



MARANATHA

BAPTIST ACADEMY

Parent / Student
Handbook

A Word from the Administrator

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Maranatha Baptist Academy. We are so glad that you have chosen Christian education for your students. We consider it an honor and privilege to partner with you in the education of your children. Thank you for the opportunity to be involved in the training of your students. As we work together, we trust the Lord will bless the relationships that are established through our school.

The Academy is a college preparatory school with a heart for the spiritual well-being of the students. Our faculty are well-qualified in their field of expertise. They have a great love for students and a desire to see students grow in the Lord and in their academic training.

It is our desire to partner with you in guiding your students to maturity and young adulthood. As we journey through the school year together, we trust that we can function as a team. Our mission is to work with parents to prepare students academically and see them choosing to live for Christ.

Please read this handbook carefully with your student. This information is presented to assist you in understanding our philosophy, policies and doctrine. We are excited that you have decided to make MBA your educational choice and will be glad to assist you in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

Lane Hansel
Administrator

Mission Statement

Maranatha Baptist Academy partners with parents, academically prepares students, and promotes living for Christ.

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Introduction

History

Maranatha Baptist Academy was founded in 1973 as a ministry of Maranatha Baptist Bible College due to the vision of Dr. B. Myron Cedarholm. Maranatha Baptist Academy was started to meet a growing demand for a Christian high school, as well as, to provide a quality Christian education for College faculty and staff children.

By the late '70s and early '80s, the Academy was developing an identity of its own. The rooms on Old Main's second floor became full-time Academy classrooms. Lockers were added, and the walls were painted in school colors and symbols. Special rooms were designated for Academy dorm students.

By the mid '80s and into the '90s, MBA had become fairly independent from the College in administration, operation, and daily activities. The high school moved into the lower level of Old Main with five brand new classrooms and four office areas.

Since its founding there have been over 900 graduates who have received their education from MBA. The success of the school may be seen reflected in its graduates: missionaries, pastors, teachers, and others successful in secular fields while serving faithfully in their local churches.

School Verse

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
Colossians 1:10

School Colors

Navy Blue and Gold

Mascot

Crusaders

Objectives

The responsibility for the training and education of children was given by the Lord to the parents. Parental responsibilities are detailed in numerous Biblical passages (Proverbs, Deuteronomy 6, Ephesians 6:1-4, and Colossians 2:8). The church is charged with the responsibility to teach sound doctrine (Ephesians 4:12-15) and to preserve the Truth (I Timothy 3:15). God established the home, church, and civil government to work together to train the child. Maranatha Baptist Academy will strive to see the following objectives accomplished:

- Lead the student to acknowledge Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior
- Complement the instruction received at home
- Teach the Bible as absolute truth and a guide in daily living
- Provide the student with traditional, Christ-centered education
- Provide fine arts and extracurricular activities
- Prepare the student for the challenges of college life
- Instruct young people to seek God's direction for their lives

Doctrinal Statement

1. We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Old and New Testaments.
2. God is in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. New birth is in Christ alone.
4. Baptism is by immersion for believers only.
5. We believe in eternal security.
6. We believe the Lord's Supper is a memorial.
7. Creation occurred in six days of twenty-four hours each.
8. We believe in the bodily resurrection of Christ and His bodily ascension into heaven where He now intercedes for believers.
9. We believe in the pre-tribulational rapture for all believers.
10. We believe in the pre-millennial return and millennial reign of the Lord Jesus Christ.
11. We believe in the judgment.
12. Heaven and hell are a reality.
13. The local church is God's institution to carry out the Great Commission.
14. Every believer is obligated to live a holy life and witness to the lost of the saving power of Christ.

General Information

School Hours

8:20 to 3:20

Academy Office

The Academy office is open for business each school day between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Information concerning school policies and activities, may be obtained by calling or visiting the Academy office during these hours.

If a parent must bring homework, books, or other materials to his or her child during the school day, it should be taken to the office for delivery. In emergency situations the school will relay messages to students.

When a parent finds it necessary to visit a classroom during the school day, he or she must first check in at the school office.

Admissions

Admission Policies

Maranatha Baptist Academy admits students of any race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities made available to students at the school. The following steps must be completed for enrollment into the Academy.

