

MOUNT AIRY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Parent Newsletter

August 26, 2016



Welcome to the 2016-17 school year at Mount Airy Christian Academy! We are honored to have you as part of our MACA family. We have enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones; the classrooms and hallways are full of the sounds of kids and we love that!

Today we are sharing this inaugural *Parent Newsletter* with you. On Fridays we will communicate with you via newsletter and the communications folder. We ask that you keep the contents (after reading them of course) and return the folder every Monday morning. There will be baskets in the lobby for your student to return the folder upon arrival.



This is also a great tool for you to use to communicate with us! Send us permission slips, cafeteria order forms, absentee notes, etc. These folders will be emptied and sorted in the office each Monday. It's simple – we share and you share back. Even if your folder is empty on Monday, return it to us.

You spoke; we listened. Based on the results of April's parent survey, you will be receiving both electronic and hard copy communications each week. This newsletter will also be sent

Upcoming Events

Mon., Aug. 29	First Day of Lion's Pride PreK4
Tues., Aug. 30	First Day of Lion's Pride PreK3
Thurs., Sept. 1	Back to School Night 7:00 PM
Fri., Sept. 2	Middle School Retreat to River Valley Ranch
Mon., Sept. 5	Labor Day – No School

Attachments

- K-5 STEM Club Flyer/Registration Form
- September Lunch Calendar
- September Lunch Order Forms

electronically to the parent email addresses that you provided us in RenWeb. We desire to communicate thoroughly with you so you know exactly what is happening here at MACA.

Back to School Night

One of the highlights of our school year is Back to School Night. This night is a time for parents to gather, hear from the Parent Association and administration, and visit each classroom to speak with the teachers. Here is what you need to know about this special night:



- Thursday, September 1
- We will begin at 7:00 PM in the gymnasium.
- Please enter through the gym lobby to receive your packet. The doors will open at 6:45 PM.
- This evening is for parents only.
- Due to the importance of all information we share with you, this meeting is mandatory for parents. Only one needs to attend, but we enjoy meeting both mom and dad.

The Yearbook is Here!

2015-16 was a year of ONE. This yearbook captures so many memories from our great year together. Pre-paid books were \$55 and will be available for you to pick up in the school lobby during Back to School Night. Some extra books will be available for \$60 that evening on a first-come, first-serve basis. Special thanks to Mr. Brethauer for taking the lead on this project and sacrificing many summer hours to produce this awesome yearbook.

Tired of Packing School Lunches Already?

You spoke; we listened. Back by popular demand are Pizza Fridays and Chick-fil-A Mondays. Follow the simple instructions to purchase these a-la-carte items:

1. Ordering will be done for the entire month at one time. We cannot take orders daily or weekly.
2. Separate order forms must be completed for each student. An order form is attached.
3. Payment must be attached when you submit your order form. You may write one check for your family order; you do not need to write one check for each child's order.
4. We are not able to offer refunds when a student is absent. Items not picked up will be wrapped and stored in the refrigerator until the next school day.

September's calendar is attached; pizza days will begin on Friday, September 9, and Chick-fil-A will be available on Monday, September 12.

All September orders must be placed by Tuesday, September 6. Payment must accompany orders. We are sorry, but no late orders will be accepted. Please send in your September order forms and payment to the office via the communications folder.

We realize this is a new procedure. If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to ask us!

MACA Elementary STEM Club

Under the direction of MACA dad Mr. Charley Williams, students in Kindergarten through fifth grade will have the opportunity to participate in an after-school STEM club on Wednesdays. Please see the enclosed flyer and registration form for more information. Space is limited; if your child is interested in this program, we encourage you to register soon. The first club will meet on Wednesday, September 7.

Like Us on Facebook!

MACA utilizes its Facebook page to share pictures and school happenings. Make sure to like us on Facebook and get some glimpses into our busy school days.

Last Call! Driver's Education Class coming to MACA Campus

This is the last call for enrollment in the on-campus Driver's Education class for MACA students. The course will be taught by an instructor from Greg's Driving School and will cost \$350, the same cost incurred when a student takes the class at a commercial driver education facility. This price will include the in-class instruction and materials as well as the required six hours of drive time. Students who are 15 years old or older are eligible for the course and students enrolled at MACA or participating in an approved homeschool group may enroll.

The MACA driving class will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 3:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (3 hours of instruction with a 15-minute break). The course will run the required 10-week period, from September 14 to December 7, 2016 with a break for high-school retreat, junior/senior internship week, and Thanksgiving Break.

If you are interested in enrolling for this class, please contact Dr. Lori Sefton at lori.sefton@macamd.org.

Attention Middle School Parents

Middle School Parents! Just a reminder the middle-school retreat is a week from today, Friday, September 2, at River Valley Ranch. Please turn in both permission slips this Monday, August 29 to Mrs. Duvall. Students who have not yet turned in their permission slip will receive a copy in their communication folder. Looking forward to a wonderful retreat!

MACA Lions Athletics

Introducing MACA's Fall Sports Coaches

MACA is blessed to have coaches that desire to invest in the lives of our student-athletes. We are proud to introduce our fall sports coaches:

Varsity Boys Soccer
Varsity Girls Volleyball

Mr. Aaron Schuetz
Pastor David Blair

Varsity Girls/Boys Cross Country	Mrs. Susan Woolverton
JV Girls Volleyball	Mrs. Patty Doxzen
Middle School Boys Soccer	Mr. Glenn Teixeira
Middle School Girls Volleyball	Dr. Lori Sefton
Middle School Girls/Boys Cross Country	Mrs. Susan Woolverton
Mighty Lions PK/K Soccer	Mrs. Tara Trigger
Mighty Lions 1st/2nd Grade Soccer	Mr. Glenn Teixeira
Mighty Lions 3rd/4th Grade Soccer	Mr. Brian Mullikin

Please join us in praying for our fall sports coaches as they lead our teams!

Varsity Soccer and Volleyball Head to Shenandoah Valley Tournament

MACA's varsity soccer and volleyball teams make the annual trek to Virginia this Saturday for the Shenandoah Valley Tournament. Both teams will compete in pool play to start the day, with bracketed play taking place in the afternoon. The varsity soccer team heads into the tournament as the defending German Cup Champions, while the varsity volleyball team is looking to reach the finals for the 4th straight year. Both coaches are looking forward to using this tournament to springboard into the regular season.

Fall Sports Teams Season Openers

MACA's fall sports teams kick off their seasons on the following dates:

Aug. 25	Varsity Boys Soccer vs. St. James (4:00) Western Regional Park Field 7
Aug. 27	Varsity Volleyball at SVCA Tournament
Aug. 30	MS Volleyball vs. MSD (B at 4:00/A at 5:00) MACA Gym
Sept. 3	Varsity Girls/Boys Cross Country at Interstate Classic (Clear Spring HS)
Sept. 6	JV Volleyball vs. Frederick Force (4:00) MACA Gym
Sept. 6	MS Boys Soccer at Covenant Life (4:00)
Sept. 10	Mighty Lions Soccer Opening Day at Mayeski Park (Times TBA)
Sept. 19	MS Girls/Boys Cross Country at MIAC Meet (4:00) Location TBA

Be sure to check www.macalionssports.com for complete MACA game schedules.

Coaching Opening

MACA has an opening for a Middle School Cross Country Assistant Coach. If interested, please contact Matt Brethauer, Athletic Director, at matt.brethauer@macamd.org to receive an application.

