



# MSA Weekly News

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## Web Links of Interest

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*If you want to see the video clips or save them to your computer from the Cool School broadcast, this is the place to go!*

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*School Calendar on the MSA website*

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## Ding, Ding – Round Two

Where's the girl that walks around the ring with the big number 2 on the placard? Let's see, we had a fire drill on Monday, then the AAC Sports Banquet that evening. Tuesday brought Senior Presentations and the Middle School Drama Performance. Wednesday more Senior Presentations. Thursday began final exams for PU/CA/U, there was a senior brunch and the last KK's Club for the school year. Today offers more exams, Spring Fling for Middle and Baccalaureate tonight. Tomorrow is Graduation! Where's the oxygen? Next week – Round Three (hopefully we survive).

As the year comes to an end, we find there are many sweet moments with the graduates. If you happen to come for graduation, you will understand. Between baccalaureate and graduation most of the graduates have a moment to share their thoughts about their lives and their futures, it is always very rewarding to hear how successful they feel. When I write, I always use the most common words, even when I speak I do that. The word graduation signifies an ending or completion of something, but the fifty cent word, commencement, indicates a beginning! So as our 12<sup>th</sup> graders come to an end of their high school career, they arrive at a new beginning when they walk across the platform into a new phase of their lives. Nothing will be the same. Life will be a sense of adventure and excitement and we wish the best for these young adults! Congratulations and Good Luck in all that you do!

## Honors Day – It's for YOU!

### Honors Day Schedule May 22, 2009

Parents are invited to attend all activities on Honors Day.  
Please join us!



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| 8:30 – 9:30am   | Final Levels Meeting and Awards Ceremony in each school.  |
| 10:00 – 11:30am | Honors Day Program – In the Tweetie Lewis Moore Student Activity Center. Please sit as a community. |
| 11:30am         | Dismissal   |
| 12:00pm         | Bus Transportation will leave   |

Bus Service will run on a regular schedule for AM carpool.  
If you have any questions, please call Cheri at 770-360-1336.

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## Student Updates!



**Class of 2005: Chas MacNeill** is graduating this month from Eckerd College, Summa Cum Laude 3.9 GPA and is moving to China. He speaks Chinese fluently and chose to relocate to China. His mother stated that if it wasn't for MSA teachers Chas would not be where he is today and wanted to thank the Upper School for everything.

**Class of 2009: Nick Pasquariello** has been accepted to University of Georgia in Athens. Congratulations Nick!

**Class of 2011: Lauren Hays**, Upper School student, has been accepted to the Summer Institute on Holocaust Education at Kennesaw State University. She is one of twenty students chosen from metro Atlanta to be working with educators from across the world including the lead educator from Yad Vashem in Israel. They will take trips to the Bremen museum and the Temple in Atlanta. It's a terrific opportunity – see more info [HERE](#).

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## Retired Jerseys

The sports season wound down nicely culminating in a sports banquet and the retirement of a couple Baseball and Basketball jerseys.



*Pictured: Coach Jack Withrow, with Baseball Heroes **Paul Manners**, **Jack Trantham**, **Mason Pritchard**, Coach Keith Muma*



*Pictured: Basketball Superstars **Torri McClain** and **Max Holt***

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## Faculty Changes for the Fall



When you come back in the fall you will notice a few changes. We will be saying goodbye to some current faculty, there is change in store for others, and possibly a couple new faces will be around. Here is what I know at the moment:

Chet Burnes, Middle – is also moving, but to Nashville where he has family. He hopes to teach

middle school there.

Jennie Donaldson, Middle – is due to have a baby in July and will become a stay at home mom!

Charlotte Flores, Upper – will be leaving to teach abroad.

Beth Sawyer, Fine Arts – will be moving to Alabama and getting married this summer!

Janet Ford, Fine Arts – will take the position of Coordinator of Fine Arts as Beth leaves.

Good Luck and Congratulations to everyone.

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## IOU – UO Me Uniform Store Dues Due



The Uniform Store would like to collect its school-wide IOU's before the end of the school year. If you've had to borrow an item from the store and didn't have the opportunity to pay, please feel free to drop off a check to the Admin office made out to "MSA-PVA" (no cash, chickens or postage stamps please). Cheri has a list of people and items borrowed and will be happy to check you off of the list. Prices are:

\$3 - Shirts, shorts

\$5 - sweaters, dresses, slacks, skirts, shorts

\$10 - Fleece, jackets, hoodies

If you have any questions, please contact Jill Strothmann at 678-474-9961. Also all gently used donations for the store are welcome. Have a great summer! (from Jill Strothmann)

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## Elective Registration Deadline Extended

### On-line Elective Registration

Deadline extended until Sunday, May 17 at midnight



If you have turned in a contract for the 2009-2010 school year and are a part of the PreUpper, CommArts, or Upper Schools, you will be able to access elective registration through NetClassroom. Please make sure to register because at midnight on May 17, registration will close down. If you have questions about the electives contact your principal or for technology questions contact Paul Barkley.

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## The Bulletin Board

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

May 1 – June 30<sup>th</sup> – 20% off **Uniform Sale** at Uniform Depot – they are located at 600 N. Main Street (Hwy 9), Alpharetta – (770) 569-1200

Fri, May 15 – **Baccalaureate** – SAC

Sat, May 16 – 10:00am – **Graduation** – SAC

Wed, May 20 – 8:30am – **MSA Moms on a Mission** – CA Great Room

Fri, May 22 – 10:00am – **Honors Day** – SAC - other activities maybe happening in your specific school beginning at 8:00am. – Early Dismissal after the Honors Day program (approximately Noon)

Fri, May 22 – **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** ☺

Mon, June 8 – **Mark Trail Camp** Begins

Mon, June 8 – **Summer School** Begins



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**Days of School Left**

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## Cares and Concerns of our Community

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

**The Adams Family**

**The Class of 2009**

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.



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## Character Quote of the Week



**Live in such a way that you  
would not be ashamed to  
sell your parrot to the town  
gossip.**

**- Will Rogers**



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