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2023-24 Back to School Special Edition

A new year building
BOLDER FAITH



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"THIS WAS ACCORDING TO
THE ETERNAL PURPOSE
THAT HE HAS REALIZED IN
CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD,
IN WHOM WE HAVE
BOLDNESS AND ACCESS
WITH CONFIDENCE
THROUGH OUR
FAITH IN HIM."
EPHESIANS 3:11-12

TO BOLDLY GO SETS THE THEME FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

It is our prayer and focus for this school year that our students learn to stand boldly in their faith in Jesus. We started this mission with our junior high and high school students who just went on their retreats. They are learning to be bold through prayer, worship and activities that promote unity. (see pages 3 and 4).

Our Elementary and Early Education students are also standing strong and deepening their relationship with Jesus with so many wonderful chapel and classroom activities. We aim to focus our students in looking to Him in finding their boldness and spiritual growth. We are praying for a God-filled amazing school year!

Our admissions team would like to welcome all of our new students and families who have joined our MCS community this year! We love seeing all of the new faces on campus. If you know someone who is interested in Maranatha Christian Schools, we are already beginning group tours on Tuesdays and we are accepting new student applications starting Nov 1. Please call the admissions department for more information: (858) 759-9737.



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EAGLE SPIRIT



A message FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

I trust that everyone is off to a great start of the school year and that you and your family are thriving! As I move about the campus, I see so much life, love and learning happening day after day – everything we could hope and pray for here at MCS!

My heart is overflowing with peace and confidence that God is not only for us and with us, but also that His favor is resting upon us. As we settle in and ease into the rhythm of this school year, I pray that you and your household would know and experience God's great love, joy, peace, grace, mercy, and never-ending faithfulness.

My continual prayer for our MCS community is taken from the book of Numbers (Aaronic blessing):

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on
you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with
favor and give you peace.*

Numbers 6:24-26

Serving you in Christ,

Jess Hetherington
MCS Superintendent



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GRANDPARENTS APPRECIATION TEA

September 8, 2023

MCS honored our grandparents at the first annual Grandparents Appreciation Tea. Over 350 grandparents attended on the auxiliary field which was transformed into a beautiful formal venue. We would like to thank PAC and all the parent volunteers who made this lovely event a huge success. We are so grateful to our incredible MCS grandparents and families.



**"GRANDCHILDREN
ARE THE CROWN
OF THE AGED."**

PROVERBS 17:6



HAPPENINGS IN HIGH SCHOOL



High school retreat at the Pine Valley Retreat Center.

STANDING FIRM IN FAITH

High School Retreat Inspires Students To Be Bold

This year and in the years to come, we look to inspire our students to "Be Bold" in God's plan for their lives. We look to inspire spiritual leadership and connections in our high school community. The recent retreat took our students to the Pine Valley Retreat Center for two nights to play games, bond, worship, pray and unify. We had the pleasure of hearing from Andy McGowan, a speaker from the organization Dare2Share. We desire that each of our students have a personal relationship with Jesus. We strive to equip



our students spiritually in our Bible classes to withstand the onslaught of varying perspectives as they step into the world.

On campus, our high school students took part in a club fair where they had the opportunity to join various clubs to include, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), the chess club, surfing club, newspaper club, pickleball, robotics, dance, criminology and even a podcasting club.



Staff Shout-Out

We have new staff members...
Welcome to our school!



JENNIFER FOURNIER

*American Literature
9th Grade English*



LEIANA RODILES

*American Sign Language
(MCS Alumni)*

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 6

Homecoming Pep Rally and
Football Game

OCTOBER 7

Homecoming Dance

*Did you
know?*

New Courses Offered This Fall

BioMed Pathways
Civil Law
Digital Marketing

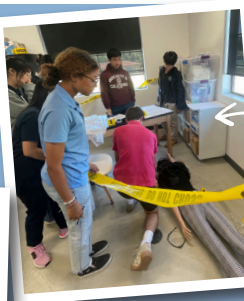
High school seniors
paint parking spots in
the MCS lot.



Join the Club!
MCSHS Club Fair



BioMed Pathways
students at a mock
crime scene.



AP Physics 1
students built
spaghetti
bridges.



REACH FOR THE SKY IN JUNIOR HIGH



Jr. High students took part in a color war on the final afternoon of the House Retreat.



Worship and reflection at the Jr. High House Retreat.

