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The Principal's Principles

By Dr. Fritz

At Maranatha Christian Academy we work together as a team. Kingdom Education facilitates a strong cord involving parents, churches and our Academy. Discipling our students involves prayer, insight, knowledge, ideas and support as well as love from multiple places of influence. In short, we need each other. Thank you for your involvement in our ministry.

Determined to improve communica-

tion between school and families, The Saga, a school newsletter, will include articles facilitating our communication efforts. It will not only reflect on past MCA happenings but also announce upcoming events. Items benefiting our community or suggestions to improve this communication vehicle are accepted and should be submitted to either Dr. Fritz or Miss Westerfeld. Families are encouraged to ask questions regarding the contents of the publication.

Again, your input is encouraged as we grow together.

In Him,

Ron Fritz, EdD.

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The Maranatha family knows how to celebrate! It's a great time to be an Eagle as we mark the 40th anniversary of Maranatha this year!



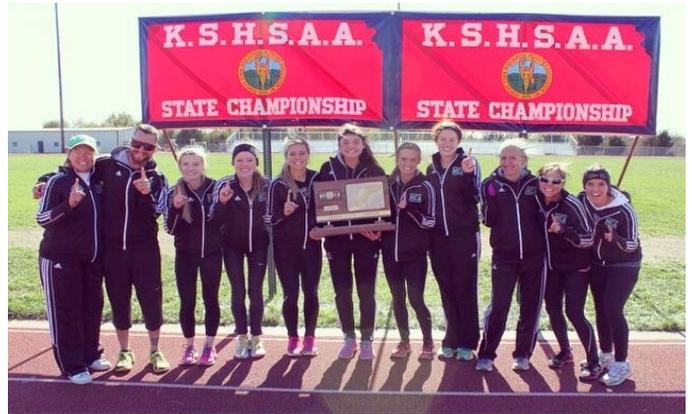


Athletics Alley

By Dave Keener

Our fall sports programs have been incredibly busy and successful. Those seasons have concluded and students are now in full swing with winter sports. There have been some amazing accomplishments by our athletes and coaches. We have received multiple compliments from opponents as to the character of our teams. As our teams meet before or after matches or meets to pray with opponents it has been a real testimony as to what Christ means to our athletes. As athletic director that is what it means to be a Christian athlete. As these winter seasons begin, we would covet your prayers for coaches and athletes. This part of the season the bodies are getting tired, the weather not cooperating and many other distractions. Pray that they will be able to stay focused on what is important and have strength to finish strong.

Now that fall sports have all finished some exciting news to share. Girls and Boys cross country teams finished as conference champions, regionals champions and then capped off their season with 2A state championships for girls and boys. Amazing day representing MCA! Along the way, every girl that ran set a PR for their season with Lauren Harrell being state champion for the girls, setting a new state meet record and winning the event by 30 seconds! CJ Shiner was the top finisher for boys. The girls team won by 40 points the boys team won by 29 points as well! The Eagles represented MCA and our Lord well!



Pictured above: Cross Country girls pose with their state trophy and their coaches after taking first for the third consecutive year

Cross Country Accomplishments

Bianca Williams won 2014 Coach of the Year

Lauren Harrell was chosen among 2-6A schools as the Senior Runner of the year

Hope Manning and Lauren Harrell made First Team out of all KC Metro runners

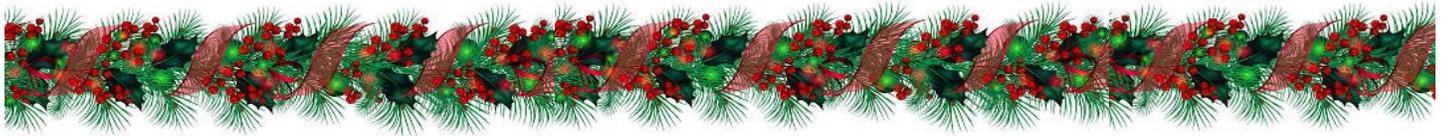
Taylor Morrow and Ashlyn Crews received Honorable Mentions

Jace Burdette, senior, was selected as an 2014 All Class 2-A Honorable Mention football player by the Topeka Capitol Journal. Congratulations, Jace!

Winter Sports

Winter Sports began on November 17th. Check out dates and times of games and matches on the Maranatha website mca-eagles.org and come out and support the Eagles this season!





College Connections

By Susan Hanson

WHAT'S NEW WITH FAFSA?

Federal Student Aid Hotline (1-800-433-3243)

Peak FAFSA Season Hours:

Monday-Friday	7 am till 11 pm
Saturday	8 am till 7 pm
Sunday	12 pm till 6 pm

Federal Student Aid Website:

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa/filling-out>

College Goal Sunday—February 22, 2015 2-4 pm

2015–16 FAFSA on the Web available on January 1, 2015

FAFSA on the Web Worksheet:

Used as “pre-application” worksheet

Questions follow order of FAFSA on the Web

2015 GE-REAGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This national program awards college scholarships to high school seniors who embody the characteristics of President Ronald Reagan at school, in the community, in the workplace, and at home. Qualities required: Leadership ~ Drive ~ Integrity ~ Citizenship.

Recipients receive \$10,000 renewable scholarships—up to \$40,000 per student. FILING DEADLINE-January 8, 2015.

A Look at November



Thank you for anyone who was a part of the Auction! It was a great success and raised over \$72,000 for the school!



The Music Man was a big success! Thank you to everyone who participated and came out to support on November 13-15th



The high school band and colorguard performed at the Veterans breakfast at HyVee that morning, playing patriotic hymns in their honor. Later, they marched in the Veterans Day Parade in Leavenworth at 10:30. We are honored that MCA was able to be a part of celebrating and honoring American heroes.





Junior High choir girls pose together after singing at Crown Center

For the past seven years the junior high choir has been a special guest of the First Baptist Church of Shawnee Widow's meeting. Students provide a choral concert and share solos and ensembles. It's our favorite event each year. After singing they provide us with snacks and we play table games with them. This group has been such a blessing to us. We go to bless them, but come back to school overflowing with blessings. Last year the widows loaded a bus full and came out to support our musical production of Annie. My goal as director for the choir is to provide opportunities for our young people to share encouragement and God's love.

The choir also visits Shawnee Garden's Skilled Nursing Home each year at Christmas time. Every year someone in our group has a connection with one of the residents. Unexpectedly, this year I looked out at the residents and saw a gentleman who I've know my entire life. Mr. Ed Guess is a retired pastor who was a dear friend to my father. Although he was not able to communicate with me, his wife was visiting him and with tears in her eyes, she thanked us for coming. Later that evening I received a message from their daughter saying her mom would treasure our visit for months to come. I truly love this part of making world changers at Maranatha Christian Academy!

*-Marcia Smith
Jr. High Choir Director*

Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

Each year more than 100,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Patriot's Pen youth essay contest.

Participants explore history and personal accounts to write a themed essay on patriotism. Congratulations to Maranatha students Mellenie Redick, Andrew Moritz, and Andrew Slattery for winning first, second and third place of the Shawnee chapter of the contest!



Mellenie Redick, 8th grade, at the local VFW Post Competition

Voice of Democracy Competition

Maranatha students competed against students from across the country in the VFW's Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition. The competition is purposed to let 9-12 graders examine democratic principles and express their personal ideas and themes.

Congratulations to juniors Ellie Meyers and Brooke Bowlin for winning 2nd and 3rd place!

