

The Royal Courier

Alumni Newsletter

Greetings Mission Alumni and Friends!

By now, you all should have received three important pieces of correspondence from the school. In the beginning of October, we mailed out a postcard to all alumni, inviting everyone back for the Homecoming Football game. We held that successful event at the end of October amidst much fanfare. Thank you to those of you who were able to revisit the campus. Surely a lot has changed since your days in high school, but perhaps you noticed how that same spirit of care pervades. It was nice to see and meet some of you!

Later last month, we mailed our first-ever Annual Report, promoting our common mission together at MCP, summarizing our financial operations, and celebrating our investment partners. One thing to notice is the amazing vitality of our students, in all the breadth and depth of activities in which they are involved. They really are a flourishing group on the whole and we're so proud to communicate a bit of that joy through the visual images in the piece. Another thing is to ensure that any information we included in the report is accurate for you... correct spelling of your name, for example! Please let us know how we can do a better job of cultivating your meaningful involvement in our life and mission here at MCP. The Annual Report is a communications tool we're committed to for your sake.

The final mailing you received is the Annual Fund solicitation. Please be clear that I'm not asking for your help... I'm asking for your partnership – your investment in our life here at Mission. We're deeply worth it! More important than any specific accomplishment of any one of our students is the emphasis here on the formation of people of scholarship, inspiration, and leadership – set within a culture of care and accountability. This process of forming leaders to transform the world tomorrow is flourishing today, just as it was when you graced these halls with your presence.

I'd ask you to consider participating in our Annual Fund today as a way of continuing the legacy of which you have benefited. Come to campus to hear and see the difference at MCP – that's how you'll be sure that your investment dollars are making a difference!

Last year was the first time we'd ever pursued a comprehensive Annual Fund where all of our stakeholders were asked to participate at whatever donation level they discerned. We saw 4.5% participation and realized about \$174,000. This year, I'd like for us to strive to reach 12% participation. The monetary totals will take care of themselves, but for the second year, we have secured a \$50,000 challenge grant that will match every first-time donation at a two-for-one rate. Every donation dollar is worth three dollars. This grant is a way to incentivize your participation and to celebrate the incredible promise of our community!

Thank you for your prayerful generosity in the 2009-10 Annual Fund. Your investment directly enhances our mission of developing and educating our future leaders.

All my best,
James D Childs
Principal



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Mission
High
School



Mission Central
Catholic
High School

Principal's Message

Alumni Director's Corner

School Year 2009-10 has gotten off to a great start. We have a total of 289 students including 81 freshmen. We also have five new teachers on the staff this year- Amy Fraser for math, Sarah Rogers for English, and three part-time teachers, Kris Couch for Web Technology, Joe Olesh for Video Production, and Zach Snider for Art and Leadership.

The Class of 2013 started their MCP experience by making the trek up the hill for the annual repainting of the M. This was the second year that the repainting was done on the first day of school (Freshmen orientation).

Fall sports are going well with all of our teams winning some and losing some. A full report on the fall sports will be in the winter issue. The senior class along with ten juniors (leaders for the next Kairos) attended the 14th MCP Kairos at the Serra Retreat Center in Malibu. Kairos is a four-day intensive retreat program that culminates the retreat experience at MCP. This is the same program that is used by many Catholic high schools through out the country.

Homecoming on Halloween weekend was a success. It was great seeing the alums from throughout the history of the school. Of course more alums from the recent classes were in attendance.

We are in the process of changing to a new software system for our alumni data base. The new system will give us more flexibility and allow us to provide reports, class lists, etc in a variety of formats that will better serve the alumni community. However, like any new system there may be glitches. If you are receiving more than one copy of this newsletter by US mail, please let us know. Or if your name or address is not coming out right let us know so that we can make the necessary adjustments.

We will continue sending the Royal Courier four times a year (fall, winter, spring, and summer) by US mail and email. If you have a preference for receiving the newsletter we will be able to make the necessary adjustment if you let us know. We are continuing our efforts to reconnect with alums (MHS, MCC, and MCP) who we have lost contact with over the years for various reasons. If you know of classmates who are not receiving the newsletter have them get in touch with us at 805.543-2131, Ext 410 or jscully@missionprep.org.

