

WINGSPAN

MARCH 2022



MCS third graders Gabby Olenik, Ryleigh O'Keefe and Naomi Jones, put their hearts on display for Valentine's Day.

THE ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

As our students continue to study the Fruits of the Spirit, we are reminded of God's goodness and his love. At Maranatha Christian Schools, our goal is to extend that love to as many members of our community as we can. Beginning in March, our Admissions Department will start the process of reaching out to new families to offer letters of acceptance. We are so grateful for

**"AND NOW ABIDE FAITH, HOPE, LOVE, THESE THREE;
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE."**

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1

the families who are interested and excited about attending Maranatha Christian Schools next school year. Never in the history of our school have we received so many applications. What an honor to be able to provide a Bible-based, Christ-centered education to even more students. We give the glory to God.



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HAPPENINGS IN HIGH SCHOOL

SALUTING OUR SENIORS

The countdown is on for the MCS Class of 2022. There are many exciting things planned for our Seniors as we prepare for graduation. We are thrilled to announce that our Senior Class Valedictorian is Mateus Behrend. Mateus has a GPA of 4.45 and is currently deciding which university he will commit to upon graduation. Not only is Mateus at the top of his academic class, but he is also a star basketball player for the Maranatha Eagles. Mateus broke the all-time school record for 99, 3-point shots in one season.

Our Salutatorian this year is Vanessa Muller. Vanessa has a 4.40 total GPA. She is the recipient of an "early decision" from Johns Hopkins University. Not only is Vanessa an outstanding student, but she is also a gifted actress and most recently had a role in the CLUE On Stage performance. We are eager to hear from both Mateus and Vanessa as they will be giving commencement speeches at the graduation ceremony.



Mateus Behrend
Valedictorian



Vanessa Muller
Salutatorian



STAFF SHOUT-OUT



MR. ERIC MARTIN

STEM Coordinator

**Physics & Engineering Instructor
Asst. Coach for Girls Basketball**

"Mr. Martin is dedicated and loves the Lord. He is well respected by the staff and students and he reflects God's love in his interactions with others."

- Principal Plotnik

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 2

MORP Dance

MAY 28

Prom at the Marriott Marquis

WEEK OF MAY 30

Senior Trip

JUNE 3

Graduation



LUNAR NEW YEAR BBQ

Lunar New Year events recognized the cultures of many of our international students. The week long celebration commenced with a Lunar New Year BBQ organized by our International Student Coordinator, Britnie Reid.

OLIVE CREST

Our National Honor Society students are collecting donations for Olive Crest. "We aim to bless Olive Crest as they support and care for foster youth in a God-loving way." - MCS NHS



Sadie Hawkins Dance

February 12, 2022

REACH FOR THE SKY IN JUNIOR HIGH

“ASKING FOR A FRIEND”

Our Junior High students have questions, and we feel honored to help provide answers. Our “Asking for a Friend” chapel was a wonderful opportunity to hear what is on the hearts and minds of our students. We asked them to anonymously submit questions, then a panel of staff and teachers was able to provide biblical insight. A few of the thought-provoking and insightful questions that were asked included: How

do I make a best friend? How often should I read my Bible? Where was God on September 11th? Is it okay to be jealous? Do we have any clues as to when Jesus is coming back? Thank you to all students who submitted questions. Another successful chapel was our “Love the Difference” discussion. We discussed God’s view of race and culture.



STAFF SHOUT-OUT



MRS. JAYNE HOWARD

Performing Arts Director

“Mrs. Howard not only directs our school plays but helps coordinate our chapels, while leading students in worship of our Lord. She truly lives out her motto and performs for an audience of ONE!”

- Principal Kelly Rodriguez



Duo Day on 2/2/22



Junior High Snack Attack and Color Wars
A big ‘thank you’ to the Division Coordinators for another great Jr. High Snack Attack.



SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 16

I Have a Dream Chapel

MARCH 31

Open House and Art Show

APRIL 11

Spiritual Emphasis Week

MAY 2-5

6th Grade Class Trip

MAY 2-6

7th and 8th Grade Class Trip



STAR STUDENTS



MADISON MODIC

6th Grade

“Whether Madison is planning an event to honor Pastor Ray or being a student ambassador and showing potential students around campus -- she shines the light of Jesus in all she does.”

- Principal Kelly Rodriguez

EAGLES IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

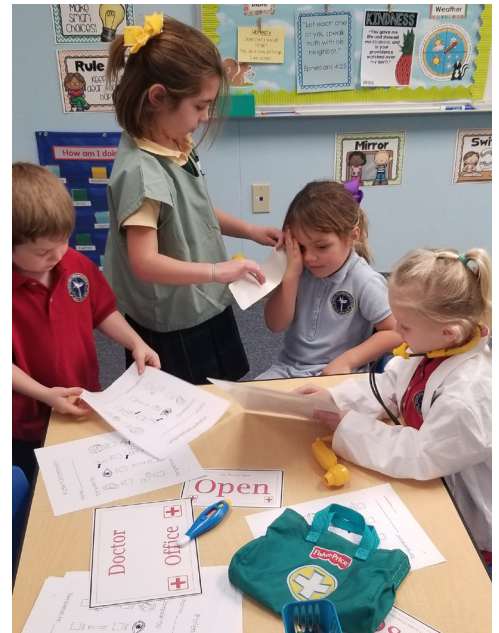
HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Our MCS teachers have a wonderful way of teaching history and social studies to our students. The TK classes learned about President Washington and President Lincoln as well as 'fun center' visits to the doctor and vet. Our Kindergarten classes have been studying U.S. Presidents and Martin Luther King, Jr. First grade just completed a lesson about the Olympic games. The second grade classes have been studying U.S. Geography and just finished the "Flat Stanley" adventure where Stanley went as far as Australia, China and Dubai. Both of our third grade classes have enjoyed learning about San Diego's history and will tour the U.S.S. Midway Museum in May. The fourth graders have spent the year learning about California's history. They will tour the state capitol in Sacramento at the end of March. Please pray for a wonderful and safe experience for our students, staff and chaperones. The fifth graders will continue their study of the 13 colonies and the Revolutionary War with a trip to Riley's Farm in late April.

Keeping track of academic growth continues to be a primary focus. In January, our Elementary students completed MAP testing which allows MCS to analyze each student's individualized academic achievements.

"YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

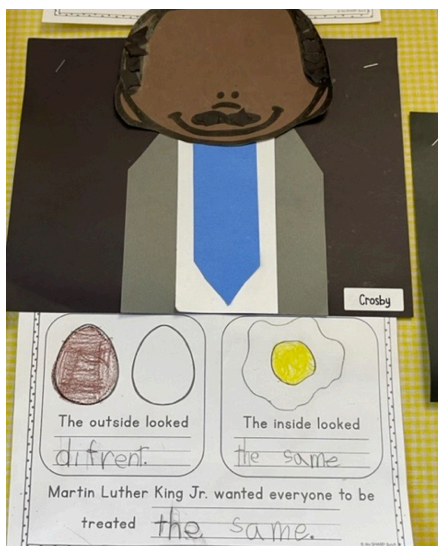
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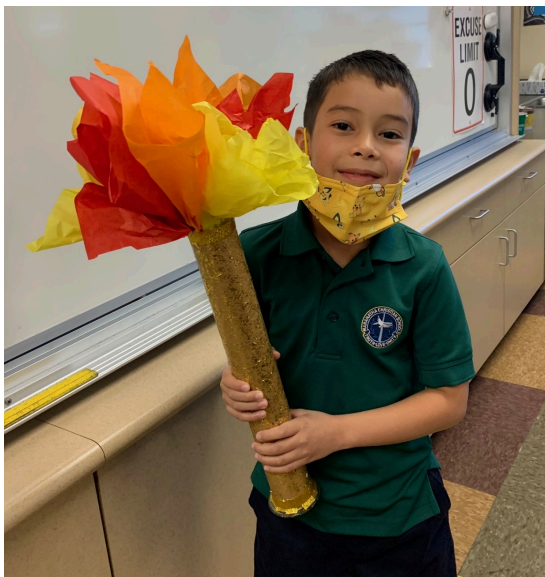
TK "Fun Center" at the Doctor's Office



