

# Mount Airy Christian Academy



"cultivating strong minds and passionate faith"

## Newsletter

2 October 2015

### A Note from the Head of School, Vicky Webster, Interim

Welcome to October where the pace picks up both in academics and activities here at MACA. The teachers and students have fallen into their classroom routines and as the Academic Team and I are visiting each classroom for informal teacher observations, we are delighted to see our students engaged in learning. Whether the students are in a collaborative learning project or working on higher level thinking skills, they are being stretched and guided this year. Exciting things are happening in academics in each and every classroom. That is a priority to us this school year and our dedicated teachers are striving to meet that goal. I know you will agree with me; we have a fabulous set of teachers!

Today's newsletter has a great deal of information for you and I do hope you will take the time to read each article. We want you to know what is happening in and around MACA, regardless of the grade level of your student. Today we are able to share just a glimpse with you into both the middle school and high school retreats. What a blessing it was to hear students say, "This was the best retreat ever" or "I had so much fun". It was an even greater blessing to see and hear high school students accept Christ as their Savior at the retreat as well as students who shared testimonies of what God was teaching them. As school leadership, our goals for both retreats were met: spiritual impact on student lives along with safety, fun and team building. If you have a son or daughter who attended either retreat, I encourage you to have a follow up conversation. Ask them what God taught them at the retreat, how is that continuing

### Upcoming Events:

- **Oct 8** – Race for Education
- **Oct 9** – Fall Break/No School
- **Oct 14** – PSAT/NMSQT Testing Grades 10-11
- **Oct 23** – Last Day of the Marking Period/1/2 Day
- **Nov 24** – Grandparents Day/ ½ Day Dismissal

### Envelope Inserts:

- Parent Newsletter
- Mighty Lions Cheerleading Flyer K-5
- Mighty Lions Basketball Flyer K-5
- SAVE the DATE Card– Grandparents Day
- Wholesome Tummies October Menu

to impact their life and how can they build upon that. God did a great work and together we need to encourage these young people to build upon the lessons learned.

Again, lots of information in this newsletter. If after reading, you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you!

## **Academic Dean,**

Dr. Lori A. Sefton

MACA juniors will be attending the National College Fair at the Baltimore Convention Center on Monday, October 12. Representatives from over 200 colleges will be available, and there will also be workshops on "Getting Financial Aid," "NCAA Athletic Eligibility," "Writing College Essays" and other topics. Likewise, there will be companies in attendance that work with Financial Aid, Scholarships, Student Loans, Career Development, and Test Preparation. This event is a great opportunity for juniors to begin their college search process. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Dr. Sefton.

The PSAT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test) is a test designed for high school students as a measure of qualification for scholarships and as training for college entrance exams, such as the SAT and ACT. MACA sophomores and juniors will take part in this annual testing on Wednesday, October 14. Students can prepare for this test by visiting [KhanAcademy.org/SAT](http://KhanAcademy.org/SAT) to complete practice tests. The 2015 PSAT uses the same format as the newly designed 2016 SAT and is a great way for students to prepare for this important college entrance exam. Juniors who take the PSAT also can qualify for National Merit Scholar status as well as be connected to opportunities for scholarships and awards. This year's testing will take place on the MACA gym from 8:30 AM. to 11:30 AM. If you have any questions about the PSAT testing, please contact Dr. Sefton.

## **Athletic Director,**

Matthew Brethauer

### MACA Fall Senior Recognition

We are excited to honor this year's Fall Senior Athletes at the following games. Please come out and join us in recognizing our seniors and their families!

Girls Volleyball                      Thursday, October 15 vs. CHEN at 5:00 PM (MACA Gym)  
\*\*Ceremony will take place immediately prior to game time.

Boys Soccer                              Thursday, October 15 vs. CHEN at 4:00 PM (WRP Field 7)  
\*\*Ceremony will take place immediately following the game at



### Middle School Class Representatives:

6th grade	Travis Hovermale	President
	Kylie DeLauriers	Vice President
7th grade	Bradley Gibney	President
	Georgia Leonard	Vice President
8th grade	No Representatives	

## Race for Education

Parents, friends and family members are welcome to join us as students participate in the Annual Race for Education. The students will run laps around the MACA field for one hour to raise funds for the school. Students should come to school dressed in good running shoes, PE shorts and athletic shorts falling to mid-thigh or below or athletic pants. High school and middle school students should also wear their ONE shirts given to them on the retreat. Elementary students should come in their PE shirt; they will be given their ONE shirt prior to their race.

Race times are as follows:

Kindergarten - Second Grade	9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
Third - Fifth Grade	10:25 AM - 11:25 AM
Middle School (6-8)	11:40 AM - 12:40 PM
High School (9-12)	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

The Parent Association is asking that each student have some type of accessory in the following color for the race:

K-red	4-green	8-turquoise	12-light blue
1-yellow	5- purple	9-brown	
2-orange	6-pink	10-hot pink	
3-blue	7-black	11-gray	

Historically, this is one of MACA's most enjoyable days. Please join us in praying that the weather will be great on race day and that our students will have a fun time. Stop by and join us if you can - it's a MACA family day!

## Box Tops

Box Tops are an easy way to support our school. Turn them in via your communication envelope. Go to [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com) to find a list of participating products, bonus offers, coupons and a lot more.



*Middle School  
Retreat at River  
Valley Ranch*





High School Retreat  
at Camp Calvary