- Students and parents need to schedule an interview with the Academy administrator.
- Final acceptance is dependent upon completion of all forms, transcripts/school records, the physical examination form, results of any necessary placement testing, and payment of the registration fee.
- We ask that parents or guardians sign the Statement of Cooperation and that the student signs the Student's Code of Conduct. The admission procedure cannot be finalized without completion of these forms.
- Acceptance is dependent upon a clear testimony of faith in Christ and desire and evidence of a Christian testimony.

Financial Information

Tuition may be paid in nine monthly installments beginning in September. If tuition is not paid by the tenth of the month, a \$10 late fee will be assessed. Accounts must be paid in full before final report cards, transcripts or diplomas are issued. Accounts of graduating seniors must be paid in full or special arrangements made before they can participate in senior exams or commencement.

If a student is dismissed for any reason, or if a student withdraws, a pro-rated tuition must be paid for attendance for any part of that month. No other fees will be refunded.

Insurance

All students of MBA must be covered by a health insurance policy. This may be through the parents' insurance or through a policy available from the College.

Any student participating in athletics must be sure that he or she is covered by insurance for competition in sports. This must be on file in the Academy office prior to participation, including preseason.

Graduation Requirements

MBA requires the successful completion of an established academic program. This includes accumulating 24 credits for the high school diploma and participating in a school sponsored senior class trip.

The following are MBA graduation requirements by subject area:

Bible	4 credits	Computer	1 credit
English	4 credits	Speech	1 credit
Math	3 credits	Physical Education	½ credit
Science	3 credits	Electives	4 ½ credits
Social Studies	3 credits		

Total: 24 credits

General Schedule

Freshmen

Bible
English
World History
Algebra 1
Physical Science
Computer
Band / Choir

Sophomore

Bible
English
US History
Algebra 2
Biology
Speech 1
Band / Choir

Junior

Bible
English
Govt./Economics
Algebra 3 or Geometry
Chemistry
Anatomy
Electives

Senior

Bible
English
Calculus
Physics
Electives
College Classes

In addition to these classes, a wide range of electives may be offered.

Anatomy and Physiology	1 credit	Physics	1 credit
Band	½ credit	Spanish 1	1 credit
Choir	½ credit	Spanish 2	1 credit
Creative Writing	½ credit	Speech 2	1 credit
		Yearbook	½ credit

Student Report Cards

Report cards will be mailed out approximately one week after the completion of the semester. Quarter grades are not part of the student's permanent record but are an indicator of grade status at that time. Report cards are a tool to aid students in the evaluation of academic achievement.

Academy Grading Scale

95-100	A
93-94	A-
91-92	B+
87-90	B
85-86	B –
83-84	C+
77-82	C
75-76	C-
73-74	D+
69-72	D
67-68	D-
66 or below	F (no credit given)
I	Incomplete (F if not completed)
W	Withdrawn from MBA

Homework

Homework is an essential part of an Academy education and is assigned Monday through Friday. After school study reinforces the day’s learning and emphasizes that the school day should not be the only time when the student’s task is to practice, review or learn.

The Academy recognizes parents as partners in their children’s educational experience and stresses the crucial need for parents to establish and monitor homework time. Older students often receive long-term assignments to help them learn how to plan ahead and manage their time.

Project assignments that are known in advance and that fall due during an absence are due on the day the student returns to school.

Bible

MBA uses the King James Version in classes, chapels and Scripture memorization. This insures consistency in content and wording.

College Course Offerings

MBA Juniors and Seniors have the opportunity to receive credit for College level courses according to the following criteria:

- Students need to secure administrative approval
- Be enrolled as a full-time Academy student (minimum of five classes)
- No financial aid is available until a student earns a high school diploma
- College application, library and student benefit fees are waived. The only charges would be the college tuition fee per credit hour and normal course expenses (textbooks, class materials, lab fees, etc.)
- Maranatha Baptist Academy tuition covers up to six Academy courses per year with a cap of 24 academic courses over four years.
- Juniors and seniors will have access to six credits of college courses per year at a rate

of \$100.00 per credit hour. These credits may be taken with face-to-face instruction or in an online environment.

- If a student desires to take more than six college credits during the course of one year, the student will then be charged the part-time per credit rate of the college.

Course Changes

The period for dropping or adding a course is the first week of classes during First and Second Semester. No student may drop or add a course without parental and administrative permission.

