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In the HS
Gym

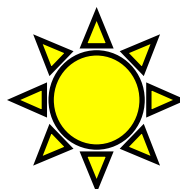
Promenade -
6:00 p.m. in
the auditorium

Good-Bye For Now

The sun is shining and the temperature is rising, it's almost summer vacation. The writers of MCA Live would like to congratulate the students of Mount Carmel Area Jr. Sr. High School on a wonderful school year. Even with the many changes this year such as safety initiatives, new classes, and new teachers, the students adapted well and did fantastic. We hope that everyone aced their Keystones, PSSA's, and SAT's and are looking forward to a great season when school resumes in the fall. Make this a summer to remember, do something different or try something new. Write a story, take a hike, or plant a garden, use the time off to do something exciting. Good-bye to the graduating seniors, and the best of luck in your future endeavors. We hope you had some great years here at MCA and had an awesome high school career. To everyone else, have a wonderful summer vacation and we will see you next semester with a whole new staff for Tornado Times and MCA Live at 7:35. - Mackenzie Zerbe '21

MCA Summer Reading 2019-2020

- ♦ All students are required to read one book and complete an assignment before they start school.
- ♦ Make sure to get your teacher's approval on your book before leaving school for the summer.
- ♦ Students entering Honors and AP classes have a specific assigned book they must read.
- ♦ Make sure to bring your assignment and activity on the first day of school!



Underclassmen

Final Exam Dates:

Tues. & Wed. (5/28-29)

- Foreign Languages

- Arts & Humanities

Thurs. & Fri. (5/30/31)

- Science

-English

Mon. & Tues (6/3-4)

- Math

- Social Studies

Wed. (6/5)

- Conflicts//Make-up

Thurs. (6/6)

-Early Dismissal/
Last Student Day



Mount Carmel Area has a newly formed club. With the lead of Mr. Yaracz and aid from Mr. Aaron and Mrs. Kelly Domanski the Mount Carmel Cultural Club will be taking a trip to Germany in June of 2020 to experience new people and a different culture. The inspiration for the trip came from Mr. Yaracz's own experience of travelling. He wanted to share that love and experience with the students of our school. The club will be holding many fundraisers in the upcoming school year so watch their Facebook page. Support the cultural club and their upcoming trip to Germany. —Kaylee Kane '21



Senior Joseph Dudeck qualified for the 2019 PMEA All-State Orchestra in Pittsburgh April 3-6. Joe is the first student in the MCA Music Department's history to qualify for All-State Orchestra, and only the second student to qualify for PMEA All-State twice. Congratulations!



MCA's 2019 Field Day Queen Sherrienne Carpenter is presented gifts by senior **Billy Anderson**.

Field Day
April 16,
2019



Field Day Court (L to R) Claudia Morris, Madison Sosky, Eliza Nevis, Sherrienne Carpenter, Daniela Mangiapane, Alijah Hollenbach



The Mount Carmel Area Music Department's production of *Footloose* was a huge success! After long rehearsals and building of sets, the cast and crew performed in front of a full auditorium and a load of applause! The main character, Ren McCormack, was played by junior **Andrew Rooney**. Ariel Moore, Ren's love interest, was played by senior **Katie Flynn**. They continued their love story alongside a cast of characters in a small town known as Bomont, Iowa. Ariel's father, Reverend Shaw Moore, was played by junior **Jason Patrick**. Ren's best friend, Willard Hewitt was played by junior **Ryan Green**. He caught the audience with his country humor and delivered the traditional Coal Bucket joke that we've come to know and expect. Senior **Danielle Hooper** played Rusty, Ariel's

best friend and Willard's love interest. Ariel had a group of friends from the high school who also play key roles in the play. This group was made up of Urleen, played by senior **Lexi Leso**, Wendy Jo, played by junior **Sydney Marquardt**, and Rusty. Chuck Cranston was played by junior **Cole Lupatsky**. Chuck was Ariel's boyfriend before Ren, and was a trouble maker. To start the play off, Ren moved from Chicago to Bomont with his mother Ethel, played by Senior **Miranda Fiamoncini**. After Ren moved to the town, not even a full week in, he realizes that dancing is not allowed, under the ruling of Reverend Shaw Moore. Throughout the musical, Ren tries to convince the Reverend to repeal the ban on dancing. Eventually Reverend Moore comes to terms with the decision along with the help of his wife, Vi Moore, played by Senior **Sammy Darrup**. In the final scene the town has a huge celebration which included all of the townsfolk dancing and having fun, and coming together. Everyone is happy and the musical ends on a happy, energetic note. Thank you to **Ms. Melinda Hoopes** and her students for doing such an amazing job. Special thanks to the choreographer, **Katrina Calvin**, the Pit Orchestra, directed by **Bernard Stellar**, and Stage Construction Crew by **David McFee**. Congratulations on an amazing performance. -Cedar A. Bolam '22





