

# WINGSPAN

NOVEMBER 2021



## HERE WE GROW!

In the midst of great uncertainty, we can still see God's fingerprints everywhere. Maranatha Christian Schools is pleased to announce a record-breaking number of students are currently attending in-person school in our Preschool-12 levels. We have more than 1,040 students enrolled with wait lists for next school year. God is moving mountains and changing lives.

If you know of a family interested in learning more about Maranatha Christian Schools, we are offering school tours every Tuesday at 9am. Additionally, we will start accepting applications for new students on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call our front desk for more information and tour reservations at (858) 759-9737.

## PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS!

Don't miss the amazing production of Elf Jr. the musical with performances running November 12-14 at Maranatha Chapel. Our Kindergarten through eighth grade students have put a tremendous amount of work and time into this production. It's the perfect kick-off to the holiday season.

For show times and ticket information, go to [maranathachristianschools.org](http://maranathachristianschools.org).



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*Check it out! Our Athletic Department has a brand new website!*



# HAPPENINGS IN HIGH SCHOOL



## HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT AND HOMECOMING SUCCESS

This past month has been a season of togetherness in our High School. Following tradition, our students participated in the 3-Day High School Retreat. Typically, this team building event is held off-site. However, due to Covid, it was quickly moved to the Maranatha Chapel campus. The goal is to start our school year with unity within our student body, and spiritual development through worship and Bible study.

Homecoming Week was another big success. Our annual "Powder Puff" football game involved upperclassmen girls versus underclassmen girls. The week of wacky and fun events culminated with a Friday night Homecoming football game and Saturday night Homecoming dance with 230 students in attendance.



## COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

Many of our seniors attended our college application workshops. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to work with specialists on essay writing and application formation. We are eagerly awaiting several planned visits from universities including representatives from Grand Canyon University, UCSD, California Baptist University, and FIDM among others.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO SERENA SHU!

Senior Serena Shu is recognized as a National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholar. She is one of the top scorers in the nation for the 2021 PSAT.



## STAFF SHOUT-OUT



### MRS. ANDREA VISSER

A huge "Thank you" to our Student Life Coordinator Andrea Visser. Mrs. Visser flawlessly and calmly planned many activities for the High School Retreat and Homecoming Week despite many last minute changes.

*"I value her even-keeled approach, she is consistent, detail oriented, and relational with the kids."*

-Principal Plotnik



## STUDENT TRIP TO GREECE

Please pray for our twenty five Maranatha High School students who will embark on a cultural trip to Greece November 10<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. They will be accompanied by four staff members and several chaperones. We pray for their health and safety as they take part in this once in a lifetime travel opportunity.

# REACH FOR THE SKY IN JUNIOR HIGH

## LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

Anchored Deep! That is the theme for this school year in Junior High. For the first time, we have divided our students into four "Houses." The Houses will compete all year for "House of the Year." This is bringing together students in all three grade levels to promote unity, kindness, and some friendly competition. (Hebrews 6:10-11a)



### ONE FAMILY

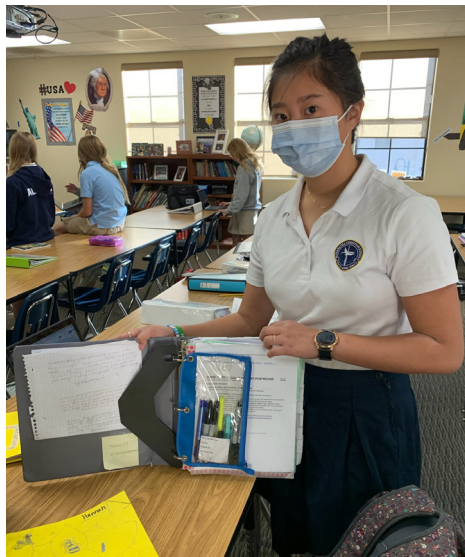
FOUR HOUSES REPRESENTING FOUR SYMBOLS... THE LIGHTHOUSE,  
THE COMPASS, THE SHIP AND THE JOURNEY ARE ALL WORKING  
TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH THE MCJHS 2021-2022 MISSION--  
ANCHORED DEEP.