Transcripts

One copy of a student's high school transcript will be forwarded to the college of his or her choice or to another school at no cost. For each additional copy, a \$5.00 service charge will be assessed, payable before delivery.

Student Conduct

Proverbs 25:28 speaks of self-governance which comes through maturity. It is the purpose of the disciplinary system at MBA to aid young people in the development of Christian character. A firm, reasonable, and just system of discipline is maintained at MBA and, in order to accomplish this, all faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to deal personally with offenders. Only faculty or staff can submit detentions or demerits.

Maranatha Baptist Academy strives for full cooperation from both students and parents. MBA seeks to partner with parents to lead and guide students in their daily walk with the Lord. Students at MBA are expected to maintain a Christ-like attitude. Attendance at MBA is a privilege. Because attendance is a privilege, we ask that both students and parents carefully read, sign, and support the Parents' Statement of Cooperation. Any student found to be in direct opposition with the standards set at MBA will be disciplined accordingly and may be dismissed from the Academy.

If a student brings a problem home, parents should encourage the student to go immediately to the teacher involved so that a positive resolution to the situation may be achieved. If the problem is not completely resolved, the parent should call the Academy administrator for assistance in addressing the issue.

Any infraction of a regulation carries a measure of consequence or discipline. Infractions may result in, but may not be limited to, demerits, detentions, loss of privileges, suspension from school, expulsion, or some other penalty as determined by the teacher, parents, or administrator.

Classroom discipline will be maintained by the teacher and the administration. If, in the opinion of the administration, a student manifests a destructive influence or spirit contrary to the purposes and principles for which the Academy exists, the student shall be subject to dismissal even though he may not have broken any specific rules or regulations.

Demerit System

Below is a list of infractions with the number of demerits normally given for each (numbers increase with repeated infractions):

Tardy to class	1, 3, 5
Failure to follow administrative policy (not checking out, etc.)	5
Dress or hair infractions	5 – 30
Vehicle misuse	10 – 20
Unexcused absence from class	15
Technology violation	10 – 50
Disrespect or disobedience	15 – 75
Possession of prohibited articles	20 – expulsion
Mistreatment of other students	20 – 75
Improper social conduct	30 – 100
Cheating	30 – 100
Plagiarism	50 – 100
Profanity	50 – 100
Lying	50 – 100
Inappropriate activity such as dancing, inappropriate concerts, etc.	50 – expulsion

Knowledge of wrongdoing or major offense without participating	50 – expulsion
Pornography	50 – expulsion
Smoking	50 – expulsion
Stealing	50 – expulsion
Immorality	75 – expulsion
Drinking	50 – expulsion
Illegal drug possession or use	expulsion
Weapons possession at school	expulsion

Demerit Accumulations

15 demerits – A detention will be served.

50 demerits – A letter is sent home to parents (confirmed by phone), one week extracurricular ineligibility and counseling.

75 demerits – Parents are called, a letter sent home, a parent conference requested, two weeks extracurricular ineligibility and required counseling.

100 demerits – The student’s extracurricular eligibility will be suspended. Eligibility for the next extracurricular event or season will need to be approved by the administration. The student will be ineligible for class offices, leadership positions, and special recognition or awards. Counseling will be required.

125 demerits – Students are subject to a 3-day suspension (“in-school” or “out-of-school” at the discretion of the administration) and the student must make up any missed work. Students are also subject to disciplinary probation for the next semester and counseling.

150 demerits – Students are expelled from the Academy.

Detention

Detentions are the consequence of demerits given as a result of a disciplinary issue and/or the accumulation of demerits. Students will serve the detentions after school. Each accumulation of 15 demerits will require the student to attend detention for forty-five minutes after school in a designated room. A failure to report to or have the detention form signed by a parent will result in an additional detention.

Suspension

A student receiving a suspension (in-school or out-of-school) is required to make up all of the school work he or she misses. A parent meeting with the administration, counseling, and a project related to the infraction will be a part of the restoration process.

Expulsion

A student may be in jeopardy of expulsion from the Academy for the following reasons:

- The accumulation of 150 demerits in one semester.
- The accumulation of 120 demerits during a semester of disciplinary probation.
- The manifestation of a destructive influence or spirit contrary to the purposes and principles for which the Academy exists.
- Committing an expellable offense (see demerit list).

