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The Principal's Principles

By Dr. Fritz

What makes Maranatha Christian Academy distinctively different from the government schools? Tuition? Christian teachers? Christian textbooks? Chapel? We would all agree that those things, and others do contribute to making MCA distinctively different by design. However, the one constant that stands out above all the others is the Bible. The Bible is required, welcome as well as taught here.

Often the first question parents ask

their child after school is "how was your day?" That question is usually a seed to conversation. A typical response is 'nothing' or 'not much.' May I suggest, as parents of children who are attending a Christian school, that we reinforce the Spiritual distinctiveness of MCA. For example, we may ask "how was chapel today?" or "what was Bible class about today?" A poignant conversation can ward off shallowness, gossip, a complaining spirit and lead to spiritual awareness and growth.

As we partner with parents and grow young Christians it is necessary to support one another in our ministry. Grow with us as we shape hearts and minds to serve our Lord and Savior.

Ronald D. Fritz,
Secondary Principal

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While Time Flies By... Watch Your Children Soar

Whether your child is at the *beginning*, in the *middle* or entering their *last* years of formal education, there is *no end* to the growth and opportunities your family will experience at MARANATHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY.

Join Us For
Soaring UPWARDS
2015
Building on Successes

This evening is about sharing why MCA is a great choice now, and what we are doing to improve as a partner with families in educating their child no matter what stage of life they are in.

Your family will also have a chance before and after the presentation to visit with all of our teachers at our Open House.

Kindergarten Preview & Open House (Gr. 1-3): 5:00pm - 6:15pm
N. Campus: 15000 West 63rd Street, Shawnee, KS 66216

Building on Successes presentation: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Cross Points Sanctuary: 6824 Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS 66217

Elementary & Secondary Open House (Gr. 4-12): 7:30pm - 9:00pm
S. Campus: 6826 Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS 66217

The evening's topics will include:

- 2015-16 Academic Emphasis
- College Preparation for Your Student
- Recommitment to Kingdom Education
- The "Darkside of Technology" Event
- Showcase of Students' Successes
- Update on Technology Use at MCA

Athletics Alley

By Dave Keener

With winter sports now in full swing, it is exciting to see the involvement with so many of our student athletes. Our numbers for the bowling squads are higher than in previous years. We have been able to field JV teams for both boys and girls high school programs as well as a C team for high school boys. Our JH teams have both A and B team participation. With this increased interest comes the opportunity for exposing so many more student athletes to a sport that maybe they have played previously or maybe are experiencing for the first time. Coaches are excited to have their athletes working hard in practices and in preparation for games.

Bowlers just started their matches the first week back from Christmas break. That is a sport where you can see individual improvement documented each time they bowl and gives a great barometer for areas where they can improve. That improvement also translates into team performances improving as well.

Basketball coaches are in the heart of their season now with normally 1-2 games a week along with their busy practice schedules. Pray for health and strength for each of those coaching as well as wisdom as they push their athletes towards improvement towards their post season.

College Connections

By Susan Hanson

Students can now apply online for the following programs:

- Kansas State Scholarship
- Kansas Ethnic Minority Scholarship
- Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship
- Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship
- Kansas Career Technical Workforce Grant
- Kansas Military Service Scholarshi
- Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance

The online application is available to students on the Kansas Board of Regents website www.kansasregents.org under "Students" and then "Student Financial Aid." In addition to the application, there is information about scholarship programs at this website.

If in need of more paper applications, call 785-296-3518 or email loldhamburns@ksbor.org

REMINDER!

The online application for 2015-2016 will be available in early January 2015

Seniors need to keep working hard and finish second semester strong. College scholarships can be taken back if GPAs fall!



The National Honor Society is an organization that promotes recognition of students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the area of scholarship, character, leadership and service. Membership in the National Honor Society is one of the highest that can be awarded to a high school student.

To be eligible for membership, the student must be a member of the sophomore, junior, or senior class and must have been in attendance

at Maranatha Christian Academy the entire first semester of the current school year. Candidates should have an overall scholastic grade point average of at least 3.5. Students who are academically eligible are given a list of the specific requirements needed to qualify them for consideration in the other three categories. Students go through a series of steps as well as undergo teacher evaluations before being considered for membership. A five-member faculty council considers all candidates with careful evaluation and prayer.

Maranatha National Honor Society will notify new members no later than Monday, February 2nd. The NHS Induction Ceremony will take place February 4th during chapel.

Spiritual Emphasis Week

Each semester students and staff get to experience Spiritual Emphasis week where they participate in school wide worship daily as well as listen to scripture filled messages and are encouraged to build each other up in Christ.

This semester the speaker for the week is Pastor Ryan Darrow from Overland Park First Assembly of God. Pastor Darrow shares on faithfulness each day, which is the virtue students are currently exploring through daily class devotions and weekly chapels.

On Friday of Spiritual Emphasis Week each grade breaks out and enjoys class chapel planned by their chaplains.



She is Faithful is geared to be a community-wide type of event that is meant to bring people together for encouragement in Christ. Ladies will meet to worship, share testimonies, hear a word on faithfulness based off of Ruth, and then fellowship. There will be food and a photobooth afterwards for people to have fun and get to know each other. Come be a part of the first SHE IS event at Crosspoints Church on February, 27th!

"SHE IS purposed to form community out of ladies of all ages and backgrounds that will encourage each other, pray for each other, and disciple each other through all phases of life. We are women of God created to truly do life together. We will join together to redefine who we are through God's word, powerful testimonies, and simply having fun. SHE IS not defined by society. SHE IS defined by our Maker. SHE IS HIS."

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Love
Joy
Peace
Patience
Kindness
Goodness
Faithfulness
Gentleness
Self-control

Welcome David Hensarling!

Maranatha Christian Academy welcomes David Hensarling. Mr. Hensarling now teaches Pre-Algebra and Geometry in the secondary school as of January 6th. Mr. Hensarling was raised in a Christian home, the youngest of six children and the son of a pastor. As a young boy David accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. In 1987, he graduated from Calvary Bible College and began teaching. Mr. Hensarling has over twenty years of experience teaching a variety of math courses to junior and senior high students, primarily in Christian schools.

David and his wife, Rhonda are blessed with three children, Natalie a high school senior, Seth, a sophomore in high school and Daniel, who is in seventh grade. Their family lives in Olathe and attends Countryside Baptist Church. David serves as a deacon in the church. Some of David's hobbies include spending time with family, sports, and hiking in the mountains when time permits.

We are pleased to have Mr. David Hensarling join our community and look forward to ministering with him as we pursue the mission of Maranatha in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ.



GPAC Missions Conference



John Zumwalt from Beautiful Feet Ministries spoke to students about reaching out to share Christ with all.



Hundreds of students enjoyed lunch together catered by Chick Fil-A. That's a lot of chicken!

Each year Kansas City Metro area Christian schools gather for a day long conference with an emphasis on leadership, apologetics, or missions. This year MCA was privileged to host over 700 students in worship and learning about missions. The theme of the conference was "What in the World is God up to?"

Students were encouraged to share their faith with all people in both their daily lives and in local/foreign missions. They heard from dynamic speakers and watched *Beyond the Gates of Splendor*, a documentary based on the lives of American missionaries to Ecuador who were also featured in *End of the Spear*.