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It is Definitely November!!

Whew! What a fast week! We have had lots of activity both on and off campus this week. It started with Sunday when some of our MSA band and choir students headed to Columbus, GA for the All-Select Honor concert. This is a chosen group of students from the best in the schools that are a part of the GISA. They have no idea what music they will be performing and have to learn it in a short amount of time before they are called to perform. This is a very trying concert with all of the unknowns. But they were up to the challenge and gave a top notch performance. Beth Sawyer said, "This was the best yet for every attending school. Our MSA students truly outdid themselves." Congratulations to our band members: **Ryan Theisen, Alex Davis, and Austin Allen**. And to our Chorus members: **Torri McClain, Michael Scott, Eleni Tsarouhas, and Jordan Swartz**.

Then of course there were election day activities on Tuesday. Wednesday was the **One-Act Festival** in LaGrange, GA and basketball has started up! Thursday we heard about several college acceptances and then of course here we are and it is already Friday! Oh my goodness – it is definitely November!

Here are those college acceptances with *congratulations* to all of these students and their families:

Jack Trantham – Webster University

Chris Schultz – Georgia Perimeter College

Cameron Thompson – Georgia Southern University

Archery Club to Host their First Tournament

The MSA Archery PM Program is gearing up for their competitive season which begins November 12th and culminates with the State Meet (NASP SHOOT OFF) on February 13th. This season the Mill Springs Archers will also be hosting their first meet here at MSA on January 28th at 4pm. We are very excited to have been chosen as a host location and are looking forward to have a few schools over for some friendly competition. More information will be available soon!



Additionally, we are working on some joint activities with Kennesaw Archery Club. The KAC uses a different style of bow and shooting technique so participation in KAC events will help to expand the skills of the MSA Archers. Upper School student, **Alex Davis** represented

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MSA at last year's state meet, he recently joined the KAC and won his first competition at their annual picnic. Way to go Alex! (from Victoria Jones) Pictured: **Ian McNabb, Alex Jarrell, Cameron Thompson, and Alex Davis.**

Picture from parent Sharon Davis.

One-Act Play is a HUGE Success!!



"I thought they did an excellent job."
- Robert Moore

Congratulations to the magnificent cast and crew of *Greater Tuna*!! They received the highest possible rating in the Festival ...SUPERIOR!! And an "Outstanding Performer" award went to **Cassie Kanelos**! They were terrific and everyone noticed! We are so proud of all of them ... AND even better is the fact that this cast worked together as a team, supported each other and supported all of the other Festival groups. In fact they made wonderful new friends and spent a great deal of time joining forces and inspiring each other playing a multitude of theatre games on the stage after the Festival. What an experience!! (from Lynn Stallings)

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

Parking note: Workshop Attendees should park in the large lot at the end of the buildings on the right, the other lot is all assigned parking. If you have questions contact Cheri Harwood **at THIS link** or call 770-360-1336. (from Janet Ford)

Celebrate Creativity!!



This Saturday, **November 8**, is our **Bigger than Big Cabaret Show and Art Exhibit**. Every year it just gets better and this year is no exception. The wonderfully creative and talented students here at MSA give you their hearts in their spirited performances and artwork in this awesome visual spectacular. The Cabaret is full song, dance, comedy and lots of fun. The Art Exhibit, a wonderful display of creative, colorful drawing, painting and sculpture, will surprise and captivate your senses.

The Art Exhibit opens at 6:30pm in the Gym. *The Cabaret curtain goes up at 7:00pm* in the Theater. Come and enjoy a fun-filled evening and help support your MSA Fine Arts Department.

Admission:

- \$6.00 – Students and Art Alliance Members
- \$8.00 – General Admission

15 for Two Tons – Canned Food Drive

You should receive information home about the canned food drive, but here is the list to take with you to the store of the most needed items . . .



- ✓ Box of Cereal or Oatmeal
- ✓ Dried Fruit
- ✓ Powdered Milk
- ✓ 100% Fruit Juice
- ✓ Tuna, Peanut Butter or Soup
- ✓ Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruits
- ✓ Canned Meats, Beef Stew, Meat Sauce
- ✓ Canned Chicken and Dumplings
- ✓ Macaroni and Cheese, Pasta, Rice or Dried Beans
- ✓ Applesauce

Make your shopping list now 'cause we are looking for 100% participation! That means each student and staff must bring in 15 cans to reach the goal!

Plea for Pants!!



Fellow MSA parents – the gently used uniform store is running alarmingly low on boys and men’s pants. Please rifle through your closets and donate all gently-used, but now outgrown MSA pants to the Uniform Shop. Our ever-growing MS guys need a hand in keeping their ankles covered this winter! The Uniform Shop is open during Tuesday AM carpool and Thursday PM carpool. Please note: Any additional MSA uniform donations will also be welcomed with open arms! (from Middle School parent Jill Strothmann and Thursday volunteer)

Gala Guess WHO!

Cindy Thorne is this week’s “Who’s behind the Mask” contest winner. She correctly guessed Bruce Brownlow. Cindy has now earned \$10.00 in Gala Bucks! It PAYS to send your guesses in each week, even if you are GUESSING!



Guess WHO??

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?*

Spread the News ...



The MSA Weekly News that is. We can no longer keep this newsletter to ourselves. It’s only right that we spread the News. So if there is a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or anyone that might enjoy receiving this newsletter, please feel free to **send me their email** addresses and I will gladly add them to our distribution list.

****If you have already sent me their email address, then they have begun to receive this newsletter ****

The Bulletin Board

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

Watch for the November edition of our Upper School publication **Kickin' It Magazine** coming out soon!

Fri, Nov 7 – **Winter PM Program** registrations are due – please don't wait until the day of your program, if we do not have enough students signed up we may cancel a session, so get your registration in Monday.



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

Fri, Nov 7 – 6:30pm – **Art Exhibit and Cabaret Talent Show** - SAC

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

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

Tue, Nov 11 – **Parent Workshop** – Helping Boys Succeed in School – **PARKING** will be in large lot at the end of the buildings on the right.

Wed, Nov 12 – **Public Open House** – SAC – invite someone you know that might have a need for MSA

Tue, Nov 18 – MSA is hosting the Atlanta Area Association of Independent Schools (AAAIS) meeting for their membership Heads of Schools.

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

Mon, Nov 24 – 8:15am – **PVA Meeting**

Tue, Nov 25 – 9:00am – **Grandparents Day** - SAC

Did you Know?



The Atlanta Community Food Bank is experiencing a 30% increase in requests for food assistance.

Only 3 cities in the US have more people living below the poverty level than Atlanta.

One in 5 Georgians suffers from hunger.

Cares and Concerns of our Community



This section is a place for us to share names of families or individuals in our community 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.

Character Quote of the Week



It is not our abilities that
make us who we are – it is
our choices.

- Professor Albus Dumbledore

Thanks to Turpin Ballard for suggesting this quote. Professor Dumbledore is the headmaster of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in the Harry Potter series of books. (quote from *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*)



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