

April 2024

# A NOTE FROM THE BOARD

What a blessing it is to begin the final quarter of the school year by celebrating the empty tomb! Jesus Christ defeated death and offers us life. "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" He tells us in John's Gospel.

In a world where it is becoming increasingly difficult to distinguish fact from fiction, it is vital that we train-up our children to gaze upon the empty tomb in wonder. Jesus is not dead. He is risen. He is alive. It is in the living Jesus that we recognize all truth. It is in His resurrection that we find hope.

A classical Christian education seeks to train our children to see the living Jesus at work in the arts of the word (trivium) and the arts of quantity (quadrivium). Teaching students to see the world through the lens of the Gospel helps them to recognize what is true, good, and beautiful.

The board appreciates your partnership as we work together to do this. We encourage you to take some time and fill out the annual parent survey that you will receive soon. We also encourage you again to mark your calendars for May 16th as we meet together during our annual Association Meeting. Together we strive to see our students grow in their love for God, humbly love their neighbors, and serve and engage their communities.

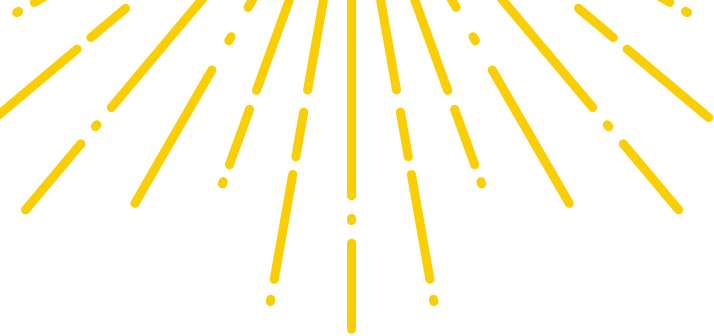
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SHAPING LIVES BEYOND A LIVING TO SERVE EVERYWHERE AND LEAD ANYWHERE



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TEACHING TRUTH  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr. 1 - Easter Monday - No School
- Apr. 5 - KAH Food Packing Day
- Apr. 5 - Chess Club
- Apr. 10- Nothing Bundt Cake Pickup Day
- Apr. 12 - Chess Club
- Apr. 14 - Spirit Wear Day
- Apr. 15-19 - Upper School Spirit Week
- Apr. 15 - Athletic Pizza Ranch Fundraiser
- Apr. 19 - Upper School QC Educ. Experience
- Apr. 19 - Chess Club
- Apr 20 - Service Roadside Clean-up
- Apr. 22-26 - Iowa Assessments, 1st-11th
- Apr. 25-26 - Senior Thesis Presentations
- Apr. 26 - Spirit Day
- Apr. 26 - Chess Club
- Apr. 27 - Rhetoric School Spring Gala
- May 1 - Senior Chapel
- May 1-2 - Senior Finals
- May 3 - Teacher In-Service, No School

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Upper School Mathematics Teacher
- Art Teacher
- Various coaching opportunities for girls volleyball and boys/girls basketball

## PARENT TEACHER PARTNERSHIP (PTP)

### Kids Against Hunger

Please join PTP in supporting MSA's service project! All classes are involved and encouraged to raise money so that students can package meals April 5th. A parent volunteer sign up will be announced soon.

### Moms In Prayer

Fridays 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
Calling all Moms and Grandmas of MSA students! Please join us in the Great Hall each Friday to pray over our students, staff, and school. No experience necessary!

### Chess Club

**Fridays 3:20 PM - 3:50 PM**  
Several chess boards are provided, though students are encouraged to bring their own. All ages and abilities are welcome! Join us in the Science room every Friday throughout the school year.

### Teacher & Staff Appreciation

Please help us celebrate the teachers and staff during the last week of every month. A list of each employee's favorite things is listed in FACTS under Resource Documents - All About Me

## ATHLETIC PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER

You are invited to a Pizza Ranch Tip Night to benefit the Athletic department. This event will be held on Monday, April 15th at Pizza Ranch, 880 Lincoln Road, Bettendorf. Our Athletic department will receive 10% of sales between 5:00 - 8:00pm.

## SENIOR CLASS THESIS

### Thursday, April 25

- 8:30-9:00 **Sydney Heine** "A Drug Company's Motive: The Dangers of Medicine Influenced by Profit"
- 9:05-9:35 **Allison Amman** "Transgender Women: The Athletic Advantage of XY Chromosomes"
- 9:40-10:10 **Eli Hughes** "Made in America: The Necessity of Bringing Industry Back Home"
- 10:15-10:45 **Gavin Trotter** "Empowering Education: The Case for School Choice and Voucher System Implementation"

### Friday, April 26

- 9:05-9:35 **Kellen Axtman** "America's Homelessness Crisis: Why It Is Important to Know Why People Are Homeless"
- 9:40-10:10 **Josiah Curry** "Spiritual Soldiers: Why Army Chaplains Are Essential to a Healthy and Legitimate Fighting Force"
- 10:15-10:45 **Ethan Raeside** "Digital Identity: Becoming the Guardian of Your Digital Self in an AI Revolution"

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council will be assisting with Spirit Week, April 15-19. Look for posters soon to show you how to participate each day! Questions? Talk to your house and class representatives. Also this month, Student Council will sponsor the second roadside clean-up of the year. All students in grades 7-12 are invited to participate on Saturday, April 20, 2024. This activity may be counted toward the required community service hours for grades 9-12. Flyers with more details will be posted and a sign-up will be available.