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Welcome Back!

Are you excited to be back in school? The new 2013-2014 MCA school year has some new rules and new policies. If you need a memory refresher here are some of the new and not so new rules:

- According to the new BYOT Policy, you can bring your own technology to school for educational purposes
- You can't leave the caf without permission from an adult
- Always have a hall pass with you
- Use cell phones only in hallway, before/after school, study hall, lunch, and when you have teacher permission
- Yellow Cards will be given out for misbehavior
- Activity periods, which are PSSA and Keystone exam review sessions are on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week
- We have a new online grading system
- In order to leave school early, you must present a note to the attendance office

HAVE A GOOD REST OF THE YEAR!



New MCASD Staff 2013-2014



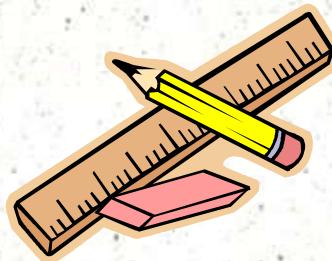
Mr. Pete Cheddar Jr. High Principal



Back from left Principal Pete Cheddar, Principal Lisa Varano, kindergarten teacher Molly McCabe, Jr./Sr High emotional support teacher Corey Mentzer, secondary math teacher Gary Wychock, 6th grade social studies teacher Matthew Mankiewicz, 8-12 learning support teacher Paul Haden, 5th and 6th grade inclusion teacher David Sanford, Elementary School Principal Susan Nestico. Front row, 7-12 music teacher Melinda Hoopes, secondary English teacher Ashley Kilmer, K-6 Learning Support Brianne Dyszel, 6th Grade Science Patty Geist, Elementary life skills Elizabeth Park, autistic support Kelly Bressi, & secondary math Kristen Klock.



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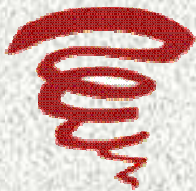
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Homecoming Banners 2013



Class of 2016: The Roaring 20s



Class of 2017 & 2018: The Music of Today



Class of 2017: The Sensational 60s



Class of 2015: Fabulous 50s



Class of 2014: Irresistible 80s

Award Winners!

Elks Awards:

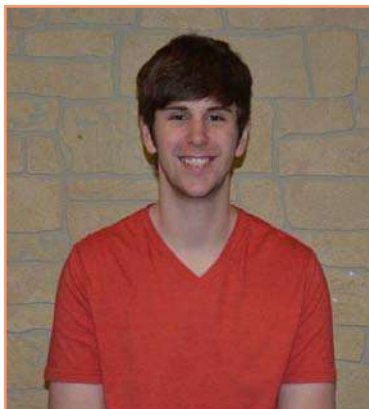
Student of the Month
Jr. Student of the Month
Teen of the Month
Jr. Teen of the Month

September:

Morgan Miriello-12th
Hannah Fetterolf-11th
Carl Darrup-9th
Katie Flynn-7th

October:

Luke Duceman-12th
Paige Domboski-11th
Ben McFadden-8th
Ava McGee-7th

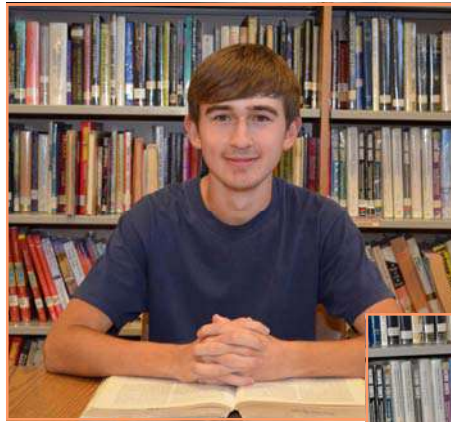


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Rotary Student of the Month:

September:
Bryce Fiamoncini-12th

October:
Ali Varano-12th



Junior High Pride:

September:
Emilee Barnhardt-8th
Brock Evert-7th

October:
Tyler Golazeski-8th
Ava McGee-7th



HS School Board Merit Award:

September:
Brett Zosh-12th
October:
Coral Swank-12th



WVIA Artists of the Week



The WVIA Artists of the Week representing Mount Carmel Area have been announced. This television campaign is designed to bring attention to high school students who have excelled in the study of the arts. Two students are chosen, one in performing arts and the other a visual artist. Congratulations to seniors, Jessica Pachuski, chosen in the musical category, and Sierra Noller in Visual Arts.