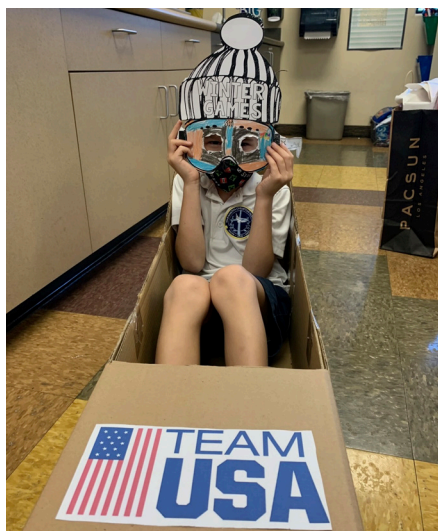
Flat Stanley wall in Mrs. Camarillo's Second Grade Class



MLK Project from Mrs. Bronson's
Kindergarten Class



Studying the Olympic Games in Mrs. Pritchett's
First Grade Class



SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 11

Dairy Council Assembly (cows on campus)

MARCH 14

1st Grade Whale Watching Field Trip

MARCH 23-24

4th Grade Sacramento Trip

MARCH 31

Open House and Art Show

APRIL 8

2nd Grade Birch Aquarium Field Trip

APRIL 27

5th Grade Riley's Farm Trip

APRIL 29

"Gold Dust or Bust" 4th Grade Performance

MAY 6

3rd Grade USS Midway Field Trip

JUNE 1

End of the Year Field Day Fun

JUNE 2

Kindergarten and 5th Grade Promotion

THE EAGLES NEST... INSIDE OUR PRESCHOOL

"YOU WILL SEEK ME AND FIND ME
WHEN YOU SEEK ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART."

JEREMIAH 29:13



STAFF SHOUT-OUT



GLORAENA YARRINGTON 2-Year Olds Teacher

"Mrs. Yarrington beautifully plays the ukulele and instructs through song. Even our youngest students are drawn to her calming voice."

- Mrs. Patrice Andrews, Preschool Director

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT IN FULL EFFECT

Love, kindness, as well as friendship. That was the focus of our preschool Valentine's Day celebration. Our students had the opportunity to celebrate with their classmates with a party and by passing out special Valentine's Day cards.

Believe it or not, in February we celebrated 100 days of school for our 4-year olds. What a delight to see their faces when they walked into class and found their teachers dressed like 100-year old women. We also honored our nation's presidents in the month of February.

In January, our students enjoyed several special Bible lessons. Mrs. Yarrington, our 2-year olds teacher, designed a boat for the children to play in. It was the perfect display as they heard the stories of how Jesus calmed the storm, made fishers of men, and His miracle at sea.



Crowns of hearts for Valentine's Day.

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 2-4

STEAM Day With Dad

MARCH 18

Tour MCS Main Campus

Personalized tour of MCS main campus for our TK and Kinder-Ready students.



STAR STUDENT



FINN MYERS

4-Years Old, Mrs. Trent's Class

"Finn is an enthusiastic student who comes into the classroom excited to know what we will be learning each day. His love for Jesus shines through in the way he shows kindness to his classmates."

- Mrs. Patrice Andrews, Preschool Director



Mrs. A dresses up as a 100-year old woman, marking the 100th day of school.



