

WINGSPAN

MARCH 2023



SPREADING A MESSAGE OF LOVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Shining the light of God's love throughout our community. That is exactly the mission of our MCS National Honor Society students. They dropped off a dinner basket at the 4S Ranch Fire Station to provide nourishment and gratitude for local firefighters who work tirelessly to keep us safe.

BREAKING NEWS! As our student body is growing, we are making some changes to allow for more room on the main Maranatha Christian Schools campus. Our Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK) classes are now returning to our Early Education center on the campus of Maranatha Chapel. This change will free up sought after classroom space on the main campus. This also coincides with the state's mandate for UTK which will be offered to our 4 and 5 year old students. This 5 day/week, 4 hr./day comprehensive education curriculum will best prepare our MCS students for kindergarten.

In March, we will begin sending out acceptance letters to our new families for the 2023-2024 school year. Do you know someone who is interested in hearing more about MCS? Contact our admissions office admissions.mcs@gomcs1.com



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HAPPENINGS IN HIGH SCHOOL

FULL STEAM AHEAD

Our Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) programs are rapidly growing at MCS. At the high school level, our STEM coordinator, Eric Martin, is currently leading this program with the development of various courses including design philosophy, computer aided design and civil/mechanical engineering. Many of our STEM students go through a comprehensive start to finish process of problem solving, design research, building a prototype and presentation. We will continue to expand with the addition of new classes for the next school year.

Our annual Lunar New Year celebrations helped to make our MCS international students feel more at home. Our students took part in games, karaoke, food and fun.

This year we have had the opportunity to create our own Home Stay program. Home Stay allows us to connect our international students with host families to live with while attending school at MCS. Anyone interested in being a Home Stay host family is encouraged to contact the Director of the International Program, Britnie Reid.

High school students are also taking a "student needs assessment." The survey provides crucial information so our staff can better support our students and it also helps to determine the specific topics that will be discussed during chapel, small groups and our high school retreat.



STEAM group presenting their capstone problems to a panel of engineers and administrators.



Lunar New Year celebration with our international students.



Staff Shout-Out



MR. ERIC MARTIN
Science, Math and STEM

"Mr. Martin is a multi-talented individual who uses his unique gifts for a range of diverse activities on our campus, including coaching basketball, announcing athletic contests, and DJing for our dances. He serves as STEM Coordinator and has taught courses in Physics, Engineering and Mathematics."

- Pete Plotnik, H.S. Principal

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH

ASB Applications Due

MARCH 24

MORP

MARCH 30

Open House

APRIL 3-6

Spiritual Emphasis Week

EARLY APRIL

1 Day In-House Retreat

APRIL 22

Prom

MAY 29-31

Senior Trip



NHS students surprised our MCS teachers with coffee on Valentines Day.

Home Stay student Steven Sun, 12th grade, and his host family The Sagers.



NHS practical class on budgeting, investments and more. Speaker was Charlie Gillespie from Castle Coast Wealth.



Home Stay student David Xiong, 8th grade, and his host family The Niguidulas.



Annual Sadie Hawkins Dance

NEW COURSES Coming Fall 2023

- Digital Marketing
- Graphic Animation
- Street Law: Criminal and Civil
- Bio Medicine (4 class series)
- Spanish 2 Honors
- A.P. Precalculus

REACH FOR THE SKY IN JUNIOR HIGH



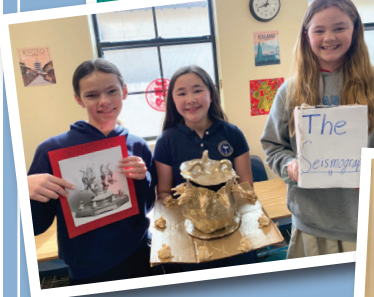
GIVING BACK WITH ANNUAL "SERVE DAY"

With their sleeves rolled up and ready to work, our annual Junior High Serve Day allowed our scholars to give back to their school. From picking up trash, cleaning the tables and bleachers, to pulling weeds, Serve Day gives our students the opportunity to focus their energy outward and help make our campus a more beautiful place.

