



NEWS BRIEFS



photo by Leanne Dileo

HOMECOMING: Seniors Madi Dossey and Andy Bose cross the football field during halftime as Homecoming Court nominees.



photo by Tara Ackmann

PAJAMA DAY: Pre-K student Fadhili Kamau shows off his Spider Man PJ's during Lower School's Pajama Day Parade.



photo by Katie Pawlish

FOOTBALL: The varsity football team runs onto the field, ready to play against the First Baptist Saints for homecoming.



photo by Lisa Squiric

COLOR RUN: Coach Chance Gray smiles for the camera after the 5K color run. Nearly everyone had been covered in bright colors by the end of the race.

FEATURE

Laps of Fun and the Color Run



photo by Judy Collins

Middle School students enjoy their time together after the Color Run held at Bonnie Wenk park on November 6.

Althea Wolfe, *Staff Writer*

Every year in the early fall, MCA students look forward to two events: the 5K and Jog-a-Thon. Each student participates in one of these races, lower school students in the Jog-a-Thon, and Upper and Middle school students in the 5K. This year McKinney Christian Academy tried a new type of race, a color run. A color run is a 3.2 mile race where the runners are sprayed with colored powder as they progress through the course. This was MCA's first year trying a color run and it seemed to be a great success. Many students were very happy with getting powder thrown on them as they ran through the color stations and their experiences created more bonds as friends. Freshman Madison Yates said, "The 5K this year was very creative and fun and I loved getting covered with the powder." After the 5K, when the students

arrived back at school, there was a trailer from Mooyah Burger that provided lunch, and for a treat after, there was a snow cone truck also up.

MCA awards medals to the boy and girl with the fastest times in the school and within grade levels. The teachers also receive awards by age groups. In first place this year for the boys was Senior Nick Henderson and the first place girl was eighth grader Kara Vita. In first place for male teachers under 40 was BJ Foster and in first place for female teachers under 40 was Tara Ackmann.

The 5K and Jog-a-Thon are also fundraisers for the school. Each grade has a fund raising goal according to class size. this year, MCA set an all-school goal of \$103,550 which would go toward classroom items, directed studies, athletics...

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Student of the Month A New Addition to MCA

Will Harrell, *Staff Writer*

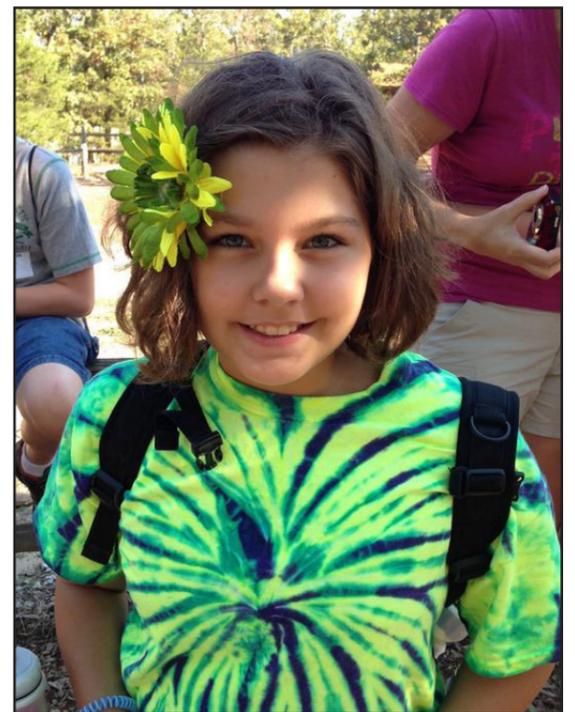
In order to be chosen as the Mane Edition's Student of the Month you must exhibit many Christ-like qualities. Some of these qualities include dedication, compassion, respect, and integrity. Sixth grader Memorie Treigle vividly displays these qualities wherever she goes whether it be at school, at home, or on the volleyball court. As a new student, Treigle quickly adapted to the MCA environment which was quite different from her previous school, Norton Elementary. She said one of the biggest reasons why MCA is set apart from her old school is because the people are nicer here. Middle School Principal, David Etheredge expressed his opinion by saying, "Memorie is the kind of new student MCA wants to have."

