

WINGSPAN

MAY 2023



"THANKS BE TO
GOD FOR HIS
INDESCRIBABLE
GIFT!"

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK DEEPENS FAITH

We are quickly approaching the end of the 2022-2023 school year. This year has continued to bring growth, connection, and it has been a true blessing to watch faith deepen on our campus. Spiritual Emphasis Week allowed all of our students and staff to take part in prayer walks, seminars, and hear from guest speakers at chapel. From our youngest students to our graduating seniors, everyone took a break from academics to turn their attention to Jesus. Please pray for our students as we wrap up this academic year. Our graduating seniors will be taking part in many activities leading up to graduation. Congratulations to the 67 seniors in the class of 2023!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

As we wrap up this school year, I want to begin by thanking all of you for partnering with MCS in your children's education! Witnessing the spiritual, academic, social and physical transformation of the student body as a whole has been astounding and an absolute joy.



"And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people." Luke 2:52. I cannot believe we are edging toward the finish line already. My prayer is that we would all finish STRONG as we enter into the summer break!

"May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." Num. 6:23b-26.

Serving you in Christ,
Jess Hetherington, MCS Superintendent



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HAPPENINGS IN HIGH SCHOOL



A TIME OF TOGETHERNESS

During Spiritual Emphasis Week, our high school students took a break from classes and enjoyed a 1-day retreat. This was an opportunity to re-center our focus on God, spend time in small groups, and hear from guest speakers. Students rotated through four different seminar sessions and discussed various topics including making connections, mental health, and developing a relationship with Christ. The day concluded with fun outdoor activities and bounce houses.

It was a special night at Prom at the El Cortez in Downtown San Diego where our students danced the night away. In March, there was quite a different scene at MORP (Prom spelled backward) which brought out the wacky and silly costumes for the dance held on our MCS campus.

Our seniors are quickly approaching the end of the school year. This June, 67 seniors will graduate in the 15th graduation class at MCS. Go class of 2023! Make us proud!



Staff Shout-Out



MR. DAVID CABRAL
Social Studies Teacher

"Mr. Cabral is revered by staff and students for his discerning, wise and reflective response to situations."

- Pete Plotnik, H.S. Principal



Did you hear?

Our class of 2023 Valedictorian is Matthew Monroy and our Salutatorian is Bella Nelson.

Photos courtesy Cindy Kyle Photography

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 1-5, 8-12

AP Testing

MAY 29-31

Senior Trip

JUNE 2

High School Graduation



Star Student



BELLA NELSON
Senior

"Bella will be honored as the Class of 2023 Salutatorian, but more importantly, she has served this past year as ASB Chaplain and consistently demonstrates spiritual leadership on our campus."

- Pete Plotnik, H.S. Principal

Matthew Monroy with Principal Plotnik. Matthew is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist!

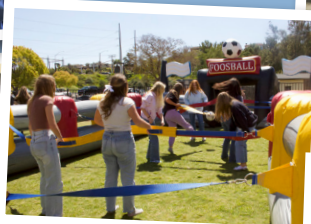


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MCS Prom at the El Cortez.

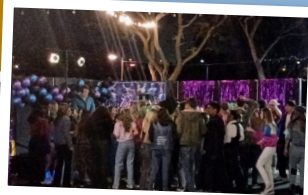
National Honor Society PR Team Leader, Olivia Tasin, organized a day for our students to serve at Feeding America San Diego.



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MORP



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An afternoon of fun and laughs during the 1-day high school retreat.



REACH FOR THE SKY IN JUNIOR HIGH



Shoulder-to-shoulder, these sixth grade boys bonded during Spiritual Emphasis Week.

SINGING HIS PRAISES

"SHOUT
FOR JOY
TO GOD,
ALL THE
EARTH!"

PSALM 66:1

Spiritual Emphasis Week was an amazing time to sit back and focus on what the Lord has done for us. Starting with chapel on Monday, we heard from Pastor Lucas about the way to the cross and Jesus's love for us. In our Bible classes, we did prayer stations and took a deep dive into the words from the cross and how we can personalize them in our lives today. We ended the week with an incredible worship chapel and an Easter message from Pastor Daniel.

Our students are also gearing up for their class trips. During the first week of May, our 6th grade scholars are headed to Science Camp. The 7th graders will be on a Missions Trip and the 8th graders are headed to Washington D.C. to tour our nation's capital and several monuments. Please pray for our students to all have a safe and memorable trip.

6th graders put their servant hearts into action by washing each other's feet. During the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet to give us an example of how we should serve others. (John 13:14-15)



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S-U-C-C-E-S-S!
8th grader Daniel S. represents
MCS at the County Spelling Bee.

