

# MCAA NEWS

## JANUARY 2023



### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Last month our amazing music students hosted a Winter Concert where they were given the opportunity to show off what they have learned. We are so proud of all of the participants, and can't wait to see how their musical talents continue to expand.

### UPCOMING DATES

Jan 16 MLK Day-- No school  
Jan 17 Teacher PD-- No school  
Jan 19-27 NWEA Testing Window  
Jan 27 Early Dismissal  
Jan 20 *Almost Maine* production  
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Feb 1 Black History Month begins  
Feb 3 Early Dismissal  
Feb 17 Teacher PD-- no school  
Feb 20 Presidents day-- no school  
Feb 24 Early Dismissal  
Mar 3 Early Dismissal  
April 14 Prom  
May 19 Graduation

### A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Families of MCAA,

I am so proud of the work the students, teachers, and staff have done this first semester. Every day I see kids learning and growing into young adults. Every day I see teachers and staff pouring into the students. This school is full of love and understanding, and I love coming here every day. I know it is not perfect, but we are evolving and progress is being made. My first priority is to our students' personal growth and self-worth. That's not to say that academics aren't important, they are very important, but kids have to believe in themselves before real learning can happen. I see kids growing, coming out of their shells, and becoming who they were meant to be, and I am so proud of the work being done here. Towards that end, teachers and staff have started an intensive training program to help prepare them to support our students. In order to do that, we will have several early dismissal days. Please find these listed below.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Patton Furman

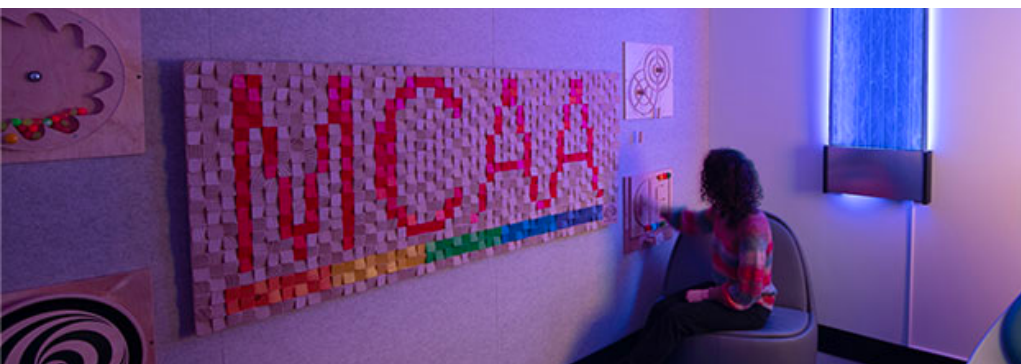
### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

As we start the new semester we just wanted to remind everyone of these key parts of our code of conduct:

**Dress Code:** Per our Code of Conduct, students are not allowed to wear crop tops, spikes, or clothing that does not cover their hind legs or undergarments. Students who are out of dress code might be asked to pick something out of our clothing closet.

**Attendance:** According to the State of Alabama, regular attendance is essential for a student's successful academic progress. A doctor's excuse can be sent to the school within 3 days of the absences and the written statement must include the dates, reason, and doctor's signature. Parent excuses are also accepted, however this will only excuse up to 10 days. Any student with 7 unexcused absences during the school year may be referred to Early Warning Court and after 10 unexcused absences could be reported as truant.

**Cell Phones:** Cellphones are prohibited during instructional time while in the classroom, teachers have the right to take up cellphones or other technology if being used during the incorrect times.



# WELLNESS CORNER

Get to know our wellness team! At MCAA we want to serve the whole student both mentally and physically. Our students have access to our team so that they can be successful. We ask that students make an appointment through their teacher or by emailing one of our wellness suite members to find a time to meet with them.



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# ALMOST, MAINE

Tickets for Almost, Maine at MCAA are available for purchase! If you are interested in attending, please find the links to purchase tickets below:

Friday, January 20:



Saturday, January 21:



## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Kenneth Smith is a new teacher that has joined our MCAA family. Mr. Smith will be teaching a series of communication classes that will teach students about content creation, expanding their creativity, the impact of the media, and eventually will be teaching students how to create a school news program. Mr. Smith comes from a background in video production specifically in television and news and is eager to work with all of our students and show them the ropes of communication.



## SENIOR REMINDERS

Graduation will be May 19th, students will receive 5 tickets each for graduation.

If you have not paid your senior dues please make sure to drop that off to Ms. Benoit or Mr. Hugh in the front office. Senior dues are \$250, and checks can be made out to MCAA.

## MCAA MERCH

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