Jess Pachuski is a member of the National Honor Society and participates in chorus. After being raised on Rodgers & Hammerstein musicals, Jess seized the lead roles of the annual spring operetta this year and last year. In previous years, she has qualified for the PMEA District 8 Jazz, District Chorus and Region 4 Chorus. Jess plans to pursue a career in speech pathology.

Sierra Noller loves mixed media artwork and her favorite artist is impressionist, Salvador Dali. A student of both art teachers, Mrs. Jenn Stahr and Mrs. Theresa Madison, she is a prominent member of the art club, and has won many awards at the past two art shows at MCA. Sierra plans to go into the work force after high school and plans to pursue a lifetime of happiness. Sierra stated, "whatever I do in life, art will always be a huge part of my life." Ever since I was a little girl, I was intrigued by how things look when put together."

Jess and Sierra were both interviewed by the WVIA television network and their one minute spotlights will premiere later in the school year and on WVIA.org. Following, both will then be in the running to compete for WVIA Artist of the Year. Congratulations to our MCA Artists!



Veterans' Day

On Monday, November 11, the High School held their annual Veterans' Day program in the high school auditorium. The Mount Carmel Area joint veteran's committee attended with five branches of the military represented and each division's theme song was played by our MCA band. Master of ceremonies, Mr Bill Begis, introduced each veteran in attendance and enlisted students from our school. The colors were presented and students read poems and excerpts about veterans and the fallen soldiers. The Patriot's Pen and voice of Democracy contest winners were announced and awarded by the Legion post 2110, with a certificate, medal, and monetary prizes. The following, all eight grade students were the winners for the Patriot Pen essay contest: 1st place winner, Sara Davit, 2nd place Kourtney Honicker, and 3rd place winner was Zachary Hunter, Sara Davitt's 1st place entry will move to the regional level. The Voice of Democracy speech contest winners include 1st place winner, sophomore, Luke Darrup, 2nd place winner senior Brianna Chapman, and 3rd place senior Shawn Deromedi. Luke's winning speech will also move on to the next level. Congratulations to all the winners. Mount Carmel Area thanks the joint veterans and the VFW post 2110 for coming to our school and reminding us of the importance of veterans day.



Mini-THON

On September 28th, MCA held their first annual Mini-THON and it was a huge success! The 12-hour event raised more than \$12,000 for the Four Diamonds Fund and exceeded the goal of \$5,000. The Four Diamonds Fund provides support for financial, medical and pediatric cancer research. MCA alumnus advisors for the event were Cassandra Niglio, Cassie Mace, Rachel Niglio, and Sami Spieller. At least 300 participated in many fun activities such as dancing and games and then a touching luminary walk to remember loved ones who are fighting and lost the fight to this deadly disease. Food and drinks were provided for purchase all day long, along with a stand where you can pick your own candies. Mini-THON was such a success that organizers are already planning for next year. When you hear about the Four Diamonds Fund, remember that MCA played a role and took one step closer in finding a cure for cancer!



For The Kids!



Powder Puff Football



The annual Powder Puff game took place on Sunday November 10, 2013 at the Silver Bowl. This years teams were "Where's Da Team?," led by Ana Ditchey, Brynna Ditchey, Matt Mankiewicz, and Dave Sanford and team Berzerk led by coaches Aaron and Kelly Domanski, Chris Cunningham and Meghan Wasilewski. Team Berzerk took an early lead in the First Quarter on a touchdown run by Jen Bolick, her first of two scores in the game. Berzerk widened their lead in the second quarter on a 20 yard touchdown run by Brianna Lutz along with a 2 point conversion by Lauren Hause, giving the team a 14-0 lead at the half. "Where's Da Team?" was able to put together 193 yards of

total offense in the game, but never found the end zone. The team was led by Isabella Stellar with 73 passing yards along with 51 rushing yards, and Ali Varano was close behind with 39 rushing yards.