Treigle is a very good student. Middle School Science teacher Sharon Boese remarked, "Memorie is a focused hard worker who doesn't just memorize material, she learns it."

Treigle not only excels at school, but also in athletics. Senior volleyball captain Makenzie Shaw commented, "It's always exciting to watch Memorie dominate the middle school volleyball court because she gives it her all."

Another thing Treigle loves to do outside of school is drawing. Even after all of these amazing qualities that Treigle possesses, she was surprised to find out that she, a new student, had been picked for the Mane Edition's Student of the Month. It was no shock to the rest of the school however. Treigle is not only liked by her own grade but also throughout the rest of middle school.

Seventh grader and fellow teammate Maddie Grace Gwynn adds, "Memorie is a nice, smart, friendly girl with an outgoing, fun spirit." All around, Treigle is a great depiction of what the student of the month should look like.



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Sixth grader Memorie Treigle smiles for the camera. Middle School Principal David Etheredge named Treigle Student of the Month for her outstanding character in and out of the classroom.

Pajama Day The Comfier, The Better

Abbie Parker, *Staff Writer*

This year, Pajama Day took place on Friday, October 31st. This Lower School event takes place once every fall. While it starts to get cold outside, students are warm and cozy in their PJ's. First grader Nate Krusing said, "We wore pajamas and celebrated my friend's birthday and then we had a party on the deck." Lower School students can also bring their favorite stuffed animal, and wear their favorite slippers. Students still have their normal everyday classes, but they get to be comfortable while learning and the teachers can be comfortable while teaching. Some teachers added fun activities to take advantage of this special day. Lower School Principal Chris Hydock said, "Everything about Pajama Day was perfect."

Pajama day was very exciting this year. On this very special day, Lower school students marched in a parade on the Lower School deck while being cheered on by parents and classmates. This year, the parade started at 8:00 a.m. with Pre-k students taking the lead and ending with the 5th grade "Big Dogs." Hydock acted as the DJ under the alias of the "Play-By-Play." Fifth grader Xiomara Okey said, "I liked the parade we had on the deck. It was fun to see everyone in their pajamas."

Pajama day is an event that a lot of Lower School students enjoy, and hopefully the tradition will stay at MCA for the many years to come.



photo by Lisa Penney

Fifth grade Big doGs pose for a picture after their last Pajama Day parade in Lower School.



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Jeremiah Daoud, Colt Treadwell, and River Simmons "ride" on a turtle at the Heard Museum.

They are Not Extinct Second Graders Digging up Dinos

Christopher Thomas, *Staff Writer*

On October 24, the second grade class went back in time. They visited the Heard Museum, an exciting museum located in McKinney, which offers many different attractions such as hiking trails, animals, and an indoor shop. Every year, it puts on a major attraction. This year's choice? Dinosaurs. The field trip consisted of hiking the trails and looking at all of the animatronic dinosaurs.

All the students were truly amazed at the sights they observed. Second grader Avery Greene said, "It was fun, I got to see my favorite dinosaur, Brachiosaurus, and I loved hiking the trails." Her teacher Laurie Shackelford

said, "The dinosaur exhibit was educational and fun at the same time!" Student Gigi Wood recalled one of the main attractions which allows visitors to "excavate" dinosaur fossils. Wood said, "We had different groups where we would bury dinosaur fossils and unbury them. It was really fun." Lastly, Joey Lucanish said, "I saw the coolest looking one, the Triceratops. It was crazy to think that dinosaurs used to live on the earth as we looked at the robotic dinosaurs." All of them were amazed by their experience as they put one foot in the past and learned about God's old and amazing creations.



photo by Tracey Shepherd

Students in the second grade class get to ride a dinosaur at the Heard Museum. Students learned about many different types of dinosaurs on their trip, including T-Rex, Bronchiosaurus, and Triceratops.

