



MSA Weekly News

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A Week of Winners

Be sure to check out the wonderful news below from the Athletic Department – Volleyball, Cross Country and Soccer have all proven they are Winners! Congratulations go out to all of you and your coaches.

There has been another college acceptance. This time it is senior **Eric Brown**. Congratulations are in order as Eric has been accepted by **Shorter College!**

The **Mill Springs Players** gave a winning performance of *Beneath the Surface* for the student/staff population. What a wonderful job they did sharing the message that all of us are capable of treating each other with respect and kindness, and that understanding is the key, we just need to look Beneath the Surface of each individual.

We had a terrific evening for our Father's with Robert, great discussion and a not so healthy pizza and wing dinner – next time we will opt for the celery and carrot sticks with the wings!

We have had a **Red** Ribbon Week! Literally, this was drug awareness week and we know that **WINNERS CHOOSE TO BE DRUG FREE!** Choose to be a winner!

Interactive Parent Discussion



Cynthia Montalvo, MSW, who has been a therapist in the Alpharetta area for the past 30 years is coming to share her experiences with you regarding “**Positive Reinforcement for your Exceptional child**”. This will be an interactive discussion held on Tuesday, **October 30th from 10:00am to Noon**. This event is sponsored by your PVA. (from Michelle Bergeson)

Cross Country goes to Regional Competition



The Varsity boys have done it again! In spite of two absent team members, they pulled off an impressive 4th place at the GISA Regional Championship. This is our first time competing in the GISA Regional. The team faced some of their toughest opponents. **Luke Cunningham** and **Chris Magill** set new personal records knocking about 10 seconds each off last week's times! We are awaiting final approval on times to determine if they will go on to the State 4AA Cross Country Competition which will be held in Macon on Monday, October 29th.

MSA November Calendar
School Calendar on the MSA
website

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Patrick Marco has been diligently recording his miles and times on a daily basis and this past weekend he marked his 100th mile of the season. (from Victoria Jones)

Grandparents' Day is coming!



This week invitations were sent out to all the grandparents that we had addresses for, but we are missing about 70 addresses. If your student's grandparents did not get an invitation, please let us know their address so that we can get an invitation sent to them. Otherwise you are welcome to invite them yourself. If there is no grandparent, feel free to invite a special someone else for your student.

Grandparents' Day is November 20th from 9:00 – 11:00am and it will be an early dismissal day so your student could go home with grandparents if you advise your principal. If you have questions, please contact **Leila Smith** in Development. (from Leila Smith)

Helping Parents Understand Dyslexia



There will be a Parent Workshop on Dyslexia to help you better understand dyslexia and offer ideas and strategies for success both in and out of the classroom. This will be led by Jean DeRosa, M.Ed. from the Georgia ETA on Tuesday, **November 6, 2007** from **8:30 – 11:30am** in the MSA Upper School Great Room. This is free to MSA parents. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cheri Harwood (charwood@millsprings.org) at 770-360-1336 to reserve your place at the workshop. (from Janet Ford)

Donate your Used Soccer Uniforms



Middle School is supporting a project initiated by their student **Loren Whitfield**, and wouldn't mind if you helped! They are collecting old soccer shirts, shorts, socks, shin guards, boots and balls to help kids in Africa play soccer. There is a collection box in the Middle school to donate your gently used items – but please no soccer goals, there just isn't enough storage for them. (from Margaret Brito)

AAC Girls Volleyball Finals Hosted by MSA



MSA hosted the AAC Girls Volleyball Finals here this past weekend and have seen some awesome play by all the schools involved. Our Girl's Varsity team finished with a 6-7 record, ranking #4 in the conference. We are pleased with their progress throughout the year, noting they will have a solid foundation of young players for next year. The senior class of **Alaina Macke**, **Angela Furio**, and **Molly Dobos** did a good job setting the pace for our club and young nucleus of **Rachel Landon**, **Mallory Oberholtzer**, **Abby Miles**, **Allison Ashlock**, **Lauren Putnam**, and **Alexis Karkula** gives us a lot of promise. **Alaina Macke** was voted "MVP" of the tournament for her outstanding play. Pictured Coach Hanson, A.Macke, Coach Brown. (from Coach Hanson/Coach Sampson)

Studio Art Exhibit & Cabaret



From simple to sumptuous, this semester's **Studio Art Exhibit** promises to be one of the best ever. Painting, drawing, sculpture and clay...it's all there, and it's all fantastic! Want more? Several recent MSA graduates will be returning to share their latest works as part of our Alumni Art Exhibit. Come. See what they are up to and how they have grown in their art.

Join us for this special visual treat on Saturday, **November 17th**, starting at **6:30pm** and experience MSA Student Artwork at its finest. Pictured is **Ross Droege**. (from Janet Ford)

Soccer Team takes Third!



MSA Mustangs scored early and often leading 3-0 at halftime. Led by **Connor Dimick's** double hat trick (6 goals) and a beautiful one-time finish by Michael Scott, the Mustangs routed the Howard School Hawks by a score of 7-1 to take home the third place trophy. Coach Adams and Marston are extremely proud of this group of players who exceeded our expectations for the season. Led by three seniors – **Dan Prothero, Chris Nelson, David Herman** – the majority of the players were freshmen and sophomores, which bodes well for next year. Congratulations to the Soccer Team on their third place finish! (from Coach Marston & Coach Adams)

ACE – Academic Competition Enrichment



Our PreUpper students who have shown great academic potential, ability to see a project through and the ability to work with others in academic and non-academic settings are offered an elective called ACE. Students explore a variety of academic competitions and eventually compete in one or more of those contests, currently as part of the FIRST Lego League contest they are studying the topic of energy efficiency. They were able to hear from Greg O'Brien about "**Green Buildings**" who consults with building owners and designers about what they can do to certify their buildings as environmentally friendly. (from Susan Sanders)

Important Dates to Remember



Daylight Savings Time – don't forget to set your clocks back one hour the morning of **November 4th**.

NO CLASSES on **November 5th** as the staff and faculty attend the annual GISA meeting.

Canned Food Drive starts on **November 12th** so start collecting.

Thanksgiving Holiday begins with **early dismissal** on Grandparents Day **November 20th** and continues with the school closed through **November 23rd**.

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