"Berzerk" put together 149 yards of total offense in the game, and the team was led by Paige Hornung who had 20 passing yards along with 44 rushing yards. Jen Bolick was close behind with 33 rushing yards and 2 touchdowns. In the end, Berzerk came out on top with a 22-0 victory, in a great game by both teams.



Senior Captains for "Berzerk" are Darla Hood, Lauren Hause, Brianna Lutz, and Paige Hornung. Captains for "Where's da team?" are seniors Jayme Lentini, Jasmine Jones, Jenna Jurasich and Ali Varano (not pictured).



Halloween at MCA



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Fall Recipes

DUMPKIN DIE MILKSHAKE

- 1/2 cup of low-fat cottage cheese
- 1 scoop of plain or vanilla protein powder
- 1/2 cup of pumpkin puree
- 1/2 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 2-4 pkts of sweetener of your choice
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 5-10 ice cubes

Blend until desired consistency and add any topping of your choice!

DashingDish.com



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CRANBERRY SALAD

- 2 cups of ground raw cranberries
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 pint of heavy whipping cream whipped
- 3/4 pound of marshmallows (small)
- 1 cup crushed pineapple drained

Combine cranberries and sugar and let sit for 3 hours. In another bowl combine whipped cream and marshmallows, let sit. Add the berry mixture into other bowl and add crushed pineapple, then let chill in fridge for several hours.



APPLE SNICKERS NACHOS

- 1 apple
- 3 snack-sized Hershey bars
- 6 caramels
- 2 fun sized Snicker's chopped up
- 1 tbsp chopped peanuts

Slice the apple and arrange it on the plate. Melt the caramels and drizzle over top of apples. Melt chocolate bars and drizzle over apples. Sprinkle with the Snicker's and peanuts.

AUTUMN CHOPPED SALAD

- 6 cups of romaine lettuce
- 3 slices of bacon
- 1 pear
- 1 apple
- 1/4 cup of dried cranberries, peanuts, and feta cheese
- Dressing of your choice
- Start with the lettuce in a big bowl. Then crisp up the bacon then add it into the bowl. Add the chopped pear and apple in. Sprinkle on the peanuts, cranberries, and cheese. Add dressing.

IowaGirlEats.com





Ah, can you smell the fresh Autumn air? It's that time of the year when students and staff are starting to get hyped up for the upcoming holidays. Halloween and Thanksgiving are popularly celebrated holidays spent with family and friends during the fall season.



Fall Jokes

What did the baby tree say to his mother tree?
Don't leaf me mommy!

Why do squirrels live in trees?
Because living in fours is too crowded!

Why did the band hire a turkey as a drummer?
Because he had the drumsticks!

What's the friendliest vegetable on Earth?
The sweet potato!



By: Brooke Karycki

Fall Sports

Boys Soccer



Girls Soccer



Cross Country



Football



Volleyball



Golf



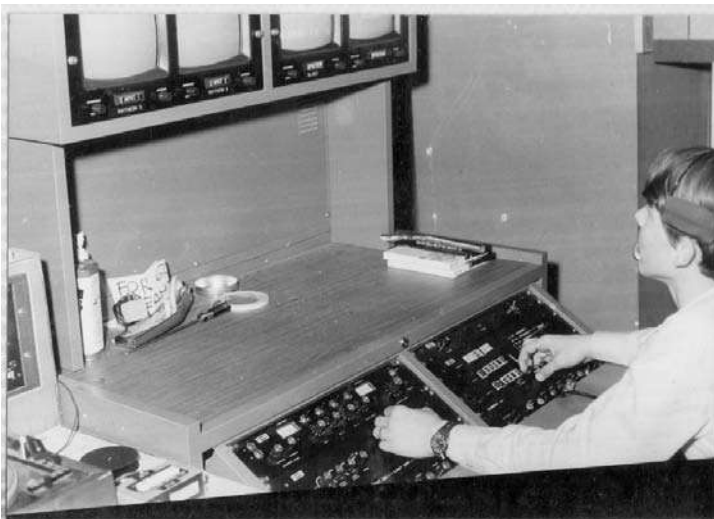
Happy Birthday WKMC-TV!