Laps of Fun and the Color Run MCA's 5K and Jog-a-Thon

Abbie Parker, *Staff Writer*

[continued from page 01] ...and spiritual initiatives. Both The Upper School grades that reach their goal are rewarded with a trip to Main Event and Lower School grades with a trip to Hawaiian Falls. Ninth grader Sadie Banks said, "I'd been training for something my whole life, but I didn't know what. Now I do and my training has paid off. Next year I'll have a silver medal around my neck."

On Friday, November 7, the Lower School ran the Jog-a-Thon. This race is similar to the 5K but students

run as much as they can over the course of thirty minutes. The morning began with the Lower School lining up to cheer on the Pre-k and Kindergarten classes as they walked to the race. Then throughout the day all the grades from Pre-k to Fifth grade took their turns running. Lively music motivated the runners and the announcer offered encouragement as students raced by. Every year both the 5K and Jog-a-Thon are a huge hit and many donations are given in support of the school.



photo by Lisa Squiric

A group of racers show their excitement after going through a cloud full of color.



photo by Michael McIntyre

Fifth grade students excitedly begin their Jog-a-Thon race.



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Sporting their headbands, Amber Anderson's Pre-K class sets off on their race.



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Upper and Middle School students sprint vigorously at the start of the 2014 5K.

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Giving Back A Faithful Community

Alec Harris, *Staff Writer*

McKinney Christian Academy has always been deeply rooted and committed to the community. McKinney Christian Academy continues to show support for the Dallas/McKinney area through acts of charity. This community service day, held annually, is an important day in which MCA gives back to the community in major way.

On October 28th the McKinney Christian Upper School students and faculty volunteered with various organizations in the area. This has proven to make a huge impact on the community throughout the years. This year, students visited nine different locations. The Mustangs went to Bed Start, Buckner Shoes, Mission Regan, Grace Lake Ministries, Lawson Preschool, Donkey Rescue Farm, Habitat Restore, Hunt County Shared Ministries, and Grisham Farms.

Freshman Abby Kistner visited Buckner Shoes. There, she distributed shoes to kids who may not have many luxuries. She says "It was cool the way they let us help out and distribute the shoes. I looked and found the matching pair for kids that are underprivileged. Afterwards I'd put the shoes in a box. So they would be distributed."

Sophomores Jamie Oberdieck and Autumn Jacobs both attended Hunt Counted Shared Ministries and had an amazing time serving the community. Oberdieck said, "It was a great experience because we know this place serves at least sixty families a day." Jacobs also said, "It was fun, We were able to clean and do these little jobs that had a huge impact." This goes to show how McKinney Christian Academy's efforts are changing the community for the better.



photo by Katie Pawlish

A large group of sophomores, juniors, and seniors gather for a photo after spending a long day working at Grisham Farms.

Out Of This World Excitement Second and Third Graders Blast Off Into Learning

Jessica Mains, *Editor-In-Chief*

Every year, MCA's third grade class hosts Space Day, a day set aside to celebrate God's work in the universe. Second and third grades, during this time, have been learning about space and the solar system. Space Day is meant to provide a fun, creative, and hands-on environment where the kids can experience the things they've been learning about in a more tangible way. It also gives teachers an opportunity to explain to students that everything in life revolves around the Son, Christ, just like all the planets revolve around the Sun of the solar system.

Throughout the day, the second and third grade students rotate through "Space Stations" such as the Human Solar System and Rocket Launch. The Human Solar System takes place in MCA's circle drive. Second graders ride in wagons, holding up signs with pictures of the different planets. The third

graders pull them along, following circular orbits marked on the ground. Rocket Launch is always a favorite for students. This year, Travis Jackson, also called "Rocket Man," brought a drone equipped with a camera so students could see the liftoff from the perspective of the rocket. Other "Space Stations" included Space Crafts and Space Class With High Tech. David Roller, third grader, said, "The most memorable part was about when you jump one foot on earth how much it would be more in space."

