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AUGUST RECAP

- 7/30–8/3 Cross Country Trip to Colorado
- 8/10 Back to School Night/Orientation
- 8/12–13 Back to School/7th–12th grade community serve days
- 8/17 First day Fall Sports Practice
- 8/22 Alumni vs. Boys Soccer Game

A LOOK AHEAD

- 9/7 Labor Day, NO SCHOOL
- 9/11 Football Tailgate Party @ 3:00 PM
- 9/12 Old Settler’s Day Parade – Marching Band
- 9/17 All School Bonfire / Pep Rally @ 6:00 PM
- 9/18–19 Autumnfest Games/ Dance
- 9/27 Christian College Fair

Principal’s Principles

A Note from the Secondary Principal to MCA Families

Merry Christmas!

I know that this phrase doesn’t seem to fit during this time of year, but the start of a new school year feels like Christmas to me. As the first day of school draws near, I become more and more giddy - much like a child who is counting down the days until it’s time to open presents. (I hope this doesn’t make me weird). Part of the reason I feel this way is that I truly love the learning process and the people involved in it. But the main reason I love the start of school is that it signals a fresh start for everyone, a new beginning. Old school years are behind us and the opportunities of a new one await. It reminds me of the fresh start we get when we become followers of Jesus. We have opportunity to release much of what we once were and are free to embrace the promise of new

life in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 6:4 & 7:6, John 10:10). The best part of this is that we get to celebrate this reality every time we take our eyes off of ourselves and our circumstances and direct our focus to Him. Every day and every moment we choose to do this become a fresh start. Every day and every moment we choose to do this become exciting ...like Christmas!

DID YOU KNOW that if you open a Target Debit or Credit Card and save 5% on every purchase you can also earn 1% for Maranatha? To designate MCA As a recipient of the 1% earnings, go to www.target.com/tcoe or call the number on your card



Athletics Alley

By Dave Keener

2015 fall sports began on August 17th with some new looks around MCA. First of all new soccer Coach, Jon Orndorff saw 21 boys begin practices. He is excited about this coming season and excited that we are going to be able to offer some JV games as well. Another new change this fall was Coach Sam Soliday taking over the volleyball program. After serving as an assistant last year, he is excited to be at the helm for this year's squad. Although the team will be young with mainly Freshman and Sophomores he is looking forward to developing the young talent. Football has started with 16 eager high school players and 11 junior high players. Coach Burdette has been working the team

hard and preparing them for their season opener on September 4th. Cross country teams started as well with their usual vigor and enthusiasm under Coach Williams. Both teams have high expectations to continue the strong tradition of MCA Cross Country. Finally girls tennis had a tremendous turnout this year for Coach Asbell and Coach Westerfeld. 18 girls will be competing this fall with the season opener on August 24th. JH sports are in full practice mode as well with cross country, volleyball, soccer, and football available for those athletes. Keep all of our coaches and athletes in your prayers as their prepare for their busy fall seasons and come out and support the Eagles.

SEPTEMBER HOME GAMES

	9/8 4:30	
	9/9/10 4:30	
	9/18 6:30	
	9/21 4:30	
9/3 4:00		
	9/3 4:00	
	9/17 5:00	
	9/29 5:00	
9/11 TBA		
9/19 11:30 AM		

Check out MCA-Eagles.org to see full sports calendar!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING INNOVATION WINNER!



John Slattery attended the John Brown University Summer Engineering Academy from July 19–25 in Siloam Springs, AR. The week ended with a robotics competition that included multifaceted challenges. John and his teammate, Caleb Place, a home schooled student from Sand Springs, OK took 1st place overall. Their robot won 1st place recognition for electrical engineering innovation. John received a \$750.00 scholarship to help attend JBU should he decide to go there in the future.

Welcome New Teachers

Among the several new staff members that joined the team this year, MCA welcomes three new secondary teachers



DID YOU KNOW?

Mr. Estes has attended games in 33 different major league baseball stadiums.

Mr. Thompson knows every word to Forrest Gump

Mr. Walker once sponsored a senior class of two for a senior trip to Honolulu

Mr. Estes was in a TV movie in college called "The Day After" as a crowd scene extra

Mr. Thompson has been through five knee surgeries

Mr. Walker is a published poet, with three poems to his credit

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

3 TIME-SAVING COLLEGE APPLICATION TRICKS
FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR
from USNews.com

Select your exam dates as soon as possible: Once you have a short list of programs, you can decide which exams are most appropriate for you to take and when you should take them. These might include the ACT, SAT and SAT Subject Tests

Set financial aid deadlines: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, which is required by colleges in order to calculate tuition assistance, cannot be submitted until Jan. 1. But you can save time by beginning the process of gathering necessary information before that date.

Remain well rested to finish high school strong: Believe it or not, getting enough sleep is ultimately the best thing you can do for yourself during the final months of college. Well-rested students have a clearer, sharper mind and are able to accomplish more in less time, and perform better in class.



Chinese students Betty Li and Katie Guo pose for the camera at their very first tennis match

Welcome New Students

We have the joy of welcoming 37 new students to MCA this year! Among those are 19 international students. Be sure to make new students and their families and guardians feel welcome throughout this year!

KANSAS CITY AREA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 6-8 P.M. | FREE ADMISSION
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North Campus Gym • 15000 W 63rd Street • Shawnee, KS 66216
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIRS
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PSALM 34:5 "THOSE WHO LOOK TO HIM ARE RADIANT WITH JOY; THEIR FACES WILL NEVER BE ASHAMED."

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