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Attention Class of 2008

GRADUATION MEETING:

The second planning meeting for Graduation will be held on October 23 at 7:00 at Emmanuel Church. All seniors need to attend as several decisions will be made that you will want to be a part of. If you have any questions, call Alexa Hunt at 994-0028 or 361-6678 or e-mail to lexileighand6@aol.com.

PROM PLANNING MEETING

Any seniors that are interested in planning the 2008 Prom need to meet with Alexa Hunt on October 12 at 11:00 a.m. at Emmanuel Church. This will be our only meeting to make several decisions concerning YOUR Senior Prom, so please make every effort to be there. Questions? Call Alexa Hunt at 994-0028 or 361-6678 or e-mail lexileighand6@aol.com.



Sign-up Now Play Ball

A Middle Georgia Home school Baseball Team is being organized now for the 2008 season. If you have a high school student that is interested in participating in a competitive baseball program with other schools and home school teams, we need to hear from you soon. We will schedule an informational meeting with interested families within the next several weeks. Please contact Keith or Marcia Braswell at 478.328.2750 or 478.737.8733

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From the Editor's Desk

Not ten feet away

A few weeks ago, my daughter and I were walking along the beach. The tide was out and we collected shells as we walked. Even though it was around dusk, the beach was still crowded. Most of the people were on a section of beach that is exposed during the low tide. We stuck to the coastline because I had supper in the oven and we knew our time to walk was short. As we headed towards the crowd, I noticed a couple of people were out in the water a good distance from the shore. We walked within ten feet of them. After a brief walk, we headed home. The sun was setting so rather than follow the shore line, we cut across the beach in front of the empty life guard stands and the closed coast guard office. We never even looked out to sea.

After dinner, the little ones wanted to swim in the pool. As we were coming down the stairs to the pool area, I noticed a plane flying dangerously low over the ocean. I knew there was an airport nearby...but this was low. Then blue and red lights began to flash on the beach down by the lifeguard stands. Boats arrived and search lights roamed the ocean and all along the shore. I watched them for over an hour. As I took the kids back to the condo, I heard a woman scream.

The plane eventually left the area, then the boats, and finally the lights on the beach moved toward the coast guard office. A small group of people walked off the beach and up to the landing where I stood. They told me a young woman had drowned. The lights....they were searching for her body in the ocean. The scream....her friend who had tried to keep her afloat but failed. These two life long friends were wading in the ocean while the tide was out. One of them couldn't swim. She stepped into a hole, sunk in the water over her head and the current carried her out into the deeper water. No one heard their pleas for help.

My stomach rolled and a deep regret settled in my bones ... I had walked right past them, **twice**. If I had but known... I could have done **something**...pushed out a float.... a surf board...something. But I was too busy, hurrying back home and I never saw her struggle to live.

I wonder how many other people I walk past during the day who are drowning.... and I don't see them because I'm so busy. Maybe they are not in water, but drowning in a sea of worries, confusion and doubt....struggling to keep their heads above water.... I could throw them an act of kindness, a word of encouragement, a prayer for strength... something.

Being part of a support group is a vital part of a successful home school. It's easy to feel overwhelmed, isolated and discouraged. Whether you are just starting out or are nearing the end of the home school journey, I encourage you to reach out to the other families, get involved or even lead an activity. We need each other.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1Thessalonians 5:11 **Keep the faith**...but share it ~ Amy

It's Not All Business

High School students (9th – 12th grade)

Are invited to join
Future Business Leaders of America

Veritas Macon Chapter

When: Wednesday, October 10th at 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Where: Mabel White Baptist Church

Chapter Dues: \$15/year

Prerequisite: Student should have an interest in a business related career. Also, they should have taken (or plan to take) business related high school course(s) before graduation. Students are not required to be enrolled in *Veritas Macon* to join FBLA. Please use entrance on right side of Mabel White.

A Fall Field Trip

Keepers At Home

Join us for a leaf hunt at Ocmulgee Indian Mounds on Monday, October 29th. We are working on our tree badge and plan to walk the trails identifying trees and their leaves. This outing will not be at our regular meeting time, so we will be sending information through the e-mail loop later as to the schedule change.