Overall, the day seems to have been an astronomical success. The kids had fun while learning more about their solar system and everything in it. Third grader Ava Williams said, "It was a lot of fun learning about space and the activities we did." Her teacher, Kathy Purdum, agreed. "It was an amazing day," she said, "And the Lord blessed us with perfect weather."



photo by Michael McIntyre

Third grader Nina Day and second grader Avery Greene circle around the "Sun" as planet "Saturn."

Fun at Tucker Hill Pumpkinville A Fall Favorite

Mary Hanna Spencer, *Staff Writer*

From October 17 to October 31, McKinney Christian Academy sponsors a fun fall festivity at Tucker Hill. Tucker Hill consists of many activities including: hay rides, music, contests, food, and a maze to get its visitors into the fall spirit. Tucker Hill Pumpkinville offers a large field of pumpkins for you to go pick out one of your own, calling it their "Patch to Porch" deal. Eighth grader, Katherine Hines says, "It's really fun to go and hang out with my friends and family. I would definitely go next year." Pumpkinville is such a fun fall festivity that is suitable for all ages.

How McKinney Christian Academy, involved with Tucker Hill? Both Tucker Hill Pumpkinville and MCA sponsor each other and draw attention to one another. MCA students

and parents enjoy receiving the opportunity to be in this environment. They help out by keeping the environment clean, enjoyable and organized. They complete these tasks by unloading the pumpkins and organizing them into their designated spots. Freshman Christian Saleh received this opportunity and said, "Spending the day with my family was very enjoyable." Carol Ownby, Director of Development, enjoys being involved with Tucker Hill. Ownby had the idea to partner with Tucker Hill for marketing purposes. This year's Pumpkinville event received nearly 5,000 people, however, it was expected that only 3,000 would attend. Ownby says, "It's really a family fun event." Support McKinney Christian Academy next fall season and visit Tucker Hill Pumkinville.



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First grade students Jady Chastain, Marlie Buttrill, Stevie Hickman, and Allie Wawtson play in the corn pit at Tucker Hill Pumpkinville.

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Seniors Noelle Reed and Mary Lee Knowles and freshmen Ashley Proctor, Kjerstyn Franzmier, and Abigail Gordon display their patriotism.



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Sophomores Katherine Luna and Anna Keebler show their support for breast cancer awareness during Support a Cause Day.



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Freshmen Mckinley Tyler and Madison Yates smile and make the Baylor sign with their hands showing their love for their favorite Texas team.



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Kindergartners Mackenzie Caston and Abby Vinciguerra stand in front of a sign showing their support for the U.S. Army.

The senior boys show off their class shirts and celebrate their hard earned victory against the sophomore boys in the class vs. class homecoming volleyball game. Classes competed throughout the day in Homecoming activities.



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EDITORIAL

Homecoming Days

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Red, White, and Blue

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Wednesday
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Thursday
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Fun, Food, and a Ferris Wheel Good Time? Or Fair Time?

McKenna Hubert, *Staff Writer*

The annual State Fair of Texas opened its doors for the very first time on October 26, 1886 and has been running smoothly ever since. This year the fair opened on September 26, 2014. The State Fair is known for their "Texas Star" ferris wheel, the beloved "Big Tex", and especially their unique one of a kind fried foods. Basically, if you can eat it, you can fry it. However the main food that stays there every year are the famous Fletcher's corndog and the funnel cake. Some of the new fried foods this year are chicken fried loaded baked potato, deep fried breakfast for dinner, funnel cake ale, deep fried Texas bluebonnet (blueberry muffin), and fried gulf shrimp boil. This year's finalists are fried shrimp boil for "Best Tasting" and funnel cake ale for "Most Creative". However the fair has many more activities than just stuffing your face with fried

foods. The fair is a great way to get your friends together and have a great time. Senior Noelle Reed said, "I had a lot of fun at the fair with my friends and some of my new friends, my favorite part was the ferris wheel and the petting zoo." At the fair when they say petting zoo, they mean petting zoo. It is not just your normal petting zoo; they have giraffes, porcupines, and lots of African animals. The animals are allowed to be pet and fed which is a famous attraction for your kids. People always have high expectations and the fair fulfills it every time. Senior Will Kuehne said, "It was my first time at the fair and it definitely beat my expectation for the first time coming." McKinney Christian gives the students a day each year to go and enjoy the fair. If you happen to venture out to the fair, next year you are guaranteed to have a great time.