## STAFF SHOUT-OUT



### MRS. LYDIA CLARK

Mrs. Clark diligently leads our new SOAR program for Junior High students. She is helping them develop life skills that will make a difference in their lives spiritually and academically.



## SOAR PROGRAM

Our Junior High students are now taking part in the SOAR program. SOAR stands for "Student Organization and Academic Responsibility." This one-semester course teaches organizational and study skills.

These students are also learning various life skills including how to prioritize class work, time management, and how to communicate with teachers and peers. They are also focused on locker and binder organization as well as how to take notes in class and prepare for tests. Thank you Mrs. Clark for leading our SOAR program.

*Top Left: Sienna Zimmerman is standing next to her organized locker.*

*Top Right: Arian Wu shows her organized binder for all her classes at the beginning of her SOAR class.*

## CURRENT CHAPEL TOPIC:

*How to Survive Middle School*

## SAVE THE DATE

**NOVEMBER 5**

**OCC Packing Party/Lunch**

*"Operation Christmas Child" packing party and come have lunch with your student on campus.*

**NOVEMBER 16**

**Information Night**

*Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to hear all about what you and your child can expect in high school and the wonderful programs Maranatha offers.*



# EAGLES IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## ELEMENTARY EAGLES ARE OFF AND SOARING

Our elementary eagles are off and soaring. What a great start to the school year. Our kindergarten classes took part in the ABC Bootcamp Fashion Show where they showed off their letters on the red carpet.

First graders learned all about apples with a Johnny Appleseed lesson.

Second graders observed the life cycle of a butterfly from caterpillar to chrysalis, then released beautiful butterflies. We learn that in the same way God transforms us through Christ. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."* 2 Corinthians 5:17



Third graders have been busy with author studies, personal narrative writing projects and learning about surveys and graphs.

Our fourth grade team has been writing five paragraph essays on an invention they believe is the greatest.

Fifth graders just teamed up with their first grade "buddies" for monthly meet-ups, which includes spiritual mentoring while enjoying a snack and a craft.

Fifth grade also just completed their Native American diorama projects.



## FIELD TRIPS ARE BACK!



KINDERGARTEN AT OMA'S PUMPKIN PATCH



SECOND GRADE AT THE ZOO



## SAVE THE DATE

### NOVEMBER 2

First grade field trip to Living Coast Discovery Center

### NOVEMBER 5

OCC Packing Party/Lunch

"Operation Christmas Child" packing party and come have lunch with your student on campus.

### NOVEMBER 16

Information Night

Great opportunity for fifth grade parents to hear all about our junior high program.

### DECEMBER 3

Third grade field trip to Safari Park



# THE EAGLES NEST... INSIDE OUR PRESCHOOL



## TRIKE-A-THON SUCCESS!

We are giving the glory to God! With grateful and humble hearts, we wanted to report that this year's "Trike-a-Thon" was a total success. Due to the generosity of our families, we raised a record breaking \$12,000!! With these funds, and due to the fact that our preschoolers are spending more time outside, we are going to purchase a new playhouse for our playground. Grant money will pay for the installation. Thank you to our families and parent volunteers who made the "Trike-a-Thon" extra special this year.



*New playground playhouse coming this Fall!*

## STAFF SHOUT-OUT



### MRS. VASANTHA THEOPHILUS

Thank you to Mrs. Theo for finding creative ways to bring STEM lessons outdoors.



## THANK YOU FIREMAN ERIC!

October is Fire Prevention Month. Thank you Fireman Eric for teaching our students about fire safety around their homes.

## SAVE THE DATE

**NOVEMBER 8-10**

**Thanksgiving Celebrations**

**NOVEMBER 19**

**Blessing Boxes Due**

*Boxes will help Maranatha Chapel's Hope in the Streets program.*