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THE COMPASS

Official Newsletter of the



Elementary Room Coordinator

JESSICA SAMUELS

We had the best time at our Kindergarten Kiss and Cry reception! Thank you for joining us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship as the kindergarteners started their first day!

Also, as we begin the school year, consider signing up to be a room parent for your classroom this year. Help make your child's class parties special! Simply email your name/classroom to maproomparent@ma-kc.org



Teacher's P.E.T.

MARISSA RIEDER

Pray. Encourage. Treat.

Every teacher and staff member at MCA has a secret family that will bless them all year long. We still need 67 teachers and staff covered! See sign up link in email!



New to the Nest

NANCY DOLLAR & KODI SWANDER

We had a wonderful time meeting our new families at our New to the Nest gatherings before back to school nights!

Mom's Night Out

MARISA JONES

Save the Date for a Christmas light bus tour on December 5th! We will spend a few hours in fellowship seeing the best Christmas lights KC has to offer! See sign up link in email!



Christmas Lights Bus Tour

We're heading out to enjoy the beautiful Kansas City Christmas lights together on a party bus. Mark your calendars for a fun, relaxing evening with great company!

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM (Estimated)

Location: Starts & Ends at MCA

Cost: \$65 per person
Space limited to 32 moms

Payment & Cancellation Policy:
Payment Authorization: Payment due upon signing up.
Refund Policy: All registrations are final and non-refundable.
Spot Transfer: If you find you can no longer attend, you are welcome to transfer your spot to someone else! Please notify us of the change and coordinate reimbursement directly with the person taking your spot.



What's On Now

8/19

Parents In Prayer -

8:30 am

Kick-Off Brunch @ Third
Space Coffee
in Bonner Springs

8/26

Parents in Prayer

8:15 am @ MCA

8/27

Father's Club Meeting

6:30-7:30 am

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Panera Restaurant Night

87th St. in Lenexa



Secondary Locker Hugs

JESSICA BANE, KAREN NISSEN, MELANIE HAYES, KAYLENE FULLINGTON, SAVANNA GATTIS & CASSIE ISAACSON

Welcome Back! Let's make your student's return to school feel extra special—with a Locker Hug that says "you've got this!" Just \$12 each, and you can order for the whole year or just the Back-to-School Hug. Order by September 1st at midnight! They will be hung on lockers mid September!



Bless Our Teachers

MADISON WEBB & KELSI KRESIN

On August 5th we welcomed faculty and staff back with a special BOT Welcome-Back Lunch! It's was wonderful opportunity for them to reconnect, share stories from the summer, and enjoy a delicious meal together as we kick off the new academic year!

Parents In Prayer

KATIE OTT & MARTI KARLIN



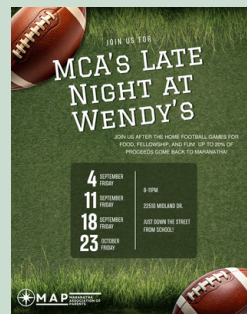
You're Invited! Join us for our Kick-Off at Third Space Coffee in downtown Bonner Springs on Wednesday, August 19, 8:30–11:00 a.m. (come & go). Parents In Prayer meets weekly at the school beginning Wednesday, August 26, at 8:15 a.m. We pray by name for every student and staff member, covering each at least twice during the school year.

First Wednesdays of the month: We gather at Third Space Coffee at 8:30 for fellowship and prayer on the first Wednesday of each month. Questions? mcapi@maranatha.org

Restaurant Night

MARIA HUGGINS

Restaurant Nights kick off this year with Panera on 87th St. on August 27th! And our first Late Night at Wendy's is on Sept 4th. Hang out after the football game at our favorite Wendy's – just down the street from MCA!



What's Trending @ MAP?

Welcome Back!

My name is Melissa Normile, and I have the privilege of serving as the President of the Maranatha Association of Parents (MAP). I want to extend a warm welcome to all of our new and returning Eagle families! One of the things I love most about MCA is the sense of community. We believe that when parents, teachers, and students work together, it creates an incredible environment where everyone can thrive.

Our goal is to help every family feel welcomed, connected, and supported.

Wondering how to get connected? The easiest way is to get involved! Whether you have time to volunteer throughout the year or can help with just one event, there is a place for you here at MCA.

Be sure to join us at Back-to-School Night and stop by the MAP tables to learn more about all the ways you can get involved!

- Elementary BTSN: August 7
 - Secondary BTSN: August 10
- We'd love the chance to meet you, answer your questions, and share how MAP supports our teachers, builds community for parents, and creates fun opportunities for our students.

We can't wait to see all that God has in store for our MCA community this year!

~Melissa Normile, MAP President