

July Parent Letter

2017-2018

Dear MACA Families,

Mountain Area Christian Academy's 2017-2018 school year is just around the corner! Just a few more weeks and we will begin. We hope that everyone has had a safe and wonderful summer, and that you will be ready for another great year at MACA. This letter contains some very important information, times, dates, etc. that you need to be aware of before the first day.

Please make sure you have read the student handbook and all important links available on the MACA website (www.macalions.org). This information will not be mailed out to our families, but will be available on our website with weekly updates on the MACAgram. If you do not have a computer to view all the updated information, you may stop by the office and we will print requested items.

PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING / OPEN HOUSE: Our Parent Orientation Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the gym for grades K5-12th and in the cafeteria for preschool. The meeting will last approximately 15 minutes with an Open House to follow until 7:30 p.m. This open house time will be a good time for you to meet the teachers as well as some of the other parents and students in the class. It is also a great time to bring in your supplies from the supply list. **We strongly recommend that at least one family member (including students) attend the meeting;** this meeting is vital to a good start for the coming year.

BEGINNING TIME: The school day will begin at 8:15 each morning. Dismissal will be at 3:00 p.m. (K5-6th) and 3:15 p.m. (7th- 12th) as usual. Please make every effort to have your student in attendance for the duration of the school day. Students who arrive after 8:15 must go through the front office for a tardy slip before they can go to class.

PRESCHOOL: Preschool is open from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30p.m. Please remember to park in the front in a parking space and walk your preschooler in. Please do not leave your car under the portico to bring your child in. Preschool pick-up is also in the front until 3:30 p.m. After 3:30p.m. pick up is around back. Ring the doorbell and someone will assist you. It is vital that you sign your preschooler in and out every day.

Preschool Breakfast is served from 7:30a.m. until 8:15a.m. If you intend for your preschooler to eat breakfast, please be here between those times. The preschool day starts promptly at 8:30a.m.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Our yearbooks from 2016-2017 will be here the first day of school! During the last hour of the day, we will be having our yearbook signing party.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS: Our updated dress code is now on our website in the Student Handbook. For your convenience, school uniforms may be ordered online from the Uniform Source or Land's End. Enclosed is a flyer with information about a 20% discount offer from the Uniform Source. School uniforms are required for grades K4-12th.

SCHOOLWORX: Schoolworx is our primary source of communication between the office, teachers, grade reports, school news, upcoming events, and you, the parents. It is a vital tool in remaining informed about all that is going on during the school year and in keeping up to date on your students' grades. If you have any questions about Schoolworx or any trouble logging in, please contact our registrar, Mrs. Gail Brown. New families will receive their login information before school begins.

TUITION: If you have chosen the 11 or 12 month payment plan, your first tuition payment was due July 1. You must catch this payment up before your August payment is due, or you will have to be put on the 10-month payment plan.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREATS: Our high school retreat has been planned for August 23-26. We will be staying at Canal Lake Bible Camp at House of Prayer in Blairsville. The cost of this year's trip will be \$90.00. This will include all transportation, lodging, meals, and activities. All high school students are required to attend. The middle school retreat will be at Coker Creek Retreat Center on August 31-September 1. The cost for the middle school retreat is \$60.00. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office.

ATHLETIC MEDICAL CHECK-UPS: If your child has not yet received an athletic check-up for the 2017-2018 school year, please get a physical form from our website or from the front office and have it completed before the sport begins.

ATTENTION 7TH-9TH GRADERS: PE UNIFORMS MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH MACA ONLY-do not order these uniforms through any other vendors. These uniforms will be available for purchase through the school, and the cost for the entire uniform for the boys and the girls will be \$30.00. Additional shirts (\$15) and additional shorts (\$15) can be ordered if you desire.

UPCOMING 7th GRADERS: All students entering the 7th grade are reminded that they must have the MMR shot before classes begin. If you have any questions about this shot, please call your doctor.

IMMUNIZATION RECORD, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, & BIRTH CERTIFICATE: It is a state law that we have all records up-to-date for each one of our students. Please be reminded that records must be complete in order for your child to start school this year.

SUPPLY LISTS: The MACA website has a link to all of the supply lists for the coming school year. This information is provided so that your child can be ready for school the first day.

We are looking forward to a great year here at MACA. If you have any questions, or if we can be of service to you, please call our school office.

MACA FAMILY WORK DAY: As the new school year gets ready to begin, MACA has some work projects that need to be completed. We are planning a MACA family work day on Saturday, July 29, from 9:00a.m. until the projects are completed. Please consider joining us on that day to make sure that our school buildings and grounds are ready for this next school year! Lunch will be provided. Students are encouraged to come too!

Sincerely,

MACA Administration