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Newly rebuilt State Fair icon Big Tex greets visitors as they enter the fairgrounds.

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Students Stand Together A Week of Homecoming Fun

Olivia Mitas, *Entertainment Editor*

Homecoming week is all about fun with spirit dress days leading up to a football game, and ending with separate middle school and upper school dances. Students also participate in activities on the day of the homecoming game such as the female students playing powder puff, the male students playing volleyball, a faculty volleyball game, and ending the day with a pep rally.

For homecoming week, students got to dress up according to the theme each day. The first day, was themed red, white, and blue to show loyalty to our nation. Seventh grader, Ashley Davis says, "Supporting the troops shows our patriotism and pride for America and its important for every American to do." Tuesday was themed to support the troops and upper school students donated funds for the veterans. Freshman, Justin Cross says, "I like to support my country because they risk their lives for our freedom." Wednesday's theme was in support of a cause or faith. Thursday was themed support your favorite Texas team day and that night students showed their support for MCA's team by attending tailgate after the varsity volleyball game. At tailgate, students showed off their class banners, introduced fall sports teams, and announced the homecoming king and queen nominees. Friday students wore their class competition shirts to school. All of the students participate in these fun dress up days from lower school to upper school. Freshman, Seth

"It's bittersweet that it's my last Homecoming, but I couldn't have asked for a better one."
- Makenzie Shaw, senior

French says, "Homecoming week was very creative and I enjoyed the change from the usual homecoming days."

On Friday, students went to watch the varsity football team play and see all the Homecoming Court during halftime. This year the Mustangs played First Baptist Academy and suffered a defeat, but gave their all the entire game. Finally to end the week, upper school and middle school students attended a homecoming dance.

This year's homecoming theme was 'Bringing Country Back' and students got to dress in their jeans and cowboy boots. Freshman and princess nominee, Catherine Keyes says, "I thought the theme was very different from other years and it had a lot to do with being all in!" Senior Makenzie Shaw said, "It's bittersweet that it's my last Homecoming, but I couldn't have asked for a better one."

Homecoming is all about being able to have fun with your friends and attending the homecoming game Friday to show support for the football team. Homecoming is one of the most memorable times of the school year; it is one of the only times students get to have fun dressing in costumes at school. It is also a time for students to be brought together by supporting their varsity football team, spending the week dressing up in fun clothes to match each day's theme, and lastly attending a dance.



photo by Jaimie Orozco

Upper School students enjoy their time with friends at the dance. Marly Thibodeaux and outside guest have fun socializing at the dance while other students two step to the fun country beat. The dance was hosted on the Saturday after homecoming at the SLC. It was themed 'Bringing Country Back' and students got to put on their cowboy boots.



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The members of the MCA's 2014 Upper School Homecoming Court gather for a group picture.



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The Middle School Homecoming court lines up at tailgate. Middle School prince and princess this year were Nate Albers and Sarah Mayberry.

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BY THE NUMBERS

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It's sad being a senior and that this is my last year playing volleyball for MCA, but I know if we work hard we can win State this year.

-McKenna Hubert (12)

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I expect everybody to play with heart, play for the man beside them, and always give 100% in order for this team to strive.

-Alec Harris (11)

08

I am so happy to be a part of this team, and I cannot wait to see what we can achieve in playoffs.

-Kayce Zanetell (12)

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We are having a tough season so far, but we are always working hard in order to get better to finish our season strongly.