Students who have been expelled must make arrangements for immediate departure, taking all personal belongings with them. They may not return to the campus during the semester in which they are expelled, unless special permission is granted by the administration. The student may re-enroll in the Academy after the expiration of the semester of expulsion, plus one additional semester. The student must then receive permission from the administration to re-enroll.

If a student is expelled during the final week of a semester, they may be allowed to take their exams in the Administrator's office.

Disciplinary Probation

If a student is re-admitted after an expulsion, he is on disciplinary probation for the next semester.

- The student is eligible to participate in extracurricular activities (i.e., plays, concerts, sports, etc.) but may not receive awards, hold leadership positions, or have lead roles.
- The student is not eligible to be a class officer, hold a leadership position or receive special recognition or awards.
- If the student is placed on Disciplinary Probation in any subsequent semester, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activities.
- The student will observe the following demerit accumulation levels:
 - 40 demerits – one week extracurricular ineligibility
 - 60 demerits – two weeks extracurricular ineligibility
 - 80 demerits – extracurricular ineligibility the remainder of the semester
 - 100 demerits – 3-day suspension
 - 120 demerits – expulsion

Music Standards

MBA desires that all students learn to appreciate good music. Because believers are to love not the world, neither the things that are in the world (1 John 2:15), students are expected to refrain from singing, playing, possessing, purchasing, or listening to certain kinds of music.

The following types of music are considered appropriate:

- Classical
- Approved religious music
- Semi-classical

Dress Code

Appearance is a very recognizable part of one's testimony, and I Timothy 4:12 challenges us to be an example in all areas of life. The dress code at MBA stresses that students be modest, neat, and appropriate in their attire. We ask that support be given to the application of the dress code understanding that some aspects reflect institutional preferences. Dress policies are intended to maintain a standard that is above reproach and is easy to understand and enforce. Clothing and hairstyles that are identified with culturally stigmatized fashions and activities are not allowed. We desire our students to be glorifying and pleasing to God (I Corinthians 10:31).

Academy Boys' Dress Code

Athletic Dress

Appropriate for sports participation and Fitness Center Gym.

Acceptable

- Athletic pants, sweats, or knee length loose-fitting shorts
- T-shirts with sleeves
- Official team uniforms
- When not involved in activity, students are to follow Casual Dress guidelines
- Athletic dress may not be worn in Old Main, the Dining Hall Complex, or the library

Casual Dress

Appropriate for on or off-campus activities and games.

Acceptable

- Jeans and athletic pants (not for school)
- T-shirts with sleeves
- Athletic shoes

Class Dress

Required for school day.

Acceptable

- Dress pants, Dockers style pants or non-blue jeans
- Collared shirt tucked in
- Belt or suspenders
- Casual or athletic shoes with socks
- Hoodies or sweatshirts may be MBA promotional items or have branding smaller than a hand

Semiformal and Formal Dress

Required for banquets, plays, concerts, and when announced.

Acceptable

- Concert attire
- Suits, sports coats, or tuxedos
- Dress shirt

- Tie or bow tie
- Belt or suspenders
- Dress shoes and dress socks

General Guidelines

- Hair must be a natural color and cut in a traditional, conservative style, tapered, and must be above the collar, off the ears, and above the eyebrows
- Men are to be clean-shaven
- Clothing should not be ripped, patched, torn, or inappropriately faded
- Tattoos, body piercing, and body branding are not permitted
- Jewelry is not permitted
- ID and medical alert bracelets may be worn

Note: Due to the blatant endorsement of nudity, promiscuity, and immoral life style of Abercrombie and Fitch and Hollister Co. – as evidenced by their catalog and general advertising – the Academy deems it necessary and appropriate to ban any clothing that bears their name, trademarks, or other visible evidence of association with Abercrombie & Fitch and Hollister Co.

Academy Girls' Dress Code

Athletic Dress

Appropriate for sports participation and Fitness Center Gym.

