


The Growing Edge

Your Midland Christian School Weekly News Source
Friday, November 16, 2007

- ⇒ **SCHOOL PICTURES:** School Picture packages have arrived and are being sent home today with your children. Picture Retake Day will be Wednesday, November 28th, first thing in the morning. Students who want retakes should bring their picture package with them that day to give back to the photographer. Also, students or staff who did not get photographed the first time around, may have their picture taken on this day. Please have an order form filled out and check enclosed for the photographer at that time. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Sarafolean in the school office at 835-9881. Thank you!
- ⇒ **THANKSGIVING WEEK SCHEDULE:** Next Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 19th-20th, are regular school days. Wednesday, Nov. 21st, is a half day for the entire school and dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. There will be no school on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22nd-23rd. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving break! School will resume on Monday, Nov. 26th, at 8:00 a.m.
- ⇒ **MCS BENEFIT AUCTION:** Thank you to all the MCS families who participated in the benefit auction last Friday. The school was buzzing with activity as **Mike Furlo** and his crew called out bids for the 150 items donated by area businesses and friends and families of MCS. Your help and support for the event resulted in raising around \$6000 for the general budget. A special thank you to Greg Stewart for organizing the BBQ dinner with the delicious pulled pork supplied by **Billy Bones BBQ** of Sanford, and Tim Keppel for providing tables from Judd's Rental.
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- ⇒ **BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME SCHEDULE:** The 07-08 MCS Boys' and Girls' Basketball game schedule is attached to today's Growing Edge. If you have any questions, please call Gary Lyvere at the school at 835-9881 or email him at glyvere@yahoo.com. All fans are very much appreciated!
- ⇒ **CHRISTMAS MUSICAL:** The MCS Christmas Musical is a very special event, put on each year by the preschool and elementary students under the direction of our music teacher, Mrs. Heather Bourdon. This year's program entitled, "Mystery of the Manger," will be on Tuesday, December 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the MCS Gymnasium. Preschool and Kindergarten children will need to wear their Christmas best for the program. First through sixth grade children will need to wear a plain white top, plain black pants, and black socks. Your child will not be wearing shoes on stage. If your child needs a special costume, a note was sent home last week. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Bourdon if you have any questions.
- ⇒ **MCS SWEATSHIRT ORDERS:** If you would like to order an MCS Sweatshirt or Tee-shirt before Christmas, please turn in your completed order by Friday, November 30th (an order form is attached).

⇒ ***STUDENT STATESMANSHIP INSTITUTE:***



Here is an article that was featured on the November 9th Student Statesmanship Institute website (www.ssi-online.org) regarding our recent high school two-day convocation . . .

"Our first-ever Onsite in Midland was a rousing success and we made the headlines on the front page of the *Midland Daily News*! To read more details and see some pictures, visit our website for the full report.

We were excited to have nearly 60 students participate from Midland Christian School, Calvary Baptist Academy and Christian Home Educators of Midland. It was wonderful to see the collaboration between the school administrators, teachers and parents. Once again we were blessed with a stellar line-up of volunteers who helped with logistics, prepared and served food, and assisted with every aspect of the program. Our group of VIP's who helped with the Committee Hearings included State Representatives John Moolenaar and Bill Caul, former legislators Joel Gougeon and Jim McNutt, and Midland County Commissioners Jim Stamas and Otis Wilson.

We must give special thanks to Eric VanDerhoof and Gary Lyvere from Midland Christian, Dan Forbes from Calvary Baptist, and Sarah Hickman from Christian Home Educators of Midland. In an email following the event, MCS Administrator Eric VanDerhoof wrote:

'Thanks for coming and I trust you had a safe trip home. The conference accomplished what I hoped as teachers and students realized what can be achieved when the bar is raised. The program has already received great accolades from teachers, parents, and students.'

⇒ ***COLD AND FLU SEASON REMINDER:*** The cold weather is upon us, so please send a warm coat with your child each day and mittens, boots, and snow pants when the snow begins to fly. With the cold weather comes illness so, when your child is sick, please call the office first thing in the morning to let us know they will be absent that day. If you would like to pick up their homework at the end of the day (at 2:30 p.m.), please ask for this when you call to report their absence. Thank you for your help!