

The Royal Courier

Alumni Newsletter

Greetings Mission Alumni and Friends!

On behalf of our community of adult educators, I pray Christ's peace for everyone this coming year. Please know that we consider it our ministry and a blessing to serve at Mission Prep.

In terms of Annual Fund progress, we are on-pace to raise more money and involve more people than ever before. Due to early success so far this year, we were able to reinstate half of the pay-cut that our faculty and staff took for this year. We're grateful that more people are discovering how significant this initiative is to advance our mission. This program is the most immediate and impactful way for you to invest in our success, so thank you for participating. Elsewhere in this newsletter, in response to questions we received from our stakeholders, we've included questions and answers about our financial practices for your consideration.

One of the most important new initiatives for the long-term growth and sustainability of our school is the Parent Discovery Nights program for prospective students and their parents. This program provides an opportunity for our current parents to advocate on MCP's behalf with their peers in the community to bolster the number of our student applicants. Because we are intentional about the type of culture we want here at MCP, as we grow, the school becomes better for us all. It is important that prospective families take the time to meet us and see how distinctive we are. We are not perfect here at MCP, but we are a community of faith striving to always be better and more responsive to our community's needs.

When I'm asked at Discovery Nights what the most distinctive thing about our school is, I am convinced that it has to do with our school culture, rooted in our Catholic identity. We have a culture of expectation here where students expect to go on to college and participate meaningfully in their communities. Our culture of care and accountability is a direct credit to our faculty members who push our students to strive for excellence, but who also nurture their growth, support them when they fall short, and inspire them to try again. We have a tremendous culture of faith and leadership here at MCP where students take responsibility for one another and celebrate each other's successes. Culture goes beyond rules and regulations. It isn't about compliance. Culture reflects the attitudes and practices of a community, reflected in their beliefs, traditions, legends, and heroes. Culture reflects an investment in our common life together. It is passed on from age to age and endures through an institution's values.

Thank you for your part in allowing us to be the inheritors of this unique cultural legacy at Mission today!

All my best,



James D. Childs
Principal

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Alumni Director's Corner

The first semester of SY 2009-10 was completed on the Friday before Christmas. The two week break over the holidays was welcomed by both students and faculty.

The Basketball and Soccer Alumni Games on the Saturday after Thanksgiving were very successful. The one minor glitch was the moving of the basketball games from Saturday evening to the afternoon because of the success of the Lady Royals Volleyball that had a state regional home game on Saturday evening. But that is a good challenge to have especially after they won their game and advanced to the Southern California Regional Finals. See the article on the Alumni Games later in this newsletter for the results of the three games.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we have converted to a new software program, Blackbaud Sphere. Titles, names, addresses, and some miscellaneous information for over 3400 files have been moved to the new system. As in any conversion to a new system, we have run into some minor problems such as wrong titles appearing for some individuals. For this we apologize. We think that we have solved this challenge, but if your address label on the newsletter is not correct, please let us know so we can correct it. We are still in the process of converting our email database to the new system. This should occur over the next few months.

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

DRAMA - SEUSSICAL a SUCCESSICAL

BRAVO to the cast, crew, staff, wonderful volunteers and the MCP and OMS family audiences for the outstanding success of our first show of the season. Record ticket sales and audience attendance brought in over \$7,000 for our Drama department. This will help us in continuing our high production standards that students Daniel Conti and Caity Wilson (2010) introduced with their spectacular set and lighting design. A special Bravo to Caity's father Ron Wilson and Bryan Conti (2009) for their extraordinary teamwork spending countless hours as tech advisor, set builders and lighting technicians. And a final thank you to J.D. Childs for his continued support and love for the Arts!



Main set of
Seussical the
Musical!

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Class of 1932

Mabel (Roder) Pence recently celebrated her 96th birthday. She has four children, 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She still drives her VW Bug and loves to play bingo and exercise at The Villages at the Palms in San Luis Obispo where she is living.

Class of 1945

Tom and Helen (McAuliff) (1946) Collins are living in San Jose and celebrated their 60th Anniversary in April.

Class of 1947

Rosemary Perry, IHM is living in Santa Maria and volunteering to teach English as a second language at Marian Medical Center in Santa Maria.

Class of 1962

Sandi (Frederick) Wright is retired and living in St. Petersburg, FL and says that, "Life is a beach".