In the fall of 1968 WJPM-TV was born. This closed-circuit station was the brain child of Mr. Stephen Jepko, Sr., owner of Jepko's Community Antenna System and Mr. George McFee, Art Supervisor of the Mount Carmel Area School District. The first cable-cast was made from the cable system's antenna head-end building located atop Locust Mountain south of Mount Carmel. The first program was a football game between MCA and Tamaqua Area, using the football team's analytical film. MCA's coach, Joe "Jazz" Diminick did the commentary for the program. The station was manned by school students Ralph Ayres, Lou Visintainer and John Wytovich. Ron Yablonski, a technician of the Jepko Community Antenna System was on hand for any technical difficulties that may occur during the programming that went "on the air". George "Boss" McFee was Producer/Director. The television crew worked in a total area of 8 feet by 10 feet. The program lasted approximately 20 minutes. The picture quality was poor, but, the public response was overwhelming as the community saw their high school football team on television for the first time in history in Mount Carmel.

-From WJPM FACEBOOK Page retrieved 11/12/13



With the completion of the new high school in 1977, a state of the art color TV Studio was located on the campus of the Mount Carmel Area High School. As a result of an agreement between MCA and Service Electric, WKMC-TV was established on the Service Electric Cable System, where subscribers in a fifty-mile radius can now receive programming. Because of McFee's effort and guidance, many students have gone on to careers in engineering, electronics, movie production, photography, computer programming, and teaching as a result of what they learned at WJPM and WKMC-TV.





Today, WKMCTV is a student-run organization serving the Mount Carmel Area via Service Electric Cable. Students at WKMCTV participate in a media marketplace, using their television station and websites to develop skills while covering local news, events, and sports. In the past ten years, students have worked cooperatively with PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network) and WNEP-TV Scranton, Wilkes Barre to bring Tornado football live to a statewide audience.

Each day of the school year, the students produce MCA Live their own morning news program which is cablecast throughout a 35-mile stretch via Service Electric LIVE is a morning news program highlighting school and community events. Students in the News Reporting class anchor the news live from the George McFee Studio each morning. The show is an informative educational service that broadcasts to Mount Carmel Area students and the surrounding public. Feature stories include information on scholarship opportunities, college visits, school events, classroom activities and initiatives, along with segments on scholastic sports, club activities and student projects. The program serves as an informational tool for parents and students alike, and provides an opportunity for showcasing student achievement, unity, residents and culture. ~From the WKMCTV.COM



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WJPM - WKMCTV 45 YEARS OF LOCAL PROGRAMMING



8th Grade Speaking and Writing

My earliest Memory...

"Double Digit Day"
All together they were
Music, laughter, games and fun
One had just become older
A day to remember
~Zachary Hunter

"The Head in the Wrought Iron"
Bright, Hot, Summer,
In the yard,
Boredom.
He saw the wrought iron,
Boredom.
The head in the wrought iron,
Screaming, Yelping,
The head in the wrought iron
~Tyler Krah

Five years old
Sitting, boring, old car
Gum: magical and tasty
Chopping away
Spearmint
Curiosity
Stuck gum up my nose
Confused
blood
Gushing, gushing
Tweezers
Relief.

By Christine McGovern

Running and jumping
Jumping and running
Fences over he fled
Getting caught, lies he plead
~Alex B.