HOUSE RETREAT KICKS-OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR

After a year of planning, we are so blessed to have had a successful overnight "House Retreat" to kick-off our school year. This retreat at the Green Oak Ranch in Vista allowed our students to build a cohesive and tight-knit community which is an integral part in creating lasting relationships in junior high. The students participated in activities specifically chosen to promote interactions within our house system. "The positive interactions and peer relationships are being established early," said Kelly Rodriguez, Jr. High Principal.



Staff Shout-Out



MRS. LYDIA CLARK
Jr. High & High School
Assistant Principal

"We are so honored to have Mrs. Clark lead in her new role as Assistant Principal. Her love for our scholars, the Lord and MCS is legendary!"

- Kelly Rodriguez, Jr. High Principal

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 6

Homecoming Pep Rally

OCTOBER 20

Jr. High Fun Night

OCTOBER 30/31

Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School

NOVEMBER 6

OCC Packing Party

NOVEMBER 14

Jr. High/High School Info Night



Star Student



OWEN BURKE
8th Grade

"Owen is House Captain of Wilberforce this year and is rocking his role. From cheering on his house members to helping new students learn how to use their locker, Owen has led by example and shone the light of our Lord."

- Kelly Rodriguez, Jr. High Principal



Principal K Rod gets in on the color war fun at the House Retreat.

Working together through games at the retreat.

Neon Night on the MCS campus.



Delicious donuts for the Jr. High Snack Attack.

EAGLES IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ASB MEMBERS

Cheers to the 2023-24 ASB students who were voted in by their peers. The ASB representatives and the Fruit of the Spirit Representatives, from 4-5th grade classes, are already planning some fun activities for the school year.

In elementary, it has been a busy start to the year. Our kindergartners donned their favorite letter of the alphabet and strutted down the red carpet in front of parents and friends for the annual ABC Bootcamp Fashion Show. The first grade classes celebrated Dot Day and each class made their own special creation that started with a dot. Science has been the focus in second grade where students have been exploring the life cycle of a butterfly with some hands-on experiments while waiting for butterflies to emerge from their chrysalis.

The third graders just wrapped up reading "Yoon and the Jade Bracelet". They made class community bracelets that included trading friendship beads from other classmates and one word that reminds them of what makes up a great friend. In fourth grade, the classes have been working on Rube Goldberg machines, with some students even building them at home!

In Friendly, fifth graders are working on being better together. "As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend." Proverbs 27:17

MCS Elementary ASB 2023-24

Cabinet
President
Case Snyder
Vice President
Idy Thibodeaux
Secretary
Courtney Roman
Treasurer
Brooklyn Slates

Classroom Representatives
Banyan Bush
Caroline Wise
Lincoln Bertaux
Josiah Outman
Scarlet Thomas

Fruit of the Spirit
Morgan Mushet
Christian Parrino
Charlie Bravo
Chase Camarillo
Dylann Brown



Staff Shout-Out

We have new staff members...
Welcome to our school!



SOPHIE COOK
4th Grade Teacher



THERESA WANING
Elementary Computers Teacher

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 13

First Quarter Ends

OCTOBER 30/31

Parent/Teacher Conferences -
No School

NOVEMBER 6

OCC Packing Party



Down the red carpet,
kindergartners put on
the ABC Bootcamp
Fashion Show.



Scoops and Smiles

Each grade took turns enjoying an after school ice cream treat and smiley face sticker to kick off the new year. Yum!



Artists in the
Making
1st grade Dot
Day projects.



3rd graders made
beaded friendship
bracelets.



THE EAGLES NEST... INSIDE OUR EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM



Mrs. Carver's class at the starting line.



Staff Shout-Out



MRS. MIN JUNG SONG
3rd Teacher

"We are blessed to have Mrs. Song join our Early Education team. Welcome Mrs. Song."

- Patrice Andrews
Early Education Director

READY, SET, GO!

Trike-A-Thon Pedals Through The Early Education Campus

Our annual Trike-a-Thon fundraiser was such a delight and another success. The children learned about bike safety, exercise warm ups and proper hydration. Our amazing Early Education community set up a track in the parking lot with a pit stop for re-fueling and a bubbling bike wash. We are still tallying up the proceeds from this fundraiser and we hope to purchase new playground equipment, including a new water fountain and handwashing station, as well as books and gardening supplies. Thank you to all of our parent and staff volunteers who helped to direct the flow of bicycle traffic and make the event fun for our Early Education students.

Did you stop by our first I:55 Book Fair? MCS partnered with this family owned company to offer a new selection of children's books. This specialized book fair allowed our students to purchase books that were pre-screened to make sure the content adheres to biblical principles and values.



Fueling up then through the bike wash before heading to the starting line.