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It's Sushi Day with
the Junior High
Cooking Club!
Ariana Wu and her
dad, Mr. Wu, show
the club how sushi
making is done!



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Chocolate dipped
fruit day with the
Junior High
Cooking Club.



Staff Shout-Out



SEÑORA HILLMER
Junior High Spanish

"Señora Hillmer teaches our JH Spanish elective and brings joy, the gospel and the love of the Spanish language to her scholars. Thank you Señora Hillmer for all you do!"

- Kelly Rodriguez, Jr. High Principal

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 1-5

JH Trips

MAY 11

Color Day

MAY 16

Music Concert (5th-12th Grade)

MAY 17

End of Year Chapel

MAY 24

Awards Chapel

MAY 29

No School (Memorial Day)

MAY 31

Last Day of School - Pennant Party
Early Dismissal at 12:35pm

JUNE 1

8th Grade Promotion at 4:30pm



Star Student



HANNAH VISSER
7th Grade

"Her heart shines for her school and her friends. She is a scholar, an athlete and friend to all. She is our new House Captain for Lewis. We cannot wait to watch her lead!"

- Kelly Rodriguez, Jr. High Principal

EAGLES IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The fourth graders in Sacramento, touring our states' capital and learning about the Gold Rush.

ELEMENTARY EXPLORERS

Field Trips Take Our Students On Many Adventures!

Spring is always a busy season for our Elementary students. The TK classes enjoyed bringing their teddy bears to school for the annual Teddy Bear Picnic. This year's rainy weather caused an inside picnic. Center activities and lessons revolved around bears all day.

Our kindergarten classes took a trip to the Air and Space Museum and explored all things about space.

The Fleet Science Center was the location for a fun field trip for our first graders where the students had the chance to get hands-on with some experiments.

Science has also been the focus for our second graders who have been learning about God's great Earth. They took a field trip to Seaworld to see some amazing underwater animals. They also studied landforms, bodies of water, and the layers of the Earth's surface.

The third grade students recently had an opportunity to visit the International Cottages in Balboa Park while the fourth graders flew to Sacramento to learn about California history and the Gold Rush. They also performed in the yearly musical, Gold Dust or Bust.

The fifth graders recently went to Riley's Farm to witness a Revolutionary War reenactment as they study American history.



Staff Shout-Out



MRS. DEBBIE BRONSON
Kindergarten Teacher

"Mrs. Bronson has served MCS for many years as a beloved Kindergarten teacher. She always has a song to share with her students, and she makes the Bible come to life for her students."

- Mary Cook, Elementary Principal

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 11

Volunteer Brunch

MAY 18/19

Elementary Spring Shows

MAY 29

No School (Memorial Day)

MAY 30

Kindergarten Graduation

MAY 31

Last Day of School/
Field Day

JUNE 1

Fifth Grade Promotion

Happy Summer!



Star Student



HENSLEY HETHERINGTON
5th Grade

"Hensley is a kind and thoughtful friend to her classmates. She loves the stage, and she lights up when she sings and performs for Mrs. Howard's plays."

- Mary Cook, Elementary Principal



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Second grade
at Seaworld.

→
TK Teddy Bear
Picnic.



→
Kindergarten at the
Air and Space Museum.

Fifth grade at Riley's Farm.



→
First grade
at the Fleet
Science Center.



THE EAGLES NEST... INSIDE OUR EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM



Mrs. Thomas' class celebrating their moms during the Mother's Day Tea.



Staff Shout-Out



MS. SANDRA LESSELS
3rd Teacher

"Ms. Lessels is passionate about teaching 3's and she is giving students a strong foundation and love for learning."

- Patrice Andrews
Early Education Director

CHEERS TO OUR MOMS

Our annual Early Education Mother's Day Tea is such a special time for our students to celebrate their mothers. Our moms arrived to the campus and were treated to songs, storytime, homemade art projects, baked goods, tea and snuggles with their children. We appreciate all of our moms!

The Early Education students have been preparing for the end of the academic year. We recently conducted another earthquake drill which is part of our school safety plan. Our students were taught to quickly get under a desk or table. Anyone who felt unsure about the drill was accompanied by our Frogstreet Mascot, a puppet frog named "Francine," who comforted the children during the exercise. Earthquake, fire and safety drills are a part of our curriculum and help our young students understand the importance of following directions and listening to their teachers and first responders.



SAVE THE DATE

MAY 8-12

Mother's Day Celebrations

MAY 18 & 19

Class Color Dress Day

MAY 30/31

Promotions/Family Potluck



Star Student



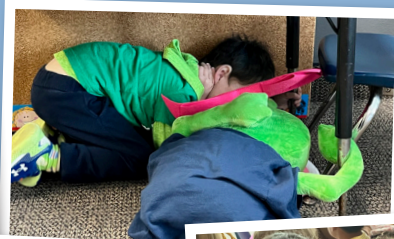
FLETCHER YI
Preschool Program Student

"Fletcher is an outstanding student who loves Jesus and others. Fletcher is a phenomenal role model and caring friend."

