



MACA at a Glance

February 26, 2016

Third Annual Pennies for Patients Drive

As a school, MACA has had several close experiences with the blood cancers leukemia and lymphoma. Mrs. Korn, the high school science teacher, was deeply affected by leukemia when her sister Jen was diagnosed in 2001 and then passed away in 2013. Also in 2013, Bethany Schuetz, a MACA elementary teacher, was diagnosed with lymphoma and students wore purple in her honor. The MACA chapter of the National Honors Society started a fundraiser in 2014 to raise money for leukemia and lymphoma patients in honor of Jen Sturdivant and Bethany Schuetz.

This week is the start of our third annual Pennies for Patients Drive to benefit the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. We will start on Monday, February 29, and raise money for the whole month of March. The collection will end on Friday, April 1. The elementary students will all be given the opportunity to bring an individual box home to collect loose change from around the house. Secondary students can bring in money for their homeroom's box. As an extra incentive, the class that earns the most money will win a pizza party. The money raised will go directly toward patient services for leukemia lymphoma patients nationwide, but especially to benefit patients at hospitals locally.

There will be a letter enclosed in your communication envelope with more information on the project. If you have questions or comments, contact Mrs. Korn at Katie.korn@macamd.org.

Westminster Bus Route Begins 2016-17!!

God is doing great things at MACA and we are pleased to announce another blessing for our MACA family!

Several Westminster area families approached us about the possibility of adding a Westminster stop to the morning MACA bus route. Because of the large number of families interested in this option, we will now be able to provide the addition of a Westminster stop to our bus route beginning with the 2016-17 school year!

Students living in the Westminster area will be able to board the MACA bus in the parking lot of Dick's Sporting Goods located at the Town Mall of Westminster. The bus will pick Westminster students up at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday, and then depart for the second bus stop at the normal pick-up location in Taylorsville, in the lot behind the restaurant at the corners of Route 26 and 27 (2600 West Liberty Road). Families interested in taking advantage of either bus stop may contact the MACA School Office at 410-489-4321.

9th and 10th Grade Winter Retreat

Traditionally, most MACA middle school students participate every year in a field trip to Antietam while our eighth graders normally go to Hershey Park as an end of middle school celebration. Likewise, our juniors participate annually in the junior hike and our seniors travel to Costa Rica for their senior trip. As a

result of all these trips, our ninth and tenth graders have been the only students to not have an annual trip. Considering this issue and also having had a few parents suggest a trip for ninth and tenth, MACA is pleased to announce that we have planned a Winter Retreat for these students. On Friday, March 11, our ninth and tenth grade students will be taking a trip to Ski Liberty for an afternoon of snow tubing and lunch with their classmates. Students will begin the day with a time of devotion and breakfast on the MACA campus before departing. Permission slips and a waiver were emailed to parents of ninth and tenth grade students this week. Look for a *Signup Genius* email coming soon. We are excited to add this opportunity to our annual event calendar.

Registration for 2016-2017

Re-enrollment for current MACA families is in full swing. We are honored that so many of you have chosen to partner with us for the education of your child(ren). Current students must re-enroll through RenWeb. If you have a student in your family new to MACA, you must register them through our website as a new admission. Just as a reminder: Registration fees (new student or re-enrolled student) are discounted through the month of February. After February 29, these fees will increase.

We are already scheduling testing for new students K-12 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) and shadowing visits for new students in grades 6-12 (Thursdays). If you have any questions about re-enrollment, registration or scheduling a testing/shadowing session, please contact Pam Proffitt (pam.proffitt@macamd.org) or Kim Duvall (kim.duvall@macamd.org).

Financial Assistance

A tuition assistance program is offered to provide assistance to MACA families demonstrating a financial need. Any family in need of financial assistance may apply from their Renweb account (on the left hand side of the screen, select financial aid). The deadline for submission for assistance is May 1. The Finance Committee will review all applications and announce awards by the end of May.

Many families are also blessed with financial benefits, making it possible for them to share with other families in need. If you are interested in making a donation to MACA's tuition assistance program, please contact Mrs. Webster, Head of School. Please refer to the *Parent Handbook 2015/16* pg. 8 for policies.

11th Annual Dinner & Auction

MACA will be hosting this year's annual dinner and auction on Saturday, April 9 here at the school. Tickets go on sale March 1. This night is designed exclusively to celebrate and honor our teachers and staff. Have MACA teachers and staff members made an impact on your child's life? If so, please plan to join us as we thank them! Ticket and Donation Forms are in this week's Communication Folder.

Hearing and Vision Screening

Reminder that MACA will be conducting hearing, vision, height and weight screenings at MACA on **Wednesday, March 2 and Friday, March 4** for all students in grades K, 1, 5 and 8 and students new to the school. Students who wear glasses should bring their glasses to school on the day of the screening. Please contact the MACA nurses' office at nurse@macamd.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Athletics

Lady Lions Advance to MCST Division 2 Semi-finals

As of the writing of this article, MACA's Lady Lions Varsity Basketball team has advanced to the semi-finals of the Maryland Christian School State Tournament. The girls will take on Greater Grace at New Life on Thursday at 7:45 p.m. for the right to advance to the D2 Championship game. The final will be held at Annapolis Area Christian School on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Spring Sports Start Dates

MACA's spring sports will start on the following dates/times:

- Varsity/MS Track and Field - Tuesday, March 1 from 3:30 - 5:15 p.m. at MACA
- Varsity Baseball - Tuesday, March 1 from 3:15 - 5:15 p.m. at MACA
- MS Baseball - Thursday, March 3 from 3:15 - 5:00 p.m. at MACA
- Varsity Girls Soccer - Thursday, March 3 from 3:15 - 5:00 p.m. at MACA
- MS Girls Soccer - Monday, March 7 from 3:15 - 5:00 p.m. at MACA

All athletes should have a current sports physical on file. Practice and game schedules can be found by visiting www.macalionssports.com.

Calendar Reminders

February 27	MCST Varsity Basketball State Tournament
February 29	Last Day to Re-enroll with Discounted Fees
March 1	Spring Sports Practices Begin
March 5	Open House 10:00 AM – Noon
March 8	ACSI Regional Art Festival for High School
March 11	9 th - 10 th Grades Winter Retreat