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It's Just the Beginning

Let's see where do we start. There was a PVA meeting on Monday, we took school pictures of all our beautiful little darlings (teachers too) on Tuesday, 7-12th graders had achievement tests, there were two soccer matches and a round of volleyball, finally today is make-up day for Senior pictures. Did I miss anything? Probably, as it is very apparent that school is in full swing now. We are still interviewing families and have brought in a few more students bringing our enrollment up to 304, and another child will start on Monday. I see preparations being made for All School Parent Curriculum Night (make sure you check out the **MOM's Happy Hour** before Curriculum Night). All of this and it is just the beginning! We shall see what next week brings.

September 14 – **National Anthem Day** – Start practicing now!!

Fine Arts Parent/Student Meeting

ATTENTION: All Talented, Creative, Artistic Students and their Lucky Parents!

The Fine Arts Department is hosting an important informational meeting to discuss participation in the MSA One Act Play, Spring Musical, Band, or Chorus. If your student is currently in Band/Chorus or wants to be in the One Act Play and/or Spring Musical, we need to see you at this meeting.

Come to find out:

- How to Audition
- How to sign up
- What's required to participate
- Time commitment
- Fine Arts Winter Learning choices
- How to volunteer to support these amazing artists
- And meet the Fine Arts Staff for a Q & A



This is your opportunity to find out how to be involved in something meaningful, creative and filled with fun!!! So all parents & students join us on **Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00pm** in the SAC Theater. If you have questions contact **Lynn Stallings**. See you there!

MSA PVA Web Site
Learn what is going on with your PVA

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School Calendar on the MSA website

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Whoo-hoo!!

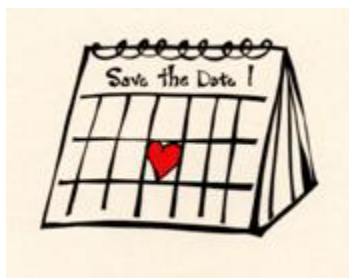
Learn More About your Headmaster



The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs published an article sharing a profile about one of their members - Robert Moore. See the article [HERE](#) and learn more about Mill Springs Academy's Headmaster. (Previously posted on [Twitter.com](#))

Save the Date – September 19 @ 9 – 11am

The CommEduCenter presents Alumni Chelsea Eubanks and Mark Victor Hansen at Mill Springs Academy for one day only!



They will be talking about overcoming disabilities and living life successfully. Chelsea is one of the young people featured in Hansen's book *The Ten Richest Kids in America*. He is also the co-author of several *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books. Eubanks and Hansen have been featured on FOX News and have spoken at a variety of venues across the country.

This free event is open to all MSA parents, faculty and staff as well as the community, but you must RSVP [HERE](#). (from Cindy Thorne)

Georgia Special Needs Scholarship



For parents participating in the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship – August 31st deadline.

If you have not already turned in your eligibility form from the GA Department of Education website, please ensure that you do soon so you don't miss your scholarship opportunity. If you were a part of the program last year, you do not need to do anything this year.

By now you should have received (via mail) a

form which needs to be completed and returned to MSA. If you do not receive this form, please contact **Sheila**. It is important that both forms are in the office by **Monday, August 31st**. (Sheila FitzGerald, Admissions Director)

MSA Annual Fund 2009-2010



Making a gift to Mill Springs' Annual Fund is the most important gift our parents are asked to make to the school each year. Our goals for this year's Annual Fund are to raise \$250,000 and receive 100% participation from our entire school family (Faculty/Staff, Parents and Board of Trustees).

By now every family should have received an appeal letter along with an Annual Fund brochure and pledge form. Please take the time to fill out and return your pledge form today or click **HERE** to learn more about the Annual Fund and download a pledge form from our website. (Mary Ramirez, Development)

From the Desk of Nurse Ann Hartin



Mill Springs is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment, find out how you can help with prevention.

Make sure that you read the important information Nurse Ann has to share with you about the H1N1 virus **HERE**.

Students in the News

Precious Pearls Children's Outreach Ministry (PPCOM) is a Christian Kenyan group that is working to ship a container of farm equipment to Eldoret, Kenya this October. The founder Geoffrey Kibii bought a tractor in Blairsville over a year ago and has been working to find a way to transport it to Marietta. Alumni **Mason Pritchard** (2009) and **Paul Manners** (Upper Student) took Paul's power horse of a truck and drove all the way up to Blairsville after school and helped load the trailer and a skid steer on Paul's trailer in a torrential rain and then drove it all the way down to Marietta and helped off load it. They have been able to help this organization do something that we had been trying to figure out how to do for several months! Their knowledge of farm equipment and willingness to work hard to help out have been literally a godsend!



