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Let's Get Caught Up!

I was in and out of town the last couple weeks and not able to do a weekly newsletter last week, so there are some things that will be not quite so timely, but definitely newsworthy! First of all a BIG CONGRATULATIONS needs to go out to **Nate Gever** on his acceptance to **Gainesville State College**. This is his first choice school – Congratulations Nate!

Secondly, Gail Kreher shared a wonderful email with us that she received from alumni **Rachel Lasky** who is attending Greensboro College in North Carolina. In her email, Rachel said, "I wanted to make sure that I told you that I got a paper back the other day in my English class and my professor teaches 2 or 3 classes and I was the only one to get an A out of all the classes. Hopefully I'll be able to end up with an A in the class; it'll be hard, but it's worth a shot." Good work **Rachel** and congratulations Gail – another success story!

Last, recall that day off the students had (it seems so long ago) on November 5th? Well it was a teacher work day and we all attended the **Georgia Independent School Association (GISA)** Annual Conference whose theme was "GISA goes GREEN: Sustainability in Our Schools". There were 170 topics from which to choose two sessions, so we learned some stuff! A group of teachers are working on a recycling program, if you have any resources or ideas contact **Lexi in Drama**. There was a One-Act Play competition the Friday before. As expected, the MSA Players did a fantastic job per Lynn Stallings, who also said, "They were not invited to perform at State, however, they did receive great comments from the judges, entertained and moved their audience, learned a lot, grew as artists and made their director very proud!!" Be sure to find the article below about the fine arts performance that took place over the weekend.

Canned Food Drive – 15 Cans for Two Tons

The annual food drive is underway in a big way! I was down in Middle the other day and their large barrels are overflowing and today at least one of their homerooms has all brought in their cans – as evidenced by the out of uniform day they had today. Here in Administration we are a little slower (we don't get an out of uniform day incentive) but everyone gets involved. The PreUpper also has heaps of cans in their building as well. This is MSA's community project for the year. If you don't get on campus often you miss the excitement that this garners. In 2001 we gathered 2739 pounds of food, in 2005 it was 4890 lbs, and last year it was 6942! So make sure to help your student get their cans in, collection barrels are in all of the buildings. **HERE** is a list of the things that they like to receive. All students should have their 15 cans in by December



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GISA All-Select Chorus, Orchestra, & Band



During the GISA conference there are performances by the orchestras, choirs and bands from the GISA member schools. MSA had students perform in all areas. **Megan Kennedy** and **Michael Scott** sang in the Chorus, **Alexandra Mail-Lopez** played with the Orchestra, and **Austin Allen** and **Parker McCurley** were part of the Band. The students rehearsed all day Saturday and Sunday morning, culminating in a beautiful performance on Sunday evening. The students did a spectacular job representing MSA and our Fine Arts Department. Beth Sawyer said, "Their hard work and TALENT was most evident." A special thanks to Beth Sawyer who coordinated the event for the All-Select Chorus. (from Elizabeth Plastiak)

Join Us for the Cabaret Show and Art Exhibit



Please come and enjoy the very talented MSA Fine Arts students during the Cabaret Show and Student/Alumni Art Exhibit on Saturday, November 17th. The exhibit opens at 6:30pm and the Cabaret curtains open at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be served. Art will be for sale. We will also have work on display from Alumni that are studying Art in College. Admission is \$6.00 for Art Alliance members, \$8.00 for non-members, \$25.00 maximum for a family. Saturday come and see the amazing creativity that flows from these students! (from Janet Ford)

Grandparents Day is Coming!



This is a reminder that Grandparents day is November 20th from 9:00am – 11:00am. It will be an early dismissal day so your student can go home with their grandparents, just let the principal know. If your child's grandparents didn't get an invitation, we may not have their address, so please make sure you invite them anyway! Please contact **Leila in development** to let her know who is coming. (from Leila Smith)

Honey Baked Ham Fundraiser



Our Parent Volunteer Association (PVA) is holding a fundraiser. You student could win \$100.00 cash for their Level for Holiday Shopping. Each Level will have 2 winners: the top seller in cumulative sales will receive \$100.00 and second prize will be \$50.00. Thanksgiving orders must be in by Friday, November 16th (today). Christmas orders must be turned in by Friday December 14th. Prizes on each level will be awarded on Tuesday, December 18th. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Bergeson at 404-931-4088. (from Michelle Bergeson)

The Cast has been Chosen for Pippin!!!



Wow! Mill Springs has such a terrific and talented group of performers! It was such fun being entertained by all of the auditioners. They all did a great job. We all know there are a limited number of roles available for any play and a lot of wonderful performers, which means there were talented people that could not be cast in this show. But they should all be proud of their work and know that there will be many other shows. (from Lynn Stallings)

Studio Day a Success!



Last Saturday, twenty MSA students, parents and friends joined Janet Ford and MSA parent **Judy Shurling-Smith** in the Art Studio for a day of creating! Everyone present helped to brainstorm ideas, prime furniture, sort through donated items, break up tiles and plates for mosaic art, and share ideas and laughs. The purpose of the day was to begin the process to prepare and create art that will be auctioned at the MSA Family Dinner and Auction in March. We will be having another Studio Day in January. Stay tuned for details. (from Janet Ford)

Upcoming Events

MSA has **Early Dismissal** on Grandparents Day, **November 20th** busses will leave campus at 12:45.

The **school will be closed** for the Thanksgiving Holiday from **November 21st – 23rd**. for that we are thankful!

Winter PM program begins Monday, **November 26th**.

There is a **PVA meeting** at 8:15am on **November 26th**.

Winter Holidays are coming with an **early dismissal on December 21st** and **school closed December 24 – January 4th**. Students return to classes on January 7th.

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