Class of 1969

Yvonne Louise Villa lived for 25 years in the Bay Area with her late husband and three children. It is good to be able to come back to San Luis Obispo and marry her childhood sweetheart in 2004.

Class of 1994

Dana Mello was married in November to Jon Pace. She will be living in Paradise Valley in Arizona near Phoenix.

Class of 1998

Kyle Malizia is a Deputy Sheriff for Clackamas County in Portland, OR.

Class of 2000

Josh Krause's latest documentary, "The Carter" on grammy-award winning musician Lil Wayne, screened for one night in San Luis Obispo in December.

Class of 2003

Patrick Johansing was recently married in Washington.

Mission Prep Christmas Classic

The eleventh annual Mission Prep Christmas Classic was held at the MCP gym during the period December 18 – 22 with sixteen teams from throughout the United States participating – eight games a day. New to the Christmas Classic this year was a live web cam. Fans of any of the sixteen teams were able to log onto the website and watch the games live from anywhere in the world. Also, tournament photography was provided of players and their best shots throughout the tournament. Both the live web cam site and photography were provided by MCP seniors Ed Zuchelli and Billy Sukoski respectively.

Teams that played in the tournament this year were Taft (Woodland Hills, CA), Campbell Hall (North Hollywood, CA), Eldorado (Las Vegas, NV), FW Ballou (Washington, DC), Pasadena (Pasadena, CA), Campolindo (Moraga, CA), Rio Americano (Sacramento, CA), Cathedral High and Washington Prep (Los Angeles, CA), Sylmar (Sylmar, CA), Birmingham (Lake Balboa, CA), Edison (Fresno, CA), Pioneer Valley and St. Joseph (Santa Maria, CA), and San Luis Obispo and Mission College Prep (San Luis Obispo, CA). Birmingham defeated Rio Americano 69 – 40 to take the Elite Division and Taft defeated FW Ballou 65 – 62 to win the National Division championship in a very exciting game that was back and forth all night.

Complete results of the tournament can be viewed at www.mpchristmasclassic.com.



OPEN HOUSE and ART SHOW

Our annual Mission College Prep Open House is scheduled for Sunday, January 31st from 2pm to 4pm. This event kicks off Catholic Schools Week, and showcases the Third Annual Grammar Schools Art Show featuring artwork from the students at Old Mission School and St. Patrick's School. Open House will also include the opportunity to meet our faculty, staff and students who will be on hand to talk about their subjects, services, organizations, clubs, and teams. School tours will be available and refreshments will be served.

Alumni, friends, and prospective students with their families are welcome to visit and tour the school. If it has been more than three years since you visited the school, come and see what is new.

ADMISSIONS

Applications for the 2010 – 2011 school year are now being accepted! Contact Jean Conway at 543-2131, x333 or jconway@missionprep.org for more information.

Attention 7th Graders!

Please join us for our annual 7th Grade Visitation Day on Friday, February 5, 2010 for a chance to experience MCP! 7th graders will have the opportunity to attend high school classes, enjoy school tours, play games, meet seventh graders from other schools, and interact with MCP students. The MCP students will provide lunch! All 7th graders are welcome! Details and registration forms will be available on our website at www.missionprep.org or in our main office at MCP soon! Please call 543-2131 for more information.

IN MEMORIAM

Clayt Casey, father of **Jerry Casey (Class of 2009)** and **Emily Casey (Class of 2010)**.

Bill Harvey, grandfather of **Devon Harvey (Class of 2003)**.

Patricia (Madden) Crawford (Class of 1963).

Class of 2004

Katherine Suderman graduated from UC, Santa Barbara in June and has signed a contract to play professional basketball in Greece.

Morgan Veyna graduated from St. Mary's College (CA) in May 2008. He was awarded a Lasallian Fellowship for a fifth year of study but decided to pursue other interests, entered the USMC and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in December. He is currently attending his Basic School at Quantico MCB in Virginia.

Class of 2005

Bailey Morrow graduated from Santa Clara University in June. She has moved to Mountain View, CA and accepted a position as an Associate at the Silicon Valley Bank in the Venture Capital Group.

Class of 2006

Jackie Garayar is continuing her recuperation from a serious vehicle accident last May. She is up and walking with the aid of crutches and a cane.