"Making Fishers of Men"

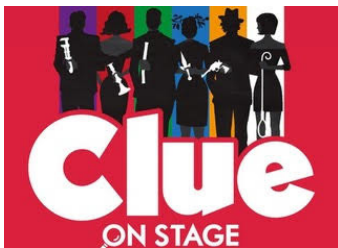
SOARING IN THE SPOTLIGHT



CLUE
WAS A
FANTASTIC
SUCCESS

THE SHOW MUST GO ON

Despite some last minute schedule changes, CLUE was a fantastic success. Our actors and actresses stayed positive and upbeat during all of the rehearsals and we were even able to add extra performances to the line-up. "Every show was a sell-out," said Performing Arts Director, Jayne Howard. "The students really owned their parts which made my job easy."



Without skipping a beat, the rehearsals are well underway for Cinderella. This show will be held at Maranatha Chapel. This provides the space for a full set, costumes and special effects. Get your tickets early! Also, look out for sign-ups for our MCS Youth Summer Theatre Camps for Elementary and Junior High Students.

Maranatha Christian Schools Youth Summer Theatre Arts Camps

**SINGING & DANCING
BROADWAY MUSICAL
SHOWSTOPPERS**

Elementary - July 11 - 15 9:00 - Noon
JH & HS - July 18 - 22 9:00 - 1:00
PERFORMANCES AT 7:00 PM ON LAST DAY OF CAMP

SIGN UP AT
WWW.MARANATHACHRISTIANSCHOOLS.ORG

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RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA

March 11 & 18 @ 7p.m.

March 12 & 19 @ 11:00 a.m.

March 13 & 20 @ 7 p.m.

Performances at Maranatha Chapel. Adult tickets are \$15, student tickets are \$12. For tickets and info visit maranathachristianschools.org.

FIRST WEEK OF MARCH

Youth Summer Theatre Camp Sign Ups

MAY 17

MCS Spring Concert

MAY 20

MCS Elementary Spring Performances



MARANATHA EAGLES SPORTS



CIF CHAMPS! GO LADY EAGLES!

The Girls Basketball team won the D-3 CIF Championship with a dominating 64-45 win over Rancho Buena Vista. Sophomore Emmy Stout led the way by scoring a game-leading 34 points and pulling down 22 rebounds. It is the eighth CIF Championship for Maranatha and the second for Girls Basketball who won the D-5 title in 2017. With the win, the girls advanced to the state playoffs and took on Trinity Classical Academy. It was a hard fought battle for our girls but Trinity prevailed 71-63.

It was a tremendous year for the Lady Eagles, we are so extremely proud of what they have accomplished!

BOYS JH BASKETBALL WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations are in order for the Junior High Boys Basketball team. Not only did the team finish the season with a perfect 11-0 record in the South Coast Middle School League, but they also won the league championship game against La Jolla Country Day. Coach Dan Ekeroth says the "team first" mentality has paid off this season.

This was Maranatha's second League title this year for our Junior High athletes. In the winter, they won the flag football league championship in an undefeated season. These young athletes are "setting the table" for the future of Maranatha sports. With two league championships and two undefeated seasons, the athletic program has a bright future. Congratulations Eagles!



ATHLETES IN THE SPOTLIGHT



HUNTER HARRINGTON

8th Grade - MCJHS Boys Basketball

Hunter is a three-sport athlete who was instrumental in Maranatha JH basketball winning the League Championship. Hunter led the team on defense and helped them finish the season undefeated.



ZEKE WALKER

8th Grade - MCJHS Boys Basketball

Zeke is the spark plug that ignites the MC-JHS basketball team. As the point guard, Zeke quarterbacks his team and leads all players in three point shooting.



SARAH NICHOLS

7th Grade - MCJHS Girls Soccer

Sarah led her team in scoring this season and was instrumental in the team's success. She is a high-level club player who leads by example on and off the field.

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 25-29

MCS Summer Games 2022

Ages 5-12 years. Cost is \$100. Registration begins March 1 and ends June 30.

Visit our sports website MaranathaEagles.com