



MPA SKYLINER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By Remy Guenin

Winter is upon us again and, as I have said before, I love winter! However, it is easy to understand why many people do not enjoy it. I mean, let's face it. It is cold. It is dreary. The difficulty and inconvenience that winter brings can be unpleasant and exhausting. Anyone who has had to shovel snow or drive through a winter storm can attest to this. It sometimes feels like this long dark season will, indeed, never end! However, it is during this time that one can be reminded of the importance of perseverance. We know that if we can persevere, we will reach the end and be rewarded with the beauty, warmth, and renewal of spring.

Sometimes life can feel like a long hard winter with lots of extra challenges being thrown our way that we are none too happy to face. As unpleasant as they may be, we must remember that challenges in life help to build our resolve and our character. In fact, God often uses crises in our lives to help us grow, change our trajectory, or maybe just get our attention. I am not saying that He necessarily sends the challenges, but I do know that He often uses them to guide and teach us. Romans 8:28 has been a passage that I have clung to on more than one occasion when troubles have come. We have had our share of challenges as a school over the past few years, especially with the Covid pandemic in our midst. It has been difficult and tiring, to say the least, but God is always there guiding and sustaining us. It is our faith in God and His promises to us that gives us the strength to press onward. This knowledge gives me hope and I see brighter days ahead because I know spring is coming!

I hope that each of you will persevere through the dark days of winter and be blessed by the spring and summer months that are to come. Please keep our mission trips in your prayers and if you have been blessed financially, consider contributing towards these efforts. You can go to our website at pisgah.us and donate online. It is our hope that many lives, including the lives of our students and faculty, will be blessed as we go out to share the good news of Jesus Christ to others.

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Spiritual Life

UPCOMING SCHOOL-WIDE MISSION TRIPS

By Abby Ackerman, Marketing Director

Every four years, Mount Pisgah Academy organizes a school-wide mission trip, where all students and staff embark on a service opportunity during Spring Break. This year, six different trips will be heading out to serve, both domestically and internationally. These trips include North Carolina, Florida, Alaska, Mexico, Dominican Republic, and Kenya.

Students staying in North Carolina will help in community service throughout Asheville, including helping the homeless, assisting SonRise Kitchen efforts, and more. In Key West, Florida, participants will be doing light construction. The Alaska mission trip efforts are focused on assisting in the construction phase of a multipurpose building, along with the remodeling and painting of a church. Students going to Mexico will be doing construction at a local orphanage, while running a Vacation Bible School (VBS) program. In the Dominican Republic, half the students will be preaching in surrounding area churches through ShareHim, while the other half will be assisting in a local construction project. Finally, the Nairobi, Kenya, group will be helping with a medical/dental clinic, and the construction of local community projects.

During school years when we do not host school-wide mission trips, we always have the opportunity for our students to participate in a ShareHim mission trip. These trips have traveled to the Philippines, Peru, South Africa, and many more locations to spread the word of God.

We are proud of our students and their willingness to serve and allow God to lead in their lives.

Student Life

STUDENTS ENJOY SURPRISE SNOW DAYS

By Abby Ackerman, Marketing Director

The second week after Christmas break, everyone on campus was excited about the upcoming snow predictions. It seemed that the snowfall estimates continued to increase as each day passed. Finally, on Sunday, January 16, early in the morning, snow began to fall, accumulating 8 inches by the time our students awoke. This much snow rarely occurs in the Asheville, NC mountains, where we call home, so it is always an exciting time.

“ I LOVE THE PEACE AND QUIET THAT SNOW BRINGS. IT REMINDS ME THAT EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE ALL GOOD. ”

- EMMA BOUGHMAN, '22

Spiritual Life

WEEKLY COMMUNITY SERVICE DAYS

By Gracie McCall, '23

Service Days here at MPA happen every Friday. The various grade levels take turns going out into the community, helping through charity work for churches, homeless shelters, and more. We do our best in helping people in need and showing them the love of God through our actions. It is always fun being able to make a difference for these people and provide them with things that they need. Whether it be sorting through clothing or reorganizing entire rooms, we know it gives them more opportunities to grow from where they are and start new.



Daniel Lopez, a freshman, shared his thoughts on service days: "It's a fun experience working with friends to help others." Yoav Jean, a sophomore, shares a similar experience: "I love getting to help the community." Markalah Telemaque, a junior, said, "I love Service Day because I give back to the community that made a second home for me." Didier Cortez, a senior, thinks Service Days are cool.

Over the course of the next two days, students enjoyed sledding and tubing, games in the cafeteria, competitive snow games, movies, and more! Lasting memories were created as students constructed lengthy chains of tubes to slide down the hill together. The students even got to skip school on Monday to enjoy the weather. Everyone is already looking forward to another big snow day next school year!



Student Life

TOURING SABBATHS

By Alex Boughman

Touring Sabbaths happen once a month when everyone in the student body is split up into groups. Most of these groups are MPA's organizations: Acrosports, Choir, Handbells, and Symphony Orchestra. Everyone else who is not in an organization will go out with a staff member to another church. These groups are called Circuit Riders.