Class of 2007

Luis Santiago is attending Monterey Peninsula College and playing basketball.

Class of 2008

Chanse Rhodes enlisted in the US Army and is now in Kuwait as a truck driver/convoy commander. He was the Soldier of the Cycle in basic training and was nominated and received the Soldier of the Month in September. He is taking college classes through the University of Maryland in his downtime while on deployment. He is planning on getting married in the Spring of 2010 when he anticipates returning home.

Class of 2009

Jordan Hasay was selected as one of the Top 10 High School Athletes of the decade by ESPN RISE magazine. She had four state cross-country titles, two national cross-country titles and five USA Track & Field national championships while in high school.

Amy Sexton is continuing to volunteer for the local Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention (SARP) center which she began doing as a senior for her Community Service.

LOOKING BACK ---

The Class of 1933 had 17 graduates, six of which were boys. Two of the boys went on to play football at the University of Santa Clara. William Hall played two years at Santa Clara and was the starting quarterback for part of the season in 1935. Unfortunately we do not have any additional information on William.

Richard (Dick) Bassi played three years of football as a guard and received All-Coast honors for all three years at the University of Santa Clara. He played in the third Sugar Bowl on New Years Day in 1937 where Santa Clara defeated Louisiana State University 21 to 14. After graduation he was picked 36th in the fourth round of the National Football League draft in 1937. He played for five years in the NFL for the Washington Redskins in 1937, Chicago Bears in 1938 and 1939, Philadelphia Eagles in 1940 and the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1941. He also played for two years in the All-American Football Conference for the San Francisco 49ers in 1946 and 1947. He played in a total of 41 games in the NFL as an offensive guard and line backer and was selected to the Pro Bowl in 1940. Dick passed away in San Francisco in August 1973.

Pictures of William Hall and Dick Bassi were obtained from the 1935 University of Santa Clara vs St. Mary's College program for the game played in Kezar Stadium in San Francisco on Sunday, November 17. The program was provided by John Iribarren, currently Dean of Students at MCP.



Dick Bassi



William Hall

BOARD OF REGENTS

The Board of Regents at Mission College is established by the Principal in order to assist the school administration in the governance of the school. The Board provides advice and direction to the Principal. As such, its nature is advisory or consultative only.

The Board does not formulate policy. The implementation or enactment of school policy is accomplished solely by the Principal and school staff.

The Board of Regents has responsibility to provide direction and prudent counsel to the Principal in the following areas:

Planning both long and short range

Finance

Public Relations

Institutional Advancement

Mission Effectiveness

The Principal, at his discretion, can bring other matters outside of the above-mentioned responsibilities to the Board for their review and comment. Although the Board of Regents regularly meets monthly throughout the school year, the Principal may call a special meeting at any time. Current members of the Board of Regents are:

Where In The World Is?

Last issue of The Royal Courier we received information on 5 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.

Carrie Anderson – 1995	Merissa Keehan – 1995
Butch Allen – 1990	Ross Ketcham – 1995
Hector Barroso – 1995	Amy Kunz – 1990
Sylvia Bauman – 1990	Kara Leeson – 1995
Cristina Cardenas – 1995	Damian Lima – 1995
Jaime Castellano – 1995	Richard Morgan – 1990
Dena Diaz – 1995	Ross Moriarty – 1990
Nicholas Doko – 1990	Marin Nargie – 1995
Anne Farris-Wagner – 1967	Jennifer Nickett – 1995
Clinton Gott – 1990	John Nickett – 1995
Windee Guydos – 1995	Alejandra Orellana - 1995
Barletta Hansen – 1995	Michelle Pinard – 1990
Diane Haupt – 1995	Tiffini (Selby) McLane – 1990
Xochitl Hernandez – 1990	Shirley Silveria – 1968
Angela Hurtado – 1995	Brian Silva - 1990

Joe Hasay Alum Parent/Parent

Chris Hulburd Alum Parent/Parent

*Henry Lane Parent

Brendan Morris Class of 1989

John Ronca Class of 1970/Alum Parent

Gerry Shea Alum Parent

Nick Tompkins Alum Parent/Parent

Don Walter Parent

JD Childs Principal

Jean Conway Staff

Susie Lock Staff

* President of the Board of Regents.

