



MSA Weekly News

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T-Shirt Order Form
Get your one of a kind t-shirt designed by an MSA student TODAY!

PM Program Forms
PM starts Nov. 10 – Sign up NOW

It Wouldn't be MSA without Drama!

Another fun-filled week of activity here at school. Many of the schools have had Halloween parties which I know the students love – any opportunity to have an out of uniform day (not to mention there are always goodies). Since the Lower School students were dressing in costumes for a parade their teachers all dressed like MSA students – how funny!

I heard that **Marc Silver** was accepted to Georgia Southern and **Gregory McKenna** to Reinhardt. Congratulations guys, that is terrific news.

On to the drama – U/PU/CA all watched this year's One Act Play selection which is titled "Greater Tuna". What a great job your students have done in performing this drama. Several students held more than one role and there were lots of lines to remember. That was one piece of drama we didn't mind watching unfold! Good luck in the competition. (Ahem...we did have a wardrobe malfunction – **Cameron McIntosh** was playing the part of a mother and his/her house dress "accidentally" unsnapped and well you know what happens then. BUT he handled it well and recovered nicely!)

Have a safe and happy Halloween. If you aren't scared of all the little ghosties and goblins that will come to your house later this evening, maybe this will startle you: There are only 54 shopping days until Christmas! **BOO!!!**

Don't forget NO SCHOOL on Monday.

Corn Field MAiZE Tour

The Lower School traveled to Cagle's Dairy for our first field trip on October 14th. The kids enjoyed going through the Corn MAiZE and taking a hay ride. We also went on the Dairy Tour and the student's were able to feed baby calves.

Cagle's Dairy MAiZE represents the newest trend in "agri-education" for students and teachers alike. The MAiZE at Hickory Flat is a ten-acre corn field with more than three miles of trails cut into it ... and THAT can be a real challenge. If all of the correct turns and paths are taken, the MAiZE can be walked in 45 minutes, but for most MAiZE-goers it takes about one hour to make their way through the twists and turns!



Pictured: **Abby Hayman, Katie Golden, Kyle Kraus, Jay Coleman, Jonathan Corrigan, and Eric Schrock** (Betty's Homeroom)



Pictured: **Nate Foster, Noah Terpstra, Chris Brady, Shannon Koch, Sarosh Taufiq, Michael Ardagna, and Reed Lewis** (Shannon's Homeroom)

MSA Sports Calendar
*The most current information
when it comes to MSA Sports
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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 November 5th.* 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)

What's the BUZZ???



The "BUZZ" and excitement around MSA these days is the GALA to be held on February 7th at the Metropolitan Club in Alpharetta. The PVA GALA committee is hard at work to make this event the biggest and best MSA has ever seen! The theme for the GALA is "A NIGHT IN NEW ORLEANS" with all the elegance and fun of the MARDI GRAS itself! There will be a LIVE New Orleans Zydeco band, fantastic food and drink, a MASK contest for the most fantastic male and female masks, and of course, our outstanding items in the SILENT and LIVE AUCTIONS with the Master of Entertainment, Don Stallings, as the Auctioneer! You will be receiving your formal invitation in the mail in the next few weeks, so start making your plans NOW for "THE EVENT OF THE YEAR" sponsored by your Parent Volunteer Association.

National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)



The President of the **NSTA** has appointed Martha Muir, PreUpper School Physical Science teacher, as the Chairperson of the NSTA Reports Advisory Board. The Advisory Board advise the NSTA editors concerning the format, departments, articles, and policies of the NSTA Reports periodical and makes recommendations to the NSTA staff responsible for publications as determined by the Executive Director. Congratulations Martha! (Pictured: Martha Muir)

Lower School Parent Book Club



The Lower School Parent Book Club is meeting for the first time on Thursday, November 6th at 1:30pm in the Lower School lunchroom. Please bring your copy of Wendy Mogel's book, "*The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*", along with an appetite for a few refreshments! We will spend about an hour discussing the book and will make plans for our next meeting. Please **RSVP to Anne Holland**.

Style'n Time!!



It's "Style'n Time" again...and just what you've been waiting for. Our new T-shirt designs and colors are available to add power to your "Style'n" wardrobe. This year we've also included both adult and youth long sleeve T-shirts in a great selection of sizes and colors. They're awesome!

All designs are created by MSA Art students and hand printed in the color of your choice. From youth extra small to adult extra, extra large, these are great looking T's. Regular T's are just \$10 each. Long sleeve T's are \$15. And, if you like, you can have the artist sign your shirt.

What a deal! You get a fabulous looking T-shirt and, at the same time, support your MSA Fine Arts Department. It's a "Win-Win" situation. Keep in mind all of the holiday gifts you need to purchase...custom created shirts make perfect gifts!