-Jack Sendelbach (11)

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My favorite part of Lil' Stangs soccer is being able to play with all my friends and also finishing the season with winning playoffs.

-Liam Corley (3)

Successful Season Ends Too Soon Six Seniors Say Goodbye

Makenzie Shaw, Sports Editor



photo by Judy Collins

Senior, Makenzie Shaw tips the ball over the block, gaining another point against Rockwall Heritage.

with a tough match against Arlington Grace Prep in the second round of playoffs on October 31st. Unfortunately the Lady Mustangs suffered a hard loss and were eliminated from the playoff bracket. Senior Kayce Zanetell said, "I am so happy that I was a part of this team. The girls are truly all huge blessings in my life and I couldn't have asked for a better season for my senior year." With six seniors graduating in the spring, Coach Tara Ackmann said, "I hate to see the season end so quickly but each one of these girls needs to be proud of their accomplishments. These six seniors will be missed. Even though the girls dream of State was un-attained, the girls should be proud of the miraculous season they had, and use this as a way to better themselves for their 2015 season."

Finishing Strong Working Toward Next Year

Makenzie Shaw, Sports Editor

The 2014 Junior Varsity volleyball season has come to an end. The girls' hard work, dedication, and perseverance paid off for the team in their district play. The Junior Varsity's final record for the year was 10-6. Freshman Abbie Parker said, "The JV volleyball team has worked hard all year. I'm proud to call everyone on JV not only my team, but also some of my best friends and I cannot wait for the years to come." Their last game at home against the Covenant School of Dallas ended with a harsh loss, but the girls fought hard at each and every point. The Junior Varsity Lady Mustangs played an exceptional season. Their hard work, tenacity, and endless commitment has truly paid off. Coach Tabi Dossey said, "JV volleyball had a great season! This team of young ladies saw much improvement throughout the season. I was blessed to have had the opportunity to coach a group of humble, spirited and genuinely kind young ladies. Our moments of great intensity were matched with the moments of undeniable team unity. I look forward to next year and watching this group grow in their talents."

Rise to the Top A Successful Season

Katie Jones, Staff Writer

McKinney Christian Academy's Middle School volleyball is made up of two teams, who both finished their season with a winning record. Division 1 finished the season with 12 wins and three losses. Eighth grader Taylor Rogers says, "We have all gotten much better throughout the season as a team, and as players. I loved this season in volleyball growing closer together, and dominating most of the games. It was truly a successful season." The Division 1 Middle School volleyball did a spectacular job this year. They went into the games ready, and came out on top. Coach Christina Fenton says, "They did a fantastic job, and it has been so much fun coaching them, and it was definitely the best team I've ever had."

Division 2 finished the season with seven wins and five losses. Division 2 player Maddie Grace Gwynn says, "My favorite part of volleyball was growing closer to each other, and I can't wait until next year." There were many new volleyball players this season who were still learning but the team came together to claim some amazing victories and never gave up. "The records do not show how well the girls truly played. The girls put up a good fight," says Coach McDowell.



photo by Sarah Dabl

Division 1 huddles before the game.

The Lady Mustang Varsity volleyball team had a very successful 2014 season. Their determination and endurance led them to a very prosperous first and second round. The team had a tremendous win against Rockwall Heritage on October 2nd; the Mustangs shattered Rockwall's continuous district record of 38 wins. Our Lady Mustangs beat the team in five sets with the game 5 score of 15-10. Coach Tara Ackmann said, "Easily the best match of the year. We stuck to our game plan and completely dominated." The Mustangs tied with Rockwall Heritage with a final district record of 15-1, and received the title of co-district champions. The Mustangs earned a first round bye, pairing them



photo by Judy Collins

Junior, Hannah Wilks attempts to kill the final hit against Rockwall Heritage.



photo by Judy Collins

Senior, Logan Boozer sets the ball to Katie Dossey to smash.

