

January 2024

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD

Morning Star enters 2024 grateful for the generosity and support shown to the students, faculty, and staff over the Christmas holiday. The success of events like the Christmas concert, the Singing Strings Ensembles and Upper School Choir Winter Concert, and the Senior Night Basketball games is a testament to the way a classical Christian approach to education extends beyond the classroom into our families, friends, and community.

The Board enters 2024 recognizing there is a growing interest in classical Christian education. That, paired with the Iowa Students First Act, provides MSA with unique opportunities and challenges as our forecasted enrollment climbs. Please pray for the Board as we navigate these challenges and position MSA to maximize our mission to provide classical Christian education that teaches truth, trains disciples, and equips students to transform their communities for God's glory.

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SENIOR CLASS FUNDRAISERS

Seniors will be making and selling Happy Joe's Pizzas for \$12 each, both regular and gluten free crust! The gluten free crust is a 9 inch, and the regular crust is a 12 inch.

Orders are due January 18th.
Pizza pick-up is after school on January 24th.

Trivia Night - 6-9pm, North Ridge Community Church, Eldridge IA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 11 - End of 2nd Qtr. - Full school day
Jan 12 - Teacher In Service - **No School**
Jan 15 - MLK Day - **No School**
Jan 15 - All School Jump at Elevate, 11am
Jan 26 - Spirit Wear Day
Jan 29 & 30 - Poetry Days, K- 4th
Feb 2 - Spirit Wear Day
Feb 2 - Pastor Appreciation Breakfast, 8:30am
Feb 7 - 9th/10th grade CLT assessment
Feb 8 & 9 - Parent Teacher Conf. - **No School**
Feb 15 - 11th grade CLT assessment
Feb 17 - Senior Fundraiser Trivia Night, 6-9pm
Feb 19- President's Day - **No School**

POETRY DAYS

Poetry Days will be Monday, January 29th, from 2:15pm-3:00pm for K-pm, 1st, and 3rd grades.

Tuesday, January 30th, from 8:30am-9:15am, for K-am, 2nd and 4th grades.

PARENT TEACHER PARTNERSHIP (PTP)

All School Jump

Monday, January 15th 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Join us at Elevate Trampoline Park in Davenport. Our group price is \$12 cash including socks. We will pay as a group so meet us as close to 11AM to check in. Please fill out the waiver in advance located on their website.

<https://elevatetrampolinepark.com/davenport>

Chess Club

Fridays from 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 after school throughout the 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 RenWeb under Resource Documents - All About Me

ATHLETICS

Home Games

Jan 11 - Varsity Boys Basketball
Jan 23 - 5th/6th, 7th/8th Girls Basketball
Jan 25 - JV Boys and Varsity Girls Basketball
Jan 26 - JV/Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball
Jan 30 - 7th/8th Girls Basketball
Jan 31 - 5th/6th Girls Basketball

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

At MSA, we want to encourage our students to use their gifts to transform their communities for God's glory. We want them to discover the joy of serving and to understand more about varying needs that are present in our surrounding communities.

One of the requirements for our rhetoric students is that they fulfill 20 hours of community service each year, 9th -12th grade. These hours need to be documented and signed by a supervisor. The student then needs to turn the forms into the office by the middle of May.

I would encourage them to find several different avenues to volunteer with. This is a great way to discover new gifts, meet new people, and discover life-long passions.

If a student chooses to serve up to 40 hours each year and has the hours documented, they will earn a white service cord to wear when they graduate. All 40 hours cannot be in one area. They must find at least two avenues to serve with.

The community service information and form can be found in FACTS under resource documents.

STUDENT COUNCIL

On Friday, January 26, 2024, Student Council will sponsor a Spirit Night in support of the girls and boys varsity basketball teams. The games are scheduled to begin at 5:00 pm at Beyond the Baseline. More details will be forthcoming.

Also, Student Council members are working on plans for several service and social activities for upper school students during the next few months.

Finally, Student Council encourages all upper school students to talk to your class and house representatives about your ideas. We want to hear from you!