Click on Link to view and print order forms. Send money and order forms to Janet or Brian in the Art Studio. (from Janet Ford and Brian Buxton)

Annual Grandparents Day



To All MSA Parents and Grandparents, (just another reminder in case you didn't see the last newsletter) - We are getting ready for another wonderful "Annual Grandparents' Day" which will be held on Tuesday, November 25th from 9:00 – 11:00am. Please make sure you let your child's grandparents know about this event as we are missing some grandparent addresses for invitations. We appreciate your help in making this a special day for our students and their grandparents. For more information, please contact **Leila Smith** in the Development Office.

PreUpper Grand Canyon Trip

This past week, some of our PreUpper students traveled with teachers Karen Bradley, Victoria Jones, Martha Muir, and Greg Bodeep to the Stagecoach Trails Guest Ranch in Arizona. From there the group explored the desert on horseback, traveled Route 66 to Oatman, Arizona and took the Grand Canyon Railway to the Grand Canyon. What a trip! (Picture taken by Victoria Jones of the Grand Canyon)



Moms on a Mission (MOM) Meeting

Next meetings – Wednesday, November 6th at 8:30am and Wednesday, November 19th at 1:30pm

Our new MOM group is now off and running! October has been an exciting month as MSA moms met to get to know each other and share. Come join us on Wednesdays in a supportive, confidential environment. We all need friends for the journey and look forward to meeting you!



Our MOMs support group will meet the first Wednesday at 8:30a (after carpool) and the third Wednesday at 1:30p (before carpool) of each month in the CommArts Great Room. If you are interested in participating but these times are not convenient, contact Paulette Solis (Pre-Upper mom) at plettes@yahoo.com or 678.267.0362 or Sheree Crowe (Middle mom) at 770.354.3657 or shereesc@mindspring.com. We

are flexible and want to accommodate as many busy moms as possible! We are also starting an email list for other events scheduled throughout the month.

Guess Who is Behind that Gala Mask????



Guess Who?

This past week's Mystery Masked Person was our very own Margaret Brito, Middle School Principal – and the winner of the Gala Bucks is Middle School Parent **Sylvia Taylor!** Congratulations Sylvia – you have won \$5.00 Gala Bucks!

Each week between now and the February 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?*

Winter PM Program – Sign Up TODAY!

Don't forget to turn in your PM Program registration forms for Winter Season. We have some really fantastic programs the season including a few new ones.



New! Chess Club with Chess Master Michael Mestres (Monday); Rocketry (LM-Monday/UPUCA-Tuesday); Youth Tennis (Wednesday); Lacrosse and Flag Sports (UPUCA only- Thursday).

Returning! Art Barn (Monday); Learning on the Log (Tuesday); Improv - Stand Up Comedy (Tuesday); MSA3 (Wednesday); Archery (Wednesday); Dance (Weds/Thurs); KK's Club (Thursday)

Fall programs end Nov 7th (next week). Winter Registration must be completed to continue the programs. Send **FORMS** and money ASAP so that you do not lose your spot! (from **Victoria Jones**)

THE Scoreboard



We took 5 boys and one girl to the GISA Cross Country State Meet in Macon Monday and they did very well. We set a goal of having all five boys under 25 minutes and missed it only by a margin of about 60 seconds (3 of 5 made it) which is still something to be pretty proud of! **Grant Pryor, Dave Friedland, and Nick O'Shea** all set personal records. **Alexandra Mail-Lopez** ran alone to represent the ladies and finished the race under 30 minutes in spite of a painful foot injury. (from Victoria Jones)

Way to go Mustangs!

We are Looking for



MSA Fine Arts is looking for two *adult* Adirondack chairs and two *child* Adirondack chairs for the Gala Auction. Please email **Janet Ford** if you get your hands on these and wish to donate them to our cause. Thank YOU! (from Janet Ford)

The Bulletin Board

Fri, Oct 31 – **Early Dismissal**

12:15 – Lower/Middle carpool

12:30 – PreUpper/CommArts/Upper carpool

12:45 – Bus Departs

Mon, Nov 3 – **NO SCHOOL** – Teacher Work Day

Tue, Nov 4 – **Election Day** – Don't forget to vote!

Wed, Nov 5 – 8:30am – **MSA Moms on a Mission** – CommArts Great Room

Wed, Nov 5 – 6:00pm – Boys Varsity **Basketball vs. Heritage** School – Home game

Thurs, Nov 6 – 1:30pm – Lower School Parent Book Club to be held in the Lower School Lunch Room.

Fri, Nov 7 – **Winter PM Program** registrations are due

Fri, Nov 7 – 6:00pm – Boys Varsity **Basketball vs. Dominion** Christian – Away game

Sat, Nov 8 – 10:00am – Boys JV **Basketball vs. Cottage** – Home game

Mon, Nov 10 – MSA **Canned Food Drive** Begins

Wed, Nov 19 – 1:30pm – **MSA Moms on a Mission** – CommArts Great Room

Cares and Concerns of our Community



This section is a place for us to share names of families or individuals that may need our thoughts and prayers. If you know of such a family or individual please let me know via **email me** anyone 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.

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

The Barkley Family

The Tijernia Family

Character Quote of the Week



Character is not in the mind. It is in the will.

- Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
