

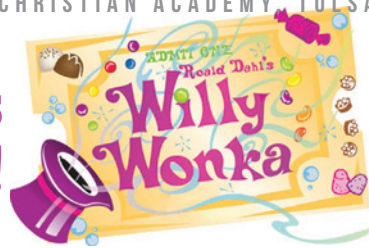
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The Candy Man is Coming to Metro!



Metro Christian Academy's (MCA) award winning drama department is hosting "Willy Wonka the Musical" this spring for audiences of all ages to enjoy. Held in our auditorium, the show will run March 31st, April 1st and 2nd at 7:00pm and Sunday, April 3rd at 2:00pm. The shows are open to the public. Tickets go on sale March 22nd and will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for students as well as seniors. Tickets are also available at the door. With over 160 cast members, ages 6-18, the show is sure to be a memorable production!

Cast List

Willy Wonka.....Tommy Duffy
 Grandpa Joe.....John Brothers
 Candy Man.....Connor Schmitz
 Mrs. Bucket.....Michelle Archambo
 Grandma Georgina.....Megan White
 James.....Beau Langston
 Augustus Gloop.....Grant Wiscarver
 Veruca Salt.....Madison Rowsey
 Mike Teavee.....Ryan Lewis
 Violet Beauregarde.....Nicole Johnson
 Sophie.....Bayleigh Serage
 Alfie.....Reed Mullican
 Charlie Bucket.....John Tupy
 Grandma Josephine.....Megan Crum
 Phineous Trout.....Brooks Boaz
 Mr. Bucket.....Braden Wilson
 Grandpa George.....Kevin Fitzgerald
 Matilda.....Annie Craig
 Mrs. Gloop.....Bethany Lemery
 Mr. Salt.....Matt Cooper
 Ms. Teavee.....Marisa Schmidt
 Mrs. Beauregarde.....Rebecca Black
 Danny.....Sam Barber
 Billie.....Hannah Gray

TOWNSPEOPLE... Abigail Adams, Mary Alaback, Bri Allan, Lindsey Bailey, Sarah Bailey, Shelby Bierman, Chandler Benzinger, Becky Brown, Holland Carson, Ashley Champion, Katrina Erikson, Anna Everett, Micah Gibbons, Courtney Gray, Chloe Griffin, Macy Heins, Ariel Helms, Carlyn Henson, Jennifer Huang, Jay Jeffers, Rachel Johnson, Abby King, Ryan King, Alyssa LaCourse, Sarah Laris, Su An Lin, Cassie Long, Aubry Mayfield, Callie Robertson, Gracie Roe, Jack Roe, Kimberlie McCutchen, Madison Underhill, Nathan Mitchell, Tyler O'Donnell, Emma Rokisky, Kelsey Schmitz, Ashlee Steffen, JD Weidman, Caleb Wilson, Rachel Young

OOMPA-LOOMPA CHORUS... Logan Adair, Dani Avis, McKenzie Berry, Jillian Blake, Shelby Boaz, Daniel Briggs, Michelle Carney, Sydney Filak, Courtney Freese, Madeline Frohrip, Christian Girouard, Ally Gurley, Holly Holmaas, Travis Horan, Avery Hufft, Alex Koenig, Julia Lapo, Lily Lohrey, Madison Moore, Garrett O'Dell, Addi Smith, Jenna Smith, Mollie Stansbury, Casandra Tenorio, Sara Thomas, Courtney Thornton, Nikki Swallow, Peighton Trook, Renee Wimpey

ELEM SQUIRRELS... Aubrey Adams, Paige Aldrich, Gabby Fields, Mason Fields, Kirk Francis, Claire Mayfield, Brooke Rogers