On Monday, November 26th, we will resume our regular meeting time and place (1-3 pm at Wesley United Methodist Church, 4256 Hartley Bridge Road) to learn embroidery! Make plans to attend and learn a new skill or improve on one already begun.

The Keepers Committee:

Marcia Braswell 328-2750 **Tamie Esmond** 738-9568

Barbara Fike 788-1929 **Olette Holmes** 788-5507 **Cheryl Thomas** 784-0919



Sign -up Now

Winter Science Day

Dr. A. Science Show is coming to Macon on January 8, 2008. It will be held at Ingleside Baptist Church in the Extreme Zone Gym. It will be an all day event beginning around 9:30. Registration will be handled via this website www.HomeEducationResources.org for \$19 price plus paypal fees or \$19.95 per student, parents free. There should be a customized flier on the website by the end of the week. Don't delay in registering. The maximum is 84 students. ~ Mary Ann Fite

Prairie Party ~Coming Soon

Begin planning now to attend the Annual Little House on the Prairie Party to be held November 16th (date still to be determined). Start thinking about the award-winning covered dish you will bring to share. We will play the always-popular game of musical chairs and would love to have suggestions for games.

Marcia Robbins would love to hear from anyone interested in helping plan this event at 475.0820 or marcia.robbins@forestcastle.net. More info to follow in next month's newsletter.

Bowling Is Back!

Teresa Robertson is bringing Bowling Day back to MGCHSA families. The first afternoon of bowling will be at Gold Cup Bowling Center on Pio Nono Avenue in Macon on Friday, October 26th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The cost is \$3.00 per game and shoe rental is also \$3.00. For more information contact Teresa at 478-737-2700.

Emory University Museum

Dead Sea Scrolls and More

Recommended by Mary Ann Fite: Emory University is having a display from the Cradle of Civilization that some of you may be interested in attending. It is located in Atlanta. If you want to check out the website it is: www.carlos.emory.edu/cradel/index.php It's my understanding they have a "Dead Sea Scroll" and other artifacts from that area and time. It looks great. You might want to plan a CNN tour afterwards.

Spelling Bee

Mark your Calendar

Now is the time to start studying for the spelling bee in January! This is open to students in 4th-8th grades, not over the age of 16. This year you can't order a study booklet from GA Association of Educators. We will have to enroll as a home school association, and then you will be able to download the words to study. The website is www.spellingbee.com and I will let you know as soon as MGCHSA has enrolled. Any questions? Contact Belinda Brown at 478-405-8926 or quietrest@cox.net



Let's Play Day

Who says home school children don't have an opportunity to socialize? Come out to play at Kangaroo Bob's on October 18th from noon until 3:00. Teresa Robertson has reserved a special rate of \$6.42 for MGCHSA members. This fee is for the entire day (10:00 am to 6:00 pm) and it allows you to take a break from playing without paying another entrance fee when you come back. To get a look at all the fun activities and games that Kangaroo Bob offers, go to www.kangaroobobs.org Recommended ages are 0-10 but even the grown-ups get involved in the games. — For more information about the play date, contact Teresa Robertson at 478-737-2700.

Sell, Swap, Trade

Wanted: I am looking for some items for a baby and a toddler, if you have any of these items you no longer use and you would like to sell or give away, please contact me. It's fine if these items are used, as long as they're still in safe, working condition: infant car seat; toddler car seat; portable crib or pack & play; baby swing; child safety gates for doorways. Call Mary Beth at 478-994-3544

Piano Lessons

Kristy Woodard recommends Mrs. Marie Woodall as a piano teacher. Mrs. Woodall has thirty-three years of teaching experience and is a member of the following: National Federation of Music Clubs, Georgia Music Teacher's Association and Macon Music Teachers Association. Costs for lessons are as follows: 30 minute lesson/\$15.00, 45 minute lesson/\$20.00 and 1 hour lesson/\$25.00. Mrs. Woodall teaches at her home on N. Wesleyan Drive in Macon. You may contact her at 478-477-7752.

Homeschool Recommended

Fall Family Fun

Rock Ranch's Calendar is Full of Fun Events. Fall The Rock Ranch is a 1250 acre ranch owned by Chick-fil-A founder, S. Truett Cathy and dedicated to wholesome family entertainment.

