, he has attended Mount Airy Bible Church for 17 years. He has served on the music team at MABC for 11 years and has been the music director/worship leader for the past 4 years. Mr. Buisch graduated from McDaniel College where he majored in Music and minored in Education. During those years at McDaniel, he met his wife Sevgi, a



Turkish foreign exchange student studying abroad. Mr. Buisch started working for MABC/MACA right out of college in 2010 as the music director and worship leader for both establishments. He is MACA's first full time music teacher and has helped develop the first band program here at the school. He also is an adjunct professor at McDaniel College teaching jazz piano. In addition to those duties, Mr. Buisch performs extensively as a musician and continues to travel all over to play music. He enjoys teaching at MACA and developing the school's instrumental music program. Mr. Buisch also loves to travel with his wife and visit family in Turkey.

Athletic Director,
Matthew Brethauer

MACA Lions Roar Report

A Report from Cross Country Coach,
Susan Woolerton



The MACA Cross Country team set out for NACA Cross Country Nationals in Dayton, TN last Thursday afternoon. They were headed to the meet to glorify God with their talents and to represent Mount Airy Christian Academy with honor. There were two complications that they were aware of on their small team of seven: Garrett Carroll had a foot injury that was causing him pain while running and Willis Gammell had a bad cold. But they were ready to go and give 100%, trusting God for the outcome. They knew that God was in control of what happened.

They arrived in the mountains of Dayton, TN around noon on Friday and walked the course, to get a better idea of what they should expect in the next day's race. They did a short workout afterwards and enjoyed the rest of the day at the camp. In the evening, there was a banquet for the athletes and a devotional. They turned in for the night at 10:00 and closed the night with popcorn, prayer for the upcoming meet, and hearing some inspirational thoughts from our coach, assistant coach, Peter Gammel and their captain, Josh Woolverton.

The boys started out the next day with breakfast and nerves. They couldn't wait to just get on the line and get started. At 11:45 AM the boys' 5K race started. Josh was out strong with the front runners from the start with Garrett and Brady right behind. There was some jostling and changing of positions from time to time, but, all of the top five MACA runners were in the top half of the 101 runners for the entire race. The finish was exciting as well. Many of our runners were able to pass other athletes just at the finish and improve both their individual and team scores. Our team placements were as follows: Josh Woolverton – 4th place, Garrett Carroll – 7th place, Brady Smith – 10th place, Andrew Schrider – 18th place, Willis Gammell – 34th place,

Josiah Pickett – 68th place, and Nathan Hostler – 95th place. After the results were verified, they were announced to the athletes. The MACA team had come in 2nd at Nationals! In addition, Josh, Garrett and Brady all made the all-tournament team. They had trained hard all season, trusted God, and were happy with the results.

The trip home was spent resting and enjoying one another's company. God had really blessed the team! They are grateful for all the well wishes and prayers of each and every one of you.

Important Upcoming Events

- **Picture Make-up Day**

Friday, November 21st – Pre-K 4 Years and individual student picture make-up day.

- **Secondary Drama Club Performance of *Why Christmas?***

The Drama Club cordially invites you to their performance of “Why Christmas?” complete with a live band! The performance is scheduled for Saturday evening, November 22nd at 7:00 PM in the MACA Gym. Please see the flyer insert for additional details.

- **Grandparents' Day**

Grandparents' Day is scheduled for Wednesday, November 26th. Doors open at 8:15 AM and the program will begin at 9:00 AM. School will close that day at 11:30 AM to begin the Thanksgiving break. Please take note of the time change. An email was sent out earlier in the week to parents and grandparents inviting them to this special event. Please see flyer details in this week's communication envelope.

- **Book Fair**

We have our Scholastic Book Fair scheduled for December 1-5 and are in need of volunteers. If you are able to help on any day during school hours, please contact Mrs. van Hemert at pam.vanhemert@macamd.org.

- **Elementary Christmas Concert**

Elementary Christmas Concert grades K3-5th. December 5th, 7:00 PM in the gym.

- **Secondary Winter Concert**

Secondary Winter Concert, December 6th at 7 PM in the gym. You will hear the 6th as well as the 7th -9th grade band bands performs this evening.

- **Fifth Grade Class Performance**

On Saturday, December 6th, Mrs. Hammond's Fifth Grade Class cordially invites you to a special performance of *The Night the Animals Talked*. See flyer insert for performance dates and times.

Parent Association News From Mrs. Krissy Cook

- **Operation Beacon of Faith**

Items are now being collected until Friday, November 21st. A flyer detailing the items needed is in this week's folder.

- **Students' Thanksgiving Lunch**

On Monday, November 24th, to cap off our Beacon of Faith mission, the MACA-PA will serve a Thanksgiving-style lunch to grades K-12 during their lunch shifts. Since this day falls on a Monday, all regular hot lunch orders are cancelled for that day. There is a \$3.00 fee for this lunch to offset the cost and everyone will be billed. Please contact me if you are willing to help serve the meal.

- **Christmas Shop**

Christmas shopping for grades PreK-5th December . Please see flyer for details.

- **Wednesday Parent Prayer Meeting**

Parents please come join us every Wednesday morning at 8:15 AM in the large conference room. Come pray with us!

If you have any questions regarding any of these activities, please contact Krissy Cook at krissy.cook@macamd.org .

Other Information

- **Clothes Closet**

The Clothes Closet will be open on Tuesdays after school from 3:15 until 3:45. If this is not a convenient day or time, please email me directly at amdavis41@comcast.net to schedule an appointment.

- **Uniform Orders**

Uniform orders will be taken after Christmas break with a deadline of Monday, January 19th. Order forms are available on RenWeb under Resource Documents and through the school office. After January 19th, order forms will not be accepted.