Acceptable

- Athletic pants, loose fitting slacks, or knee length, loose-fitting shorts
- Loose fitting shirts
- When not involved in activity, students should follow athletic dress
- Athletic dress may not be worn in Old Main, the Dining Complex, or the library

Casual Dress

Appropriate for on- or off-campus activities and athletic events

Acceptable

- Loose-fitting pants and non-blue jeans
- Loose-fitting casual T-shirts or sweatshirts
- Denim skirts

Class Dress

Required for school day

Acceptable

- Loose-fitting dresses and non-denim skirts

- Dress or non-casual shoes
- Loose-fitting modest tops
- Hoodies or sweatshirts may be MBA promotional items or have branding smaller than a hand

Announced Cold Days

Acceptable

- Tan, black, gray, or navy khaki-type pants
- Loose-fitting (pinch an inch along the seams)
- No skinny pants

Semiformal and Formal Dress

Required for banquets, plays, concerts, recitals, and when announced

Acceptable

- Formal dresses
- Concert attire
- Dress shoes

General Guidelines

Clothing

- All clothing must be loose fitting
- Hemlines and slits may not be shorter than the top of the knee when standing or sitting
- Necklines may not be lower than 3 fingers-width from the collarbone in front and 5 fingers-width from the base of the neck in back
- Sleeveless garments are not permitted
- Tops must be long enough to cover all skin at all times
- Clothing of sheer or revealing material may be worn only when the garment underneath conforms to normal dress guidelines
- Clothing should not be ripped, patched, torn, or inappropriately faded
- Leggings and tights are to be solid neutral or dark color without sparkles
- Hair is to be cut in a feminine style and should be a natural color
- Tattoos, body piercing, and body branding are not permitted
- A maximum of three earrings may be worn in each ear: two earrings in each lobe and one cartilage piercing in each ear

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General Policies

Academic Testing

Maranatha Baptist Academy maintains a thorough testing program to measure student ability and progress. Test results are used to help the administration and faculty to work more effectively with each student and to make continual improvements to the curriculum. Freshman and Juniors are given Stanford achievement tests each spring. Sophomores are given the PLAN Test in the fall. Juniors and seniors are encouraged to take the ACT test as well. Students will be notified in advance concerning the times and places of these examinations.

Attendance/Absence Policies

In order for your child to gain the most from school, he must be in regular attendance. Excused absences will be given for the following:

- Illness
- Bereavement
- Medical/dental/driver's testing appointments

If a student is absent from school, parents are asked to call the school office. Homework assignments may be requested by the parent.

Students with a dental or doctor appointment during school hours are asked to bring a note to the office in order to receive an early dismissal pass. Students must sign out at the office before leaving. If the student returns to school before the end of the school day, he is asked to report back to the office to sign in.

The student, whether present or not, is responsible for all assignments, classroom lectures, notebooks, tests, homework, etc. It is the student's responsibility to go to his or her teachers to inquire about assignments missed. Students chronically absent may see their grade affected. All homework missed during time away from school is to be made up and have ready for class on the first day back unless prior arrangements have been made with the teacher. If the work is not completed, the student will receive a 60% for each missed assignment.

A maximum of twelve excused absences are permitted per year. These are for non-school sponsored, parent-attended activities. MBA recognizes the authority and privilege of the parents to request a student to be absent from school. These days need to be arranged in advance. If a student exceeds the allotted twelve excused absences, the consequences may be reflected in the student's grade.

Change of Address

Students are to provide the Academy office with any telephone numbers, cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses or contact persons for emergency purposes. Parents need to notify the Academy office if there are changes in addresses or telephone numbers.

Chapel

Chapel is held to exhort, encourage, challenge and strengthen each individual present.

Child Abuse Policy

Maranatha Baptist Academy personnel are required by law to report any evidence of child abuse to civil authorities. All such reports shall also be made known to the Academy administration.

Church Attendance

In accordance with the clear biblical teaching concerning our obligation to the local church, each student is expected to faithfully attend the services of a Bible-preaching church.

Computer Usage

Each Academy student will receive a personal computer account which will allow him access to the internet for school research and projects. MBBC utilizes a tightly monitored filter system to screen content. Students are to abide by conditions agreed upon in the IT agreement form which is a prerequisite for computer use on campus. Access to computers by students during the school day will be monitored.

Crusader Kickoff

Maranatha Baptist Academy begins each school year with several days of activity for all students. The program is designed to allow faculty and students to get acquainted in a warm spiritual atmosphere. During these days, activities are designed to address the spiritual, social, emotional and physical aspects of a student's life.

