

WINGSPAN

DECEMBER 2022



**“DECLARE HIS
GLORY AMONG
THE NATIONS,
HIS MARVELOUS
WORKS AMONG
ALL PEOPLES!”**

PSALM 96:3



GIVING THE GIFT OF THE GOSPEL

Sharing the gift of gospel with children all around the world. That is the goal of our partnership with Operation Christmas Child. Our prayer was for every child in elementary and junior high to pack a box. With the help of our high schoolers, we were able to exceed this goal in packing 717 OCC boxes to send to children around the world. Thank you to the many volunteers and donations provided by MCS families that made this event a success.

Applications for 2023-2024 school year are open. The admissions team along with our Student Life Coordinators and Student Body Leadership team recently hosted a junior high and high school Eagle Experience day. This was a fun and interactive day designed for prospective students to experience a “day in the life” of an MCS student. Our next Eagle Experience day will be held on Wednesday, February 8th. If you know anyone who would like to register, please have them contact the admissions office.



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HAPPENINGS IN HIGH SCHOOL



Several colleges and the U.S. Marine Corps was invited to MCS to speak to junior high and high school students.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Fall is an exciting time for our high school students as the focus is largely on preparing them for college and beyond. MCS held two college fairs just in the month of October. We build a college mindset starting in junior high by giving even our younger students an opportunity to meet with representatives from different universities. Meanwhile, many of our high schoolers took the PSAT or the SAT as they are already applying to their schools of choice.

In addition, MCS has added new classes this year to better prepare our students for life. Our Personal Finance class has been a very popular option for students to take. Freshman Success and Senior Seminar students are also hearing from many speakers who are providing excellent information on topics including college essay writing, how to have the college mindset, and developing successful study techniques.

For high school chapels this year, we have made an intentional effort to have more regular small groups. In our small groups we have been going through a series called "Now We Live" by Summit Ministries, focusing on how our faith can restore a broken world.

STAFF SHOUT-OUT



MR. JOSHUA ESCALANTE
High School Bible Teacher

"Mr. Escalante has demonstrated a clear passion for supporting students in the pursuit and deepening of their relationship with Jesus. His passion for God's word and Christ-like spirit is evident from his positive interactions."

- Principal Pete Plotnik

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 13-16

Finals

JANUARY 20-29

High School Play



STAR STUDENT



MATTHEW MONROY
Senior
National Merit Scholarship
Program Semi-Finalist

"Matthew has been an outstanding leader and contributor to student life at MCS, where he has demonstrated strength of character, resolve, integrity, and a strong work ethic. He represents one of our most individually diverse talents, excelling in academics, the performing arts, and in the athletic arena."

- Principal Pete Plotnik



Fall 2022 -
Senior Seminar
students complete
a core values
exercise in class.



NHS students
surprised their
teachers with a
mobile pancake
breakfast.



Senior Seminar and Freshman Success
students organized a student-led college
fair representing 24 different schools.



REACH FOR THE SKY IN JUNIOR HIGH

JOIN THE CLUB!

After some feedback from our MCS junior high students, we are gearing up to introduce brand new clubs for our students to join in early 2023. The clubs offered will include: Filmmaking, Cooking, 3D Design, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Debate and Worship. Stay tuned for more information about sign-ups.

In chapel, our students were taught by Pastor Jared Burke from Maranatha Chapel about how to really know God's love. In the coming weeks, we will continue our series, "In the Throne Room,"



Junior high students helped to pack hundreds of Operation Christmas Child boxes.

which is an examination of God's majesty and His amazing glory.

The friendly competition between junior high "houses" continues as our students are taking part in "play for the pennant" games as well as our annual "12 Days of Christmas" events. We also want to thank all of our students, teachers, and volunteers for another successful Operation Christmas Child event.



STAFF SHOUT-OUT



MR. DAN STOKES
Jr. High Math Teacher

"As a veteran of the military, we are excited to have Mr. Stokes as part of the JH staff. His love for our country, our school and our scholars is a blessing."

- Principal Kelly Rodriguez

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 1-16
12 Days of Christmas

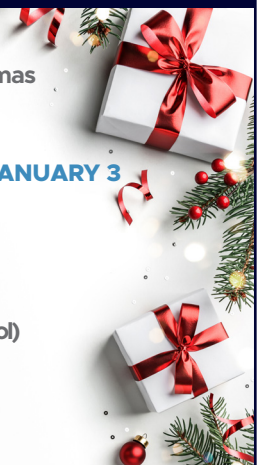
DECEMBER 5-16
Midterms

DECEMBER 19-JANUARY 3
Christmas Break

JANUARY 4
Return to School

JANUARY 16
MLK Day (No School)

JANUARY 24
Coffee with KRod



Snack Attack strikes again with Thanksgiving treats!



7th grade scholars learned about how intricate God created us, as they dissected a fetal pig.



"Minions" Movie Night



Students stopping by our MCS College Fair.



STAR STUDENT



KEIRA GRENEWITZ
8th Grade

"Keira's steadfast leadership and heart for her classmates is seen by all. From her serving on ASB, to sports and theater, Keira seeks to do her best and truly shines for the Lord."

- Principal Kelly Rodriguez

EAGLES IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GOD'S WONDERFUL CREATIONS

Fall is a season of change and this has been a wonderful opportunity for our elementary students to learn all about God's amazing creations. Our TK classes have been studying a variety of weekly themes including dinosaurs, Fall leaves, pumpkins and fire safety.

In November, our Kindergarten students learned all about the first Thanksgiving and the story of Squanto. They had a Thanksgiving celebration and wrote about what they were thankful for.