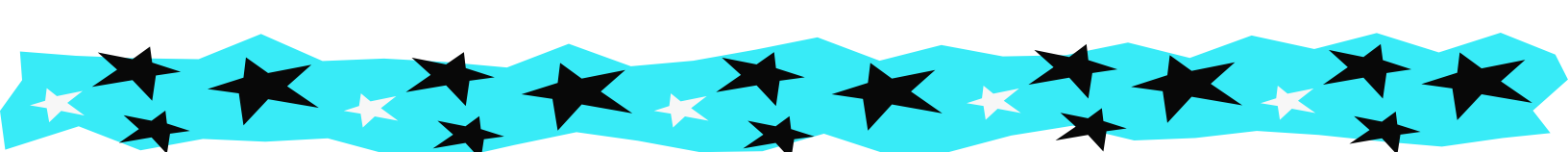
"Football"
Getting down on the line,
As the ball snaps,
He breaks through,
And sacks the quarterback.
~Collin Krakowski

Everyday their Mam-Mam came
Excited
Snap, whistle, button,
she was a great teacher
Ramen Noodles the best food
Color too
She would leave
Devastated
But she'd be back tomorrow
~Sarah Cooper

Remember she threw a brick at someone
The six year old that wanted candy
But she didn't get any
Upset
locked out
she picked up a brick
anger is what she felt when she threw it
but someone got hurt
more than her
~Karin Martinez

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Free Verse Poetry



2013/ 2014 Horoscopes

Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept. 22) This is your year! You may think that your grades are poor now but on the 12th you'll see a dramatic difference in yourself. Don't take it for granted and work for your goal! You can achieve anything you set your mind to!

Libra (Sept. 23- Oct. 22) You're too stressed. Take some time off from your work for about an hour or two once a week to relax. Try taking a bubble bath, reading a book, or even finding meditation videos on YouTube! You'll be back to your old self in no time.

Scorpio (Oct. 23- Nov. 21) You seem to be slacking in your school work. If you're really struggling with a certain subject, go talk to your teacher for extra help. It's really worth it. Next week set a goal for yourself; strive to get at least an A or B on your next test and do your homework! With this attitude you'll have an A in no time!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22- Dec. 20) From starting your new job money seems to be burning a hole in your pocket. From each paycheck you earn, take a few bucks out of it and put it in a special jar saved for a rainy day. When you can't fit any more money in your jar it's time to spend it! Don't go crazy and remember to keep re-adding money to it.

Capricorn (Dec. 21- Jan 20) Your ex keeps bugging you about getting back together. You've moved on but still have some feelings for your ex. You're confused on what to do. Write down pros and cons of both your ex and your current crush. After you're done then it's an easy decision!

Aquarius (Jan. 21- Feb. 18) Accept what you can't avoid. Don't go through life with a frown. Things may seem difficult whether it be family issues, friends, or even your health. This should be your wake up call. Turn yourself around; eat healthier, study harder, and don't give up on your goals! It will be smooth sailing in no time!

Pisces (Feb. 18- Mar. 20) You have a new crush on a special boy/girl but you're too shy to talk to him/her. It's finally time to come out of your shell and be brave! Your crush wants to talk to you as much as you do. Don't be afraid and just do it! Fight for what you want.

Aries (Mar. 21- Apr. 20) Don't let other people sway your opinion. If you believe in something others don't agree on who cares? You need to take a stand for yourself and enjoy your life with no regrets. Go ahead and try out something new that you've been dying to do! It's totally worth it in the end!

Taurus (Apr. 21- May 21) You seem to be having trouble in your love life. Your ex has a new crush and you still think you have feelings for him/her. Don't be afraid to text your ex explaining how you feel. The outcome may be good!

Gemini (May 23- Jun. 20) Your attitude has got you nowhere lately. Try shaping yourself into the person you want to be. Good actions bring good thoughts to the mind.

Cancer (Jun. 21- Jul. 20) Your life is turning into something great. Don't ruin it by doing something you'll regret. Take the chances you're afraid to take and go for it!

***Horoscopes are just for fun. Believe them at your own risk! -By: Maddie Shurock**