John J. Scully

Director of Alumni

Fall Sports

Football
Volleyball
Cross Country
Girls Tennis



Mooney girls at Stanford Invitation



Trench Warfare

MISSION BOOSTERS AUCTION – Nov 7

All Mission Alumni and Friends:

Come out to the ballpark.....

where only the adults get to play!

The 55th annual Booster Club Dinner and Auction will be held on November 7th, at the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge. The evening's "first pitch" will be thrown out at 5:00 p.m. with a social hour including hors d'oeuvres, a no-host bar and silent auction. After "rounding first base" you will slide in to second with an unparalleled dinner that will feature a BBQ rolled rib-eye steak with all the fixings. "Given the green light" you will sprint to home for the main event, the live auction. By the end of the evening your team will "score" with one of the numerous silent and live auction items.

This is an extremely important event as it accounts for nearly 80% of all funds raised by the Boosters for athletic programs at Old Mission School and Mission College Prep. With the increasing number of student athletes participating in all sports, the demand for Booster Club support is more important than ever. The goal this year is to raise over \$40,000 for our student athletes. The Booster Club also contributes to capital improvements for both schools, which benefit ALL students.

We hope you will be able to join us at this fun filled, action packed evening. Please contact Debbie or Kristy as soon as possible as the event is right around the corner.

Don't get caught "sitting on the bench" on Saturday, November 7th, come out and "play ball".

The Booster Club is a non-profit organization comprised of past and present parents of both schools dedicated to supporting athletics. All proceeds from the dinner and auction are distributed in the following manner: 50% to MCP, 25% to OMS and 25% is kept in reserve to be given to either school as needed.

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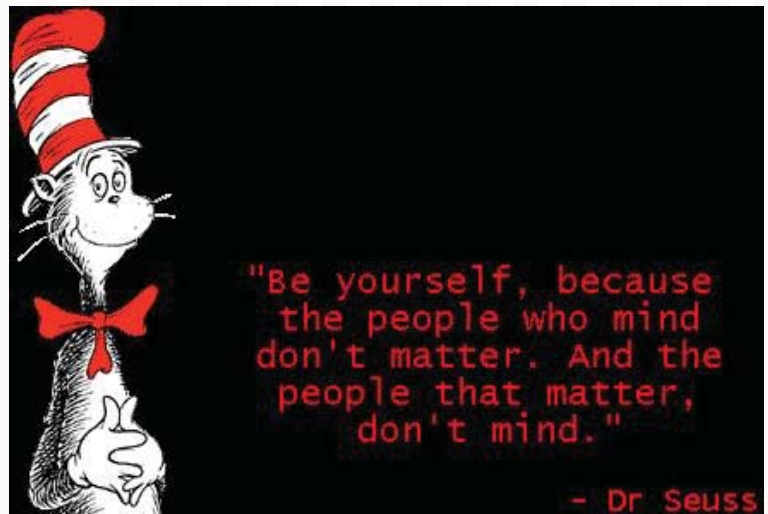
Membership, Scholarship, Service Award Chair

MCP Drama and OMS

Seussical The Musical Jr.

Come see this wonderful family-fun musical with all your favorite Seuss characters: The Cat in the hat, Amazing Mayzie, Horton the Elephant,

Thing One & Two and the entire planet of Who. With a cast of 60 students from Mission Prep and Old Mission School, this show promises, laughter, love and hilarity. Performances will be Sat, Nov 14/ 2 and 7 pm; Sun, Nov 15/ 2 pm; Fri and Sat, Nov 20/21, 7 pm; and Sun, Nov 22/ 2 pm. For more information contact Mrs. Blomfield at jblomfield@missionprep.org or call MCP at 543-2131.



ALUMNI SOCCER AND BASKETBALL GAMES

On Saturday, November 28th we will have a series of Alumni games at MCP as shown below:

Royals Soccer vs Coed Alumni

Mission Field 4:00pm

Players are welcome to come early to stretch and warm-up.

POC is Luke Hetzel (lhetzel@umail.ucsb.edu) or

John Scully (jscully@missionprep.org or 805.543-2131, Ext 410.

Lady Royals BB vs Lady Royal Alumni

Cowitz Court 6:00pm

POC is Margaret Cowitz at mcowitz@gmail.com or 805.471-7685.

Royals Basketball vs Royal Alumni

Cowitz Court 7:30pm

POC is Carter Collins at ctcollins33@gmail.com.

If you are not a soccer or basketball player, you are still welcome to come visit with other alums and cheer the alumni teams on.