Our first grade classes went on an exciting field trip to the Creation Museum in Santee. The students also focused on learning about the history of our country and the native people of our land.



The second graders have been studying the different habitats around the world that God created and which animals and plants live there. They wrote research reports and concluded the lesson with a field trip to the San Diego Zoo.

God is science! Third grade studied forces in motion. The students enjoyed various experiments with magnets as they sought to answer questions about magnetic fields and gravity.

Fourth graders explored the earth's features in science and they investigated to find out if a volcano could pop up in our area by mapping out the Ring of Fire.

The fifth graders just finished their first ever student-led Thanksgiving feast. They had to plan their own table settings, decor and made freshly baked cornbread muffins. A great time was had by all!

Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast



Third grade lesson on gravity.



TK students learning about fossils.



First grade field trip to the Creation Museum.



Fifth grade students baking cornbread.



STAFF SHOUT-OUT



MRS. SUZANNE YOUNG
Third Grade Teacher

"Mrs. Young is a gifted teacher who brings fun and excitement into her lessons while being taught from a biblical worldview. Her students adore her."

- Principal Mary Cook

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 19-JANUARY 3

Christmas Break

JANUARY 4

Return to School

JANUARY 16

MLK Day (No School)

TBA

100th Day of School

TBA

TK Teddy Bear Picnic

TBA

5th Grade Trip to BizTown



STAR STUDENT



DYLAN MODIC
5th Grade - ASB President

"Dylan is a great leader for the elementary ASB. His reliability and positive attitude are key to making the ASB program a success."

- Principal Mary Cook

THE EAGLES NEST... INSIDE OUR PRESCHOOL

WHAT A BLESSING!

Each one of our preschool students is a sweet blessing to our school. We have watched them grow and learn over the past few months and now we are watching them bless others. Our annual Blessing Box program allows our families to fill the hearts of the homeless with Christ's love. The children filled the boxes with basic necessity items, small toys and candy. The boxes will be distributed to local families in need by the Hope in the Streets ministry team from Maranatha Chapel.



Blessing Boxes for our local homeless children.

Our preschool families have also been such a wonderful blessing to our school. It is our honor to announce that this year's Trike-a-Thon raised \$7,564.78! We have used the funds to purchase much needed lunch tables equipped with umbrellas, as well as new dramatic play bins for our classrooms. Thank you MCS Preschool families for your generosity.



STAFF SHOUT-OUT



MRS. IVY CARVER
3-4^s Teacher



MRS. AMY GROFF
4-5^s Teacher



MRS. LENORE REESE
2^s Teacher



MRS. DANIELLE WILSON
2^s and 4^s Teacher

"We are blessed to welcome these new teachers to our preschool staff! Their hearts are filled with a passion for early learning and they add many talents to our program."

- Principal Patrice Andrews



STAR STUDENT



TONI IGNACIO
Kinder Prep - Mrs. Carver

"Toni loves learning at school and kindly assists other students in our activity centers. Her joyful spirit lights up our classroom!"

- Mrs. Carver



Firemen Visit

Firemen Eric and Harrison (father and son) stopped by the preschool to teach the children about fire safety.



New Dramatic Play Bins



New Playground Lunch Tables



Thanksgiving Family Feast

SOARING IN THE SPOTLIGHT



“THE SUN WILL COME OUT TOMORROW”

The MCS on stage performance of Annie Jr. was another big success for our performing arts program. We had more than 1,000 public school children come see the show and 2,400 audience members during the 3 days it was open to the public. “To see our little Annie (MCS 4th grade student,



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Ryleigh O’Keefe) in her first lead role and evolve into the character was a total blessing for everyone involved,” said Jayne Howard, MCS Performing Arts Director. “This show was an amazing outreach opportunity beyond the walls of MCS.”



BROADWAY PLUS MASTER CLASS

Broadway Artist Morgan Anita Wood taught our first ever MCS “Broadway Plus Master Class”. The workshop was open to MCS junior high and high school students. Morgan plays Eliza (Hamilton’s wife) in the touring company of Hamilton which stopped in San Diego in November. She pointed all of her success on stage to God.

MCS choirs and band performed at our annual Christmas concert.



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The elementary Christmas shows delighted our audience and boosted the Christmas spirit.



SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 20-29
“The Play That Goes Wrong”
MARCH 10-19
“Oklahoma!”



MARANATHA EAGLES SPORTS



LEAVING THE NEST!

Signing Ceremony Success for 3 MCS Seniors Committed to Colleges on Athletic Scholarships

What a special day honoring and celebrating the outstanding athletic achievements of our three, all Division 1, college commits! Rodaylin Mina is a girls golfer, who will be attending the University of San Francisco. Joey Wittig is a baseball player who will be attending the United States Air Force Academy. Nico Newhan is also a baseball player who will be attending the University of Arizona. Congratulations to these hardworking Eagles and their families.

As we enter into the Winter season of sports, we invite our MCS families and the community to continue to support our athletes. Our weekly game schedules are posted on our athletics website: MaranathaEagles.com

"EVERY GOOD
AND
PERFECT GIFT
IS FROM ABOVE"

JAMES 1:17



**JH Cross Country
is Making Strides**
The Eagles earned
their wings this
season becoming
only the 5th team
in school history to
finish as champions
of the South Coast
Middle School
Leagues North Division. The 2022 team
is the first Eagles
cross country program to finish #1.

CHECK IT OUT!

For the latest news,
game schedules,
video highlights
and more...

maranathaeagles.com





Operation Christmas Child
November 3, 2022

MCS students and their families joined together to pack 717 shoeboxes for children in need around the world.

