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All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Shaping School Culture | Mrs. Danielle Foster

Wherever people exist together, a culture *will be* established, whether deliberate or not, whether good or not. Values, beliefs, and behavior shape people's way of life. Therefore, at MCA, we believe we must *intentionally* set and drive the culture we want, which is Christ-centered and Bible-based. Surrounded by the prevailing culture of glorifying man and relative truth, we seek to be countercultural, set apart to glorify God and live according to His Word. Since God's Word is the only authoritative truth, we teach it as the foundation on which we stand and the "lens" through which we view and interpret all of life.



We prioritize God's Word in many ways as a school body. Each homeroom engages in the daily public reading of Scripture every morning. Middle and high school (MS/HS) students journal, discuss, and pray. Every Friday, our 1st-9th graders gather for a corporate time of worship through music and a study through the Psalms. Additionally, in our weekly chapels, we are teaching through our Statement of Faith, which highlights the essentials of biblical Christianity.

Most importantly, however, in every class, activity, and situation, we teach and train our students to think biblically and rely on the Holy Spirit to enable godly choices and actions (similar to Deuteronomy 6). In the area of discipline, we want our students to experience good boundaries, godly correction and training, consistent accountability, and grace to continue growing (2 Timothy 3:17). We do not not expect perfection but instead a teachable spirit. When students have conflict, we counsel using Scripture and pursue forgiveness, reconciliation, and respect as fellow image-bearers. Especially after having spent over a year with only virtual interaction, we are re-training our students how to communicate face to face using the Matthew 18 principle.

In the area of service, we foster opportunities for our students to show Christ's love. Currently, PS|PK-9th grade students are preparing Christmas shoeboxes filled with gifts and the gospel message to bless other children around the world. Also, several of our MS/HS students are volunteering their time at the NYC Love Kitchen to feed those in need. In the coming months, we look forward to building a MS/HS student-leadership team who will receive discipleship and sharpen one another (Proverbs 27:17). We would love to see these students taking initiative to create, plan, and execute ministry projects or events that help others and utilize their gifts.

Other potential servant-leadership opportunities may include sharing in chapels (testimonies, skits, original songs or spoken word), peer mediation, peer tutoring, leading activities with elementary students, fundraising, creating promo videos or artwork, and more! Our foundation of living God's word in all areas of life extends to every part of MCA-including clubs, sports, and music-so that all is done for the glory of God.

Please join us in prayer as we strive to create a culture where students know their value as image-bearers of God, learn to depend on His Word and the Holy Spirit, serve others with humility and compassion, and steward their gifts for His glory and the good of others.

MCA High School! Ms. Emma Miller, 9th Grade HR

For the first time ever, Manhattan Christian Academy has an in-person/online ninth grade class! The 2021-2022 school year marks the restart of the MCA high school. The current model has the high schoolers rotating to different classrooms each period just like the middle schoolers but doing the vast majority of their schoolwork online through a partnership with an online Christian school, Enlightium Academy. They still are able to have devotional time together in person during advisory as well as gym, art, and technology.



Doing core classes online is something the students became fairly used to last year due to remote learning during the height of the pandemic. They like that they get to work independently and at their own pace within the due dates set by Enlightium. Being in class while doing online work also allows the ninth graders to discuss their studies with each other and ask peers and teachers for help when they don't understand.

The current freshman class is made up of 15 students. Since 13 of these teens have gone to MCA in years past, they enjoy spending the days in school with classmates who are also friends. The ninth graders are also in the unique position to interact with many teachers but not be directly instructed by all of them. They like the conversations they get to have with teachers and with each other and have enjoyed getting to know those who are new to the school this year.

Meet the Board | Mrs. Elizabeth Suggs

My name is Elizabeth Suggs and I serve on the board of MCA as an ambassador and connector. I believe in MCA's mission: *educating NYC children to serve and lead by knowing God and understanding His world* and feel called to support the important work of educating our children with biblical integrity and sound academics. Participating on MCA's board also allows me to support the communities that benefit from this divine work.



I had the pleasure of working at MCA from 2008 to 2018 as an educator in 2nd, 4th, and 6th grades and as the Dean of Students of 1st-8th grades. I have been married to Michael Suggs for 28 years and we have two young adults, Dominique and Emilio, and a grandchild, Thomas. Our son, Emilio, is an alumni of MCA. He attended MCA from 5th grade to 8th grade, graduated to Cardinal Spellman High School, and recently graduated from City College of New York in December 2020 with a BA in Advertising and Public Relations. My husband and I currently attend Throggs Neck Community Church in the Bronx where I serve on staff as the Outreach Pastor.

I was called to serve as part of MCA's board because I absolutely believe in Christ-centered education. MCA cares deeply for the well-being and development of all students and their families and I continue to enjoy being a part of the ongoing, life-changing work at MCA.

Christmas Program | Friday, 12.17.21

Join us in-person and virtually via [YouTube](#) on December 17th at 10am and 7pm for our PS|PK - Kindergarten and 1st - 9th grade Christmas programs! Our theme, **David's Dynasty**, is all about a family of shepherds discovering the meaning of being part of God's family - the "royal dynasty" - from which would come a king for God's people. As they live their lives in "boring Bethlem", they become part of the story unfolding on the night Jesus was born.



