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Web Links of Interest

GA College 411
Get more info on planning, applying and paying for college

Gainesville State
Columbus State University
Western Carolina University
Check out these colleges!

Georgia ETA
Other parent workshops

THE Raffle War is ON!!!



This is my nemesis. Meet **Dave Freidland**, he is a Junior in CommArts. It never fails, each year for the basket raffle he and I put our tickets into the same box. Vying for that one favorite item. Well it seems that this year will be no different – the PVA was able to get their hands on a Wii and of course I REALLY, REALLY need one! Does Dave care? No, he doesn't care in the least, did you notice his deceptively cute smile? He's probably at home right now asking mom for extra chores so he can earn extra money to buy more tickets. As has been the case in previous years, neither of us has won the baskets we bid on, but the gauntlet has been thrown down and the challenge is on once again. There is always Rock Band! Good luck to you Dave! (I hope those extra chores are worth it! I also hope you know I'm kidding.)

Notes from the Hallowed Halls of MSA

Jordan Demers has been accepted to **Columbus State University**. Way to go Jordan!

Logan Boylan has been accepted to **Western Carolina University**, yes this is his second acceptance!

Zach Coffman has been accepted to **Gainesville College**. Terrific News!

The 2008 GISA All-Select Performers have been selected and the following students were chosen to compete on November 2nd :

Austin Allen (CA) – Band – Percussion

Alex Davis (U) – Band – Trombone

Ryan Theisen (CA) – Band – Alto Sax

Torri McClain (U) – Chorus – Bass

Michael Scott (CA) – Chorus – Bass

Jordan Swartz (PU) – Chorus – Soprano

Eleni Tsaourouhas (U) – Chorus – Soprano

Lots of CONGRATULATIONS go out to everyone!



[MSA Sports Calendar](#)
*The most current information
when it comes to MSA Sports
Schedules*

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about MSA is here*

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College and Financial Aid Presentation



A representative from the Georgia Student Finance Commission will be here to make a presentation to parents on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 7:00pm. He will be discussing www.GACollege411.org, the HOPE scholarship and other issues pertaining to college applications and financial aid. Although the presentation is aimed at parents of Juniors and Seniors, I strongly encourage all parents of high school aged students to attend. The presentation will last approximately 45 minutes and there will be plenty of time for a question and answer session at the end. The program will take place in the Upper School Great Room. Please **RSVP HERE**. (from Susan Day, Counselor)

Sports in the News!!



VOLLEYBALL - Please congratulate the Lady Mustang Volleyball team on winning third place in the AAC conference tournament!

CROSS COUNTRY - The Mustangs raced their first championship round of the season this past Tuesday. The Varsity team took a fall with a 5th place showing, but the JV team placed third. They hope to redeem themselves this Saturday at the GISA Region meet.

Donor Recognition Dinner



Mill Springs' Board of Trustees
Will be hosting a Donor Recognition Dinner
On Thursday, October 30
In the Tweetie Lewis Moore Student Activity Center
In honor of all of our campaign contributors.

Wine and cheese reception at 6:30pm
Dinner and program begins at 7:00pm

If you have not already done so, please confirm your attendance with **Leila Smith** in the Development Office or call her at 678-893-7777

Ooooh's and Aahhh's!

Those who came to the Basket Preview saw this year's AMAZING baskets – including the addition of a Wii!!! There will be time to purchase raffle tickets at Founder's Day on Saturday, October 25th before the drawing. You do NOT need to be present to win.

Just a reminder, this year's awesome basket themes are:

- Wii Rock Band
- Nintendo DS
- Wii
- Camp Rock/High School Musical/Hannah Montana/Jonas Brothers
- Girls' Shopping Spree
- Boys' Big Fun
- Star Wars
- Polly's/Littlest Pet Shop

For more information, please contact **Beth Jacob** at 770-410-9913 or **Melissa Goldberg** at 678-339-0139. (from Beth Jacob)



Polly's/Littlest Pet Shop Basket

Mil Springs Players Announce...

A performance of Greater Tuna at 1:30pm, on Saturday, October 25th immediately following Founders' Day.



"Greater Tuna" is a hoot!! What do Arles Struvie, Thurston Wheelis, Aunt Pearl, Petey Fisk, Bertha and Rev. Spikes have in common? They are among the upstanding citizens of Tuna, Texas' third smallest town in this hilarious send up of small town mores. In this Off Broadway hit, seven actors create the entire population of Tuna in a tour de farce of quick change artistry, both of costumes and of comic characterizations. There are twenty wild and often misguided characters in this show, who are sure to entertain you.

