

A Letter to our MACS Families

Dear School Staff, Parents and Students:

Who would have ever thought? I could have created multiple scenarios that could shut down classes. Things like a sudden loss of religious liberties, a new law affecting private schooling, or even multiples of other catastrophes... But a virus?

Yet, we find ourselves having to change to a new normal which we never anticipated. I would, however, encourage all of us to make the best of this situation. Our children can learn and progress and we can look forward to gathering together again soon. All of our schools have had to come up with alternative forms of educating during the coronavirus situation. Students are encouraged to study and progress through their school's program of education, as best they can. In speaking to many of our school administrators and pastors at our recent Zoom MACS Annual Meeting, I realized that we are all struggling with the same issues and attempting to do our best to get through them. Be patient! We will get through this time together.

Should we be able to return to school in May, each school will be challenged to decide what their remaining school schedule will look like. We are encouraging each ministry to make decisions in two-week intervals. At Fourth, we are hoping to have graduations and scaled-down music programs to end our year. We will utilize the month for academics and do our best to finish the year strong.

Personally, I am finding more time to study God's Word and that is a wonderful time.

We are also able to spend more time in prayer and find ways to encourage our families. This time should not be wasted, nor should it be non-productive, for there are always things we can do to personally grow and encourage others.



For our high school students (especially our seniors), I am mindful of the activities that you looked forward to and that you have lost. While we are sorry for the loss of these activities, we also trust that God is using this time in your life to help you plan for your future according to His good will and purpose. You are on our minds and in our prayers.

We are trusting the Lord in the coming weeks and waiting on Him to show us how to proceed with the end of school and planning for the next. Let us be in an attitude of continual prayer for one another during this time.

In Christ,

Mr. Alan J. Hodak, *Executive Director*

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JH MACS Fine Arts Festival Sees Record Number of Participants in 2020

Praise the Lord for our annual Junior High MACS Fine Arts Festival held on Friday, March 6, 2020. We enjoyed a record number—246 young people from 8 schools. There were 26 judges that handled all 216 events for the day.

On our JH MACS website at www.macsevent.com, you will notice on the front page four main themes. They are listed as 1) local church ministry, 2) strong work ethic, 3) Christian fellowship, and 4) talent & ability. JH MACS is all of these. It is preparation! You make memories. You get out of it what you put into it. Kids are nervous. They preach, teach, sing, play, memorize, and live the ups and downs of performance. Not only is it an experience, but kids gain experience. The entire process is character building and helpful to our young people. All of the young people did a great job. I would encourage every school to be involved in some way. Your young people will be the better for it.

We especially want to congratulate the following for receiving perfect scores of 25 and a superior rating:

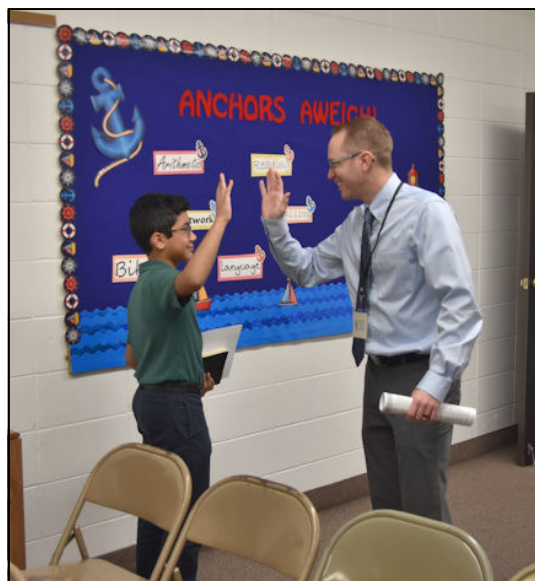
- Jefferson Schoonover (Woodcrest) - Humorous Interpretation
- Jed Horner (St. Francis) - Oral Interpretation of Poetry
- Jack Fure (Fourth Baptist) - Vocal Solo



Lake Region's Katrina Grotzke and Ava Juranek played their piano duet and received an excellent rating for their efforts.

Categories that had the most entries this year were Monochromatic Drawing (15) and the following that all had 14 entries each: Polychromatic Drawing, Puppets, Instrumental Small Ensemble, Vocal Solo, and Vocal Small Ensemble.

May the Lord continue to bless our young people and help them to realize that their talents and abilities were never for their own glory but (to be used) for the glory of God. We look forward to next year's festival. It is scheduled on Friday, March 5, 2021, at First Baptist School of Rosemount.
— Dr. Charlie Graves, Rosemount



Pastor Borner, the youth pastor at First Baptist, gives a high five to Abram Terrazas, an eighth grader who just finished preaching his sermon. He earned an excellent rating.



Miss Teresa Herbert directs the Woodcrest Ladies Ensemble. They received a superior rating.



Members of the First Baptist School choir get ready to sing their song for the JH MACS Fine Arts Festival.



Eighth grader Lilly Broere of Fourth Baptist presents her Oral Interpretation of Scripture piece entitled, "Thirty Pieces of Silver." She earned a superior rating.



The band from First Baptist School of Rosemount, led by Miss Savannah Bungert, performs at the annual JH MACS Fine Arts Festival. They received an excellent rating.



Students eagerly wait to enter a performance room.



The Lake Region Christian School choir performs under the direction of Miss Alyssa Larson. They received an excellent rating.



It's lunch time at the JH MACS Fine Arts Festival. Young people line up for the most favorite time of the day.



Mr. Levi Kolwinski directs the Fourth Baptist Christian School Woodwind Ensemble. This group earned a superior rating.