Best of Show: Mackenzie Zerbe



Mount Carmel Area Art Show (2018-19) Winners				
<u>Best of Show: Mackenzie Zerbe</u>				
<u>Category:</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>	<u>Honorable Mention</u>
<u>Painting</u>	Azure Bosland	Kassandra Fernandez	Gavin Lasko	Isaiah Cochrane
<u>Marbled silk scarves</u>	Maggie McCracken	Kim Schmidt	Molly McCracken	Rebecca Morgan
<u>Charcoal/Pastel/Drawing</u>	Gabrielle Schucker	Avery Dowkus	Airin Petrovich	Elise Makowski
<u>Printmaking</u>	Kimberly Schmidt	Angelina Watkins	Vanessa Walter	Megan Gaugler
<u>Mixed Media</u>	Vanessa Walter	Makenna Watkins	Angelina Torres	Haley Husted
<u>Glassware</u>	Jade Witmer	Brooke Bernini	Makenna Lengle	Cloey Heim
<u>Leather</u>	Danielle Mangiapane	Kassy Fernandez	Kimberly Schmidt	Angie Fetters
<u>Ceramics – Sculptures</u>	Molly Petrucci	Angelina Torres	Elise Makowski	Cedar Bolam
<u>Ceramics – Dishware</u>	Kimberly Schmidt	Maggie McCracken	Doherty Fesniak	Danielle Mangiapane
<u>Fibers</u>	Molly McCracken	Molly McCracken	Danielle Mangiapane	Megan Gaugler
<u>Dream Catchers, Wind Chimes</u>	Maggie McCracken	Molly McCracken	Emily Olszewskie	Kimberly Schmidt
<u>Wood Burning</u>	Kimberly Schmidt	Cloey Heim	Makenzie Pyle	Bianca McCabe
<u>Textiles</u>	Rebecca Morgan	Brooke Bernini	Jade Witmer	Maggie McCracken
<u>Tiles – Coaster Sets</u>	Angel Strohecker	Kim Schmidt	Doherty Fesniak	Lea Rusinko



TRIO UPWARD BOUND helps students get to College

The federally funded program, Trio Upward Bound at Mount Carmel Area, is sponsored by Bloomsburg University. Upward Bound helps high school students in grades 9-12 learn about college and provides college visits, scholarships, and a summer program that gives the opportunity for students to experience college life. During the school year, Mr. Koz holds meetings in his classroom and library every Tuesday along with the supervisors John Kula and Jen Wood. The students set goals, practice character building skills, and learn about possible career choices. A handful of Mount Carmel Area and other area students visited Wilkes University and Kings College to tour the campus and get a feel of the schools. Students also earn money from attendance and going on trips. Students must complete an application to be eligible and have it submitted to the Upward Bound office in order to meet with one of the Representatives for an interview. The summer program is an option students can choose even though they are suggested to go to at least one summer out of the four years they could be a part of the program. —Gabrielle Schucker '22



Jr Achievement Young Women's Future Symposium



Mount Carmel Area HS Team competes at Pa State Envirothon

Mount Carmel Area's Envirothon team came in 1st place at the Regional competition at Shikellamy State Park Marina. The team will now compete at the state competition at the University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown May 21-22. In photo from left: Tyler Barnhardt, Mackenzie Pyle, Ryan Green, Olivia Rusk, Erin Bossler, Coach Jennifer Biddinger. The regional competition is made up of students from Columbia, Montour, Union, and Northumberland Counties. Teams test their knowledge in five categories: Forestry, Aquatics, Wildlife, Soils, and a current environmental issue. The state level of competition adds an oral component where the team will must give a verbal presentation based on an assigned topic. —Colin Herb '20



MCA Big Red Band At Our Nations Capital



The MCA Diversity and Tolerance, a newly formed club, has had a very eventful year. Although it only started in January they have kept busy with fundraisers, projects, and field trips. They had fundraisers for kettle corn, a movie raffle, and sold their own colorful T-shirts. They also made a diversity garden with all the members' own flowers that they designed themselves along with adding tidbits of their personality. After raising a good amount of money, the club took a field trip planned by Mrs. Kalyn Essick, their club adviser. They visited Washington D.C. to tour the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. They also went to the National Museum of American History and the D.C. Center for resources. They enjoyed breakfast, lunch, and dinner and sang some tunes on the bus. The club promotes equality and the idea that no one is the same, nor are they different, they just are. "Come as you Are!" —Gabrielle Schucker —22