We just launched five new clubs for our junior high students. The clubs include cooking, 3D printing, FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), debate, and film making.

Our students have a lot to look forward to over the next few months. In May, the 6th graders will be going to Science Camp, the 7th graders will be taking part in a missions conference and our 8th graders will spend a week in Washington D.C. touring our nation's monuments.

Junior High Serve Day



6th grade students presented their ancient China projects.

Students dressed for Decades Day.

Thank you Division Coordinators for another JH Snack Attack!



Staff Shout-Out



MRS. SHAUNA SMITH
Jr. High Math Teacher &
"Project Lead the Way"
Medical Detectives Leader

"Mrs. Smith helps students learn about the world God created while making new discoveries about not only the subject they are learning, but about themselves. Go Mrs. Smith! Go!"

- Principal Kelly Rodriguez

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 7

Coffee with KRod

MARCH 17

Snack Attack

MARCH 24

No School (Teacher Conferences TK-8)

MARCH 30

Open House

MARCH 31

No School TK-12 (Staff In-Service Day)

APRIL 7

No School (Good Friday)

APRIL 10-14

Easter Break (No School)

APRIL 28

JH Fun Night

MAY 1-5

JH Class Trips



Star Students

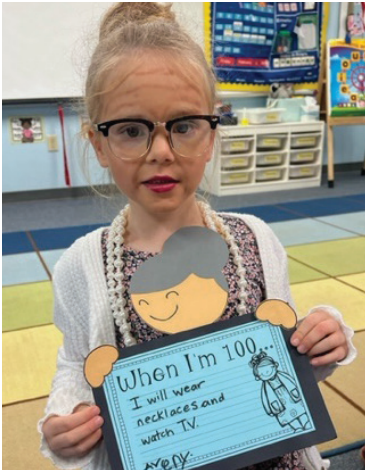


EAGLE COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS

"Our 15 Eagle Community Ambassadors share their love and joy for MCJHS. They have kicked off 5 junior high clubs, ran an Eagle Experience day and have continued to lead their peers in all they do."

- Principal Kelly Rodriguez

EAGLES IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



CELEBRATING 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

Can you believe we just celebrated the 100th day of school? Our TK students dressed as if they were 100 years old. We had special centers and activities focused around the 100th day of school.

First grade studied our beautiful state of California and are now learning about our American symbols. They also celebrated Valentine's Day with their amazing fifth grade buddies!

Second graders learned about caring for those in need just as Jesus did. Every child in Mrs. Barclay's class was sent home with an "I See You" pack from the San Diego Rescue Mission. They prayed for opportunities for each family to give it to a homeless person in need.

Meanwhile in third grade, our students culminated their social studies unit on Oceania, by creating Aboriginal-inspired art.

The fourth grade students are gearing up for their big trip to Sacramento. They have been learning about the Gold Rush and practicing the songs for their upcoming play "Gold Dust or Bust."

JA BizTown is where our fifth graders experienced what it's like to run a business, earn a paycheck, pay taxes and vote. BizTown is a 10,000 square foot mini-city comprised of 21 life-sized San Diego businesses. The experience is monumental and prepares them for a lifetime of learning and academic achievement.



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Third grade
creating
Aboriginal
inspired art.



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Second graders with their "I See You"
pack for those in need.



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Fifth grade at
BizTown.



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First and fifth
grade buddies
celebrating
Valentine's
Day.



Staff Shout-Out



MRS. MARCY JAMES

ASCP & Summer Enrichment Supervisor

"Mrs. James puts the fun into the after school care program. She is always looking for creative ways to better serve the students with special classes like cooking and golf."

- Principal Mary Cook

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 22-23

4th Grade Sacramento Trip

MARCH 24

No School (Teacher Conferences TK-8)

MARCH 30

Open House

MARCH 31

No School TK-12 (Staff In-Service Day)

APRIL 3-6

Spiritual Emphasis Week

APRIL 7

No School (Good Friday)

APRIL 10-14

Easter Break (No School)

APRIL 23

Father/Daughter Dance



Star Student



DYLANN BROWN

4th Grade

Fruit of the Spirit Representative

"Dylann serves our elementary school with a big smile! She is always eager to show her leadership skills at chapel."

