

METROLINA  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



# Upper School Connections

AUGUST 2011



## A Message From Mr. McDowell

Welcome back! It is going to be a great year. I anticipate that God is going to do great things on our MCA campus this year. "Everyday matters" is our official theme for the year and it will help us focus as we seek to fulfill our mission to "lovingly lead and equip students for kingdom living."

### TOPICS

- A Note From Our Principal
- Upper School Chapel
- Upper School Retreats
- Lunch Menu
- Traffic Changes
- Costa Rica Mission Trip
- Senior Events
- Upcoming Events

There will be new faces everywhere these first few days of school. We have three new faculty members in the Upper School this year and three members who are moving to new positions. Our three new staff members are Mrs. Karen Jackson, teaching 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science, Mrs. Ashley Smith, teaching high school Math, and Mr. Andrew Kell, teaching high school Spanish. God has blessed us tremendously with these new faculty members who are all highly qualified with several years of experience teaching in Christian schools. Other staff changes include Mrs. Beth Street who is moving to the Middle School to teach Seventh Grade Math. I am excited to have Mrs. Street in this new position and I believe she is going to be a great asset to our Middle School program. Mrs. Karen Fox is going in the opposite direction. She is moving from Middle School to High School to teach Chemistry. Mrs. Fox is going to be a great compliment to our excellent high school Science team and will challenge students to learn more about God through the study of Science. Mrs. Leigh Harris is moving from a full-time middle school position to Technology and Health. Mrs. Harris will teach several Computer classes and help our new online program as it develops and grows. Our Upper School staff has expanded this year to facilitate a growing student body.

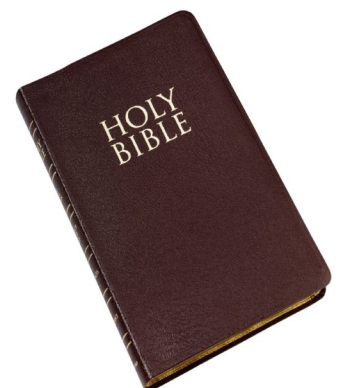
Along with these new faculty members, we have added many new students. First, there are 66 new sixth graders. Ten of these students are new to MCA, but all of them will begin that great middle school adventure together. It will be filled with excitement and challenge as these students make the transition from childhood to young adults. We are also excited about the largest incoming Freshmen class in MCA's history. We have over 80 students in the ninth grade. The total high school enrollment is up by over 40 students for the 2011-2012 school year. With all of these new students, we are going to make every effort to help students in transition. As students transition from one school to the next, whether it be Middle to High or old school to new school, we are going to make every effort to guide them to a smooth and successful transition.

As we grow, it is our commitment to continue to provide Christ-like love, promote a biblical worldview, pursue academic excellence, and partner with our families in this great calling to train a generation to have a heart for Him. Remember, my door is always open to you for any way I can help your student be successful both academically and most importantly in his or her walk with Christ.

Training a generation to have a heart for Him,

*Danny McDowell*

Danny McDowell  
Upper School Principal



# SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK

Jeffrey Dean will be setting the spiritual tone for the 2011-2012 school year during our Spiritual Emphasis Week, September 6-9. An Ordained Pastor, Teen Evangelist, Counselor, and Author from Nashville, Tennessee, Jeffrey Dean is also the founder of Jeffrey Dean Ministries, whose mission is *"to communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ to teenagers and their families, and to engage, empower and equip followers of Jesus Christ to pursue a committed relationship with Him."*

As an authority on teens and teen culture, Jeffrey tackles everyday issues by applying biblical solutions. Exhibiting a unique combination of humility and boldness, Jeffrey empowers people to live in ways previously unimaginable.

With almost two decades of experience as a compelling storyteller, Jeffrey has been propelled to the forefront as one of the nation's most relevant and sought after communicators to both teens and adults. Jeffrey accepted Christ as a child and heard the call of ministry on his life as a teen. Jeffrey has since spoken to more than 2 million people throughout our nation's churches, conferences, and schools. We are eagerly anticipating the message he will bring to our Upper School students.



## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	SPEAKER	TIMES
8-24	WED	REV. RICK CALLOWAY, MCA HEAD OF SCHOOL	MS 8:30 HS 9:45
8-31	WED	JOSH MEADOWS, YOUTH EVANGELIST	MS 8:30 HS 9:45
9-6/9-9	TU-TH	SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK WITH JEFFREY DEAN	9:15 IN FLC
9-14	WED	REV. DANNY McDOWELL, MCA UPPER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	MS 8:30 HS 9:45
9-21	WED	DR. JERRY PIPES, AUTHOR, YOUTH EVANGELIST	MS 8:30 HS 9:45
9-28	WED	SEE YOU AT THE POLE	7:15
10-5	WED	ANTHONY KENDALL, FBCIT YOUTH PASTOR	MS 8:30 HS 9:45
10-12	WED	NO CHAPEL DUE TO TESTING	
10-19	WED	NATHAN SMITH, YOUTH EVANGELIST	MS 8:30 HS 9:45

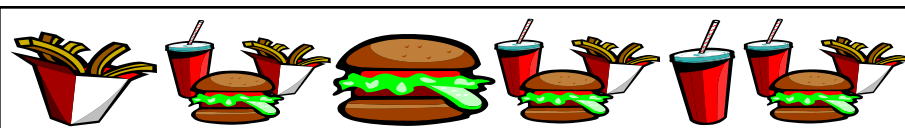
**SENIOR RETREAT TO BONCLARKEN**

On August 31-September 2 our senior class will stay at Bonclarken in Flat Rock, NC. This two night retreat gives the students endless opportunities for recreation and team building, however the primary focus is to spend time with the Lord and grow closer to His likeness. We encourage the seniors to participate in the activities and build closer relationships with one another.