ELEMENTARY OOMPA-LOOMPAS... Macy Abshere, Aubrey Adams, Carolyn Argo, Kaitlyn Argo, Kirstee Beard, Taylor Behrman, Hannah Bertrem, Harrison Blake, Savannah Brown, Reece Cheatham, Isabelle Crai, Kaitlyn Daniel, Isabella DeMaio, Connor Dille, Cate Duccato, Caroline Ducato, Chandler Eng, Madeline Eng, Savannah Eng, Avery Ethridge, Gabe Feather, Meredith Francis, Madison Griesemer, Kaity Holmes, Eli Lamirand, Danielle Lawson, Emani Lewis, Katherine Long, William Long, Caroline Mattax, Brady McCutchen, Hailey McCutchen, Emma McNeese, McKenna Melton, Anna Morris, Bekah Nunn, Tregan O'Donnell, Brooklyn Phillips, Elizabeth Phillips, Brooke Rogers, Allie Rosencutter, Taylor Rosser, Arden Row, Zach Salmon, Gracie Schiffmacher, Megan Smith, Colton Stacy, Chandler Stafford, Halle Stegmann, Madison Steyer, Olivia Sullivan, Gracie Teague, Lanning Tedford, Nik Thomas, Chloe Tregoning, Braden Wagner, Eden Wagner, Carly Widner

OOMPA-LOOMPA SOLOISTS... Jordan Boatright, Michael Brothers, Kristin Fitzgerald, Emily Points

Squirrels... Dan Barton, Abby Boegh

CHORUS OF COOKS... Mary Alaback, Lindsey Bailey, Sarah Bailey, Dan Barton, Abby Boegh, Becky Brown, Anna Everett, Micah Gibbons, Courtney Gray, Ariel Helms, Jennifer Huang, Jay Jeffers, Rachel Johnson, Abby King, Ryan King, Alyssa LaCourse, Sarah Laris, Cassie Long, Su An Lin, Aubry Mayfield, Callie Robertson, Gracie Roe, Emma Rokisky, Kelsey Schmitz, JD Weidman, Caleb Wilson



Let's Make A Deal Sponsorship Opportunities!

This year's theme for the Metro Dinner and Auction is: "Let's Make A Deal". Our event will be held on Saturday, April 9th, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel of Tulsa (formerly The Crowne Plaza Hotel). Don't miss out on this very fun-filled evening! The night will be packed with fun, excitement, and games galore! We are bringing back the very popular Card Game (with a chance to win a trip), Restaurant Pull, "Buy It Now" opportunities, our Special Raffle and much more. Once again, there will be lots of fantastic items in the silent and live auctions. We have an electric car, a flight and lunch for two to Ponca City with lunch at Enrique's Mexican Restaurant, Gourmet Cooking with Shannon Smith, a Seven Night Stay in the Turkes and Caico Islands, Golf at the Patriot, Driller's Suite packages, Tickets to the Musical "9 to 5" and more.

A new service we are providing this year is our Express Check-out option. Here's how it works: Pre-register your credit card at check-in time and your card will only be charged for items on which you win the bid. At the evening's close, you may review the itemized invoice listing your charges, pick up your items and you are ready to go!

Should you not be able to join us for the fun this evening, please take the opportunity to visit our online auction which will run March 21st through April 5th and support Metro that way! For more information on the auction, please contact Beth Trook at btrook@metroca.com or by calling our school at 918.745.9868 ext. 124. We appreciate our Metro friends and family and look forward to seeing you soon!

Sample Auction Items



For more information, please contact Jennifer Weida at 745.9868 ext. 348 or by email jweida@metroca.com.



FROM THE HEADMASTER

By Tim Cameron,
Headmaster

There are so many opportunities and experiences that contribute to us being a community of believers at Metro Christian Academy-- opportunities for parents and students. Being a "volunteer" community provides us with daily interactions. On the volunteer side, Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) is the backbone of our parents base. Mom's in Touch meets weekly to pray for our children and our school, our committees at the school are replete with patrons, and our board of trustees is wholly comprised of parents.