ALUMNI SOCCER AND BASKETBALL GAMES

On the Friday afternoon after Thanksgiving, the Lady Alums challenged the Lady Royals basketball squad. The Lady Royals were short some of their key players who were still involved in the State CIF volleyball playoffs scheduled for later that evening. The Lady Alums were coached by Mark Fissori who was an Assistant Coach with Jay Cowitz in the late 1990s/early 2000s and head coach in 2003-2004.

Playing for the Lady Alums were **Nece (Bonds) Hill (1993), Paige (Billingsley) Esparza (1999), Chrisina Georghiou (2001), Becky Brown (2002), Paige Czarnecki, Aubrey Hurst, Michaela Laird, and Leigh Yetter from the Class of 2008, and Jena Caruso, Dana Ready, and Nisa Solis from the Class of 2009** The Lady Royals won a very spirited game 48 to 38.

The second game was the Alum Royals against the Royals. The Alum Royals were coached by **Justin Barnes (2007)** and assisted by **Luis Santiago (2007)**. The Alum Royals consisted of **John Ronca (1970), Greg Vegher (1992), Rusty Roquet (1998), Jake Hitchcock and Gerald Purify (2002), Kevin Hassler (2003), Carter Collins (2007), Bob Mott (2008) and Kyle Minkel (2009)**. The Alum Royals won a very closely contested game 55 to 53 in overtime.

A coed Alumni soccer game followed the basketball games. Playing in the soccer game were: **Moses (Quezada) Muguira (1993), Craig Bonelli and John Hamon (1997), Bonnie Bonelli and Bob Thurston (1999), Sam Fluitt (2003), Becky Bonelli and Marcos Hambly (2004), Alex Arsene and Charlie Gray (2005), Juan Garayar and Brandon Weipert (2006), Andrew Walters (2007), Luke Hetzel and Alex Pisano (2008), and Hannah Palmer and Patrick Robinson (2009)**. The coed Alum Royals won a very competitive game; 5-4.

Thank you to all of the alumni who participated in the games. Also thank you to **Margaret Cowitz (2008), Carter Collins, and Luke Hetzel** for getting the information out to the Alumni community about the games.



Lady Royal Alums - 2009

All photos
by Katherine
Usavage (2011)



Alums breaking up scoring attempt



Alum Royals - 2009



Bob Mott goes up for a layup



Coed Alumni Soccer Team - 2009

FALL SPORTS RESULTS

The MCP 2009 fall sports season was very successful with all five teams advancing to the CIF Central Section playoffs and the volleyball team advancing to the semifinals of the State Regional tournament. This year MCP is again playing as an independent with no league affiliation except for football. Highlights of the individual fall sports are as follows:

FOOTBALL – Coach Brady Lock

East Sierra League Record: 5 - 0

Overall Record: 8 - 4

Highlights: First place in the East Sierra League. Seeded eighth and advanced to the CIF Central Section quarterfinals before losing to the #1 seed and eventual Div V Champion, Corcoran.

Kevin Laird (2010) – league MVP and second team defense All-County.

Joey Miller (2011) – league Lineman of the Year.

Ray Hurwitz, Sean Robinson, Clay Mead, Patick Foran, and Matt Howell (2010) – league first team defense.

Clay Mead (2010) – honorable mention All-County.

Alex Alexiev (2011) and **Patrick Foran (2011)** – league second team offense.

Tucker Marsano (2011) and **John Sansone (2010)** – league second team defense.

VOLLEYBALL – Coach Michelle Lakey

Overall Record: 28 – 7

Highlights: Won the CIF Central Section Div V championship by defeating Fresno Christian, 3 – 0.

Seeded #2 and advanced to the finals of the Southern Regionals of the CIF State Volleyball Championships tournament before losing to Tri City Christian (San Diego Section).

Danielle Brescia (2010) – first team All-County.

Andrea Fernandez (2011) – second team All-County.

Kerstin Sanders (2012) – honorable mention All-County.

GIRLS TENNIS – Coach John Ronca (1970)

Overall Record: 10 - 7

Highlights: Scheduled all larger high schools in SLO county.

Seeded 4th in Central Section of the CIF and defeated Firebaugh, 9 - 0 in the quarterfinals but lost to Bakersfield Christian in the semifinals. Bakersfield Christian won CIF (Div V).