Eligibility

Student eligibility for extracurricular activities is based on grade average and deportment. The following guidelines will be followed:

- An eligible student must be a full-time student carrying at least five credits
- A student must maintain a "C" average overall, while not having any failing grades.
- A failing grade in a class on the semester report card will result in three weeks ineligibility for the next semester. If a student earns two failing grades on a semester report card, one of the courses must be made up before the student can participate.
- Eligibility is determined after the first three weeks of school and weekly thereafter.
- To participate in an athletic game or practice or extracurricular activity, including fine arts, a student must be in school a minimum of four hours the day of competition.
- A student's failure to remain eligible will disqualify him or her from participating in athletic competitions, being part of a special group and from performing during the school play. Students will be allowed to participate in athletic practice sessions and rehearsals for the school play.

Fire Drills

Fire drills will be regularly conducted for the safety of our students. Evacuation routes for the Main Building have been posted in all of the classrooms to enhance safety.

Gym Usage

Because of the tremendous usage of the gymnasium and the potential liability involved, students may not be in the gymnasium at any time without being involved in a directed school function. A faculty, staff or parent must be present at all times.

Harassment Policy

At Maranatha Baptist Academy, we expect every student to be treated with fairness, respect and dignity. Accordingly, any form of harassment related to an individual's race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age or disability, or any other legally-protected basis is a violation of this policy and will be treated as a disciplinary matter.

For these purposes, the term "harassment" includes slurs and any other offensive remarks, jokes, graphic material, or other offensive verbal, written, or physical conduct.

MBA is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy school environment and takes all appropriate health and safety precautions consistent with current medical knowledge. Accordingly, students may not refuse to work with, cooperate with, withhold services from, or otherwise harass, intimidate, demean, or isolate a student because of a known or suspected disability or disease.

MBA will take all steps necessary to prevent any form of harassment from occurring. All teachers are informed of this policy and have been instructed as to what constitutes proper and improper behavior. MBA is prepared to promptly take the steps necessary to enforce this policy.

Library

Students who wish to use the Cedarholm Library Research Center during school hours must first obtain a library pass from a teacher. Students will be issued a library card at the start of the school year. Academy students are to follow the Library policies.

Lockers

Each Academy student will be issued an individual locker. These lockers are to be used to store books and personal belongings. Locker checks may be conducted by the administration. Locks will be issued upon student request.

Lost and Found

A college lost and found is located in the Post Office. It will be open every school day. An additional lost and found will be maintained in the Academy main office for items left in the Academy hall.

Lunch

Students are to eat their lunch in the Dining Hall or in the downstairs Student Center. Students are not permitted to leave campus or go to their car during the lunch period without prior permission from the Academy office.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled each fall after the first quarter. However, we encourage parents to schedule conferences with individual teachers at any time.

Prohibited Articles

Tobacco in any form, alcoholic beverages, medicines not prescribed for that student, narcotics, dice, playing cards, knives, guns, matches, explosives of any kind, electronic games, radios, televisions or ear phones are prohibited. Palm devices and computers are permissible but are not to be used as games or distractions. Cellular phones may be kept in the student's locker or on their person. They are not to be seen or heard during the school day. They may be used with permission from the school office. Prohibited items used in an unauthorized fashion will be confiscated.

Required Functions

All Academy students are to attend the Academy concerts and commencement exercises. If it becomes necessary for a student to be absent from a required function, the student must bring a note explaining the reason for the absence and have it approved in advance by the administration.

School Awards

Daniel and Lydia Awards

- These two Christian Character awards are given to one young lady and one young man who best represent the ideals, goals, and mission of Maranatha Baptist Academy. The students are nominated and then voted on by the faculty and staff. A student must have attended the Academy for a minimum of two years in order to qualify for the award.

MBA Spirit Award

- The recipients for this award are determined by the faculty and staff at MBA. The students chosen for this award represent the spirit and purpose of Maranatha Baptist Academy: a spirit and purpose of service, leadership, and high character with a mindset to pursue excellence. There will be one student chosen from each grade.

Highest Academic Average

- Awarded to the student from each grade that has the highest numerical grade average for the school year.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

- The Valedictorian and Salutatorian are awarded to those seniors having the highest cumulative grade point average earned in the eight semesters spent in high school. The student chosen as the Valedictorian must have at least a 3.75 GPA and the Salutatorian must have at least a 3.5 GPA. In order for a student to be selected for either award, they must have been enrolled in the Academy for a minimum of two years as a full-time student.