COACH'S CORNER

"I hate to see the season end so quickly but each one of these girls needs to be proud of their accomplishments, ending in a successful 19-5 season. These six seniors will be missed."



Coach Ackmann



courtesy photo

Fifth grade Lil' Stangs cheerleaders Samantha Verbsky and Maddie Simmons at the Homecoming game.



photo by Pedro Luna

Third grader Max Luna breaks away down the field towards the goal.



photo by Sarah Dabl

Fifth grade Lil' Stangs volleyball poses for a team picture.

Starting Young Ahead of the Game

Marco Cueva, Staff Writer

The new Lil' Stangs sports program is in full swing and we are already showing our Mustang pride versus our opponents. The Lil' Stangs teams have been having a great time playing the sport they have chosen and glorifying Christ at the same time through their actions. The Lil' Stangs flag football team is heading to the playoffs and are planning on finishing strong. Varsity and Lil' Stangs cheer coach, Julie Tucker, also show MCA spirit with their performances at the tailgate and the MCA homecoming game. Lil' Stangs cheerleading also provides positive role models for the students. Pre-K cheerleader Bella Tucker said, "I loved watching the big girls cheer and stretching with them!"

At the end of the regular season 5th grade volleyball ended up in second place overall. 5th grade volleyball Coach Sarah Dahl says, "Regardless of how long they have been playing, every player has showed improvement." Lil' Stangs volleyball Coach Susan Etheredge says, "It's been great! The girls had fun and most of them are learning a new sport so it's a great opportunity."

The 3rd grade soccer team, coached by Coach Pedro Luna, Jason Post, and Jay Smelser, finished their regular season in second place and made it to the championship game at the end of the season playoffs. This Lil' Stangs team made MCA history with the first Lil' Stangs championship title with the score of 3-2. Overall, Lil' Stangs is a great experience to introduce new sports to kids so they can prepare for the future.

A Tough Act Setting the Tone

Braxton Fillebrown, *Staff Writer*

The Mustangs have made the playoffs and they are facing much adversity. The football team still has their mind set on one goal, which is to develop warriors for Christ. The team's second goal is to win a first ever McKinney Christian Academy state championship. Developing Christian Warriors is a big deal to the coaches because they want the players to be prepared when they get out into the real world. "Develop Christian warriors and our primary goal and the secondary goal is to win our very first state championship," said offensive line coach, Jerrod Butler.

The Mustangs have truly found its identity and are coming together as a family. They are hoping to meet the expectation they have set for themselves. They have

played a lot of really good teams. After a 56-0 win, this clenched a playoff spot for the Mustangs.

"We are in a tough district and if we compete how MCA is known to compete, we can meet our secondary goal of winning a state championship," said Butler. The team is facing many obstacles with injuries. These injuries will make it hard for our Mustangs to reach their goal. The players know that even though they are facing much adversity, they still have the power to go on and win a state championship.

The Mustangs need all the support they can get when they travel to Fort Worth for round one of the playoffs against Fort Worth Temple and make a run for to become state champions.



photo by Judy Collins

The Mustang Varsity football team huddles together to plan for the next play.

Mid to the Top Middle School Steps Up

Alec Harris, *Staff Writer*

The 2014 Middle School Mustangs football season is at an end, but this will be a team the Mustangs will talk about for years to come. The Mustangs were "All in" for another great season, taking victory and defeat with honor and a great attitude. The Mustangs gave it their all, and put forward an even better season than the previous year, when they went 4-6. Led by Head Coach, Mark Lichty, the Mustangs took every opportunity to show the competitiveness of the program, reflecting McKinney Christian in the most positive way. They faced many challenges this season, and have overcome many

as well. They have continued to play their hearts out to the conclusion of the season, and finish strong, keeping the Mustang tradition. Eighth grader, Levi Miller says, "We have had a great opportunity this season to do something special, we certainly played to our potential." The Mustangs have certainly done so, setting a record of 8-1. Their final game this season was a home thriller against longtime rival Garland Christian, on Halloween night. They promptly defeated their opponents by a score of 42-0.



photo by Judy Collins

The Varsity football team sprints onto the field for their homecoming game.