Purchase tickets at the door:

\$10.00 - General Admission
\$8.00 - Students and Art Alliance Members

Father's Night is Coming!



What is LD? What is ADHD? Come to explore these issues with your host Robert Moore, President of MSA. He will be presenting the **F.A.T.** City Workshop video "How Difficult Can This Be?" by Richard D. Lavoie, a nationally known expert on learning disabilities.

Thursday, October 23, 2008
7:00pm
Student Activity Center

Richard Lavoie shows why the classroom can be an intimidating place for kids with learning disabilities. He leads a group of parents, educators, psychologists, and children through a series of exercises that cause **Frustration, Anxiety, and Tension** ... feelings all too familiar to children with LD's. By dramatizing the classroom experience so vividly, Lavoie lets us see the world through the eyes of a child. At the end of the workshop, participants discuss strategies for working more effectively with learning disabled children. This is a Dad's **ONLY** event, but please RSVP **TODAY** as this is your last chance before the event!

NEW Used Uniform Store!



The PVA Used Uniform Store will now be open **ONLY** on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Tuesdays the hours will be from 8:15 – 9:15am and on Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:00pm. The key will not be available from Cheri in the office at any time.

Please note that the Used Uniform Store **WILL** be open during Founders Day, October 26, from 11:30am – 1:00pm for your shopping convenience.

Guess Who is Behind that Gala Mask????



The **winner** of last week's Mask contest was Deborah Goodelman! She guessed correctly that behind the mask was none other than the super star Greg Bodeep. All the correct answers were put into a hat and one name was drawn.

Each week between now and the October 7th "A Night in New Orleans" Gala, you will be given the chance to guess which MSA staff member is behind the Gala mask! All MSA Parents are eligible. If there are multiple winners any given week, there will be a drawing of one name from all of the winners. The lucky winner will receive \$5.00 in Gala Bucks which can be used towards the purchase of a Gala ticket!

Email **Your PVA President** with your guess today! (from Michelle Bergeson) *Pictured: GUESS WHO?*

Helping Boys Succeed in School

This workshop will educate parents on the characteristics of the male learner emphasizing behaviors and learning styles. Methodologies for helping males succeed in school will be discussed. Information is research based and current. Parents of children of all ages are welcome.



Brenda Fitzgerald, Ed.S.

Tuesday, November 11th

8:30 – 11:30am

Light breakfast and coffee will be served. Register by 11/5. This workshop is free to MSA parents, contact Cheri Harwood at **THIS link** or call 770-360-1336. All other interested people should visit www.georgiaeta.com to register (click on Workshop, then Family Workshop and scroll down to Mill Springs). (from Janet Ford)

Do You Know ...



Do you know what was invented 27 years ago this month? We've all seen it, and chances are YOU have even done it!

CLICK HERE to find out!

The Bulletin Board

If the school had a bulletin board, here is what you would find on it:



Watch for the **PM Program listing** for Winter to come home and sign up as soon as possible before some of the sessions close.

Nurse Ann's **Flu Facts Sheets** – Check it out and be healthy this winter!

Wed, Oct 22 – 9:00am – Public Open House – SAC – this is a good opportunity for you to invite

someone that could use MSA.

Thurs, Oct 23 – 7:00pm – Father's Night with Robert
– SAC – Dad's Only – light snack supper will be
available – [RSVP HERE](#)

Sat, Oct 25 – 11:30am – Founders Day in the field

Sat, Oct 25 – 11:30 – 1:00pm – **Uniform Store will
be open**

Sat, Oct 25 – 1:30pm – One Act Play – Greater Tuna
- SAC

Mon, Oct 27 – 8:15am – PVA Meeting

Mon, Oct 27 – 7:00pm – College [Financial Aid](#)
Parent Information Meeting

Thurs, Oct 30 – 6:30pm – Donor Recognition Dinner
– SAC

Check it out! – [October Issue of Kickin' It
Monthly](#) – Upper Schools monthly student news
magazine

Cares and Concerns of our Community



Please keep the following from our Community in
your thoughts and prayers.

The Barkley Family

The McClain Family

Please [email me](#) at any time with individuals you
would like to include on our list as their needs arise.
For privacy, I will only list names and claim
ignorance if you ask me for details.

Character Quote of the Week



**Character building
begins in our infancy and
continues until death.**

**- Anna Eleanor
Roosevelt**