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A Novel Idea Visits Jim Thorpe, Pa

Senator Gordner Visits MCA

MCA students in Mrs. Stancavage's Principles of Democracy and Civics classes had an opportunity to meet Pennsylvania State Senator John Gordner. Senator Gordner took time from his busy schedule in Harrisburg to speak about the government. Senator Gordner shared a little about his job and explained how what the students were learning in class applies to the real world. Senator Gordner is also the majority whip in the PA senate, which is a high ranking position and could be referred to as the "enforcer" of the senate. At MCA the senator discussed many important topics such as how a bill becomes a law, branches of government, and committees. He also answered a wide range of questions from students about current bills being voted on and the life of a congressman. To wrap up Senator Gordner talked about how he got into politics during his high school career after finishing almost last in his election during his freshman and becoming president by his senior year. This experience thought him a lesson he would like to share to everyone else "sit and complain, or try and make a difference." Mount Carmel Area School District thanks Senator Gordner for helping educate our students about how government works on a state level. —Nick Troutman '20



An Invitation to the State Capital

Senator Gordner was so impressed by the students interest in government, he personally invited Mrs. Stancavage and Principles of Democracy students to take a tour of the state capital. Joining them on the tour was House Representative Kurt Masser. While there, the group learned how politics worked and even got to sit in on a live senate and House of Representatives meeting. Students also learned about the history of the building and famous people who were members of congress. Everyone had a good time and would like to thank Senator Gordner and members of Congress for allowing MCA students to join them. —Elijah Watkins 20'



SWPB Tornado

Ticket Raffle

The School Wide Positive Behavior team held their 2nd Annual Tornado Pride Reward Auction in the high school cafeteria and promoted positive behavior along with giving away some neat prizes. All of the departments got together and donated a basket along with other donors. Prizes ranged from big baskets



filled with goodies to medium prizes, and \$5 and \$10 Pepe's gift cards with 27 prizes in total. The SWPB coordinator Mrs. Harner-Smith and the SWPB team members and the school helped make all this possible. —Nick Troutman '20



Spring Sports This year of Boys Track and Field was one to remember as MCA had multiple members of the boy's team make districts and success during invitational's. The Tornadoes finished their season 4-1 coming just short of being PHAC champs. District qualifiers for running events were Krystof Lapotsky Andrew Rooney, Derek Lawler, Dylan Dupo, Quentin Nahodil, Thomas Davitt, Shane Weidner, Avery Demko, Garrett Timco, and Brendon Nevius. Jumpers include Brock Evert and Pedro Feliciano. Throwers competing were Jared Stewart, Mike Makowski, and Connor Krakowski. Tanner Karycki competed in both running and jumping events as well as Zane Zlockie who competed in throwing and jumping events. Of the district qualifying athletes, those who competed at states included Andrew Rooney, Krystof Lapotsky, Derek Lawler, Dylan Pupo in the 4x8, Andrew Rooney, Shane Weidner, Avery Demko, Tanner Karycki in the 4x4 and Krystof Lapotsky in the 2 mile run. At states, the 4x8 team placed 5th and Krystof Lapotsky placed 6th, they're hoping to make it back to states next year as they all come back. Congratulations and good luck to the boy's track and field next year.—Pedro Feliciano '22



The Varsity Girls Track and Field team has come a long way this season while grasping their third Pennsylvania Heartland Athletic Conference championship in a row. Running District Qualifiers for the 100 yard and 200 meter dash were Brooke Bernini, 100 and 300 meter hurdles were Gia Yancoskie and Claudia Morris, 400 meter dash runners were Mia Chapman and Terri Reichard, the 800 meter dash included Caroline Fletcher, Kolbi Krebs, and Molly Petrucci, and the 1600 meter dash included Talia Mazzatesta. The relay team qualifiers for the 4x4 included Mia Chapman, Terri Reichard, Caroline Fletcher, and Claudia Morris. The 4x8 runners were Mia Chapman, Caroline Fletcher, Talia Mazzatesta, Molly Petrucci, and Kolbi Krebs. Jumping Qualifiers for Pole Vault were Hailey Swaldi and Angel Barwicki, Long Jump and Triple Jump consists of Emily Krulak and Peyton Kehler, and High Jump included Peyton Kehler as well. The throwers who qualified for Discus were Dani Rae Renno, Lauren Shedleski, and Briana Tamborelli. For Shot Put, Brynn Evert and Lauren Shedleski, and the Javelin qualifiers included Payton Carl and Lauren Shedleski. The following girls qualified for the state competition: Mia Chapman, Talia Mazzatesta, Caroline Fletcher, Molly Petrucci, and Kolbi Krebs for the 4x8 relay, Discus included Dani Rae Renno and for Javelin, Lauren Shedleski. The girls' 4x8 team came in 5th place at states! Congratulations! —Brynn Evert '22

