



MSA Weekly News

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Web Links of Interest

Play  Safe Seminar
If you missed the seminars on campus here are off-campus offerings

Georgia State University
Check out Jamie's college

Florida Institute of Technology
Check out Luke's college

Savannah College of Art & Design
Check out Drew's college

University of West Georgia
Check out James' college

Valdosta State University
See Patrick, Angela & Luke's college

MSA Home Page
Find everything you need to find about MSA is here

MSA PVA Web Site
Learn what is going on with

MSA News of the Week

This has been a busy week! Even though it was short we had lots to do. Our Spring Semester has begun and we held our first open house of the year. The open house was successful, I heard someone say that this was maybe the largest open house ever. Then we held a school wide fire drill – sort of. And our annual Donuts for Dads event for lower and middle was also very well attended.

I got a tidbit of news about an **2003 alumni** – **Chris Krueger** – doing stand-up comedy at the **Funny Farm in Roswell**. If you are up for a laugh you should go see him. Gail Kreher said, "He always has a twinkle in his eye and a keen sense of humor. He is sure to get us laughing." Besides his comedic side-career, he is breaking into radio sports-casting at WDUN, if you are a part of the Upper School community, you may have read an article in the **Kickin' It newspaper** about him.

Change is Good!



At least that's what THEY tell us.

Please note that we have had a **change to the calendar**. There will be **early dismissal on February 11th** due to a teacher workshop. Lower and Middle Schools will be dismissed at 12:15pm. PreUpper, CommArts and Upper will dismiss at 12:30pm. The **buses will leave campus at approximately 12:45pm**. This is the only day that the presenter could squeeze us into his busy travel schedule. Thank you for understanding.

College-Bound Students

your PVA

MSA Winter Sports
Schedule
At-a-Glance sports calendar

MSA January Calendar
*School Calendar on the MSA
website*

MSA February Calendar
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Join me in congratulating the following students on their college acceptances:

Jamie Bruce has been accepted to **Georgia State University**.

Savannah College of Art & Design has awarded **Drew Carson** a significant artistic scholarship with the possibility of an academic scholarship as well.

Luke Cunningham was accepted to **Florida Institute of Technology AND Valdosta State University**.

University of West Georgia has accepted **James Edwards**.

Patrick Felton received a letter of acceptance from **Valdosta State University**.

Angela Furio applied to and was also accepted by **Valdosta State University**.

Such terrific news for everyone –
CONGRATULATIONS!

Play **IT** Safe Seminar –THIS Weekend!

**Play
IT Safe**

What are kids really doing online today? What are the lasting effects of some Internet activities, like pornography? The media report regularly on the dangers of Internet predators who want to harm our kids. Others also clamor for our children's attention, without regard for whether their values represent those we work so hard to impart in our families.

HERE is another opportunity to attend the **Play IT Safe** seminar. It will be held this weekend at **Alpharetta First UMC on January 27th from 6pm – 8pm**. You don't want to miss this terrific opportunity to get and share information and best of all it is free! (from **Paul Barkley**)

Homecoming Changes



More change coming your way! Our Homecoming basketball game was forfeited by the opposing team – Soooooo Now the students will play against the faculty! (I bet people would pay to see that game!) Anyway all the week day activities (crazy hat/hair day, etc.) are the same, but the cookout will begin at 3:00pm and the Faculty vs. Students game begins at 3:30pm. Carpool will still be at 4:30pm and from that point on students must be supervised by parents. You should get a flyer home with the updated information or you can verify it [HERE](#).

Future City Competition Team Places!

Last weekend PreUpper students **Spencer Murphy** and **Michael Palmer** competed in the regional contest of the National Engineers Week Future City Competition held at Southern Polytechnic State University. Based on the computer game “SIMCITY,” this contest asks 7th and 8th grade students to design a city on that game that meets certain criteria, do research on a current topic related to engineering, write an essay on that topic related to their designed city, and build a physical model of their city. Michael and Spencer were assisted by Advisor Martha Muir and SIMCITY class members **Marc Bilsky**, **Grant Pryor** and **Owen Smith**. The group named their city ‘Susanopolis’ in honor of their principal. The MSA team incorporated nanotechnology, which was this year’s topic, into the design of their future city’s water pipelines. Spencer and Michael demonstrated the concept of our ‘morphing nanotech’ to the judges by adding water to a light dusting of a powder. The nanotech devices respond to small leaks before they become big leaks. The powder expanded as it turned the water into a solid, thus actually sealing the leak. After interviews by panels of judges, MSA was one of five teams selected to advance to the finals. The team also won a special award for “Best Use of Recycled Material.” *Pictured are Michael Palmer and Spencer Murphy holding awards.* (Submitted by Martha Muir)



Studio Day - Saturday



We will be having our 2nd **Mill Springs Academy Studio Day** on **Saturday, January 26th** from **9am – 3pm**. This is a great time for parents and students to work on artwork for the auction that will be held during the Family Dinner in March. All are welcome. Community service hours can be earned by students. Bring your creative energy and wear clothes that can get messy! RSVP to **Janet Ford** please. (from Janet Ford)

Winter Learning Highlights – Overnight Hike

Five days in the North Georgia Mountains, four nights in a cozy warm cabin. Hike to second largest tree in Georgia, learning to make fire with wet materials, climbing 2.5 miles UP Blood Mountain – with an increase of .25 mile in altitude, and then back down in frigid temperatures. Crossing streams by foot and by bus, playing in the 2” snowfall, cooking spaghetti, baking 80 brownies...and singing several rounds of “There’s a Hole in the Bucket” on the way home. *Picture 1: Chris Lamb, Luke Cunningham, Allison Ashlock, Ashley Wheeler, Cameron Thompson, Zach Moore. Picture 2: Ashley Wheeler, “Georgie” the snowman, and Allison Ashlock. Picture 3 at the top of Blood Mountain are (Back Row) G. Paul Kreher, Luke Cunningham, Cameron Thompson, Chris Lamb, and (Front Row) Ashley Wheeler, Allison Ashlock, Zach Moore.* (from Gail Kreher)



Calendar Items



Saturday, January 26th at 8:15am is the **SAT Test**. If you are registered be certain to bring your #2 pencils and calculator and be here on time!

Play IT Safe seminar is being held this weekend on **January 27th** from **6pm – 8pm** at **Alpharetta First UMC** if you missed the opportunities we had here on campus.

Homecoming week activities begin Monday, January 28th and go through Friday.

Lower and Middle Schools **ONLY** have **Parent Conferences** on **February 7th & 8th** and therefore **Lower and Middle** will have **no school**.

February 11th is an **Early Dismissal** day for **ALL students** due to a teacher workshop that has been scheduled – this is a change. L/M leave at 12:15, PU/CA/U dismiss at 12:30 and the buses depart at 12:45pm.

See the entire calendar by clicking [HERE](#).
