

WINGSPAN

MARCH 2024

MCS Spreading
KINDNESS and
GOD'S LOVE



**"BE KIND AND
COMPASSIONATE TO
ONE ANOTHER,
FORGIVING EACH
OTHER, JUST AS IN
CHRIST GOD
FORGAVE YOU."**

EPHESIANS 4:32

MCS IS A KINDNESS CERTIFIED SCHOOL

What started off as The Great Kindness Challenge on the Maranatha Christian Schools campus, turned into a kindness movement that has spread across all divisions. Some of the acts of kindness included writing letters to our service members, putting up sweet notes around our school for others to read, and blessing our students with words of affirmation and God's love. As a result of our school's active participation in the challenge, we have been officially recognized as a *Kindness Certified School*. What an honor to join 20 million students, from more than 41,000 schools, in more than a billion acts of selflessness, joy and positivity.

MCS is preparing for an exciting campus expansion to accommodate the abundance of growth the school has experienced in the recent years. Take a look at the Master Plan on page 02 to see the expansion of our three main program branches: academics, arts and athletics. We look forward to not only growing our footprint, but growing in our programs to transform the future.

Our MCS admissions department is announcing that enrollment for new students is currently underway for the 2024-25 school year. Please contact admissions for more information at (858) 759-9737.



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EAGLE SPIRIT



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Dear MCS Family and Friends,

Over three decades ago, our founder and former Senior Pastor, Ray Bentley had an incredible and lofty vision: to one day see a thriving Christian school that would be a blessing to those near and far. His heart was to equip young men and women for the work that God would one day call them into as adults; whether that was in the area of missions, medical, legal, government, athletics, arts, etc. He called these future learners, "Roaring Lambs": young, bold, joyful, thriving, spirit-filled disciples of Christ, thirsting for training and truth to carry out their mission to transform the world in every possible place and part; even unto the four corners.

Growth and Expansion

Ever since our small and humble first class of six kindergartners and first graders in 1991, Maranatha Christian Schools (MCS) has been growing our roots deeper, wider, and stronger. With God's continued love, tending support, and watering through His spirit, MCS will without a doubt continue to grow up into its fullest potential and design until Christ's return - Maranatha!

Mission and Stewardship

As stewards of God's work and ever expanding kingdom, our desire is to carry on as faithful "arborists" to assist in the school's growth and beauty as God would have it, to maximize its purposes and blessings for our precious community of learners. Our hope is to continue to witness the expansion of our three main program branches (academics, arts and athletics). Growing wider in these three areas will multiply opportunities and experiences that will nourish and further equip our student body to discover their true identity and calling in God.

Preparing for the Future

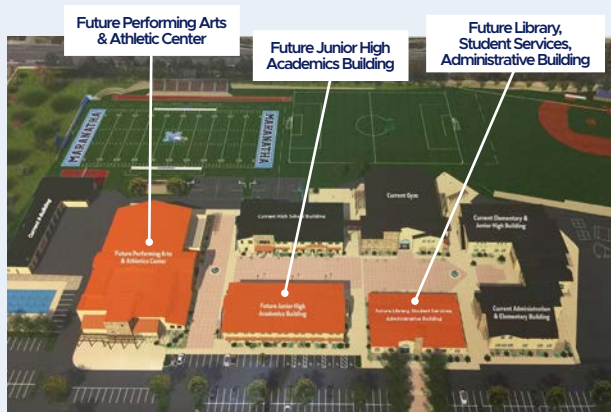
MCS is preparing to enter into a new season of strategic planning and campus expansion to accommodate the growth the school has experienced post-Covid. The master plan below will not only expand our physical borders, but will also allow MCS to grow our programs deeper and wider, to maximize the impact for our student body in the areas of the arts, athletics, academics and the spiritual life.

In Christ,

Jess Hetherington
MCS Superintendent

Master Plan

Take a look at our early rendering of the Master Plan to expand the MCS campus. The project would be done in phases with the new Junior High building as the focus of the first phase. No completion date has been announced at this time. To God be the Glory!



HUNGRY FOR FELLOWSHIP?

Join us for the next Koinonia Breakfast

Koinonia means communion with God, or more commonly, with fellow Christians. Our MCS Superintendent, Jess Hetherington, started the Koinonia Breakfast tradition to create a community at our school among staff, students and parents. He wanted families to develop authentic, long-lasting relationships by serving breakfast and coffee in the MCS courtyard several times during the school year.