Any overall questions, please direct to John Scully at jscully@missionprep.org or 805. 543-2131, Ext 410.

Go Royals!!

Admissions. MCP Is The Place To Be....

We will begin accepting applications for the 2010 – 2011 academic year on Monday, November 2, 2009! Please note, there are some significant changes to our admission's timeline, process and application this year. All of this information can be viewed and/or downloaded at www.missionprep.org. (Click on the admissions at the top of the page.).

New Program!!! We will be holding the first two of four MCP Parent Discovery Programs in November! They will be held at the homes of: Deanna & Chris Byrne (South County) on Tuesday, November 17th from 6:30pm to 8pm and at the home of Martha & Larry Fernandez (San Luis Obispo) on Saturday, November 21st from 3pm to 4:30pm. The last two programs will be at the home of Patty & Mark Woolpert (San Luis Obispo) on Tuesday, December 8 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm and at the home of Scott & Robin Scott (North County) on Sunday, January 10 from 3 pm to 4:30 pm. These programs are specifically geared towards parents who would like to learn more about MCP and/or are still undecided about their child's high school decision. Details can be obtained from Jean Conway at jconway@missionprep.org or 805.543-2131, Ext 333.

On Sunday, January 31, 2010 Mission College Prep will hold an Open House from 2 to 4 pm. Save the date – additional information will be provided in the next Royal Courier.

Jean Conway

Director of Admissions

Where In The World Is?

Last issue of The Royal Courier we received information on 4 of the missing alums.

Thank you for your responses. Currently we do not have any contact with the following MHS/MCC/MCP alums. Either their Royal Courier or email of the newsletter was returned as undeliverable. If you know their whereabouts please contact them and have them get in touch with us at the school or jscully@missionprep.org or go online to MCP website at www.missionprep.org.

Mary Andrews – 1970

Catherine Betz 1970

Anthony Cardoza -1970

Natasha Crane – 1989

Evan Miller-Donnelly – 2002

Roxanna Gonyer - 1970

Robert Gott – 1987

Alan Gray - 1970

Molly Hayes – 1997

Alice Helin – 1970

Jack Kirchner – 1970

Margaret Kombrink – 1970

Linda Limon - 1970

Cara Moore – 1994

Evelyn Morgan – 1988

Eleyce Northcraft – 2004

Martha Novoa – 1960

Linda Olivera – 1970

Michael Rodgers – 1970

Lisa Rodriquez – 1970

Mary (Schanberger) Hennessey – 1970

Ann Schopper – 1970

Kevin Servatius – 1970

Mike Sherman – 1960

Janine Tartaglia – 1970

Laura Thomas – 2003

Sarah Whitaker – 2007

Jonathan Young – 1996

Mission Prep Christmas Classic

Led by perennial high school basketball powerhouses Taft and Campbell Hall, the 11th annual Mission Prep Christmas Classic field has been set and will take place between 17-22 December 2009 at the Mission Prep gymnasium on Palm Street in San Luis Obispo.

The Taft Toreadors, from Woodland Hills California, who are expected to challenge for the Los Angeles City Section Division I championship, will be led by Senior guard Bryce Jones and forward De'Andre Daniels.

The Campbell Hall Vikings from North Hollywood California, under new coach Steve Wachs, have two of the most sought after players in the country in forward James "Deuce" Johnson and Austin McBroom, a playmaking guard with pinpoint jump shooting accuracy.

The tournament field also includes two (2) out of state prep basketball teams making the journey to San Luis Obispo- the El Dorado Sundevils from Las Vegas, Nevada and F.W. Ballou from Washington D.C.

Perennial California stand out teams in this year's Mission Prep Christmas Classic are:

Pasadena High Bulldogs, Pasadena
Campolindo Cougars, Moraga
Rio Americano Raiders, Sacramento
Cathedral High Phantoms, Los Angeles
Sylmar High Spartans, Sylmar
Washington Prep Generals, Los Angeles
Birmingham Patriots Lake, Balboa
Edison Tigers, Fresno

And talented local San Luis Obispo County teams participating will be:

Pioneer Valley Panthers, Santa Maria
St. Joseph Knights, Santa Maria
San Luis Obispo Tigers, San Luis Obispo
Mission Prep Royals, San Luis Obispo



"We are thrilled to once again host this annual holiday classic here in San Luis Obispo," said Mission Prep Principal J.D. Childs.