There are pointed opportunities for personal and spiritual growth for students at Metro; perhaps the greatest of these opportunities are in clubs, fine arts, and athletics. Whether it is elementary music, participating in the school-wide NOBLE committee, or National Honor Society, the opportunities are so ripe for experiencing the life of the Lord. It is encouraging that so many of our students and parents do recognize how much is to be gained by stepping out and giving their time to these school events. It is amazing when you think that we will have over 150 students participating in the production of "Willa Wonka", or that we have almost 100 students out of the 365 total in our high school engaged in soccer and track. These experiences give our students opportunity for "life together" as Christian young people and with Christian sponsors or coaches. The amount of time put in a major drama production or the entire soccer season is staggering. It pushes students to the limits; it sets the stage for students to interact with each other at authentic levels.

I want to encourage us to remember that we can't take for granted the privilege we have in Christian education. It is indeed a blessing to be able to send

children to a school whose foundation is Jesus Christ. The great theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, once said, "The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer."

Please know that as a staff we realize the great responsibility and opportunity for impartation into these students for Christ. Whether it is in Chinese, 4th grade computer science, robotics, or advisory, our faculty understands they are representing the Lord in their interactions with your student.

One of the many things that facilitate a sense of community is having an understanding of the language we use at Metro Christian. I was recently reminded by a local pastor how important it is for a culture to define the words that make up its vocabulary. To that end, I wanted to take occasion over the next few Patriot Press issues to define some of our terms we use at our school.

Advisory: A program in the high school where students meet with a faculty/staff advisor for a 20-30 minute portion of high school chapel, meeting sometimes twice a month. The advisory sections have approximately 10 students and the composition (students and advisor) stay the same over four years. Advisory will do a variety of activities--discuss chapel for the week, address specific topics or themes pertinent to what is going on in school, or sometimes process administrative functions.

NOBLE Committee: The NOBLE Committee falls under the direction of the Metro Christian Academy School Safety and Wellness Committee. Members of the NOBLE committee include students from the Elementary, Middle, and High School. Counselors, the Dean of Students, Athletic Director, and the Health and Safety Director oversee NOBLE Committee meetings and activities. The purpose of the committee is to provide student input and participation in helping to create a school environment free from bullying and other forms of harassment.

Mom's in Touch: A community of Metro mothers who meet each Friday at 8:15 am in the conference room of the main office to pray for our Metro children, faculty and our school in general. All mothers, grandmothers, aunts and friends are welcome to come and pray. Mom's in Touch is an international non profit ministry that is supported in over 120 countries.

Upstander: An upstander is someone who says "no" to bullying. In virtually all bully-victim situations, there are witnesses who view or know about the act. We want to make sure our kid are part of a community where everyone--kids and grownups alike--makes the decision to be an upstander, rather than a passive bystander who does nothing.

Chapel: A time for students, faculty, and staff to gather each week for worship and inspiration. High school worship is led by the Praise and Worship class. Middle school Chapel is led by various worship leaders. Elementary Chapel is led by **Mrs. Holly Beard** and planned by staff and administration. **Mr. Robby Davis**, Bible chairperson, plans middle school Chapel with the assistance of **Mrs. Denise McKinney**, Spiritual Life Director, and **Mr. Bob Beard**, middle school principal. High school chapels are planned by Mr. Brian Augenstein, Praise and Worship teacher, along with the input of Mrs. McKinney and the high school principal, **Mr. David Jackson**. Parents are always invited to attend chapel. Chapel times are:

Elementary: Wednesday at 8:15 a.m.

Middle School: Thursday at 9:50 a.m.

High School: Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

Pray for our staff; pray for our school. We are having a wonderful year as we walk along side your students. All of our events, in or out of the classroom, are occasions to celebrate the goodness of the Lord.

