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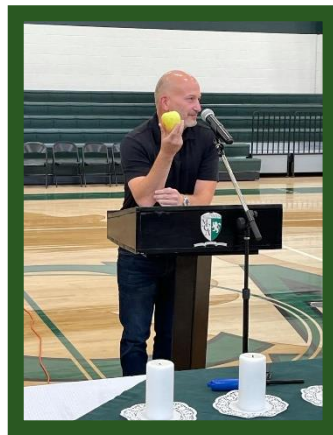


Honor Day Observances



Congratulations to Max Oakley, Ava Utt, and Ford Holmes on their induction into the school's chapter of the National Honor Society. The induction ceremony marked the beginning of our annual Honor Day ceremonies for the school year. The events took place on Thursday, September 17, 2021. To be inducted into the National Honor Society, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 and be approved by the MCA National Honor Society faculty council based on the four pillars of scholarship, character, service, and leadership.

Membership in the MCA NHS chapter brings responsibilities. These students are expected to be role models for the student body. They are also to put their character in action by serving on the Honor Council, the Service Council, and directing fundraisers to benefit local non-profits.



Mr. Scott Freeman eloquently addresses upper school students.



Mr. Ben Holmes pins his son Ford in the NHS ceremony.

The event's keynote speaker, Mr. Scott Freeman (a thirty-year Marine having served in Afghanistan and other tours, radio announcer, and owner of The Loaded Goat, a restaurant in downtown Mount Airy), further elaborated on honor. With the strength and articulation of a well-rounded military leader, he captivated the students from his first example about discernment until his closing remarks about the difficult, but important, process of maturing.

This was a wonderful event that displayed the fruit of a classical education and at the same time continued to point our students to truth, goodness, and beauty, strengthening the culture of our school.

THE MCA HONOR CODE

As an individual with endowed worth and value, I will honor others with the same respect that I am due. I will uphold the highest ideals of this institution with integrity by being respectful, honest, compassionate, responsible, and courageous

Students signed the MCA Honor Code, following encouraging words from Upper School Director Dr. Jarrid Looney about living with a purpose and a charge to live honorably from Headmaster McCrary. The document signed by 6th-8th graders will be framed and hung in the commons, and the document signed by the high school students will be framed and hung in the atrium as daily reminders of the students' commitment to honor.



6th graders Alyson Bowers and Jack Utt sign the Honor Code.



SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



Our middle school girls' volleyball team has been very successful! They are undefeated in conference play.

Congratulations, ladies!

Sports photos courtesy of Andrea Jarrell Photography, LLC, (www.andreajarrellphotographyllc.com).

Remembering a Good Friend

We are sad to report our beloved Tweeter has "crossed the rainbow bridge." Tweeter lived in the neighborhood behind the lower elementary building, and his greatest joy was coming to school to play with the children. He spent many happy afternoons on the playground chasing children and balls, many scary thunderstorms hiding under various desks throughout the school, and even a few nights in the school when he snuck a door that had been left open for only a few seconds. The photo to the left was taken at the senior parade event leading to our very first 12th-grade commencement ceremony in 2018. Tweeter played on the playground with this class when they were kindergartners, and he walked with them as seniors. In the photo at left, he's wearing his special MCA mortarboard cap and his "most faithful companion" award medal. At the right, wearing his most dashing black formal bowtie, Tweeter poses for his 2017-2018 formal senior class portrait which was included in our yearbook for that school year.

