

Madison Academy

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"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him." Romans 12:1, MSG



What's Happening

Sat. Night, Jan. 13 - Sun., Jan. 14

Basketball to CAYA Tournament

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Monday, January 15

No School in honor of MLK Jr. Day

Sabbath, Jan. 20, 8:30-10:30 AM

Serve Pancake Breakfast at the 403 Center -- [RSVP to Mrs. Fuentes](#)

Monday, Jan. 22, 3:15-6:30 PM

Parent / Teacher / Student

Conference

[Book an Appointment](#)

Tuesday, January 22, 6:30-7PM

College Planning Q & A in the LC

Tuesday, January 22, 7 PM

MA Awards Program in Jansen Auditorium (chapel)

Thurs., Jan 25 - Sat., Jan. 27

Acrofest at Highland Academy

FRYday Nonsense



How do we survive the cold January weather? We do **fun things for no reason!** Like this...

At lunch last Friday, **seven alums from the Class of 2017** delivered fries from various restaurants and hosted a competition. Students tasted fries from Arby's, Chick-fil-A, Five Guys, McDonald's, Red Robin, Steak 'n Shake, Wendy's, and Mama's Downs Sweet Potatoes. The judges, any student who wanted to play along, evaluated the fries for taste and texture.

There were many **important (and useless) conversations** about utilizing waffle fries to spoon shakes, the contrast between shoe-strings

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Friday-Sunday, January 26-18

Drama Team to Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs

Wed., Jan 31 - Sunday, Feb. 4

Basketball Teams at Andrews University Tournament

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and steak fries, and the debate over the healthfulness of sweet potatoes. Several students had ideas for future "fun for no reason" activities. We shall see!

Thank you Robin Forde-Whitefield for this perfectly "spud-tacular" idea. It was great!

The result: **Arby's wins** for both taste and texture. *(What? This author disagrees.)*



2018-19 Online Enrollment Open



Re-Enrollment Now Open!

It is time to begin re-enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year. Save money by re-enrolling through February and pay only \$15. This fee increases March 1 and again April 1.

[Click here for instructions on Re-Enrolling.](#)

Financial Aid Application

We are committed to partnering with serious and committed families like you. With limited funds available, the **financial aid application deadline is Thursday, March 1**. The majority of funds will be dispensed after this time, however, it is our fervent ambition to be of support to any family that needs assistance. Additional funds and/or outside resources may be available, it is essential that you share with us what your needs are. *Families who plan to apply for financial aid must have already re-enrolled their student(s) prior to submitting the financial aid application.*



Compassion Matters at MA



Over Christmas break the Freshmen class experienced some general high school drama (nothing parents need to be called about). Instead of allowing wounds to fester, the Freshmen Class President, Leah Higgs, took it upon herself to talk to school leadership and develop a plan to help her class see how they can be more compassionate to one another. During Bible class, she led a discussion on building bridges and treating

others with kindness and respect (including teachers). The productive conversation allowed for all voices to be heard and together, they created a plan for encouraging each

other and holding themselves accountable. This is just another example of the proactive student leadership at Madison Academy. We are training our students to be confident, capable adults.



Magnificent Madison Members



Dr. John Boskind,
MA Alum
Class of 1989,
father of
three, and avid

supporter of Madison Academy, shares the process of his career choice, his fascination with robotic-assisted surgery, and his desire "make man whole" in an article in *Styleblueprint*.

This is a **must read** for students pondering their future professions in any field and for parents looking for a springboard into a conversation with their student about their plans.

[Click Here to Read the Article](#)



MA

welcomes **Ms. Rachel Smith** to the family. She joins us this semester sharing her love for literature and the English language. Ms. Smith is a South Carolina girl who enjoys traveling, photography, reading, and writing. She is a graduate of Fletcher Academy and Southern Adventist University. Her email is rsmith@madisonacademy.com.

[Click here to send her a note.](#)



Your opinions are important to us! Thank you to those who completed the

online **2016-2017 Parent Survey** in December. Our students were also invited to participate in their own anonymous questionnaire about courses and teachers. We appreciate the honest feedback and constructive comments that always helps to improve our educational program and enhance our overall school culture. [Click](#)



Book Your S-P-T Conference

Don't miss the opportunity to gather ALL the people who make academic success a reality. Schedule a Student / Parent / Teacher Conference [by emailing](#) or calling the reception desk at 615.865.4055. **Appointment times will be**

assigned as requests are received.

[here to see the results.](#)



Research shows that **thriving schools have engaged parents**. Help us enrich our students' experiences by connecting with your Academy. Here are just a few ways you can be present and active in the lives of our young people:

- Help coordinate, prepare, and serve lunch
- Greet in the mornings at the front door
- Share your testimony at worship
- Assist with and/or drive on community service days (the next one is February 2)
- Supervise and/or purchase supplies for the 403 Center's Pancake Breakfast
- Tutor a student
- Volunteer at a basketball game
- Join the Prayer Team
- Serve on the Neely's Bend Fun Run planning team
- Host a class or small group vespers at your home
- Assemble the new lunchroom furniture

If you are interested in any of these opportunities or have other ideas on how to engage at Madison Academy, please contact Karen Hamberger at khamberger@madisonacademy.com or 615.865.4055.



WooHoo for Casual Fridays!

Hang up your uniform and instead... wear nice

jeans (**no holes, no skinny style**) every Friday. Have your \$1 for the Student Council Fundraiser ready when you come to school. For another \$1, you may wear an MA class or athletic T-shirt. These funds help offset the cost of schoolwide student association sponsored events during the year.



It is THAT time of year! Tennessee weather can be unpredictable. We will do our best to make sound and reasonably early decisions about school delays and closures. We need to both respect learning time and keep our families safe. Look for a **text alert message** or our name on channel 2, 4, 5.



Dine



**Glow in the Dark
Volleyball**
Saturday, January 20

Registration begins at 5:30pm
MCE School Gymnasium
Playing will begin at 6:00pm
6 person team with at least 2 female players
\$10.00 per player
(Players do not need to be enrolled at MCE)
Get your team together and don't forget to
wear your Fluorescent colors!

Concessions Available
Burgers, Hotdogs, Chips
Dessert and Drink



with
us!

Every Thursday night
the **Plaza Mexican Grill** donates
a percentage of its proceeds to
various classroom funds at Madison
Campus Elementary. This restaurant
offers great variety and several
delicious vegetarian options...but the
best part is just hanging out with
friends while investing in Adventist
education. Just **mention MCE at the
register** . Join us at 900 Conference
Drive in Goodlettsville.