**EIGHTH GRADE RETREAT TO LOOK UP LODGE**

Eighth grade students will be going to Travelers Rest, SC for a two night retreat at Look Up Lodge October 24-26. This will be a time to come together to worship, build relationships and encourage one another. Look Up Lodge also offers paintball, volleyball, low ropes elements and a giant swing.



**LUNCH MENU**

<b>MONDAY</b>	
CHICK-FIL-A CHICKEN WRAP	\$3.00
CHICK-FIL-A CHICKEN NUGGET	\$3.50
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
CHICKEN TENDERS, TOTS, OREOS	\$4.50
SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS, CHIPS, OREOS	\$4.50
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
HAM & CHEESE CALZONE SUB	\$3.50
PEPPERONI & CHEESE CALZONE SUB	\$3.50
PERSONAL PEPPERONI PIZZA	\$3.50
PERSONAL CHEESE PIZZA	\$3.50
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
CHICKEN ALFREDO, CHIPS & OREOS	\$4.50
CHEESEBURGER /HAMBURGER, CHIPS, OREOS	\$4.50
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
CHICK-FIL-A GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH	\$4.00
CHICK-FIL-A CHICKEN SANDWICH	\$3.50

**TRAFFIC CHANGE**

Parents will no longer be allowed to enter the property at the main church entrance or drop off students at the Middle School modular due to the church renovation project. All Upper School students are to be dropped off and picked up behind the Upper School office. Please refer to traffic maps located in the Back to School Guide.



**COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP**

On June 12-17 Metrolina sent nine students along with Mrs. Edwards on a mission trip to Costa Rica. They worked at an orphanage, a children's food center and a local church making a difference in the lives of the poor and needy. This mission provided many opportunities for witness as well as helping ministries in their outreach efforts. By sending our students on this mission trip, they developed a stronger sense of God's call to be witnesses for His kingdom. We believe God used this trip to shape the hearts of many of our students to be obedient to His will.

A second trip is planned for June 2012 and information will be going home soon to those who express interest.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Senior Events

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

*Jeremiah 29:11*

AUGUST 25, 2011

YEARBOOK  
PICTURES

AUGUST 31-

SEPTEMBER 2, 2011  
SENIOR RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

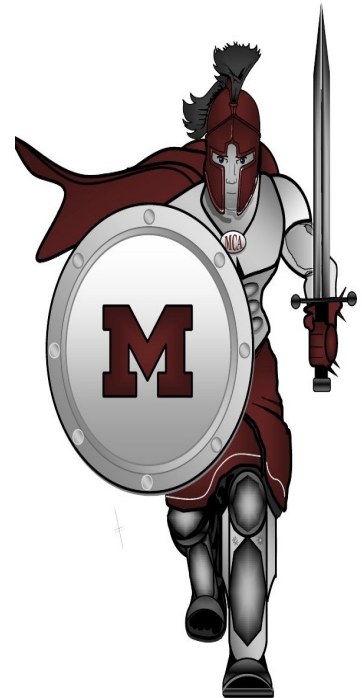
SENIOR  
BREAKFAST

NOVEMBER 1, 2011  
BREAKFAST WITH  
DADS



SENIOR  
GRADUATION  
JUNE 1, 2012

- 8-16 Parent/Student Orientation
- 8-18 First Day of School
- 8-25 Senior Make-Up Pictures
- 8-26 Volunteer Orientation Breakfast
- 8-31/9-2 Senior Retreat
- 9-5 MCA Closed for Labor Day
- 9-6/9-9 Spiritual Emphasis Week
- 9-13 Substitute Teacher Training
- 9-13 Sixth Grade Parent Night
- 9-16 Progress Reports
- 9-20 Ninth Grade Parent Night
- 9-23 Teacher Workday
- 9-26 Senior Breakfast
- 9-27 Fall Pictures
- 9-28 See You At The Pole
- 10-8 MCA Beautification Day
- 10-12 PSAT Testing
- 10-14 Science Day
- 10-20 Fall Night Of Drama
- 10-26 Teacher Workday
- 10-27/10-28 Academy Closed
- 11-1 Senior Breakfast with Dads
- 11-3 Open House
- 11-8 Fall Picture Make-Ups
- 11-8 Fall Band Concert
- 11-11 Academy Closed
- 11-17 NHS Induction
- 11-23/11-25 Thanksgiving Break
- 11-28 Progress Reports



METROLINA  
WARRIORS  
2011-2012

TRYOUT DATES  
Oct 31-Nov 2  
Winter Sports

Times and locations will be available on the website. All athletes must have a current physical on file before trying out.