

Morningside Academy
Upper School Newsletter
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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

We would like to thank several groups of people. First, we want to thank every student and family member that came out to the science fair. A lot of blood, sweat, and tears went into the projects and it showed. Thank you to Mrs. Robinson and Ms. Jeffers for all of your hard work in planning the fair. Thank you to each of our judges for your help in this process. Many devoted a lot of hours in evaluating the projects. Thank you!

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Frisbie, Mr. Smithley, and Ms. Anderson for all of your help in chaperoning the prom on Friday after a very long day. The kids seemed to have a great time. Thank you to each of the students that attended and set such a great example for the event staff. We received several compliments on our students! Congratulations to Brandon Jenkins (Prom King) and Katie Anderson (Prom Queen)!!!

Finally, we would like to thank all of the students, parents, staff members, judges, and many volunteers that helped with the Jr. FACCS Fine Arts Competition. The event is a massive undertaking and it seemed to go off about as seamlessly as possible for an event that size. Our students did an outstanding job in each of the fine arts areas. We want to thank Mrs. Adams, Mr. Enyart, and Mrs. Sabatino for their efforts in preparing the upper school students for each area of the competition. We were so very proud of how the entire Morningside family came together for this event!

8th Grade Yahoo Breakfast

Our **8th Grade Yahoo Breakfast** will be held on **Wednesday, May 6 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.** It will start in the cafeteria and end in the chapel. Pictures for the big 8th grade slide show were due last Thursday. If you are an 8th grader and have not turned in **3-4 pictures (variety of ages), you need to do so IMMEDIATELY.** Pictures can be sent electronically to Mrs. Miller (jmiller@morningsideacademy.com) or dropped off to the office in an envelope. We hope that families will join us. Please call the office to RSVP for the event!

Teacher Appreciation Request from Parents

Each year we take a week to honor and thank our amazing teachers for all of their hard work and dedication. Teacher Appreciation week is May 4-8 this year. We would like to hold our annual Teacher Appreciation luncheon on Friday, May 8th. We are asking for donations from all upper school families to cover the cost of lunch and some gifts for our staff. We realize that parents may want to recognize teachers that week in other special ways, however, we would truly appreciate your donation to make the luncheon a success. Please send in your special contributions marked "Teacher Appreciation Luncheon" by Friday, May 1.

10th Grade Chapel This Thursday, April 30

The 10th grade students will be leading chapel this Thursday, April 30. We are excited to see what they have planned for their peers. We would like to invite all families to come out in support of the 10th grade. Chapel starts at 8:45 at the upper school and will be held in room C-1. We hope to see you there!

Upper School Final Exams and Early Release Days

The Upper School will be taking final exams the last week of school (May 26-29). **These days will all be early release days with students leaving at 11:42 a.m. after exams.** It is critical for students to take these exams as they have a big impact on grades. In order to help students and parents with planning and preparing for exams, a schedule has been attached to this newsletter.

MA Seeking Host Families for International Students

As part of our ministry, our Upper School educates about 20 international students each year. A handful of these high school students need a host family for the 15/16 school year. Will you help to change a student's life by opening your home and hearts to them? For more information, please contact Paul Humburg at the Upper School at (772) 335-2096 or phumburg@morningsideacademy.com.

Update from the Uniform Store

If your child will require any special ordered uniforms (sizes that are not usually carried in stock), please place your order as soon as possible so that you will receive them before school starts in August. Special orders always take a long time to arrive and we want everyone to be prepared. Please see or call Michelle at the uniform store if you have any questions.

Athletic Award Presentation on May 12

Our Athletic Awards Presentation will be held on **Tuesday, May 12** in the Family Center **from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** We will be recognizing each of our athletic teams that evening and passing out individual awards to outstanding players. We hope you will mark your calendars and join us!

Calendar of Upcoming Events at Morningside Academy

Apr. 28 – May 1 (T-F) – 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip

(ALL participants will need to meet at the airport at 4:45 a.m. on Tuesday)

Apr. 30 (Thursday) – 10th Grade Chapel at the Upper School at 8:40 a.m.

May 2 (Saturday) – Senior Grad Bash at Universal Studios

May 5 (Tuesday) – NHS Year-End Celebration in C-1 (during 4th, 5th, & 6th Period)

May 6 (Wednesday) – 8th Grade Yahoo Breakfast at 10:00 a.m. at the Upper School from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

May 7 (Thursday) – 9th Grade Chapel at the Upper School at 8:40 a.m.

May 12 (Tuesday) – Athletic Awards Presentation from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Family Center)

May 14 (Thursday) – 11th Grade Chapel at the Upper School at 8:40 a.m.

May 14 – 15 (Thurs. & Fri.) – FACCS State Jr. Fine Arts Competition

May 22 (Friday) – Senior Chapel at the Lower School at 8:30 a.m.

May 25 (Monday) – Memorial Day (No School)

May 26-29 (Tuesday – Friday) Final Exams This Week & Early Release Days All This Week at 11:42a.m.

May 26 (Tuesday) – 8th & 12th Grade, Jr. Marshalls, and HS Choir/Orchestra - Graduation Practice at Noon

May 29 (Friday) – Last Day & Graduation during the Evening

Spring 2015 MA Upper School Finals Schedule

*Each final will cover two standard periods.

*At the high school level, the final exam counts for 20% of the semester grade.

*At the middle school level, the final exam will be calculated into the fourth-quarter average and will be worth 2 test grades that quarter.

***During final exam week, we will be operating on an early dismissal schedule with students being picked up 11:42 a.m.**

FINALS SCHEDULE – ALL GRADES

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Given During Periods</u>
Monday	5/25/15	Memorial Day	(No School)

Tuesday	5/26/15	Period 1	1 – 2
		Period 2	3 – 4
		Early Dismissal at 11:42 a.m.	

(*On Tuesday, the advanced orchestra/choir, junior marshals, eighth graders, and seniors will eat lunch from 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and will then be transported to the Lower School for graduation practice. Dismissal will occur at the Upper School at 2:30 p.m.)

Wednesday	5/27/15	Period 4	1 – 2
		Period 5	3 – 4
		Early Dismissal at 11:42 a.m.	

Thursday	5/28/15	Period 3	1 – 2
		Period 6	3 – 4
		Early Dismissal at 11:42 a.m.	

Friday	5/29/15	Period 7	1 – 2
		Early Dismissal at 11:42 a.m.	

***We will not have a chapel this week.**

***Make-up exams can be given in the office on Friday unless other arrangements are made with the teacher for a time/date earlier in the week.**