Touring is a lot of fun when it comes down to the traveling experience, visiting churches, and performing for others on Sabbaths. It is a cool thing to be a part of, and you get many memories from different visits. When going out, it is a great experience because you are with your friends most of the day and you get to go off campus.

Coming up, students will have the opportunity to take overnight trips. It is definitely different when it comes to travel. It is a longer ride to the church; however, we get to spend a lot of time bonding when we are all staying in the same place and doing little things together when we are not performing. Touring Sabbaths are incredibly rewarding for organization members. It is a wonderful experience to share our hard work and talents with churches around the Carolina Conference. If you ever get to see MPA perform at your church, you will not be disappointed.



Alumni Life

ALUMNI UPDATE

By Lucy Hall, Director of Development and Alumni Relations

It has been crazy the past few years and unfortunately, we had to make the hard decision to cancel three Mount Pisgah Academy Homecomings. We always try to err on the side of optimism, so we are going ahead with planning our Homecoming. The year 2022 should be a special event. We are going to invite ALL of the classes to come. We anticipate at least double the number of attendees, you will have an opportunity to catch up with people you know in other classes.

We will be spotlighting the honor years below but we will have plenty of time to get together. This year's honor years include the following: 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, and 2017. To help with all of our concerns with masks and socially distancing, we are planning an outdoor lunch. We will have a large tent in the center of campus and of course as a backup plan using the gym in case of inclement weather.

We will be communicating with our alumni via email for upcoming updates. Lucy Hall is looking forward to meeting you in the spring. If you have any questions about the upcoming Alumni Weekend, please email her at lucy.hall@pisgah.us or give her a call at 704.622.4973.



Student Life

MY FAVORITE CLASS IS...



MATEUS DUTRA, '23
"My favorite class at MPA is English. I am currently taking English III and Mrs. Moraga always makes class fun and interesting."



JESUS PRIETO, '22
"I would have to say that my favorite class is Economics. Ms. Ackerman makes the class really easy to understand by explaining different aspects of the subject with examples."



YOU ARE INVITED TO ACADEMY DAYS 2022
Academy Days at MPA is quickly approaching, occurring from April 29 to May 1. Check out the next page for more information about this exciting upcoming experience!

MPA LAUNCHES NEW APP

By Abby Ackerman, Marketing Director

A continual challenge for boarding high schools is to improve communication with parents and students. Mount Pisgah Academy strives to keep parents in the loop through weekend schedules (This Week at MPA), email communications, text alerts, and more. To foster its link with parents, MPA has partnered with RenWeb to develop an application for the school. The new MPA app includes easy access to the school calendar, website, and weekly newsletter. Additionally, parents who download the app can make tuition payments directly from their cellphones with ease. Parents can also check their student's grades, attendance, behavior, and class schedule.



Students can quickly sign up for homeleave transportation through the app, as well. Although many of the app's features are geared toward current parents and students, aspects including the calendar and Skyliner newsletter, are useful to anyone with an interest in the school. The application is easily adjusted by the marketing department to evolve to fit the needs of the MPA family. Mount Pisgah Academy encourages all parents and students to download the app to improve communication. The application can be downloaded through either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store for free, or you can download the app by scanning the QR code below.



As you begin using the application, we encourage you to contact Abby Ackerman at abby.king@pisgah.us with suggestions for how to improve the app. We want to hear from you so we can continue to support your family throughout your child's high school experience.



DOWNLOAD OUR APP TODAY!



Student Feature

SA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Josh Bedwell, '22

Hello All!! I hope everyone is continuing to have an amazing year! There are so many exciting things happening this semester. School-wide mission trips are just around the corner, where we will be able to help and minister to people all around the world. We also have our SA Banquet coming up very soon, and I hope you are all excited!

I want to encourage everyone to continue working hard and keep going strong. We are over halfway through the school year now and remember, Stay Proud To Be Pisgah!

SA elections are quickly approaching. Candidates will have the opportunity to address the student body prior to voting. If you are a current student and are interested in running for office, please contact Dean Boyd.

CALENDAR

- Feb 26 Touring Sabbath
- March 5 Touring Sabbath - ALIVE Youth Rally
- March 9-20 School-Wide Mission Trips
- April 1-3 Mother/Daughter Father/Son Weekend
- April 2 Student Association Talent Show
- April 8-10 Alumni Weekend
- April 10 Junior/Senior Banquet
- April 20-24 April Break
- April 29 - May 1 Homeshow Weekend
- April 29 - May 1 Academy Days Weekend

ACADEMY DAYS 2022

Join us April 29 - May 1 for an exciting weekend, and experience our campus like never before. Look forward to meeting current and potential students, familiarizing yourself with our campus, staying in the dorm, and more! Throughout the weekend, enjoy performances from our various organizations, including our choir, symphony orchestra, handbells, and acrosports team. All registrants receive free lodging, food, and a T-shirt. Perspective students can also try out for scholarships, which make our school more affordable! These opportunities include choir, symphony orchestra, handbells, praise team, acrosports, volleyball, soccer, basketball, math, and English. Register today at www.pisgah.us/academy-days We cannot wait to see you!