



MSA Weekly News

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List of items they would like to have donated

CHADD

Home page for Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder

Kickin' It

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Chattahoochee Coldwater Fishery Foundation

Non-profit that conducts studies of aquatic life on the Hooch

Field & Stream

See the Heroes of Conversation including Chris Scalley at the Field & Stream website

MSA Home Page

Find everything you need to find about MSA is here

MSA PVA Web Site

Notes for this Week at MSA

First of all let us note that we have had phone trouble this week. If you hadn't noticed that is good! But the Upper and Comm. Arts schools have not had phone service since Tuesday. I know that our phone man is working diligently to rectify the situation. Hopefully that will be soon. But if you need to contact them, via email is the best method. Thanks for your understanding.

Secondly I want to point out that I have included a link to the [Winter Sports Schedule](#) that is housed on our website. That should give you quick and direct access to it at any time.

Lastly, if your student is missing some uniform item, chances are good that it might be in the gym. Have them check with KK or James to possibly recover whatever they might be missing.

Late Bus Information



If your student is expecting to ride the Late Bus, it is imperative that you contact [Will Turner](#) to ensure that they can. On days the bus is at capacity, so far we have not had to turn anyone away yet, but please do make arrangements with Will in advance to ensure that your student is able to ride the Late Bus. With the increase in usage we don't want anyone to have to call their mom because they just showed up at 5pm expecting to ride the bus and did not reserve a spot in advance. (from Will Turner)

MSA Teacher Presents at Conferences

Gregory Bodeep, an Upper School History teacher, has been working hard towards completing research to share with many different groups of people.

During the month of November he will present at two different conferences. First, he will be presenting on the benefits and the how to of using podcasting to provide students with an alternate means of obtaining lecture notes, at the GISA Conference on Monday, November 5, 2007. Then he will give two presentations at the CHADD Conference located in Washington, D.C. from November 7-10, 2007. The first, "The Level System and the ADHD Student," will emphasize how important structure is to the ADHD student and how this particular system can be helpful. The second presentation, "Multimedia for



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Winter Sports Schedule
Schedule for all winter sports at a glance

MSA November Calendar
School Calendar on the MSA website

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the Struggling Reader,” focuses on which types of assistive technology are appropriate and useful to different types of readers. Look for him in April 2008 at the CEC Conference in Boston where he will discuss universal design learning with assistive technology in the classroom setting. (from Greg Bodeep)

Kickin' It – Upper School Newspaper



Kickin' It, the student-produced award-winning newspaper for Upper School and Communication Arts is usually distributed on the first Friday of every month. But, if a paper copy does not make it all the way home, catch up with the latest news from MSA, the South, and beyond, by [clicking](#) to our online version. Take a minute to glance through our archives – enjoy seeing some old friends and younger faces from the past five years. Congratulations to the approximately 80 current students and graduates for their hard work in page design, photo art work, writing, editing, and problem-solving. Photographed are **Chris Lamb** – Editor-in-Chief and **David Toler** – Senior Reporter. (from Gail Kreher)

MSA Studio Day



Join Janet Ford in the Art Studio at MSA as they continue working on art projects that will be part of the auctioned art at the Family Dinner in March. Studio Day will be held on Saturday, November 10th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Both parents and students are invited and welcome. Please email [Janet Ford](#) if you plan to attend. It will certainly be a terrific day! (from Janet Ford)

News from the Alumni Front



Chris Scalley, MSA Alumni, is currently a Rowell resident and the owner of [Rivers Through Atlanta](#), a Chattahoochee River guide service. Through his efforts of forming a non-profit focused on preserving the Chattahoochee he has been chosen from hundreds of entries to be one of the finalists in the Field & Stream magazine's annual [Heroes of Conservation](#) award and was recognized September 20. Scalley is quoted as saying, "It's unbelievable the variety of folks who were nominated. When you see the caliber of people who are involved, it's awesome." (from The Alpharetta-Roswell Revue & News)

Cross Country State Meet Results



Our Cross Country team placed in the TOP TEN Monday at the GISA AA State meet. This is a pretty fantastic accomplishment- especially since we are such a small and young team. **Patrick Marco** and **Dave Friedland** are our most "seasoned" runners with only two years under their belts. Our team captain, **Luke Cunningham**, competed last year but joined the team full-time just this year. **Ashley Wheeler**, our only girl and 9th grader, and **Alex Williams**, our youngest (8th grade), are first year runners. Also first year runners, **Josh Turner** and **Chris Magill** joined the team mid-way through the season.

Fantastic job! We can't wait to see these kids back next year and hope that some more new runners will join this winning team. *GO MUSTANGS!* (from Coaches Victoria Jones and Kris Hawksworth)

College Financial Planning Workshop



On Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00pm Mike Miller, a certified College Planning Specialist, will present valuable information to help you through the maze of College Financial Planning. In the workshop you will learn how to increase your tax deductions in addition to the Hope Scholarship and the Lifetime Learning Credit, how parent and student earnings count against you when applying for financial aid, developing a customized plan to meet all college costs, and learn what assets are taken into consideration when your Family Contribution is calculated. If you have a 10th to 12th grader, this is for you, please [RSVP to Susan Day](#) no later than November 12. (from Susan Day)

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](#).

To: Board of Trustees, All Mill Springs Parents, and All Staff/Faculty