Beep beep! Teachers helped students follow the track.

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 17/18

Firemen Visit

OCTOBER 23

Blessing Boxes Mission Begins

OCTOBER 26/27

Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School

NOVEMBER 2&3

Speech Screenings

NOVEMBER 10

Veteran's Day - No School

NOVEMBER 13,15,17

Developmental Screening

DECEMBER 7

TK Christmas Pageant



Students purchased books from our I:55 Book Fair.



Back to School Night fun!

SOARING IN THE SPOTLIGHT



MAKING THE MAGIC

Rehearsals For Matilda Jr. Are In Full Swing

Get ready for the MCS fall production of *Matilda Jr., the Musical*. The students are working hard and staying on task during the many weeks of rehearsals leading up to the show. All 88 talented cast members are learning the choreography, lines, music and being fitted for costumes.

Our production could not be done without our amazing and faithful parent volunteers. They build wonderful sets and coordinate costumes, while volunteering countless hours on Saturdays to get everything together.

"I have a great set designer, Suzanne Wastvedt, who has been working with us for numerous years. I am always amazed when the shows are on stage at Maranatha Chapel. The stories come alive through the hard work of so many. We are truly blessed with our MCS families," said Jayne Howard, MCS Performing Arts Director.

Matilda Jr. will debut November 10th-12th at Maranatha Chapel. For ticket information visit maranathachristianschools.org.



No sleeping in! The full cast rehearses every Saturday morning in preparation for the *Matilda* performance.

Maranatha Christian Schools
Performing Arts

PRODUCTION OF

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

Book: DENNIS KELLY Music & Lyrics: TIM MINCHIN

FRIDAY NOV 10 7:00 PM	SATURDAY NOV 11 11:00 AM	SUNDAY NOV 12 4:00 & 7:00 PM
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Directed and Choreographed by Jayne Howard | Music Director Jenny Gillette
Costume Designer Cristina Muller | Set Designer Suzanne Wastvedt

For tickets and info visit us at
www.maranathachristianschools.org

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI (intltown.com).

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 24

High School Play Auditions

NOVEMBER 10-12

Matilda Jr. Shows

NOVEMBER 27

HS/JH Spring Musical Auditions

DECEMBER 5

Performing Arts Christmas Concert

DECEMBER 6

Christmas Chapel

DECEMBER 7

Kindergarten Christmas Production

DECEMBER 8

1st-4th Grade Christmas Productions



Band rehearsal for our America's Chapel performance.

Parent volunteers meet every Saturday morning to build the set for *Matilda*.



Did you hear?

The winter play is *Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood* and the spring musical is *Beauty and the Beast*. Stay tuned for more information!



MARANATHA EAGLES SPORTS



The new JET program offers girls volleyball.

JET PROGRAM SOARS TO SUCCESS

Our brand new JET program is off and running and we have had a solid amount of interest from our current MCS students. JET stands for Junior Eagle Training. It's a new after school program where 3rd-6th graders can get hands-on experience and training in various athletic sports. This round of JET is offering flag football, cross country, girls volleyball, and coed golf. Each semester there will be a different set of sports offered so be on the lookout for the next round of the JET program. Our vision is to build up our future Eagles and bring a unified front to the Athletics Department across all divisions here at MCS!

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING



Strength and Conditioning is another new program focused on our 7th and 8th graders to get them stronger and faster before heading into high school athletics. The students are training in our recently remodeled MCS weight room which was upgraded thanks to the funds raised at the MCS golf tournament. We believe that this will provide them with proper training techniques that will impact their athletic experience now and into their future here at MCS!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FRESHMAN BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM!

On September 17th, our freshman boys team won the freshman race at the Mt. Carmel Invitational meet. Over 120 schools participated. This is the first freshman win at this invitational meet in MCS school history!



Eagle Athletes in the Spotlight



QUINN KAECHELE
Sophomore
Girls Volleyball

Quinn is currently #12 in California in "assists" with a grand total of 484!



LAUREL BRZOSTKIEWICZ
Senior
Girls Volleyball

Laurel is currently #12 in California in the "kills" category with a total of 230!



AARON TASIN
Sophomore
Football

Aaron has led the Eagles defense as he averages 10.5 tackles per game!

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 2

Spirit Week Dodgeball

OCTOBER 3

Spirit Week Spikeball Tournament

OCTOBER 4

Powderpuff Game

OCTOBER 5

Homecoming Floats

OCTOBER 6

Homecoming Football Game

NOVEMBER 4

Winter Sports Begins



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