- Principal Mary Cook

THE EAGLES NEST... INSIDE OUR EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM



STEAM DAY WITH DAD

Hurray for our dads! Our annual "STEAM Day with Dad" gives our students an opportunity to spend some quality time with their dads and grandpas while taking part in hands-on science, technology, engineering, arts and math projects. From a second-story egg drop to constructing and launching paper rockets, our 3 and 4-year-old students enjoyed the special day.

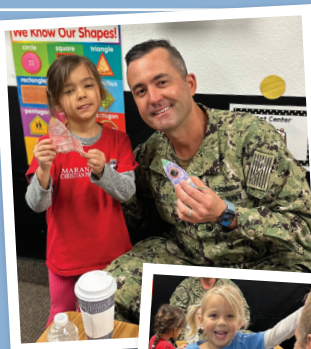
Also in Early Education, several of our students enjoyed a visit from another community helper. A dental hygienist from Dr. Dixon's San Diego Pediatric Dental Group stopped by to teach the kids about brushing and flossing.

In late February, our 4 year olds went on a field trip to the MCS main campus and spent the day in a kindergarten class. It was exciting to see them get a taste of the next level in their education.

We have some new changes in store for the 2023-2024 school year. Our universal transitional kindergarten classes will now be at our Early Education campus. This will allow all of our 4 and 5 year olds (age 4 on or before Sept. 1) to take part in a 4 hour/day, 5 day/week comprehensive development curriculum that bridges that gap between early education and kindergarten.



STEAM Day with Dad 2023



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STEAM Day with Dad



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Students had a lesson in brushing and flossing from a dental hygienist.



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Early Education students spent a day in a kindergarten classroom on the MCS main campus.



Staff Shout-Out



MRS. SANDRA GAINES
Teacher Assistant for Kinder Prep

"Mrs. Gaines gets an 'A' for accountability and her acts of kindness. She shares God's love to all."

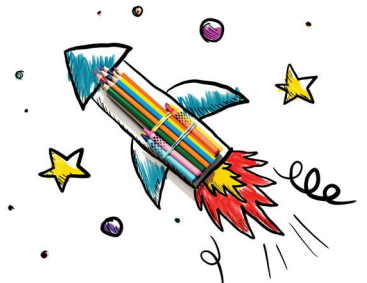
- Principal Patrice Andrews

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 3-6
Easter Week Activities

WEEK OF MAY 8
Mother's Day Tea

MAY 30 & 31
Promotions



Star Student



PAXTON S.
3-Year-Old Program

"Paxton is a thoughtful student, empathetic and always kind. Paxton consistently embodies Christ's love and everything our school stands for."

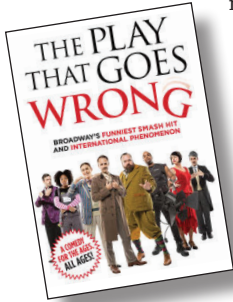
- Mrs. Olivia Bond, Teacher

SOARING IN THE SPOTLIGHT



WHEN "THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG"... GOES WRONG

Laughter and shenanigans best describe our January high school play, "The Play That Goes Wrong." The cast of eleven MCS students did a fabulous job embracing their roles and learning their lines in a very short amount of time. The play was a success with a sell-out crowd for every performance. During the last scene of the very last performance, there was a real life blooper when the stage lights suddenly, and for unknown reasons, started blinking red. "This made for some hilarious laughs and it was fun watching our actors ad-lib through the scene. We just had to laugh and realized that even God has a sense of humor," said Jayne Howard, MCS Performing Arts Director.



Howard doesn't miss a beat. She is in full rehearsals for the March performances of "Oklahoma!" which will be held at Maranatha Chapel March 10-19. Go to maranathachristianschools.org for showtimes and ticket information.



"The Play That Goes Wrong" debuted January 20-29 in the MCS Mezzanine Black Box Theatre.