Rachel Ronca and **Helena Olivieri (2010)** played 4 years of varsity tennis.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY – Coach Leslie Monaco

Highlights: Academic Champion for Boys Cross Country in Central Section of the CIF. Won Central Section of CIF (Div V) and 14th in State CIF (Div V).

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY – Coach Leslie Monaco

Highlights: Won CIF Central Section (Div V) title for the twelfth year and 9th in State CIF (Div V).

Annie Mooney (2010) came in first at CIF Central Section (Div V) and third at State CIF finals.

WINTER SPORTS COACHES

Boys Basketball – Terrance Harris (1999) – Varsity Coach

Mark Williams - Assistant

Joe Ottrando – JV Coach

Girls Basketball - John Krossa – Varsity Coach

Ken Krossa and Leslie Monaco – Assistants

Amy Calkins – JV Coach

Boys Soccer – Bob Galarnau – Varsity Coach

Renee Laton - Assistant

Kathleen Lemieux – JV Coach

Girls Soccer – Marcus Des Plantes – Varsity Coach

Jenny Sparks – Assistant

Taylor Cole – JV Coach

CALENDAR – SY 2009/10

Jan 4	Start of Semester 2
Jan 22	Student Success Celebration
Jan 31	Open House – 2 to 4 pm
Jan 31-Feb 5	Catholic Schools Week
Feb 2	Grandparents Day
Mar 13	Annual MCP Auction & Community Celebration
Apr 2 - 11	Easter Vacation
May 4 – 13	AP Exams
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

FUNDRAISING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why do we have to raise money at MCP?

Historically, Catholic schools have always charged less in tuition and fees than it actually costs to educate one student. The sole rationale for this practice is to hold down costs and make Catholic educational as affordable for as many students as possible. This practice survives based on the conviction that those who are able will do more to support the good of the whole.

The extra that people provide is considered by law a charitable contribution, and as such, is tax deductible on federal income tax. This is the first and central goal of our fundraising here at MCP – to meet the gap in cost versus what we charge.

The second goal has to do more with orienting the school for improvement. Improvements – additional resources -- cost money. Increasing our revenue through fundraising allows us to meet our operational needs and organize for our continued improvement, which is essential. We must get better and better for those families and students we currently serve and will serve in the future.

How and where do fundraising monies go and how do they benefit the students?

This past year, money from the Annual Fund was used first to pay our budgeted bills – and that cuts across all programming areas. Some of the other areas, we spent money from the Annual Fund were the new Mac lab, the Mission Lobby upgrade project, the Robotics team trip to the international competition in Boston last summer, a spirit bus for an athletic competition, girls soccer uniforms, some professional development for teachers, and restoring half of the 5% pay-cut that our faculty and staff took for the 2009-10 school year.

Where do we get our money and how do we spend it in the budget?

Budgeted revenue for 2009-10 (expressed in millions):

Tuition/registration:	\$2.670
Endowment disbursement:	0.068
All sources of fundraising:	0.252
Rental income/Ticket sales/Misc. income:	0.096
Total:	\$3.070

Budgeted expenses for 2009-10 (expressed in millions):

Salary and benefits:	\$2.060
Admin/Tecnology:	0.180
Academics:	0.136
Student activities (Co-curriculars):	0.213
Maintenance/utilities:	0.269
Insurance/assessments:	0.228
Total:	\$3.070

How do we compare financially against other Catholic high schools?

Average cost per pupil: \$10.4k MCP versus \$10.2k nationally. MCP is among the most inexpensive Catholic high school options in both central and northern California.

MCP teachers are paid better than the average of Catholic schools nationally – yet this is an expensive part of the country to live in.... Our teachers are currently paid at 96% of the average of local school system wages; our benefits are much lower, though, especially in terms of the cost of insurance and pension benefits.

We are on par with the national Catholic high school average for tuition assistance, awarding an average of \$2500 per student to 18% of our students. MCP is able to provide tuition assistance to about 90% of applicants. This is an area of planned growth for our school as we strive to better meet families' needs.

ANNUAL MCP DINNER AUCTION

The annual Mission College Prep Auction will be on Saturday evening, March 13 in the MCP gym. The planning process for another great event started almost six months ago. The format will be the same party atmosphere as last year. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss the fun. Join us in making this a night to remember! Contact Lisa Marcum (Auction Chair) at Imarcum100@aol.com or 440-0062.



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with one another.