Our Parent Action Committee (PAC) says over 1,200 breakfast burritos are served at each Koinonia Breakfast! Stay tuned to ParentSquare for details on the next one. We can't wait to see you there!



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HAPPENINGS IN HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM ADVANCES TO REGIONALS

Team Set To Compete In Mid-March In Carlsbad



All eyes are on our MCS High School Robotics Team which has qualified for the regional championships. To get to this point, the team had their First Tech Challenge Interleague Championship and came in first place out of 23 teams. They also received the 1st place Winning Alliance Award, the Innovate Award, and the 3rd place Control Award. Students are encouraged to come cheer on the team at their next competition on March 10th at Pacific Ridge High School in Carlsbad.

Our MCS art students are coming up with some amazing designs. The Graphic Design students learned about packaging design and created a cohesive perfume bottle and box for a specific target audience. Students in AP Art chose one theme to focus on for the entire year. They are creating a body of fifteen cohesive works, focusing on exploring the subject of their choice. Yearbook students are even learning to create digital artwork with an iPad and Apple Pencil to go along with this year's book theme.



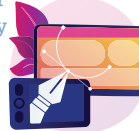
Coming Up

During Spiritual Emphasis Week, students will take part in our off-campus Spring Retreat, March 26th, with topics such as:

- *Godly Dating*
- *Diet of the Mind*
- *Interpersonal Relationships*
- *Living Out Your Faith Boldly*

DID YOU KNOW?

The High School Digital Arts program added two new classes this year. Introduction to Marketing and Introduction to Animation. Students are learning the fundamentals of modern business marketing, motion graphics and digital animation. They are also learning the array of opportunity within the design industry.



MCS DIGITAL ARTS PROGRAM



Graphic Design

Graphic Design students learn to make product packaging.



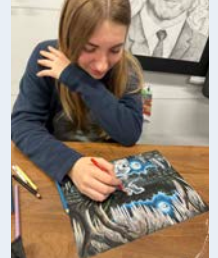
Art 1

Art 1 students selected and researched a famous artist and presented their findings in a mock gallery tour. During the tour, they also showcased their own artwork which was inspired by their selected artist.



AP Art 2D

Students in AP Art 2D chose one theme to focus on for the entire year. They create a body of fifteen cohesive works, focusing on exploring the subject of their choice in depth.



Yearbook

Yearbook students are using Apple Pencil in their design work.



STUDENT SNAPSHOTS

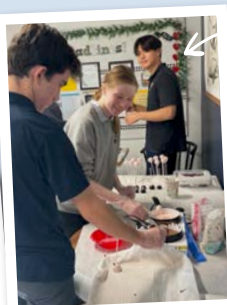
National Honor Society

NHS students prepared 75 bag lunches for San Diegans struggling with food insecurity.



Sweet Treats

NHS students make Valentine goodies for MCS staff.



Career Fair

Our College and Guidance Department invited local professionals to join us during lunch and share about their career choice and details of their profession.



SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 15

Career Talk - Supply Chain Management

MARCH 20 (Tentative)

How to get a Job Seminar

MARCH 21

Open House

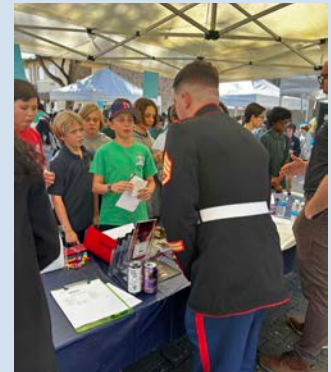
MARCH 25-28

Spiritual Emphasis Week

REACH FOR THE SKY IN JUNIOR HIGH



Sixth graders performed in the annual "I Have a Dream" chapel in honor of Black History Month.



Career Fair

MCS hosts an annual Career Fair to invite professionals from dozens of industries to discuss their vocations with students.

STUDENTS INSPIRED BY "I HAVE A DREAM" CHAPEL

Sixth Grade Scholars Perform For Parents, Students And Staff

Understanding the history and the significance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech was the latest focus for our MCS Jr. High division. The annual Black History chapel is one of MCS' longest standing traditions celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King as well as the importance of the Gettysburg Address.