—Tim Cameron, Headmaster

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Bear's Contest: Burly Man Contest Winners

Each year, the high school seniors go on a ski trip to Colorado. What many don't know is how the young men on the trip make their break from school a bit more interesting and give back to the community. A "Burly Man" contest is conducted on the trip and judged by chaperones. This year's winner was **Matt Ward**. John Weidman came in second. **Nathan Franklin** came in 3rd. **Whitaker Henson** won "nice try".

Proceeds of the contest went to Hope School in Honduras. Congratulations to our Burly Man winners and thanks for making a difference in the community by doing so!



Pictured in photo - John Weidman (letter jacket) came in second. Whitaker Henson won nice try.

Metro High School Scholarship Offering Josh Lantz Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is presented in honor of "Josh Lantz a devoted child of God. Josh Lantz "was a 2005 graduate and honor student at MCA with a heart for missions. He drowned in a boating accident on December 1, 2006. Upon his death this scholarship was set up to help other students attend Metro and pursue their dream of bringing Christ to the lost.

For additional information please contact David Jackson at 745-9868 ext. 157.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



Metro Patriots Dominate Court in Basketball Tournament

Congratulations to our 6th Grade Metro Boys Basketball team who took first place in the Elementary Christian Conference's annual tournament. Under the coaching direction of **Dr. Greg Mitchell** and **Mr.**

Greg Horne, the Patriots took home the top trophy! Pictured from left to right are **Harrison Horne**, **Dalton Smallwood**, **Jack Roe**, **Christian DeMaio**, **Nathan Mitchell**, **Derrick Landers** and **Jonathon Fennell**.

Middle School Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to the following students who participated and placed in our annual Middle School Spelling Bee!

1st place: **Reed Mullican** (7th grade)

2nd place: **Josh Yoo** (8th grade)

3rd Place: **Griffin Lane** (6th), **Cara Thoene** (6th), and **Euan Williams** (8th).



Middle School Parents Mark Your Calendars Please!

The events listed below will all be held in our school auditorium:

April 11th at 6:30 pm *Mandatory Parent/Student meeting for 8th graders going to Washington D.C.*

May 9th at 1:00 pm *Year-end recognition for 8th graders*

May 10th at 11:30 am *Year end recognition for 6th graders*

May 10th at 1:00 pm *Year-end recognition ceremony for 7th graders*

6th Grade Special Event • ROPES CHALLENGE COURSE

It's a great thrill to have something special each year for our Metro 6th grade students and it's just around the corner! Here's what we have planned.

WHO: All 6th Grade Students

WHAT: Ropes Challenge Course to provide direction in teamwork, leadership, bonding, trust and relationships.

WHEN: Monday, March 21, 2011 · Drop-off at 8:45AM · Pick-up at 2:30PM sharp. No organized transportation is provided, carpool is encouraged from other Metro neighbors or from Metro after dropping off other siblings, etc...

WHERE: Helmzar Challenge Course · 1006 N. Quaker, Tulsa, OK 74106 · 918-595-2875

COST: (Drum roll please) ... FREE!!

ELEMENTARY NEWS



SMART BOARDS

Thanks to the generous support of our patrons and other friends of Metro, we were able to purchase four additional SMART Boards for elementary classrooms.

We now have seven towards our goal of equipping every

classroom with a SMART Board. The funds were generated through our annual PTF-sponsored Walk-a-Thon. The teachers and students are very excited about the new editions and looking forward to all new ways of learning together.

What is a SMART Board?

A SMART Board is a large interactive whiteboard display that connects to a computer and projector. A projector projects the computer's desktop onto the board's surface where users control the computer using a pen, finger or other device. The board is mounted to a wall.

They are used in a variety of settings, including classrooms at all levels of education, in corporate board rooms and work groups, in training rooms for professional sports coaching, in broadcasting studios and more.

SMART Board interactive whiteboards are a fun and engaging way for students to interact with technology in the classroom. They can serve many purposes during everyday instruction as opposed to using a chalkboard or whiteboard. They connect directly to a computer and project the computer screen onto the Interactive Whiteboard, which allows teachers to pre-plan instruction and save lessons that students have completed.