With nearly every Mount Carmel Area sports team having successful seasons by making the playoff cut or medaling, the **MCA Varsity Baseball team** could barely contain their excitement for the spring to roll around so they could take their hacks. Led by seniors John Ayers, Thomas Shultz, and head coach Brenton Eades, the Tornadoes dusted teams in the diamond. Their regular season ended with 17 wins, tying the school record. The boys hit stride mid-season winning 12 consecutive games, marking the 2019 baseball team in the record books for the longest win streak in MCA's baseball history. You can't win if you can't score, but to MCA's delight, the bats have been scorching hot all throughout the spring. Big numbers come from Anthony Stutzcavage with a



team high 406 average, Shultz with 28 RBIs and a 405 average, Jack Chapman with a nearly identical stat line also with 28 RBIs while hitting 404 on the season. The most efficient in the lineup are Logan Wills with his bat, which knocked in 28 ribbies on 27 hits and Ayers with his base running, who scored 32 runs on 20 hits. Mount Carmel has also been dominant on the mound, sporting a 1.71 earned run average. Schultz is the ace who managed to curve his personal ERA to less than one. Tommy Resisinger is number two and Stutzcavage is number three in the rotation. The team qualified for districts as the second seed and the seventh ranked team in Pennsylvania, however ended their season in round 2 against the eighth ranked team in the state, Central Columbia. The roster only graduates a few seniors, so expect next year's team to keep the wins coming. —Colin Herb '20

Winter Sports Wrap Up Summer is here and the weather has flipped, but let's take a look back to the impact MCA's great winter sports teams made this year.

There are plenty of achievements to celebrate for the **boys' basketball team**. Senior Donovan James led his team to over 20 wins for the season, which was good enough to secure their position in the district bracket for the third consecutive year. After pulling a third place finish, MCA made it to the state playoffs for the first time since 2005. James became the all time points leader with a total of 1,654. His offensive efforts were enough to earn PHAC MVP and News Item all star. He was assisted by his big man underneath, Tommy Reisinger, who earned first team PHAC all-star and News Item all star.



Both James and Reisinger eclipsed a grand as juniors, becoming the only duo in the history of MCA boys basketball to play together while they both have scored over one thousand points in their career. Seniors John Ayers and Mike Hood worked hard to earn PHAC defensive first team.

The **Lady Tornadoes basketball team** had success as well, securing their fourth straight district title over Sayre, which advanced the team to the second round of the state tournament. The girls flipped a 0-3 start to the season, and accomplished success without a single senior on the roster. Leading the charge was Dani Rae Renno. The 6'2" sophomore dominated the paint in her first season as a starter earning Pennsylvania All-State honors, PHAC all-star MVP, and News Item all star. With 516 points and 342 rebounds, Renno became the only female athlete with over 500 points and 300 rebounds in a season. Those numbers also put her in the top ten all time for single season records. She now ranks eighth in single season points and is the runner up for most rebounds in a season.

Exiting the court and onto the mat, the **MCA Wrestling team** had yet another big year. The Red Tornadoes had many wrestlers over 20 wins including Bruce Carl at 160, Austin Reed at 220, Colin Herb at heavyweight, and Shane Weidner who eclipsed 30 wins at 170/182. Five wrestlers battled to become district qualifiers; Trevor McDonald at 120, Zach Reed at 132, Noah Berkoski at 152, Carl, and Reed. Weidner put on a show during the postseason. The junior placed his way to the regional tournament and took fifth, one spot away from Hershey. The wrestling squad doesn't graduate one senior.



As for the **swim team**, Kaylee Kane placed in districts for her second year in a row. The sophomore placed 10th in the 100 yard freestyle and 9th in the 50 yard freestyle. —Colin Herb '20

EAGLES STUDENTS OF THE YEAR:

AVERY DEMKO
ANDREW ROONEY
RACHEL WITKOSKI
AVA CHAPMAN

EAGLES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Students of the Month

Avery Demko - November
Sherrienne Carpenter - December
Ava McGee- January
Ryan Ciocco - February
Joseph Dudeck- March
Alexis Leso - April
Michael Hood - May

Jr. Students of the Month

Lauren Shedleski - November
Colin Herb - December
Andrew Rooney - January
Danielle Lupatsky - February
Elijah Watkins- March
Brad Shurock - April
Tyler Winhofer - May