- Mrs. Olivia Bond
Preschool Program Teacher



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Check out the creativity on Crazy Hair Day!



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"Francine the Frog" joins a student under a desk during an earthquake drill.



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Mother's Day Tea



SOARING IN THE SPOTLIGHT



THAT'S A WRAP!

Oklahoma! Serves as a Community Outreach Opportunity

After countless hours rehearsing and several live shows, the MCS Spring performance of Oklahoma! has wrapped with 55 students performing in the musical. Nine children joined the cast from outside the school as the shows are always open to the community. "This gives our students a chance to share their faith while also sharing their gifts and talents," said Jayne Howard, MCS Performing Arts Director.

Our Performing Arts department is also in rehearsals for the Elementary Spring shows and just held choir auditions for the junior high and high school 2023-2024 school year. The current choir students just recorded an album in a recording studio. Mark your calendars for the summer theatre arts camps which are open to all elementary through high school students in the community.



Did you know?



Congratulations to our MCS Worship Team!

Band Director Mike Holguin says the students have been composing and arranging their own original music. This month they had an opportunity to record their music in a professional recording studio.

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

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 16

End of the Year Evening Music Concert

MAY 17

End of the Year Chapel

MAY 18 & 19

Elementary Spring Shows

JULY 10-14

Youth Summer Theatre Arts Camp
(Elementary)

JULY 17-21

Youth Summer Theatre Arts Camp
(JH & HS)

MARANATHA EAGLES SPORTS



VARSITY BASEBALL BEATS LA JOLLA COUNTRY DAY AT PETCO PARK

Batter up! What a day at Petco Park for our boys varsity baseball team! The Eagles took a 5-2 win over La Jolla Country Day. A big thank you to a generous parent at LJCD who organized the Petco Park experience and invited our team to take part in this very special game.



Photos courtesy Steve Shuey Photography



Track & Field Athletes of the Year

Juniors Bella Sword (above left) and Kelly Vander Pol (above right) were recently named the Pacific League Track & Field Athletes of the Year. Bella won the award for track and was the league champion in the 800M, 1600M, and 3200M runs and she also anchored the 4x800 relay team which was top in the league. Kelly won her second consecutive Field Athlete of the Year award by winning the long jump, high jump and pole vault. Awesome job ladies!



Eagle Athlete in the Spotlight



HOPE FITZHERBERT 8th Grade

"Hope was the captain of her volleyball, softball, and basketball teams. In addition, she is an Eagle Community Ambassador, House Counsel ASB, student leader in FCA, and assistant yearbook editor. Congratulations on a great year of leadership!"

- Bill Rodgers, P.E. Coach



Just announced!

CIF WINTER SPORTS ALL-ACADEMIC TEAMS

These teams have the highest overall GPA in their respective sport and conference. For the Coastal Conference, the MCS Boys Basketball and Girls Soccer were honored!

EAGLE SPIRIT

GARDEN NEWS

Spring is Showing Off in the Garden

Come by the garden in the kindergarten playground area. First graders planted daffodil bulbs that are now grown and showing their sunny faces! Nasturtium is spreading out and beginning to bud, and the kindergarten's radishes are starting to sprout!

Some of the projects this year include cups of: peas, spinach, marigold, lettuce, spider plants, and succulents, varying by grade level. Students examined insects with magnifying glasses. Third graders turned the magnifying glasses on cactus and succulents and learned to tell the difference between them.

Second graders planted impatiens and begonias in the flower bed. Third graders helped rejuvenate not only the garden, but



Kathryn Hughes
Elementary Garden Teacher
& Librarian

also the window boxes behind the TK Woodlands. The before and after pictures show such a big improvement! If you wish to donate to the garden, potting and garden soils are always welcome. Thank you. Keep growing in Jesus!



Before



After

“FOR AS THE SOIL MAKES THE SPROUT COME UP
AND A GARDEN CAUSES SEEDS TO GROW,
SO THE SOVEREIGN LORD WILL MAKE RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND PRAISE SPRING UP BEFORE ALL NATIONS.”

ISAIAH 61:11



DANCE CLINIC SUCCESS!

Maranatha High School Spirit Squad hosted a special dance clinic just for the elementary girls of MCS. We had an awesome three days of learning dances together and playing games. On the final day, the girls performed what they had learned for their parents. Thank you Spirit Squad Coach, Julia Pearson, for organizing this successful event.



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