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Homecoming 2013

A Great Weekend for the Entire MCA Family!

This year's homecoming was a great time for the entire MCA community. Teachers, alumni, new families, and friends of the school were in attendance for the weekend.

There were over 300 spectators at the varsity boys' soccer game on Friday and more than 50 elementary students participated in the basketball clinic Saturday morning. Afterwards, the carnival was a huge success, and it was a great time of fellowship for families.

The championship team for the dodge ball tournament, the "Spider Swarms" consisted of MCA/SCS graduates from the Class of 2005.

Toys for Tots – Charity Softball Tournament

In October, a group of Mekeel Christian Academy teachers and coaches participated in a softball tournament as part of a benefit for Toys for Tots. The tournament was hosted by the Scotia Glenville School District and included over 8 teams from school districts in the Capital Region. The Mekeel team won 3 straight games including the championship game against the Schalmont School District! Scotia is planning to make this an annual event.

Athletics

This fall MCA welcomed new varsity coaches for volleyball and boys soccer. Coach Kevin Islip is building up the varsity volleyball program and the team is looking strong for the 2014 season. Coach Matt Saccocio led the Varsity Boys Soccer team a #15 seed in Class C Sectionals. The team ended the season with an overtime penalty kick shootout in Sectionals.

Varsity cross country under Coach Chris Mancuso put together a strong season. The XC team is hoping to regain a top spot in the league in 2014 led by senior Luke Moore.

The Varsity Girls' Soccer team posted their best record in the last three years. The 9-6-1 Lions were the #3 seed in the Class D Sectionals and placed 4th in the WAC.

Over 20 MCA student athletes received Academic All-star Awards in the Western Athletic Conference this year. Overall the fall athletic season went very well and the student athletes represented the school with Lion Pride.



Alumni Spotlight

Timothy Humphrey Class of '08

Works at: Cooperative Institute for Mesoscale Meteorological Studies

Tim earned his Bachelor of Science degree in atmospheric science with honors from the Honors College of the University of Albany. He graduated in 2012 and enrolled in the University of Oklahoma where he received a research position.

He will complete his master's degree in atmospheric science this spring. He is living out his dream of working in the weather field.

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Campus Pastor at Mekeel

Pastor Joe Roof the New Campus Pastor

Pastor Roof joins us as Campus Pastor and father of four Mekeel students including: Daniel (11), Naomi (8), Kyla (6), and Jaeden (K).

Pastor Roof is the senior pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Colonie, New York. He earned his Master's Degree at Bob Jones University and has over 20 years of experience in ministry.

Passionate about community service and sharing God's love, Pastor Roof will be organizing several community outreach programs for MCA students.

Pastor Roof has been a great addition to the school and has brought in great teaching and vibrancy to the chapel & worship program. We are blessed by his leadership in these areas.



14th Annual Benefit Auction

MCA's Biggest Night of the Year!

The 14th Annual Benefit Auction was a huge success. God's faithfulness to MCA is continually demonstrated by the generous support at this event each year.

This year, over 230 guests were able to "walk the red carpet" as the theme for the night was the Academy Awards. There were over 250 items auctioned and more than 10 different corporate sponsors that contributed to the event. All proceeds went to the Mekeel Christian Academy Annual Fund for Student Life.

So many volunteers (teachers, parents, grandparents, alumni) made the night possible. It all came together for a great event and a fun night out for the MCA community. Next year the Annual Auction will take place in November.



Face Painting & Sno-Cones at the Carnival!

Up Coming Events:

Elem. Christmas Conct. – 12/12

Secondary Christmas Conct. – 12/23

OPEN HOUSE – 1/14

Pastor Appreciation Day – 1/17



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