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JANUARY/FEBRUARY

- 1/11-15 Prayer Emphasis Week
- 1/14 Open House
- 1/18 MLK Jr. Day NO SCHOOL
- 1/19-22 Spiritual Emphasis Week
- 2/5 Homecoming Games
- 2/6 Homecoming Dance
- 2/11 Mock Elections
- 2/17 National Honor Society Induction
- 2/20 Crossroads Conference Band and Choir Festival
- 2/29 1st day of Spring sports

A LOOK AT MARCH

- 3/3 Discover MCA 6pm
- 3/7 40 Days of Prayer Worship Service 6:30pm
- 3/14-18 NO SCHOOL Spring Break
- 3/25 NO SCHOOL Good Friday
- 3/29 Eagle Update 6:30pm

Principal's Principles

By Steve York

Think back to your favorite childhood games. Kick-the-can, tag, dodge ball, freeze tag, hide-and-peek, etc. Not only do these games bring back wonderful memories, but if we think about them more deeply we can even find some great life lessons within them. Consider the game of Tug-of-War. It contains principles of teamwork, balance, strength, timing, and perseverance. Of all the lessons attached to this game, those related to teamwork and alignment are among the best. When all members of the team are aligned – pulling same direction for the entire game – great success is possible. This is especially true if the biggest ‘tuggers’ on the team are aligned and working together. However, when the ‘tuggers’ are not working together or not all pulling in the same direction, the other team has a great advantage and takes new ground. These same principles apply in training young disciples. When the ‘big tuggers’ (parents, church and school) are aligned (with a biblical world view

of education and disciple making) great things are possible! However, if these ‘tuggers’ are not aligned (with God and with each other), the other team (the enemy) has a great advantage and will likely gain ground. Young people greatly benefit and are better equipped to live an godly life and an impactful life when in families, schools, and churches that share God’s vision and follow His principles. Great resources on the importance and power of alignment include “Kingdom Education” by Dr. Glen Schultz, “Revolutionary Parenting” by George Barna and “Running with the Horses” by Dr. Larry Taylor.



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Athletics Alley

SPRING SPORTS have officially started! Games, matches and meets will start up after Spring Break. Check out the sports schedules through the link at MCA-eagles.org to find information on high school track & field, junior high track, high school girls soccer, junior high girls soccer, high school boys tennis and baseball!

MARCH HOME GAMES



Highschool Baseball

3/24 @ 4:00pm & 6:00pm

3/29 @ 4:00pm & 6:00pm

3/31 @ 4:30pm

Highschool Girls Soccer

3/24 @ 4:30pm

3/31 @ 4:30pm



Baseball home games are played at 3&2 fields

BBALL SHOUT OUT FROM COACH THOMPSON

I would like to exalt our basketball team. Played a great Mid-Buchanan team and were up 27-11 at one point. Down by one at half, and down by 2 going into the fourth. Lost last year 70-25, and made huge strides from last year. We hit 14 three's that game, and played well! Roland Hou, and Connor Heller shot the ball well that night for us, and have been great leaders for us.

Then played Veritas and led the whole game, and ended up losing by 5. Xavier Henderson led us with 17 points, and played great defense for us on their top scorer. Roland and David Peck added 10. Ben Kynion has stepped up big for us on the defensive side, and has been our anchor all year!

MAN UP!!

Act Like Men Bible Study

Meeting @ Panera's on Shawnee Mission Pkwy @ 6:45 a.m. Friday Mornings

Breakfast & bible study with Mr. Hoduski at 6:45am every Friday at Panera off of Shawnee Mission Parkway. The study started on Friday, February 12th!

She is
Brave

She is His girls' discipleship program for jr. high and high school girls focuses on the qualities that make up our identity in Christ. This year's theme is "She is Brave." The group focuses on identifying and studying these qualities together, and building relationships and accountability to live them out. Studies are led by junior and senior girls and teachers. Girls meet ever other Friday at 7am at Panera off of 87th and Lackman. The next meeting is on March 25th!

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

It is time for parents of graduating seniors to begin completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at <https://fafsa.gov>. This is a process that will continue every year while the student is attending college. FAFSA is the gateway to all financial aid for colleges/universities whether public or private. Parents who feel certain that they will not qualify for federal assistance should still complete the application. Private schools which are much more free with scholarship or grant money still use this information.

Seniors will also need to visit StudentAid.gov/fsaid to learn about and create their own FSA ID—the username and password a student needs for signing the FAFSA and for various other uses on Federal Student Aid websites.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYING FOR THE ACADEMY. WE SERVE A GOOD FATHER WHO, AS JAMES REMINDS US, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL GOOD GIFTS WE RECEIVE. WE ARE ASKING FOR HIS DIRECTION, HIS BLESSING, AND THAT HE MIGHT EMPOWER MCA TO STAND IN A WORLD THAT IS REJECTING HIM.

ATTENTION SOPHOMORE PARENTS!

The Sophomore class is now in charge of concessions for home games through this semester and next!. Working concessions is a great way to raise money for class funds and for the upcoming prom planning and the senior trip! Sign ups will soon be available for spring sports home games. Please contact Rachel Raydo at 913-961-3719 / rachelraydo@gmail.com or Ms. Westerfeld at westerfeldr@ma-kc.org to sign up to help make MCA concessions great for events and to raise money for your Sophomore! *Note: though often times concessions are led mainly by parents, students are encouraged to sign up and raise money for their accounts as well!*



MCA JR. HIGH
no date
DANCE PARTY!

Learn to **SWING DANCE**
by professional instructors
at the dance!



FREE ADMISSION * THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH
6:30-9:00pm at MCA GYM

MCA Stu-Co will provide entertainment & lead the dancing!
FREE PIZZA & DRINKS!

Wear clothes to dance in & comfy shoes. GIRLS wear shorts under your dress
for more information contact kevin.bergerhofer@ma-kc.org

This year MCA is heading to Omaha, NE for spring break missions! Students will complete over 30 hours of service projects that include helping out with a Salvation Army adult rehab center, Salvation Army recreation centers, and Open Door homeless ministry. Please pray for the safety of this trip and that God will provide opportunities for MCA students to impact others and to be impacted for God's glory.



The logo for Project if LIFE features the word "Life" in a white, sans-serif font on a red background. The letter "e" is enclosed in a white circle. To the left of the text are three stacked squares: a red one on top, a grey one in the middle, and a white one at the bottom.

Project if LIFE is the movement founded by MCA alumni Anna and SaraMarie Hoduski purposed to bring equality to the unborn. Beginning June 2016, they will embark on a year long journey of being the voice for the voiceless. They are currently building a team of passionate individuals to join them. This will involve a 3,000 mile run beginning in San Francisco on the Golden Gate Bridge and ending in Washington D.C. at the Washington Monument. Their website is projectif.life and they invite others to join them: "Since Roe vs. Wade in 1973, approximately 57 million unborn children have been murdered. Where is their equality? You can get involved. You can be their voice. If you don't, how many more will lose their lives? Get

involved today." Check out their website to see how you can be involved by running, biking, sketching, climbing, speaking, swimming, painting, writing, and living for LIFE. Please be praying for their mission and remember that if is bringing equality to those who are unable to rightfully demand it for themselves. History will show the side each of us stood on; be the voice and choose correctly today. *(Information for this article was taken directly from projectif.life website.)*



Happy Spring Break!



From left: Seniors Xavier Henderson and Blythe Asbell cruise around after being crowned Homecoming King and Queen; students cheer on Eagles basketball during the homecoming game; cheerleaders Sadie Prowell (12), Anna Polelyeva (10), and Sophia Hoehn (9) share school spirit