Cross Country Is All In Running Toward Victory

Evan Gerdes, *Forum Editor*

As another fall sports season comes to a close, the varsity and middle school cross country teams have finished their season showing strong mental and physical durability. Recently, they took on the last two races of the regular season, including the Waterloo Invitational, which included "the Beast" (a giant hill that the runners must take on at the beginning and end of the long race), and the Melissa Invitational, the very last race of the regular season. The varsity runners placed many of some of their best times, but while they performed fantastically during their last two races, the real talk of the cross country team

was the middle school, especially the girls. The middle school team of girls gained first place at the Waterloo Invitational and second place at the Melissa Invitational. All of the cross country runners have displayed determination and skill this season.

Head Coach Sharon Boese said, "Times are faster and everyone is getting better places." But what has all this hard work led up to? Boese also reported that for state, the runners trained even harder, with more mental and math training regarding pressing through to the goal and getting the best time possible. At state, the entire varsity

team, aside from the junior varsity, participated. In the varsity boys 5K run, Justin Cross, 9th, came in 17th place with a time of 19:02 for the fastest MCA boys run. Overall, the boys came in 4th place at the State meet.

In the varsity girls two mile run, Madi Hydock, 10th, came in 14th place with a time of 13:40 for the fastest MCA girls run. All in all, State runners were chosen for their skills, participation, and Christ-like attitudes on and off the field. Each runner gave it their all to finish their season above and beyond.

Slam Dunkin' Year Basketball is Shooting for State

Christopher Thomas, *Staff Writer*

The basketball season is just around the corner with the Lady Mustangs and Mustangs basketball teams getting prepared for this physically demanding and mentally challenging season. The boys' varsity and junior varsity along with the girls' varsity and junior varsity are in the gym every day practicing for their upcoming games, getting mentally and physically prepared. Boys

basketball Coach, Cary Bartoo says "To be a champion, a team must be ALL IN! To be a good Christian, you need to be ALL IN!" While girls' basketball Coach, Lee Brock says, "We are very optimistic about our chances to have a great season this year for McKinney Christian Academy girls' basketball." Both teams hope on having a great season while being All In.

Reach For The Goal Soccer Finishes What They Started

Marco Cueva, *Staff Writer*

The McKinney Christian Academy soccer program was started by Trevor Glenn, Scott Fanatico, and Marco Cueva Sr. in the year of 2011. They all had a similar plan in mind. All three wanted to bring a new sport to kids who have never played before. They also wanted kids to play during their off season so they can stay in shape and to get better at their game for their upcoming

season. After many hard practices in the bitter cold, last year, the middle school McKinney Christian Mustangs made it to the finals but lost 2-1 to their rivals, Parish. This year the middle and upper school soccer teams are still planning on reaching for their goal, to play with all their will for the glory of the Lord.

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5 POINTS Get Over It

Joshua Mains, *Campus Editor*



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“All In” to ourselves, “All In” to our problems, we complain about the tiniest things and fail to see the real picture that is all around us. Yes, we have a lot of problems; busy schedules and tired Mondays. We need to get over the little things. We will go through trials and tribulations, but we will survive, yet there is something even better to look to. Look at how much we do, have, and how blessed we are. We go to a private Christian school where the teachers want to help the students succeed, yet there are many people who are ineligible due to the common plague of missing assignments. There are a lot of people in our school, but there are many people who are lonely. One of the biggest problems is not that we don’t have the abilities or resources, but we are apathetic when opportunity arises. We are so blessed but we don’t realize how much we have because we look at others and think our wealth is normal or even substandard. Why can’t we take advantage of new opportunities? We have so much that we can use and work with. It is time we used everything we have not just for ourselves but for the help of others. Coach Gray talks about loving Christ and people, but it is time for us to live that out. Get over yourself and the little issues you face, because you have the power to overcome them through Christ.

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