Congratulations to our Jr. High First Lego League Challenge Robotics Team. The Virtual Eagles worked hard this year to not only build a competitive robot but also use the skills they've learned to impact the greater San Diego community. In partnership with

the Braille Institute and the Timken Museum, they have put in over 300 out-of-class hours developing a solution to help the visually impaired community experience art in a new way. Their innovation project, which was inspired by the work of art historian Caro Verbeek, tapped into the ability of our olfactory senses to hold strong memories. They developed a device that would produce a complimentary scent to go along with a visual description of different works of art throughout the Timken Museum. They will continue iterating on this design as they finish out this school year.



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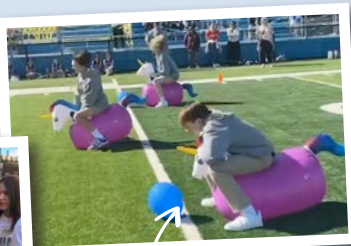
The Jr. High Robotics Team developed this device to help the visually impaired enjoy a museum experience through scent. Amazing!



STUDENT SNAPSHOTS

Snack Attack

Valentine's Day cookies fill students tummies and hearts.



Go Eagles!

Jr. High cheerleaders perform at the Winter Pep Rally.

Winter Pep Rally

Fun and games to raise school spirit for our Eagles!



SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 15

Parent/Teacher Conferences
(By Request)

MARCH 21

Open House

MARCH 22

No School

MARCH 25-28

Spiritual Emphasis Week/
Passover Shabbat Presentation

MARCH 29

Good Friday (No School)

EAGLES IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



BUSY AT BIZTOWN

Fifth Graders Learn All About Business And Put In A Full Days Work!

The recent fifth grade field trip to Biztown gave students a hands-on experience of what it takes to have a job, earn money, create a budget, and even pay taxes. Biztown is a two-story simulated town, located in San Diego, that allows students to operate banks, manage restaurants, cash a paycheck, use a debit card and vote for mayor. Our fifth graders even completed a job application and an in-person interview for their Biztown position prior to the field trip. Such wonderful real-world experience!

Meanwhile, our kindergarten classes learned about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln in honor of President's Week. They are also preparing to hatch chicks in the classroom and are looking forward to learning about the life cycle of chickens. First grade has been focusing on the state of California and our country while second grade students have been gathering for Bible club at lunch. They started the book of Acts about the first Christians and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Third graders have been studying patterns of motion. They have explored twirly birds, tops, and even designed rolling carts! Fourth grade has been busy learning all about the human body including a project on how tendons and muscles work together in your hand. The students are also getting ready for the annual fourth grade trip to Sacramento.



President's Week

Kindergartners learned about George Washington and first graders completed a flag project during President's Week.



STUDENT SNAPSHOTS

Always in Motion!

Third graders put their twirly birds to the test.



Robotic Hands

Fourth grade students make a robotic hand to learn about tendons and how they work.

Bible Club

Second grade students meet at lunch to read the Bible and pray together.



SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 7

Second Grade Field Trip to SeaWorld

MARCH 15

Parent/Teacher Conferences
(By Request)

MARCH 21

Open House

MARCH 25-28

Spiritual Emphasis Week

APRIL 9

First Grade Field Trip to Fleet

APRIL 17

Fifth Grade Field Trip to Riley's Farm

APRIL 23

Third Grade Field Trip to Balboa Park International Cottages

THE EAGLES NEST... INSIDE OUR EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM



STEAM DAY WITH DAD

Dads Take Part In Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts And Math Projects

It's one of the highlights of the Early Education experience; STEAM Day with Dad. This year our students had the opportunity to create a robot out of recycled materials, build a ramp, or take part in our always fun, egg drop from the second story of the chapel! Our MCS dads also joined in on circle time and a song, followed by a delicious donut treat. Thank you to all of the dads for being a part of this special day.



Our TK students learned what it was like to be a MCS kindergarten student for the day at our main campus. This annual field trip gives our Early Education TK students a chance to try out a kindergarten class, take part in a music lesson and experience a P.E. class. "The staff on the MCS main campus prepares for this day with special curriculum. They work so hard to make this such an amazing event for the students to experience," said Patrice Andrews, Principal of Early Education at MCS.



Kindergarten For A Day

Our TK students took part in a field trip to our main campus to experience being a kindergartner for the day. The best part was attending Miss Belgum's music class!



DID YOU KNOW?

Our brand new hydration station was installed thanks to the funds raised at the annual Trike-a-Thon. So refreshing!