"The support of our community, the welcoming of our visitors, the excitement of getting our students to manage and run the tournament are all in line with the mission of our school. It is a thrilling educational opportunity as well as an incredible display of athleticism. The young men that come here are truly gifted athletes, exceptionally well coached and motivated to achieve greatness."

In addition to the games at the school gym, this year fans will be able to log onto the tournament website www.mpchristmasclassic.com and watch every game from anywhere in the world via a live web cam. The new tournament Internet presence will also include live in game updates via Twitter and Facebook.

The Mission Prep Christmas Classic has also been a favorite of college coaches and NBA scouts in the past and that trend will likely continue with this year's renewal given the breadth of exciting high school players scheduled to play. Last year's tournament included visits by UCLA head coach Ben Howland as well as assistant coaches from USC, Washington, San Diego, Fresno State and Nevada.

Also returning again this year will be the Scintillating Slam Dunk Contest on Friday night 18 December 2009. Judged by local members of the basketball and business community, past renewals of this electrifying dunk display have featured future college and NBA stars. This year's contest is forecast to continue the highflying fireworks. Video of past slam dunks can be seen at www.mpchristmasclassic.com.

Mission College Prep Scrip Program

We'd love for all Mission Prep alumni and friends to help out the school by registering with one of our scrip programs. It's easy and it's free! Sign up at:

Albertson's- www.albertsons.com -"Community Partners". Our # is 49000121185.

Ralph's - www.ralphs.com - "Sign In/Register". Our NPO# is 83313.

Scolari's - We will be glad to mail you a form..

Vons, Safeway, Spencers and more - www.escrip.com. Our # is 500001520.

If you have questions, please feel free to give me a call. Thanks for your help! -- Linda Lippincott @ MCP Business Office 543-2131 Ext 402 (or email) llippincott@missionprep.org



Teaching Mass by Father John at Kairos

“Both Tom and I feel that Mission High School, along with our parents, gave us the strength to face hard work and the ability to do it. I would say the nuns at Mission High School did a good job of teaching us about the reality of hard work, and the ability to do whatever we encountered in the work world.”

Thomas (1945) and Helen McAuliffe (1946) Collins

“My 4 years at Mission High School in the ‘50’s were like going to school with family. The teachers nurtured and guided us and cared what we did with our lives. It was confidence building and constructive criticism hand in hand. It was a small student body at that time but we felt very proud of our teams and fellow students. I still have a sense of pride when asked where I graduated. Mission High School added so much to my formative years.”

Karen Corda Adler (1956)



Going to the Point at Kairos

“When the high school closed its doors several years ago as Mission Central Catholic High School, I was very disappointed. It was the only high school for miles around that offered a value-centered and academically rigorous education in the Catholic tradition. It prepared me well for my four years at Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Indiana. What a shame, I thought, that families would no longer have the option of a high school education that builds on the solid foundation of Mission Grammar School. I was astonished and delighted when the school reopened as Mission College Preparatory Catholic High School and eager to support a renewed future for Mission High. Catholic education is a priority in my family. Our three children attended Catholic schools from grade school through College, and our daughter received her master’s degree from a Catholic university. Our first charitable dollars always go to all the alma maters in our family.”

Adaline Stefanac Cashore (1966)



Annual Painting of the “M”

“Mission was always ahead of the public schools. The level of education far exceeded other schools’ standards. We always thought of ourselves as special. Sister Emanuel said she would squeeze it out of us like toothpaste, and she did. The guidance from Sister Helene (Principal in 1961) was invaluable in getting me headed in the right direction. The moral fiber of my being is founded in my Catholic education and the guidance of all the teachers. I think that my Mission High School experience is largely responsible for the successes in my life, both professionally and personally. I enjoyed a wonderful career in Human Resources and now in serving my community in retirement. The special attention provided at Mission is simply not available in the public school system. I would not trade my Mission experience for anything.”

Carol Dyer (1961)

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Class of 1960

Donn Weipert is retired and has been living in Colorado Springs, CO since 1972. He worked for General Electric for 7.5 years and Hewlett Packard/Agilent Tech for 30 years.

He has two daughters and two grandchildren.

Class of 1961

Carol Dyer has retired and moved to La Paz in Baja Mexico and is now the owner and operator of Casa Tuscany, a lovely bed and breakfast in the heart of La Paz. Check it out at www.tuscanybaja.com. Discounts for Mission grads!