Teen of the Month

Leah Shedleski - November
Julien Stellar - December
Layth Kanafani - January
Mason Fretz - February
Molly Petrucci- March
Avery Dowkus - April
Katie Witkoski - May

Jr. Teen of the Month

Ryan Weidner - November
Abby Klokis - December
Zoe Siko - January
Ella O'Neill - February
Alivia Boyer - March
Noah Rempel—April
Daniel Kripplebauer—May

700 Club

Cierra Clayton
Ryan Green

1300 Club

Tyler Barnhardt
Cierra Clayton
Ryan Green
Grace Menko

School Board Merit Award

Danielle Hooper - December
Nicholas Olley - February
Donovan James - March
Colin Herb - April

Rotary Student of the Month

Danielle Hooper - November
Allison Shurock - December
Joseph Dudeck - January
Miranda Fiamoncini - February
John Ayres - March
Samantha Darrup - April
Maura Olley - May

Jr. High Pride

November

Ava Chapmen -7th
Erin Hartopp -8th

December

Ryan Weidner -7th
Rachel Witkoski -8th

January

Brayden Brinkash -7th
Isaiah Burbowski -8th

February

Amaya Burbowski - 7th
Nicholas Olley - 8th

March

Dyllan Connell -7th
Alannah Chapman -8th

April

Brynn Gasperetti - 7th
Bryan Trent - 8th

WVIA ARTISTS of THE WEEK

Visual Arts category

Photography Doherty Fesniak

Music Category

Joseph Dudeck



Mrs. Wariki and Mrs. Evans's Life Skills students deliver coffee, tea or hot chocolate during first period classes to faculty and staff to practice their social skills and to raise funds for the program. MCA staff enjoys the morning treat.



Thank you to our MCA High School Lunch Heroes!
L-R: Jean, Karen, Cathi, Andrea, Steph, Holly, Lorrie, Paula



When you graduate and become accustomed to the outside world, either you will look back at your time at MCA and say "I miss that place" or "I never want to step foot back in that school again". I feel like it's important for someone to give some advice to the students coming through the program, and I hope these little tips help you make the most of your time at MCA!

- **Friends-** As much as it seems impossible in the moment, friends will come and go. During high school people change, as well as you. Branch out to other "social groups". My best friend since freshman year was a girl that's five foot, was clueless about sports, and wasn't into any hobbies I was into, but our personalities meshed extremely well. You might be pleasantly surprised with the people you meet.
- **Hobbies-** Sometimes what you're most interested in is what you least expect. People brand me as the typical 90's jock because of my athletic career and vocal personality, but I'm much more passionate about music, absolutely love fishing, and am becoming very fond of chess (yes, I laughed at that too). Don't feel pressured to mold into the latest fad; just do what you love and people will respect you for it.
- **Opportunities-** You have four years as a high school student at Mount Carmel Area, and only three if you decide to take part in the Ace program. It may seem like forever, but four years flies by. I still remember my first varsity football game and the crunching, grinding sound of the rocks under my cleats. If you put on that red helmet, you'll understand what I'm referring to. Moments like that will have an effect on me for my entire life. Don't be scared to try new things, or pursue your goals in high school. You only have a limited time to do it, and you'll never be able to go back. Take every opportunity offered.
- **Relationships-** I saved this one for last because people put way too much emphasis on it, but it's an inescapable part of high school. Some notes to remember: You'll survive your first break up, every crush you have won't be the love of your life, and there's nothing wrong with you if you're single. Just relax, because you have an entire life to find whoever you're looking for, and odds are, you don't even know them yet! -Colin Herb AKA Chili '20

6/1 The MCA Prom 7 p.m.

(promenade 6 p.m.)

6/2 Baccalaureate 7 p.m.

**6/3 Final exams / Senior Class
Night Awards**

6/4 Honor student dinner

6/5 Class of 2019 trip

**6/6 Last day of school for stu-
dents early dismissal**

6/7 Senior graduation 7 p.m.



As the studio and news crew wraps up another great school year, we've reached a new milestone in WKMCTV history. The 2018-2019 school year marked the 50th year of WKMCTV. In 1968, WJPM became the first student run television station in the country to broadcast live over the cable network. The morning news evolved from an evening broadcast "Film and Footnotes" to a live morning broadcast sometime in the late 1980s. Tornado Times is an outreach of MCA LIVE and WKMCTV and is available exclusively online. From there, WKMCTV and MCA Live have flourished and grown to where we are today. Along the way, there have been ups and downs, but the adversity makes us stronger! Make sure to tune in next year for the 51st year of WKMCTV -DaniRae Renno '21