American Christian Honor Society

This organization was founded by the American Association of Christian Schools in March 1979 as a means to honor those students that portray certain character qualities. The American Christian Honor Society seeks to:

- Advance Christian Scholarship
- Challenge Christian Leadership
- Honor Christian Character
- Stimulate Christian Service

Entrance into the society is based upon a certain level of academic achievement as well as observations by the faculty and staff at the Academy. To qualify academically students must reach the following academic levels: sophomores 95%, juniors 92% and seniors 90%.

Presidential Academic Awards

- The purpose of the President's Education Awards program is to recognize academic success in the classroom. The two categories of awards are the President's Award for Educational Excellence (students achieving a 3.8 GPA or above for this current school year) and the President's Award for Educational Achievement (i.e. students that show outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in their academic subjects).

School Closings

A severe storm or other emergency may require school to be closed. If Watertown Unified School District is closed then MBA will also be closed. When school has been closed, look for Watertown Unified School District on the following TV and radio stations:

WKCH 106.5 FM
WTMJ 620 AM
WISC-TV Channel 3

WJJO 94.1 FM
WFAW 940 AM
WMTV-TV Channel 15

WISN-TV Channel 12
WSJY 107.3 FM
WTMJ-TV Channel 4

School closing information is also available by calling the college Welcome Center at 920-261-9300.

School Equipment

Each student is expected to treat every piece of property at the school with respect. Students are encouraged to help keep the floors and grounds free of paper and other materials. Cost of damages inflicted upon school property will be paid by the student. Individuals causing willful damage will be disciplined and assessed fees for repair or replacement.

Senior Trip

Each year the Senior Class takes a class trip. This usually occurs near the end of the year. All seniors are expected to participate, as it is part of their graduation requirements. The cost of the trip will vary, but there is opportunity to raise many of the funds during the year by class projects.

Solicitation

Soliciting is not allowed at MBA without the permission of the administration. This includes the selling of tickets, candy, etc., the distribution of political or religious materials, or the circulation of petitions.

Student Activities

Student activities at MBA are designed to build leadership qualities in our students and to provide a guided atmosphere for social interaction. Each grade is sponsored by an Academy faculty. Under the guidance of its sponsor and the leadership of its officers, each class plans and conducts class meetings, events and fundraisers.

Student Drivers

Any student, having permission from their parents and possessing a valid driver's license, may drive to school. Once a vehicle has been parked on campus, the student is to leave the car and not return to it until the end of the day, unless special permission is obtained from the Academy office. Loitering around the cars is prohibited. Under no circumstances are students to transport anyone other than those assigned by the parents to ride with that student driver. Couples are not allowed to be in cars.

Academy students are to register each of the vehicles that they will be driving to school, whether parking on campus or parking on the street. Vehicle registration forms may be obtained from the Academy office. The Academy has an assigned student lot on the east side of the main building. If an Academy student parks anywhere on campus, a fee must be paid and a sticker must be placed in the lower left of the rear window. Violation of parking areas, registration stickers, or posted speed limits may result in issuance of a ticket by campus security. Repeated offenders or reckless drivers will lose driving privileges.

Threatening Speech Policy

It is the desire of Maranatha Baptist Academy to help parents train their children to communicate with peers and others with charity and goodwill. The Academy does not tolerate demeaning or disrespectful depictions of individuals or groups regardless of the form of communication (written, oral or art). Depictions of violence or threats against an individual or ethnic group will be addressed aggressively by the administration. Penalties will range from suspension for portrayals done in ignorance or jest to expulsion and/or involvement of local law enforcement authority for more serious representations. Parents are encouraged to warn their children that punishment for such depiction of violence or the threat of violence will be severely punished.

Visitors to Academy Classes

Parents are always welcome to visit Academy classes. In order to provide uninterrupted instruction, we ask that classroom visits and teacher conferences be scheduled in advance through the school office. Teachers are happy to arrange conferences with parents as needed, but must maintain normal classroom responsibilities. Please also remember that MBA is a smoke-free environment. Visiting students must obtain permission from the Academy administrator in advance of a visit. Visitors are expected to abide by the Academy dress code.

Withdrawal

Withdrawals from school are to be made through the Academy office. Students are considered enrolled in school until notification has been given to the office. Tuition is due and payable until that time. A two-week notice of intent to withdraw is requested. Records will not be released until all bills are paid and all textbooks and materials have been returned.