STUDENT SNAPSHOTS



STEAM Day With Dad
A successful morning with our dads accomplishing STEAM projects and enjoying donuts!



Hearts Full Of Hope
Our Early Education students celebrate Valentine's Day.



SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 1-5

Spring Break

MAY 6-10

Mother's Day Tea

MAY 28-29

Promotion/Family Potluck

SOARING IN THE SPOTLIGHT

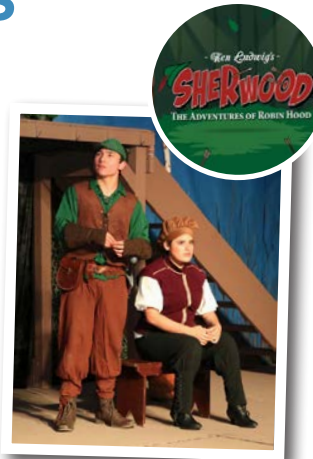


SHERWOOD SHOW IS ANOTHER SELL-OUT

The MCS High School performance of *Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood* was another big success. Every show in the mezzanine was sold out. "It was such a fun show to watch," said Jayne Howard, MCS Performing Arts Director. "I loved seeing the camaraderie within the cast. For some of the performers, it was their last show because they are seniors and will be graduating," said Howard.

The Performing Arts Department is currently in rehearsals for the April performances of *Beauty and the Beast* which will take place at Maranatha Chapel. Students are also preparing for choir auditions for the 2024-2025 school year.

Keep a lookout for performances from our choir, band and cast members during the March 21st MCS Open House.



Sherwood debuted January 19th-28th in the MCS mezzanine.

Maranatha Christian Schools
Performing Arts
Youth Summer Theatre Arts Camps

**SINGING & DANCING
BROADWAY MUSICAL
SHOWSTOPPERS**

Elementary July 15 - 19 9:00 am - Noon
JH/HS July 22 - 26 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

PERFORMANCES AT 7:30 PM ON LAST DAY OF CAMP
Registration begins March 15

Maranatha Christian Schools
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DISNEY
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THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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LYRICS BY Howard Ashman & Tim Rice
BOOK BY Linda Woolverton

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ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY Disney Theatrical Productions

FRIDAY APR 19 7:00 PM	SATURDAY APR 20 11:00 AM	SUNDAY APR 21 7:00 PM	FRIDAY APR 26 7:00 PM	SATURDAY APR 27 11:00 AM	SUNDAY APR 28 7:00 PM
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Directed and Choreographed by Jayne Howard | Music Director Jenny Gillette

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MARCH 14
HS and JH Choir Auditions
HS Worship Team Auditions

MARCH 21
Open House Performances

APRIL 19-28
Beauty and the Beast
Performances at Maranatha Chapel

**Disney
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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MARANATHA EAGLES SPORTS



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BOYS SOCCER WINS CIF CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Eagles Beat High Tech North County 1-0

Following an undefeated league season and breezing through the first two playoff games with decisive wins, the #1 seeded Maranatha Boys Soccer team ran into a tough opponent in the final against #2 seed High Tech, North County. Following a scoreless first half, the deadlock was broken when junior Will Wise scored the only goal in the game when he headed in a corner kick from Diego Esparza. The Eagles defense shut down High Tech for the remainder of the game to secure the victory, and their first-ever green CIF Championship banner!

For senior goalkeeper Andy Baltgalvis, who was earlier in the week named the *Ocean League Player of the Year*, it was his record breaking 12th shutout of the season. The previous MCS record for shutouts was 9 set in 2016. Go Eagles!

DID YOU KNOW?

"All Things Golf Lab"

Thanks to a generous donation, an 11-hole putting green and sand trap was installed this month on the south end of campus next to the recently revamped weight room. It will soon have multiple hitting bays and be fully enclosed for our MCS Golf Teams.



Check this out!

Steve Shuey Photography

The winning header goal by MCS junior Will Wise!



SPOTLIGHT ATHLETES



Armani Johnson
JH Boys Volleyball
8th Grade

"He was a very athletic player (at Cambridge Academy) but now he's on our side of the net!"
- Coach Rodgers



Leah Marks
Varsity Girls Basketball
Senior

Leah made MCS history by scoring 48 points during a game against Mt. Miguel.



Sofia Yale
Varsity Girls Soccer
Sophomore

Sofia scored 12 goals in the Ocean League Championship and was named *Ocean League Player of the Year*.