The most exciting thing about using SMART Boards is that there are plenty of interactive websites teachers can use as a part of their instruction. This allows students to work in groups using technology and moving the learning beyond the printed textbook. Interactive educational games are a great resource to use during group stations and teachers have created and shared all kinds of lesson plans that are available online and incorporate the use of SMART Boards into classroom curriculum.

Read more about the benefits and use of SMART Boards on our website:

www.metroca.com.

Standardized Testing

The time for MCA's 2011 standardized testing is fast approaching! This year, the Stanford Achievement Test 10 (SAT) will be administered on the following schedule:

K5 through 5th Grade **April 25th through 29th**

6th and 7th* Grades **April 26th : 7:55 to 12:30**

April 27th : 7:55 to 11:35

Grades 8 through 12 will not participate in the Stanford Achievement Test.

Please make every effort to avoid scheduling conflicting appointments that will take your student(s) out of the building on these important dates. No make-up tests will be given. Please be sure to encourage them to get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast - and don't forget to bring two #2 pencils! In addition, please bring something "quiet" to do while waiting for classmates to complete the test... examples: book, magazine, homework, sudoku puzzle etc.

I-pods, head sets and electronic devices will not be acceptable. Thank you!



Wax Museum at Metro

Wax Museum goes to show how learning American History can be fun! Following the snow in early February, 4th graders put away their winter gear and pulled out their costumes to wear to our infamous 4th grade Wax Museum. Students dressed the part of a famous American (now deceased) and brought them to life by presenting a 3 minute speech on their individual biography to our many visitors. We had everyone from Florence Nightingale and Juliette Lowe to Lou Gherig and Walt Disney with us that day. Pictured here are Harrison Blake and Morgan Fine in costume as Harry Houdini and Betsy Ross.

FINE ARTS NEWS

Spring Art Show

Metro Spring Art Show coincides with our Spring Musical, Willy Wonka. Stop by and see masterpieces from preschool through 12th grade students in the large gym. The show runs March 31st, April 1st, and April 2nd. The show is open all day school days and evenings prior to Willy Wonka. Some High School students' artwork will be for sale. The High School Art Show Awards event is at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 31st. Best of Show will be announced at that time!



Art News

Middle School Artist, **Bobbi Black** received national recognition recently for her artwork entitled "Animal Stud" in a contest hosted by ArtStamps. Bobbi Black is an Honorable Mention Winner in the 13-15 year old age category. To see her artwork displayed, go to <https://www.artstamps.com/gallery.php>.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Mile Marker Parenting Workshop

The Spiritual Life Department is offering a workshop this spring to dig in, discuss and energize parents for guiding their kids' spiritual journey. We'll talk about the unique struggles of adolescence, unpack a scriptural map for leading our kids down a road of faith and share practical ideas for making it happen. There are two workshop times to choose from. Please join us in the Metro auditorium.

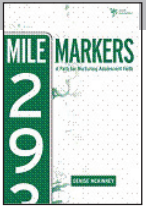
Tuesday April 5th: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday April 6th: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Can't make the onsite dates? How about a Spiritual Life Workshop on the Go? Round up a group of friends and Denise will meet you for coffee or lunch! There are two Spiritual Life Workshops on the Go: Mile Marker Parenting and Broken Girls in a Broken World.

Contact Denise McKinney at dmckinney@metroca.com to either RSVP for the April workshops or schedule a workshop on the go.

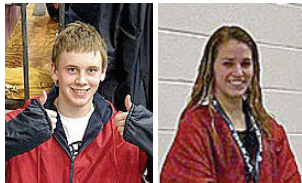
Visit our website: metroca.com for more information.



ATHLETICS NEWS

Perseverance Takes Swim Team to State

When the Metro High School Swim Team looked like it was about to dissolve, Sophomore **Rylee Hess** became determined to pull a team together.



