



MSA Weekly News

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At MSA, there's lots of Excitement....

...we have had several more college acceptances! **Evan Hopkins** has been accepted to **Reinhardt College**, **Drew Carson** and **Joe Kushnick** have both been accepted to **Savannah College of Art and Design**. Congratulations go to all of you! How exciting!

...Rudolph has some kind of relationship with MSA Mustangs. And since Rudolph won't use his parking spot until December 24th our "honorary" Mustang is using it in the mean time.

...especially in the Chem. Lab this week! It got a little smoky during an experiment and the smoke detector was set off, which in turn causes the fire truck to come all lit up like a Christmas tree (Rudolph would have been proud if he had been here using his parking spot)! Luckily it was a pretty day and we could open the windows.

...the PreUpper building is DONE! Not only is it done, but probably by the time you get this message all the busy worker bees will have moved the boxes from one building to the new building. I know they are excited about that!

Saturday Night ROCKS!!!

The Cabaret and Art Show on Saturday, November 17th was one of the best ever. To say the shows "Rocked" is an understatement. The Cabaret was a fun-filled, frolicking hour and a half of music and laughter. Nearly 40 students made up the 25 wonderful acts that shook the rafters and left the audience breathless and excited.



In the Gym, the Art Exhibit dazzled. Artwork of all shapes and sizes, created by Lower School through High School students and two returning graduates **Laydie Gaddes** and **John Keappler**, tickled the fancies of onlookers young and old. Paintings, drawings, graphic design, pottery and sculpture were all there and all wonderful.

Thank you for all of the great help from Art Alliance Members, parents, staff and, of course, all of the wonderful MSA kids who made the evening such a GREAT success. Pictured artwork by Evan Wahl. (from Brian Buxton)

about the new online report cards

[MSA Home Page](#)

Find everything you need to find about MSA is here

[MSA PVA Web Site](#)

Learn what is going on with your PVA

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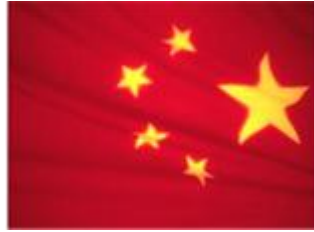
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The 7th Annual Communication Arts Festival



Every year CommArts sets up a festival with the focus on a specific country, this year is no different and the focus will be on China. This event will be held on Thursday, **December 6th** from **10:30am – 12:30pm** in the **Upper School Great Room**. If you can get away, this is always a terrific production put on by ALL of the CommArts students. This year I hear we will be able to touch a Chinese dragon, see a Tai-Chi demonstration, learn Chinese calligraphy, visit the Great Wall, and meet some of China's finest and well known individuals all right here at MSA! This is a must see event.

Mill Springs goes Paperless!



Starting this semester, MSA will not be sending out paper copies of report cards for grades 5 through 12. Student report cards have been available on NetClassroom for several years now, and we have agreed that it is time to go paperless! This is just one of the things we are doing to help save time and money. To read more about this terrific start at going paperless click [HERE](#) to read the full flyer. (from [Paul Barkley](#))

YOU Should Come to Studio Day



Please mark your calendars for the 2nd Studio Day in the MSA Art Studio – Saturday, January 26th from 9:00am – 3:00pm. The first Studio Day was fun AND productive! We will be working on the art to be auctioned at the March 29th Family Dinner and Auction. Parents and students are welcome to come and create together! Please RSVP to [Janet Ford](#).

Questions about the Exam Time?



If you aren't aware, final exams are coming up for PU/CA/U. Here are several links to some really helpful information that you might need:

If you click [HERE](#) you can see the **exam schedule**.

Click [HERE](#) to see the **exam calendar**.

Clicking [HERE](#) will get you further information about the **Fire Side Chat for parents** who are dropping their students off for exams and then picking them up again. Bring your book, newspapers, or laptop (wireless access available) and join other parents in front of the fireplace in the new PreUpper Great Room for a relaxing cup of coffee and a donut.

Mustang Wrestling Season Update

The Mustang Wrestling team opened the season with a tri-meet. We wrestled both Brandon Hall and Unity Christian School. Of the 8 matches against BH, **James Edwards, Luke Cunningham, David Toler**, and newcomer **Josh Turner** all won their matches by pins.



MSA also wrestled Unity Christian. Out of 8 matches we won 6. **Scot Perkins, James Edwards** and **Brent Shepherd** won by pins. We won with a score of 36-24.

In Exhibition matches, the JV Mustangs held their own. **Jake McNabb, Zach Skinner, Andrew Hart**, and **Alexandra Mail-Lopez** all fought tough matches. **Drew Jones** won both of his matches. After only a week on the team, **West Conner** won his first match. After Alexandra's match, we learned that her opponent was a past Oklahoma state champion. Before the match, Luke Cunningham, David Toler, and James Edwards were announced as Team Captains.

Congratulations to everyone! Thanks to Assistant Coaches Beth Sawyer and Hank Jones for their support during the matches. Managers **Michelle Grier** and **Megan Kennedy** have done a terrific job during the season. (from [Chet Burnes](#))

Winter Sale at Uniform Depot



The Uniform Depot is holding a winter sale through the month of January. You can expect to receive 20% off all merchandise and all school shirts purchased in the month of January get FREE heat press logos. You can shop online at

www.schooluniformdepot.com or at any of their three locations, Alpharetta, Kennesaw or Lawrenceville.

Parent Workshop – Strategies for Dyslexia

On November 6th, Jean DeRosa, M. Ed., facilitated a parent workshop *Helping Parents Understand Dyslexia* in the Communication Arts Great Room. To quote Deb Swedberg, Lower School parent, “I believe that the best thing a parent of a child with dyslexia can do is to keep learning everything there is to learn about the disability and how to help him/her with the tools necessary to succeed in school. I really liked Jean’s laid back style and the fact that she wanted feedback from us. The best way an educator can learn herself is to listen to the people who are in the trenches – the parents. Jean did that.”



Jean will be back **March 8th and 15th** from **8:30-2:30** to facilitate another Dyslexia workshop, ***Identification and Assessment Strategies for Students with Dyslexia***. This workshop is for educators and parents. To register for this course, please click [HERE](#) and then on Registration Form for this workshop. (from [Janet Ford](#))

What’s Coming Up



Hopefully everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving with all the trimmings and family.

Please note that **Homecoming Week** (the game and all activities) has moved to **February** and you will get more information as we get closer to the date.

December 7th is the end of the **Canned Food Drive** for all schools and everyone is encouraged to participate in our school wide community service project.

The countdown begins! The Winter Holiday’s will be here before we know it – **Early Dismissal** is on **December 21** and then we are out until **December 7th** when the **students return** to classes.

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

