

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD

December 2023

At the end of "The Last Battle" by C.S. Lewis, those loyal to the last king of Narnia find themselves forced into a small stable that, at the beginning of the book, had housed an imposter of the great Aslan. "As they were forced to enter the stable, it seemed to be merely a small hut destined for burning and occupied by the terrifying false god Tash." However, as they step through the stable door they marvel to find themselves not in the presence of an evil god, but rather in an expansive and beautiful world that we soon learn is a perfected Narnia. Narnia fully awake. A more real Narnia.

Queen Lucy makes an observation about that stable that is relevant to us as we look toward the birth of Jesus. She says, "In our world too, a stable once had something inside it that was bigger than our whole world."

It is our hope that our neighbors will recognize the Risen Christ Jesus is dwelling within those making up our MSA community. As we participate in concerts, field trips, ensemble performances, sporting events, Christmas parties, and final exams that December brings, let us be witnesses to each other and the world. Whether in large gestures, like an end of the year financial contribution to the school, or small gestures, like turning right instead of left as we exit the parking lot, let us serve one another from humility and love. Let us show the world that Someone bigger than our whole world miraculously dwells inside MSA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 1 - Spirit Day
- Dec 2 - MSA Family Bingo Night - 6-8:00pm
- Dec 7 - JA Inspire Career Fair: 8th grade
- Dec 8 - Christmas Concert K-6th, 6:30-7:30pm
- Dec 12 - String Ensemble, 6:30-7:30pm
- Dec 15 -19 - Upper School Mid Terms
- Dec 15 - Spirit Day
- Dec 20 - Jan 2 - Christmas Break
- Jan - Literature Month K-5th
- Jan 3 - Teacher In-Service, No School
- Jan 4- Classes Resume
- Jan 5 - Spirit Day - Senior Night

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SENIOR CLASS FUNDRAISERS

Dec 2 - MSA Family Bingo Night, 6-8:00 PM
Dec 8 - Seniors will be selling baked goods for cash purchase at the Christmas concert
Dec 8 - Hurts Donut pick up

SENIOR SPIRIT WEAR

SHOP while you support various MSA fundraisers! Check out our NEW online Spirit Wear store, **open year-round**. Purchase directly and **ship directly to your home!** The Phelps design team is working alongside MSA Seniors to create and add even more options, so check frequently for new designs! We hope to provide spirit wear, uniform code, hats, polos, crewnecks, hoodies, joggers, along with apparel for adults, youth and grandparents!

Lead times vary, so *if you want apparel in time for Christmas, please order ASAP!*

****Click link below to shop!***

[Morning Star Mustangs Apparel Store](#)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, December 8 at 6:30 PM
Coram Deo Bible Church
3800 E. 53rd Street, Davenport

PARENT TEACHER PARTNERSHIP (PTP)

PTP Meeting

Thursday, December 7 at 8:30 AM
Please join us in the Music room to discuss current and future volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer Opportunities

Check out the ongoing Sign Up Genius for current needs like morning greeter, lunchroom, etc. <https://www.morningstaracademy.org/about/parent-teacher-partnership.html>

Chess Club is back!

Friday, January 5 at 3:20 PM - 3:50 PM
Several chess boards will be 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.

PTP Leadership

We are looking for new leadership! This responsibility should change every few years to allow others to share their leadership talents with our community.
Email ptp@msa-qc.org if you are interested or have any questions.

ATHLETICS

Home Games

Dec 1 - 5/6th, 7/8th, Varsity Girls & Varsity Boys
Dec 4 - 5/6th, 7/8th, Varsity Girls & Varsity Boys
Dec 5 - 5/6th & 7/8th
Jan 5 - **Senior Night:** Join us for a Home game as we will be honoring our Seniors between games. Also, our choir will be bringing much excitement by performing the National Anthem.

STUDENT HUNGER DRIVE FINAL UPDATE

Student Hunger Drive Final Update: On November 9, Student Council members and advisors collected and delivered food and funds to River Bend Food Bank. We are grateful for the parents who provided transportation. Thank you, Mrs. Coy, Mrs. Fulton, and Mr. McClure! And thank you, everyone, for another year of tremendous support for the Student Hunger Drive. We collected food that will be used to share 19,146 meals with families in our area! And for the second year in a row, **MSA won first place in our division!** In our school competition, Kindergarten was the overall winner in the lower school, and the House of Leonidas took first in the upper school. We thank God for an opportunity to love our QC neighbors in such a practical and meaningful way.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:16 ESV

Student Council Events: The Student Council has been busy! They have organized a new upper school service opportunity and will be leading biannual roadside clean-ups. Check out our MSA signs on Utica Ridge Road and the newly-cleaned-up roadsides! They have also planned and hosted two new social events, a well-attended Fall Bonfire for the upper school, and an all-school Thanksgiving Party. We are thankful for their leadership, creativity, and desire to serve the school and community!