Class of 1966

James Flores is living in Kalispell, MT and working as a Night Supervisor at Superl Foods. He has 2 sons, 1 daughter and 2 grandchildren.

Class of 1970

Jerry Reynolds retired after 33 years of teaching (3 at Old Mission School and 30 at Templeton HS). He is still an assistant varsity football and baseball coach at Paso Robles High School.

Class of 1991

Tom Mott is the Athletic Director and Boys Basketball coach at St. Josephs in Santa Maria.

Class of 1993

Nora (Otto) Jones has moved to Los Angeles after living in New York City for six years. She is enjoying the "paradise weather" with her husband, Rob. "Class of 1993 we need a reunion."

Class of 1996

Catherine Burkhardt, after working for eight years at a health food store in Portland, OR, has quit her job and is sailing to Mexico for the winter with her boy friend. They plan to spend the winter sailing around the Sea of Cortez documenting and interacting with small communities. In the spring they plan to sail to French Polynesia, visiting small islands and documenting their cultures. Then on to Tahiti, Australia, and New Zealand with the return trip through Hawaii back to Portland, OR.

Class of 1998

Ann Mott was married in San Diego over the summer.

Class of 1999

Patrick and Marcelle (Coudray)

Dawson had a little girl named Adelyn in August 2009.

Shannon Duffy just completed her fifth year teaching 1st grade in Las Vegas, NV.

Class of 1999 will be having a reunion over the Christmas holidays, Saturday, December 26. Details will be sent out in a separate email.

Class of 2001

Nyssa (Falkenhagen) Simon graduated from UCLA and is now working as a Research and Design Engineer at Abbott Vascular in Temecula, CA. She and her husband, Danny, are living in Canyon Lake.

Class of 2003

Caitlin Duffy is living in New York where her husband is stationed at Ft. Drum, NY.

Bixler McClure graduated with a MA in Geography from the University of Hawaii in May. He is currently working for a geospatial consulting company in Anchorage, AK. In the last several years he has traveled to all the continents except Antarctica, studied abroad on a ship in the South Pacific for 2 months, and rode his motorcycle from California to Alaska in six days.

Ashley (Ramsey) Edwards is married and living in Texas. She graduated from Abilene Christian University with bachelors in political science and Spanish and currently manages a walk-in medical clinic.

Class of 2004

Skylar Ercole graduated from San Diego State University and is currently working as a supervisor at Costco in San Diego.

Class of 2005

Moira Rutiz is working on her Teaching Credential/ Masters in Education at St. Mary's College in Moraga.

Class of 2006

Jackie Garayar is continuing her recovery, from the serious automobile accident that she was in last May, at her parents home in Paso Robles. She is now on crutches and doing physical therapy on a regular basis. Her complete physical recovery will probably take up to a year. Jackie would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes.

Jonathan Yanez is in the US Army and stationed in South Korea.

Class of 2008

Josh Erskine has joined the US marines.

Class of 2009

Kellie Fryer and **Savannah Merrill (Class of 2010)** recently competed at the Tremaine Dance Convention in Las Vegas, NV. Their 16-girl team earned eight first-place awards and best of show honors for 2009.

IN MEMORIAM

Cathy Breault, mother of **Toney Breault (Class of 1989)**.

Walt Clark, father of **Jay Clark (Class of 1994)** and stepfather of **Sarah (Taylor) Magelet (Class of 1989)** and **Amy Taylor (Class of 1992)**.

James "Hut" Taylor, father of **Sarah (Taylor) Magelet (Class of 1989)** and **Amy Taylor (Class of 1992)**.

CALENDAR – SY 2009/10

Nov 7	Mission Boosters Auction
Nov 28	Alumni Soccer/Basketball Games
Dec 18	End of Semester 1
Dec 18 – 22	Christmas Classic (Boys Basketball)
Dec 19 – Jan 3	Christmas Vacation
Jan 4	Start of Semester 2
Jan 31	Open House – 2 to 4 pm
Feb 6	Grandparents Day
Mar 13	Annual MCP Dinner Auction
Apr 2 - 11	Easter Vacation
May 24	Royal Day
May 27	End of Semester 2
May 27	Baccalaureate – 6:30pm
May 28	Graduation – 6:30pm
May 29	MHS/MCC Reunion Luncheon



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Cross Country
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