



# MACA at a Glance

February 5, 2016

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## **Valentine's Day**

MACA will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Friday, February 12. All staff and students will enjoy our traditional Valentine dress down day: jeans, with a red, pink or white top. Thank you for your support of the junior class Valentine flower fundraiser. Flowers will be delivered on Friday as well. Elementary students will enjoy class parties beginning at 1:30 PM.

## **2015-16 MACA Yearbook**

We are pleased to announce that MACA has partnered with Jostens, the leader in yearbook publishing, to bring you the 2015-16 MACA Yearbook! Jostens has a history of supporting schools, capturing stories and celebrating achievement. We have assembled a staff of dedicated MACA students who are working hard to bring you a yearbook that will help you remember all of the great events of this school year from grades PK-12!

Enclosed in this week's folder you will find an order form for the 2015-16 MACA Yearbook. You may purchase the yearbook online by visiting [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com) and following the directions on the order form. You may also use the order form to place your order and send it into the MACA office along with your payment (checks should be made payable to MACA).

If you have any questions about the ordering process, please contact Matt Brethauer, Yearbook Advisor, at [matt.brethauer@macamd.org](mailto:matt.brethauer@macamd.org).

## **Athletics**

### **Winter Sports Pictures**

The makeup date for MACA's Winter Sports Individual and Team Pictures will be Wednesday, February 10. A schedule with times will be emailed to winter sports athletes. Envelopes for ordering will be sent home with each athlete.

### **Winter Sports Senior Recognition**

We look forward to having you come out to help us honor our senior athletes and their families! Senior athletes will be recognized at the following upcoming games:

- Friday, Feb. 12 - Varsity Boys and Varsity Cheerleaders vs. CHEN at Glenwood Community Center (5:30)
- Tuesday, Feb. 16 - Varsity Girls at Glenwood Community Center (4:00) MIAC Quarterfinals - Opponent to Be Determined.

## **Juniors Spring College Prep Schedule**

Current juniors should be ramping up the college preparation process at this time of year. One college prep item is to make plans to take the ACT and/or SAT. For most students, spring of the junior year is when

they take the ACT and/or SAT for the first time. Students usually take the exams again in the fall of their senior year. For spring test dates, you may go to the MACA website under Academics/Academic Dean/SAT and ACT Test Dates 2015-16. Remember that pre-registration is required, so you need to think early about getting scheduled for a test date.

Another spring of junior year college prep task is to choose and contact individuals who are willing and able to write strong letters of recommendation for you. The college/scholarship application process, which will begin in early fall of senior year, is often going to require you to submit recommendation letters. This spring is the time to select and request individuals to be ready to write a letter for you next year. Be sure to find 3-4 people who can write about different qualities you possess (academic skill, work ethic, personal character, Godly walk). For now, just ask them if they are willing to do so. You will let them know next fall to whom and when a letter is needed

Lastly, juniors should begin to make campus visits to schools. Begin to gather information and ask questions at admissions offices for various schools. God can use these initial visits to begin to lead you to where He wants you to attend.

If you have any questions as you move through this process, please contact Dr. Lori Sefton, Academic Dean. This is an exciting time in your life and MACA wants to help you as you move forward!

### **Financial Assistance**

A tuition assistance program is offered to provide assistance to 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 is May 1. The Finance Committee will review the 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 regarding financial assistance.

### **Clothing Closet**

The Clothing Closet will be open every Wednesday from 3:15 – 4:00 PM. Items are \$1.00 each and proceeds go to the Parent Association. Please email Mrs. Davis at [amdavis41@comcast.net](mailto:amdavis41@comcast.net) if you have questions regarding the Clothing Closet.

### **Calendar Reminders**

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| February 10 | Open House – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM         |
| February 12 | Elementary Valentine's Day Parties, 1:30 |
| February 15 | Presidents' Day – No School              |
| February 16 | Faculty Professional Day – No School     |
| February 20 | Open House – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM         |
| February 26 | Progress Reports                         |