The Fourth Baptist 8th Grade Men's Ensemble performs in the Johnson Chapel. It is wonderful to hear our young men singing praise to the Lord. They received an excellent rating.



MACS 2020 STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

AWARDS SUMMARY:

BOYS:

Champions – St. Francis Patriots

2nd Place – Rosemount Crusaders

3rd Place – Fourth Baptist Warriors

5th Place (Consolation) – Heritage Patriots



GIRLS:

Champions – Fourth Baptist Lady Warriors

2nd Place – Lake Region Lady Hornets

3rd Place – Woodcrest Lady Warriors

5th Place (Consolation) – Heritage Lady Patriots



Boys All-Tournament Team:

1. Gresyn Rennie—Fourth Baptist
2. Trenton Radloff—Fourth Baptist
3. Daniel Graves—Rosemount
4. David Fruetel—Rosemount
5. Rylan Boldt—St. Francis
6. Ryker Kloeckner, MVP—St. Francis

Girls All-Tournament Team:

1. Sarah Ureke—Woodcrest
2. Tori Plemel—Lake Region
3. Nikole Thorson—Lake Region
4. Breanna Leith—Fourth Baptist
5. Joelle Webster—Fourth Baptist
6. Lydia Rieschl, MVP—Fourth Baptist



Girls Champions: Fourth Baptist Lady Warriors



Girls 2nd Place: Lake Region Lady Hornets



Boys Champions: St. Francis Patriots



Boys 2nd Place: Rosemount Crusaders



Girls All-Tournament Team: Nikole Thorson, Tori Plemel, Sarah Ureke, Lydia Rieschl, Breanna Leith, Joelle Webster



Boys All-Tournament Team: David Fruetel, Gresyn Rennie, Trenton Radloff, Ryker Kloeckner, Daniel Graves, Rylan Boldt



All-Conference Selections



Boys First Team All-Conference

1. Ryker Kloeckner—St. Francis
2. Phil Imdieke—Lake Region
3. Daniel Graves—Rosemount
4. Rylan Boldt—St. Francis
5. Noah McGuigan—Rosemount
6. Gresyn Rennie—Fourth Baptist

Girls First Team All-Conference

1. Joelle Webster—Fourth Baptist
2. Sarah Ureke—Woodcrest
3. Lydia Neubert—Lake Region
4. Lydia Rieschl—Fourth Baptist
5. Tina Harms—Owatonna
6. Krystal Wikstrom—Heritage

Boys Second Team All-Conference

1. David Fruetel—Rosemount
2. Nathan Brennan—Fourth Baptist
3. Logan Backstrom—Lake Region
4. Josiah McGaffey—Lake Region
5. Canon Johnson—St. Francis
6. Landon Brahs—St. Francis

Girls Second Team All-Conference

1. Tori Plemel—Lake Region
2. Kate Gerdin—St. Francis
3. Kortney Clark—Woodcrest
4. Jordan Horton—Rosemount
5. Breanna Leith—Fourth Baptist
6. Savannah Johnson-Skadsem—Heritage

Boys All-Conference Honorable Mention

1. Max Klopp—Heritage
2. Isaias Covarrubias—Woodcrest
3. Titus Huston—Coon Rapids
4. Trey Ogren—Lake Region
5. Noah Summers—Prior Lake

Girls All-Conference Honorable Mention

1. Juliana Mendoza—Fourth Baptist
2. Maddie Hodak—Fourth Baptist
3. Bell Anderson—Lake Region
4. Grace Brower—St. Francis
5. Alyssa Packa—Chisago Lakes
6. Becca Cave—Chisago Lakes
7. Cassie Garcia—Rosemount
8. Callista Weber—Rosemount
9. Rylie Klopp—Heritage
10. Casey Gallston—Prior Lake

*All-Conference Awards are voted on by the coaches, and awarded to athletes based on their testimony on and off the field, sportsmanship and skill throughout this entire 2019-20 season.
Congratulations!*



All-Conference First Team: Tina Harms, Lydia Rieschl, Lydia Neubert, Sarah Ureke, Joelle Webster, Krystal Wikstrom



All-Conference Second Team: Savannah Johnson-Skadsem, Kortney Clarke, Jordan Horton, Kate Gerdin, Tori Plemel, Breanna Leith



All-Conference First Team: Gresyn Rennie, Noah McGuigan, Phil Imdieke, Ryker Kloeckner, Daniel Graves, Rylan Boldt



All-Conference Second Team: Josiah McGaffey, Logan Backstrom, David Fruetel, Nathan Brennan, Canon Johnson, Landon Brahs



Minnesota Association of Christian Schools 2020-21 Events Calendar

August 17 – First day of Team Practices for Soccer/Volleyball

August 28 – Rosemount Jamboree (Soccer & Volleyball) at First Baptist in Rosemount

October 8-9 – MACS/WACS Regional Teacher's Convention in WI Dells

October 29-31 – MACS State Volleyball and Soccer Tournament at Lake Region, Baxter

November 6 – MACS Band Festival at Fourth Baptist

November 16 – First day of Team Practices for Basketball

TBD – Legislative Breakfast and Meeting with Representatives

January 15—MACS Student Leadership Conference at Fourth Baptist

February 11 – MACS Speech and Bible Festival at Woodcrest Baptist Academy

February 25-27 – MACS Basketball Tournament at Fourth Baptist and Woodcrest Baptist

March 5 – MACS JH Fine Arts Festival at First Baptist at Rosemount

April 9 – MACS SH Fine Arts Festival at Fourth Baptist & MACS Annual Meeting

May 7 – MACS Track Meet at Granite City Baptist in St. Cloud – All MACS Schools are Invited to participate