The President of PPCOM Jim cook made a video and you can see Mason and Paul helping out! See the video [HERE](#). You can learn more about Precious Pearls at [HERE](#). It is great to see young men their age volunteer their time so willingly. And these guys have a lot to give! (Upper Parent LeAnna Gates)

MOM's Meetings Have Started Up Again

The MSA **Mom's On a Mission (MOMs)** group is an informal, confidential group for mothers of students at MSA created to share experiences and resources, enhance the lives of ourselves, our children and our families, and support the mission of MSA. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30a and the third Wednesday at 1:30p always in the CommArts Great Room. We also plan activities to support social relationships for parents and kids in the MSA community, so watch The Bulletin Board for those opportunities.



For more information about MOMs or to get on our distribution list, 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@gmail.com.

MSA Recycles, You Can Too!



In conjunction with SP Recycling Corporation we have installed a red & green recycling bin at the back of the large parking lot at the top of the hill. SP Recycling owns a paper mill and uses the things we throw into this bin to manufacture 100% recycled newsprint. It is a small fundraiser for the school, we receive a small stipend based on the weight of the paper we collect. We are inviting you to recycle your waste paper with us. You can toss the following loose items into this bin:

[Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, office paper, junk mail, file folders, index cards, colored paper, plain and window envelopes.](#) You do not have to remove staples and paperclips. You're going to throw that newspaper away anyhow, why not drive by the bin after carpool and toss it in????

“Serve it up for Athletics” Tennis Tournament

Our Fifth Annual “Serve it up for Athletics” tennis tournament is just around the corner.



When: September 18, 2009

Where: MSA Courts

Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Cost: \$75 (breakfast/lunch/goodie bag)

Format: Round Robin Doubles/Individual Entry

Register Online [HERE](#)

Play, Sponsor, Donate

Let's Share



OK folks it's time to share! You have been keeping this information to yourself for much too long now. If you think she might enjoy receiving this newsletter, **send me** Aunt Sally's email address and I will gladly include her in the distribution going forward. If you gave me the email address last year, *you will need to give it to me again*, as we start fresh each school year.

The Scoreboard



GET READY! MUSTANG MANIA IS COMING!

Scores (MSA score first)

8/25 – Soccer vs. AASD 9-0

8/27 – Soccer vs. Chrysalis (no final score yet)

8/27 – Volleyball vs. Academe of the Oaks
12-25, 16-25, 16-25

Schedule

9/1 – 4:00p – Soccer – Howard (A)

9/3 – 3:45p – Soccer – Brandon Hall (A)

9/3 – 4:30p – Volleyball – Cottage (A)

The Bulletin Board

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

Fri, Aug 28 – **Senior Pictures** make up day

Fri, Aug 28 – 3:30 to 5:30ish – **MOM's & Kids Play Date** - Meet at Wills Park after school.

Wed, Sept 2 – 8:30a – **MOM's Meeting** – CA Grt Rm

Thur, Sept 3 – 5:45 to 6:45p – **MOM's and Dad's "Happy Hour"** – meet at The Diner of Crabapple for appetizers before Parent Curriculum Night.

Thur, Sept 3 – 7:00p – All School **Parent Curriculum Night** – Notice location changes below:
Lower/Middle in Student Activity Center
PreUpper, CommArts, and Upper in Upper Grt Rm

Mon, Sept 7 – Labor Day – **NO SCHOOL**

Wed, Sept 9 – 9:00a – Public Open House – SAC – Do



you know someone who needs Mill Springs? Let them know about Open House.

Wed, Sept 9 – 6:00p – Fine Arts Parent/Student Meeting

Fri, Sept 11 – 3:30p – Mustang Mania

Community Cares and Concerns

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



The Balog Family

Jobless Families

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 family names and claim ignorance if you ask me for details.

Contact me **HERE**.

Character Quote of the Week



The decisions we make and the way we live on what ultimately shape our character.

It is not the brains that matter most, but that which guides them – the character, the heart, generous qualities, progressive ideas.

- Fyodor Dostoyevsky

To: All Mill Springs Parents, Board of Trustees, Newsletter Friends, Newsletter Family,
Newsletter Professionals, Newsletter Foundations and All Staff/Faculty

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