This program is filled with laughter and joy as our characters tell this wonderful story, packed with enjoyable songs for all! This year's program features fifth grade leading a percussion ensemble, sixth grade on the ukuleles, and middle school leading a medley of Christmas carols. Our 9th graders will complement the middle school carols with lessons read from the Bible. We'll close out the evening in a special, family singing of *Silent Night*.

Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" | John 7:42

Operation Christmas Child

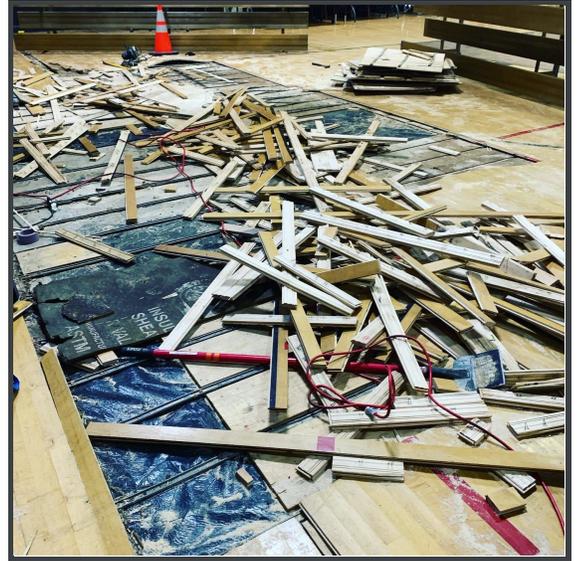
The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church (and Christian schools!) worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.



National Collection week is November 15th-22nd and MCA students at all grade levels are getting their boxes decorated during art class and preparing their gifts for packing! Each year we look forward to completing such a special service-learning project. Operation Christmas Child is now sending more than 9.1 million boxes worldwide and students will be able to track where their box was delivered!

Hurricanes Elsa & Ida: Update

On Thursday, July 8th and Sunday, August 29th two hurricanes caused massive damage to both of our school buildings. The gym, chapel area, and several classrooms were affected. In summary, two floor renovation projects and a major cleanout were necessary. To make matters more complicated, progress after the first storm was ruined with the second storm and with the second hurricane hitting just days before school started, we were forced to delay the opening of school.



The rainbow at the end of the storms was amazing staff and volunteers who came together to get MCA ready for the first day! The Lord always provides and we are grateful for such a dedicated, hard-working, creative staff this year. Please pray for continued team building as we work together in service of God's kingdom work: *educating NYC children to serve and lead by knowing God and understanding His world.*



Sponsor Christian Education

We're about two months into our "Sponsor a Year (or day, week, month!) of Christian education at Manhattan Christian Academy!" fundraiser. Private Christian education is a lifelong blessing. MCA has the honor and privilege of serving 200 students in Upper Manhattan, the Bronx, and the surrounding neighborhoods of New York City from preschool through 9th grade! Each student receives a foundation of learning to *serve and lead by knowing God and understanding His world.*

The average cost to educate a student at Manhattan Christian Academy for one year is \$8,500.

- For \$212,500 you could provide a year of Christian education for an entire class!
- For \$106,250, provide a semester...
- For \$53,125, provide a quarter...
- For \$21,250, provide a month...
- For \$6,250, provide a week...
- For \$1,250, you provide a day of Christian education for an entire class!

- For \$8,500 you could provide a year of Christian education for one child.
- For \$4,250, provide a semester...
- For \$2,125, provide a quarter...
- For \$850, provide a month...
- For \$250, provide a week...
- For \$50, you provide a day of Christian education for one child.

Check out the fundraiser [here](#) and please share with your family, friends, neighbors, and church.

To date, we've raised 190 days, 38 weeks, 11 months, and 1 year for a single student and 7 ½ days and 1 ½ weeks for a whole class!!!

Amazon Smile :)

Want a simple way to support Manhattan Christian Academy with something you're probably already doing? Join AmazonSmile!



To get started with AmazonSmile, visit smile.amazon.com on your web browser and sign in with your Amazon.com credentials. Choose a charitable organization [Manhattan Christian Academy] to receive donations and start shopping!

To join AmazonSmile from the mobile app, open the app and find "Settings" in the main menu. Tap on "AmazonSmile" and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

Seats Available Apply Now!

*We still have open seats in Kinder, 1st, 5th,
6th and 9th grades!*

Do you know a family looking for PS-9th grade? At MCA students from 3 years old to 9th grade receive a Christ-centered education in a loving, family environment.

Interested families are welcome to check out our [website](#), our [virtual open house](#), or to call us at 212-567-5521! Our application and enrollment processes are completely online.

Help us spread the word about MCA by sharing this [flyer](#) with your family, friends, neighbors, and church!



Prayer Requests

- Fundraising / finances
- Safe start to MS/HS sports and clubs
- Welcoming of new students, families, and teachers
- Planning and growth of MCA High School
- Development and implementation of a Christian worldview in our school culture
- Growth of Christian education and homeschooling opportunities
- MCA parents and families
- Weekly Chapels and our study of our Statement of Faith
- Middle /High School Leadership and Discipleship
- Training, growth and development for MCA Board
- Manhattan Bible Church



9th Graders completed a community service project and prepared the science lab!



1st Grade enjoys technology class and learning about web pages and numbers!



8th Graders complete their first lab on weights and measures.



Kindergarten explores with sight words :)



PS|PK learning through play at the park!



1st Grade takes science outside and records data about weather!

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