Rylee along with Metro Junior **Abbie Bannister** and Senior **Mike Ryan**, were the only remaining members of the 2009-2010 Metro Christian State Qualifying Swim Team. Last year's team beat school records. However, with several members graduating and Abbie working through a shoulder injury that prevented her

from competing, it looked like Metro's swim team was all washed up.

Things started looking up in November when Mike & Rylee beat state qualifying times early in competitions. Abbie, who had placed in individual & team events last year, was unable to compete until she finished shoulder rehabilitation in late January, leaving only two weeks of competition. Rylee went to work to organize a swim team by recruiting proven athletes to join--focusing on her cross-country teammates. In January, she recruited sophomores **Madison Duncan**, **Kelsey McKee**, **Mitchell Gibbons**, **Garrett Lindsey** and **Jim Pile**. The more experienced swimmers started working in the pool after school with the new recruits. They all competed for the first time at Jenks in late January. The boys' relay team just missed the qualifying time. The girls' team made the qualifying time and broke the school record! The girls relay team swam so well, that they went into State Competition ranked 4th!

Unfortunately, the snow and school closings canceled the next few meets, so the team only had one chance to improve their times. Rylee had qualified in four

individual events, but competition rules allow each swimmer to compete in no more than two individual events and two team events. She chose the 200 Yard Freestyle and the 50 Yard Freestyle races.

On February 18th, Metro Swim Coordinator, **Alison Fowler**, took a van loaded with swimmers to the 2010-2011 State Swim Championship. Metro had competed with primarily 6A schools throughout the season to improve their times with tougher competition. At State competition, Metro competed with all 5A schools and smaller.

Metro's team was small but mighty. The girls' relay team finished 3rd in the State in the 200 Freestyle Relay. **Abbie Bannister**, faster than before her injury, lead the relay, followed by **Kelsey McKee**, then **Madison Duncan** in the third leg of the relay, and Rylee had an amazing finish. Each of the girls posted their individual fastest times in State competition, shattering the school record for the 200 Free Relay. Rylee, who broke her personal records in individual events, set last year, made it to the finals in both her individual events, placing 4th in the 200 Free and 7th in the 50 Free. With only four girls, Metro finished 10th overall in the State competition.

Mike also posted his personal best time, winning the Consolation Finals and finishing 9th overall in the Boys' 50 Yard Freestyle.

Congratulations to the Metro High School Swim Team. Perseverance does pay off!



Retro Metro

Hall of Famers Inducted

The Alumni Hall of Fame was established in 2008 (Metro's 25th Anniversary) to recognize graduates, faculty, patrons and founders of Metro Christian Academy for their outstanding contributions to the Metro community and beyond. On February 15th, 5 outstanding individuals were honored with a special reception, ceremony and approximately 150 guests.

Mr. Tim Cameron gave everyone a warm welcome and emceed the event. **Dr. Wade Paschal**, Senior Pastor at First United Methodist Church opened the evening with prayer. He was followed by **Mr. Bob Skaggs**, Metro Board President, who shared a few words about the school's sound current state of affairs. We were blessed by the beautiful singing voices of **Mrs. Kelley's K4 Clubhouse Kids for Christ** along with **Mrs. Harper's High School Choir**.

Those inducted this year were **Dr. Wanda Hartman**, Founder of the Diagnostic Instruction Center and past Superintendent of schools, **Mr. Benny Crowder**, Founding Board Member, **Mrs. Carole Crowder**, Administrator and Counselor, **Mrs. Carol Kelley**, K4 Teacher and **Mr. Stuart Sullivan**, Alumnus and Chief Legal Counsel for Quik Trip Corporation.

It was an incredible evening filled with laughter and tears over the hard work and dedication these honorees have imparted over the years to make Metro Christian the outstanding school it is today. We are grateful for these individuals. Please congratulate them when you see them!



Visit our YouTube channel "MCATulsa" to view more photos from the event.