The Rock Ranch has partnered with The First Foundation for Childhood Literacy to promote reading among children and their parents. As a part of this literacy push, guests who bring a children's book will receive \$1 off the admission price.

The ranch is open every Saturday between September 15 and November 3 from 10am to 10pm. No coolers are allowed at The Rock Ranch to maintain an alcohol free environment. However, we offer bonfire sites, perfect for church groups or family groups who would like to picnic, for \$40.

Event Schedule

October 6 -

The Rock Ranch Square Dance with a live square-dance band and caller to teach the steps (also celebrating Girl Scouts Day)

October 13 -

Wagon Wheel Weekend Arts and Crafts Festival

October 20 -

The Rock Ranch Hot Air Balloon Rally (featuring 15 balloons in competition)

October 27 -

"The Rock" of Salvation Christian Concert in partnership with Atlanta 's J93 with Echoing Angels, Fee, House of Thomas, Exit 417, Jonny Diaz and Krosstread (a great event for families or church)

November 3 -

Pumpkin Destruction Day

Directions- Take I-75 North to Exit 185 in Forsyth (Highway 18). Take Highway 18 West to Barnesville until you reach the second traffic light (Highway 36). Turn left onto Highway 36. Cross US Highway 341, and The Rock Ranch is 7 miles ahead on your left. Look for the big statue of a horse and rider.



Don't Miss It:

MAC ~ Court of Dreams



Our very own Macon Area Christian MUSTANGS have been invited to a "COURT OF DREAMS" event with the Atlanta Hawks. Our varsity girls and boys will be playing basketball games on the Hawks NBA floor at Phillips Arena.

Game Date: Friday, November 16, 2007

The varsity girls' game will begin at 1:00pm, with the varsity boys game to follow. Mac's opponent will be Forsyth Christian from Suwanee, Georgia.

You must purchase a ticket through the Macon Area Christian organization. Your ticket includes the Atlanta Hawks game later that evening. There are a couple of ticket options available to us. You may go to the following website to see the seating chart and pricing chart: http://www.nba.com/hawks/tickets/Group_Tickets_Pricing.html

You will find the prices of our tickets under the group heading 250-499 section. We are being offered a truly discounted rate. **IN ORDER TO SEE THE MAC BALLGAMES, YOU MUST PURCHASE THE TICKETS THROUGH OUR GROUP AND GET AT LEAST THE \$18 TICKET!!!!**

The least expensive ticket is \$18.00 (black section). An extra special ticket, the "Joe Johnson" special, is only \$25.00 (\$40.00 value) and includes a Joe Johnson t-shirt. The cutoff date to purchase the Joe Johnson ticket package is 3pm Friday, October 5th. Orders will be placed with the Hawks on that date. After that, the only ticket option will be the \$18.00 ticket section. Our tickets will be coming to me in the mail. You may begin sending your checks in the mail. Please mail them to:

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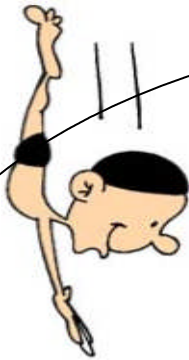
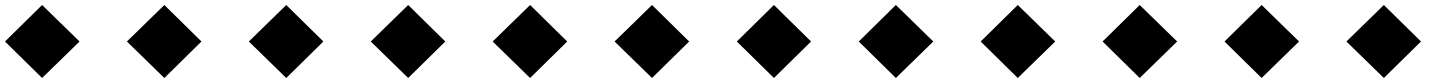
c/o Lisa Barnes

2225 Allen Road

Macon, GA 31216

MAC WILL NOT DEPOSIT THESE CHECKS UNTIL OCTOBER 31st OR AFTER. You will receive an email confirmation once your order is received. Please feel free to email or call with any questions. Our season starts in November. For a game schedule email or call Lisa Barnes at 4788-731-8477 - macmustangs@cox.net





Dive In

Coach Justin of Swim Macon is offering a swim exercise time at the Northside pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children can swim from 2:00pm to 2:45pm for \$30 a month per child. Contact Coach Justin at 478-474-9689 if you have any questions. www.swimmacon.com

Vickie Grigsby highly recommends the Swim Macon Aquatics Club.