

**10-31-23**

## **2023 Parent Teacher Conferences For Grades K-12**

Conferences will be on Monday, November 20. Sign-Ups will be available in next week's Weekly Update. Conferences are optional. Students do not attend these meetings but they may sit outside the classroom during the meeting.

### **Elementary Conference Lunch for Teachers**

Please help us bless our teachers and staff during conferences on November 20th. The PTF is putting together a taco/salad bar. Please sign up [HERE](#) for the Elementary School.

### **Middle and High School Conference Lunch for Teachers**

Please help us bless our teachers and staff during conferences on November 20th. The PTF is putting together a sandwich buffet. Please sign up [HERE](#) to bring an item to be dropped off by 10 am at the **middle school** front desk on 11/20. If you have any questions please reach out to Jen Pedrazas, 269-999-3123. You can also donate money towards the cost of sandwiches as well. Thank you in advance!

### **MCA PreK - 12th Grade Service Project**

The *National Honor Society* students at the high school will be leading a school-wide service project starting this Monday, October 30th through Friday, Nov. 17th. We will be collecting food for the local Salvation Army in Medina. They are in need of canned vegetables and canned fruit. You can see [here](#) how much their needs have increased in the last year.

In September 2022:

- 115 families were assisted
- 180 total individuals were served
- The households served consisted of 86 children
- 13 senior citizens over the age of 60 were provided a box of food

In September 2023:

- 223 families were assisted
- 363 total individuals were served
- The households served consisted of 170 children
- 29 senior citizens over the age of 60 were provided a box of food

There will be collection bins in each building. If you are able to donate, **please send in any type of canned vegetables or canned fruit with your students.** We will collect food until Nov.17th.

Thank you!

*MCA National Honor Society*

## **School Start Times at Elementary School**

School begins at the Elementary level at 8:30 which means students need to be unpacked and in their classroom by this time. This allows for the teacher to begin the day with attendance, lunch count, school announcements, a time of prayer, and often a class morning meeting before beginning the day. Students arriving late miss the opportunity for this important time and often feel rushed to catch up. Parents dropping students off at 8:30 or later will be directed to the front entrance where they will need to be walked inside and signed in. The MCA Parent/Student Handbook states that each 5 Unexcused Tardies will be converted to an Unexcused Absence at the end of each grading period.

## **Elementary Arrival/Dismissal Reminders**

- Preschool drop-off begins at 8:20. Students arriving prior to this time must be registered for ALC. Doors will not open prior to this time and unfortunately, we cannot make exceptions to this.
- For safety reasons, Elementary students may not enter via the Preschool entrance, and Preschool students may not enter via the Elementary entrance. Thank you for complying with this request and helping us to keep our MCA students safe.
- When dropping off either in the front Preschool line or the back Elementary line, please use caution when pulling out. There may be oncoming traffic coming up the hill. Please drive slowly in the parking lot.
- During afternoon dismissal, please use caution pulling in through the Buehler's side driveway as there may be traffic coming from the right (north).

## **Student Appearance Standards**

Just a reminder: Shorts can only be worn in August, September, October, April and May

## Recess at the Lower School

If the "feels like" temperature is 20 degrees or above the students will go outside for recess. Please be sure to send students with thick, warm coats, hats and gloves. Girls should wear thick tights under their skirts in the winter. Also, please label everything.

## Annual Christmas Shop PK3 - 5th Grade (Nov 27th - Dec 1st) Volunteers Needed!

It's that time of year again! Grades PK3-5 get to go shopping for their loved ones! PTF needs volunteers to come in and help them shop! Contact Sue Scandlon (330-591-5045) with all questions.

In order to volunteer you must have a background check on file. Please fill out this [background check](#) and return it to the school office **no later than Friday, November 10th.**

**Please see the attachment for more info.**

## Homework Help Lab K - 5

After school *Homework Help Lab* is available Mondays - Thursdays from 3:30-4:15 at the Elementary School for grades K - 5.

Contact Mrs. Trinckes at [jltrinckes@mcaschool.net](mailto:jltrinckes@mcaschool.net) for more info.

## November Sign Up

## Elementary School Chapel Visitor Sign Up for November 8

If you would like to attend chapel on Wednesdays you will need to sign up before you come. [HERE](#) is the sign up for November 8. If you have non-school-aged children coming with you, you will need to add them to the sign up as well.

Upon entering MCA, please sign in at the Welcome Desk (they will have the list with your name on it) and go straight to the visitor seating area in the auditorium. Visitors are not permitted in the halls

or classrooms before or after the Chapel Service. Students are not permitted to sit in the visitor's seating and must remain with their class.

3-5 Grade Chapel is 8:45 - 9:15

PK4 - 2 Grade Chapel is 9:30 - 10

## **Report Cards**

Report cards for the first quarter were emailed out last Friday.

Below is the explanation for the K-6 number system for conduct:

1- Does not meet grade level expectations -

Student shows minimal understanding of grade-level concepts or skills; requires assistance from teachers, peers, or parents; makes many significant errors that affect understanding when performing the skill or process.

2- Meets grade level expectations -

The student is developing an understanding of grade-level concepts or skills; requires some assistance from teachers, peers, and parents; makes some errors that affect understanding when performing the skill or process.

3- Exceeds grade level expectations -

The student is proficient in meeting the grade-level concepts or skills; demonstrates a consistent grasp of the concepts and skills; performs the skill or process without making errors that affect understanding.

## **Academic Awards for Grades 3rd-12th**

High Honors: 4.0 and above (with no grade lower than an A-)

Honor Roll: 3.50-3.99 (no grade lower than a B-)

Merit Roll: 3.00-3.49 (no grade lower than a B-)

## Upcoming Events

November 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (Sign-Ups coming on 11/7)

November 20-24 Thanksgiving Break

December 4 - HS Christmas Concert 7pm

December 5 - MS Christmas Concert 7pm

December 7 - PK3 - 1st Christmas Program 7pm

December 8 - PK3 - 1st Matinee Christmas Program for Grandparents 9:30am

December 12 - 2nd - 5th Christmas Program 7pm

December 13 - 2nd - 5th Matinee Christmas Program for Grandparents 9:30am

## Giving Tuesday - November 28

MCA will be participating in #GivingTuesday and we need **your** help!

By joining the #GivingTuesday movement, you're proving that ***generosity brings communities together for massive impact.***

Here is how you can get ready:

1. Mark your calendar for November 28.
2. Spread the word! Encourage friends and family to join you in creating real impact by sharing what MCA means to you and why YOU love our school.
3. Pray. Pray about how **you** can give. Pray for our students, faculty, and staff. Pray for God's provision of our physical resources.

Let's rally together to ***love God, love others, and love learning!***

For questions regarding #GivingTuesday, please email [krobertson@mcaschool.net](mailto:krobertson@mcaschool.net)