Maranatha Christian Schools Youth Summer Theatre Arts Camps

**SINGING & DANCING
BROADWAY MUSICAL
SHOWSTOPPERS**

Elementary - July 10 - 14 9:00 - Noon

JH & HS - July 17 - 21 9:00 - 1:00

PERFORMANCES AT 7:00 PM ON LAST DAY OF CAMP

SIGN-UP AT WWW.MARANATHACHRISTIANSCHOOLS.ORG

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MARCH 10-19
"Oklahoma!"

MAY 16
Spring Concert

MAY 18
TK & K Spring Production

MAY 19
1st - 4th Grade Spring Productions

JULY 10-14
Elementary Youth Summer
Theatre Arts Camp

JULY 17-21
JH & HS Youth Summer
Theatre Arts Camp



MARANATHA EAGLES SPORTS

GIRLS SOCCER AND BOYS BASKETBALL CLINCH LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to our girls soccer and boys basketball teams who both secured the championship in their respective leagues. For basketball, the Eagles clinched the Pacific League Championship with a convincing 57-45 victory over Calvin Christian. They capped off the regular season on senior night with a solid 66-49 win over Escondido Charter. Following the game, they were presented with a League Championship Banner - their second in the past three seasons.

"FOR I CAN DO EVERYTHING
THROUGH CHRIST,
WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH."

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

After a slow start, the girls soccer team caught fire and won 7 of their last 8 regular season games to capture the Ocean League crown. They easily outpaced the second place team, finishing 7-1 in league. The championship banner was unfurled prior to their first CIF playoff contest in which they upset the higher seeded Del Lago Firebirds 2-0.



Eagle Athletes in the Spotlight



DANIEL HORNYAK
8th Grade
4 Sport Athlete

"Daniel plays football, basketball, and baseball for the Eagles and may even see time on the volleyball court. Daniel is the very persona of the student-athlete."

- Coach Bill Rogers



GRACE TRENT
Senior
Girls Soccer

"Grace Trent led the team with 15 goals and was selected as 1st Team All-League."

- Steve Whitley
MCS Athletic Director



ADRIAN OWENBY
Freshman
Boys Varsity Basketball

"Adrian was voted 1st Team All-League. He averaged 13.2 points per game and hauled in 163 rebounds to lead the team in both categories."

- Steve Whitley
MCS Athletic Director

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 5-9

Girls Volleyball Camp (1-12 grade)

JUNE 5-JULY 13

HS Football Camp

JUNE 6-8

HS Golf Camp

JUNE 26-30

Co-ed Basketball Camp (K-8)

JULY 25-28

Co-ed Soccer Camp (Age 7-HS)

JULY 31-AUGUST 4

Summer Games K-5

MORE CAMPS
to be
announced
soon!



EAGLE SPIRIT



Maranatha Eagle cheerleaders praying before a football game.

KEEPING THE SPIRIT OF THE EAGLES ALIVE!

Our 15 girls on our Maranatha cheer team are some of our most committed athletes. Rain or shine, these lady Eagles are at every home and away football game as well as most boys and girls basketball games. In addition, the team holds cheer practice at least twice a week led by Coach Cheyenne Enriquez. Coach Cheyenne is a busy educator, wife, mom of four and former cheerleader.

"Just to be a part of the Maranatha family has been a big blessing," said coach Cheyenne. "I've gone to Maranatha Chapel since I was five years old so being the head cheer coach makes everything come full circle."

Perhaps most impactful is the cheer team's commitment to glorifying God. You will often see the girls praying before games and pep rallies and pausing to pray for any athlete who suffers an injury during a game. Go Eagles!



"THEREFORE
ENCOURAGE
ONE ANOTHER
AND BUILD ONE
ANOTHER UP"

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

Did you
know?



THE FRENZY OVER "FRIENDZY"

From using kind words to being a good friend, our elementary students are learning so much with our new "Friendzy" curriculum. It's a Bible based socio-emotional program in which new topics are introduced at chapel and then reinforced in the classroom.

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Transforming the World!*