



# The Royal Pride

February 2017

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Dear Mission College Prep families and partners

Catholic Schools Week on the MCP campus is the starting point for a packed month, full of activity and excellence for Mission College Preparatory Catholic School. We led off the week on Monday with a student-led rally with prayer, music, a dance contest, and student competitions. Tuesday saw our annual Grandparents Day celebration with nearly 100 grandparents coming to campus and sharing the day with their students, attending classes, celebrating mass in the Old Mission Church, enjoying lunch in the cafe, and participating in this amazing community of faith and learning. The most Reverend Bishop Richard Garcia, Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey concelebrated mass for our student community and was joined on the altar by a visiting priest, and my friend and colleague, Fr. Jim Lacasse of the Society of Jesus, as well as Fr. Russ, the pastor at the Old Mission Church.

It was my absolute pleasure to then accompany our Bishop to a tour of the MCP campus which was highlighted by our amazing theater group performing their Winter production of the musical, Bernadette of Lourdes. That production was simply breathtaking. For those of you familiar with the dramatic arts, you will appreciate the absolutely astounding amount of skill, dedication, and energy required to put on any production but with over twenty cast members on stage, all of whom were called upon to sing and perform, it is an incredible achievement for a school of this size to undertake and execute musical theater productions, and we do it season after season. I am simply in awe of their courage, their perseverance, and, of course, their many talents.

Towards the end of January our student body had the opportunity to listen to former MCP student and international speaker and activist Jordan Hattar. Jordan spoke of his time at MCP and the inspiration he received from several of his former MCP teachers. At the age of 25 he operates an international aid organization that is recognized by the United Nations. His message to our students was to find their passion and to go forth into the world making a difference. In early February a companion lecture will be presented on Thursday of Catholic Schools week with an address by nationally renowned Catholic speaker Domenick Albano.

The end of Catholic Schools Week is finally marked by the annual Winter Formal dance. The sophomore class officers and parents are volunteering their time to plan and host a beautiful night for our students. It will be a most fitting conclusion to a great week of celebration.

It is hard for me to imagine but all of the above will happen before the first full week of February has even begun! We still have basketball and soccer matches, Mock Trial competitions, and, of course, more exciting events for our outstanding Robotics team (where MCP sophomore John Wright recently won the first individual trophy in school history for the VEX robotics competition). What a month!

The ministry of Catholic education is generously supported by so many individuals in this community and the opportunities to lend your resources is limited only by your interest. Volunteering your time or expertise is a phone call away. The inimitable Lois Gall coordinates our incredible Parent Association and there is a 'binder with your name on it'. Also coming up in February is the 'All In For Mission' 24 Hour giving event. More on that will be coming out soon but please know that your generous support of this school is making a difference in this community and in our world. The courageous and ethical leaders of tomorrow are walking the halls of MCP today. Thank you for all you do in support of this school.

Yours in Christ,

Michael Susank  
Principal



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## Office of Enrollment . . . Mary Cronin

We are already thinking ahead and planning for fall 2017 as we are in the middle of online applications and registration is coming up in March. If you have a new student for 2017, I encourage you to have your application submitted by mid-February in order to complete the process and register on time. Each student must have an online application, have records submitted from the current school and have their admission's interview. The online application is here: <http://www.missionprep.org/admissions/2017-2018-application>

From Monday, March 6th to Wednesday, March 22nd, online registration will be taking place at Mission Prep. Keep in mind that by enrolling your student(s) during this time, you will qualify for our discounted registration of \$595. If you need any assistance with registration, remember that our registrar, Amy Arena can assist you with the process. You can contact Amy at her email: [aarena@missionprep.org](mailto:aarena@missionprep.org) or at the school 805-543-2131 ext. 401 to ask questions or make an appointment.

## From the Office of Campus Ministry . . . Stephanie Buresh & Gina Pierucci

It's been a busy month in Campus Ministry starting the year off with special opportunities for grace! We had the blessing of a meaningful Gospel Assembly, from Mrs. Lois Gall, Advancement Associate, Parent Association, who inspired us from the story of her own family history, to simply reach out to others and always BE THERE during times of loss or crisis.

Our sophomore retreat, Being the Eyes, Ears, and Hands of Christ, bussed 27 students to St. Anthony's Kitchen in the Tenderloin of San Francisco to minister to our marginalized brothers and sisters who suffer with poverty, homelessness, and despair. Their follow-up testified to experiences that opened their eyes, educated their understandings, and tugged at their hearts. It was an impactful day for all who attended.

## ONGOING EVENTS - CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Weekly Mass** on most Thursdays at the start of lunch in the school chapel. All faculty/staff/students are invited to join.

**Weekly Recitation of the Rosary on Fridays** at the start of lunch in the school chapel. All faculty/staff/students are invited to join.

**First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**- All are welcome to join at the Mission

## UPCOMING DATES - CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Monday February 6- Gospel Assembly & Reflection: Larry Grant**

**Saturday February 11- People's Kitchen (Seniors)**

As a community we commit ourselves to serving at our local soup kitchen (People's Kitchen) on the second Saturday of every month. Each month a different class is in charge of providing food for that month. There will be two months assigned to each class. This month the Seniors are in charge of providing food.

Below are the sophomores who are scheduled to serve on Saturday, Feb 11

If a student is not able to attend, they must find a replacement for them. Please have a conversation with your child if they are on the list below. Thank you!

Kyle Van Til	Patricia Clark	Kevin Gridiron	Max Levin-Schimberg	Maeve McKiernan
Jacek Mierzwinski	Summer Peterseim	Camryn Stout		

**Tuesday, February 14- Mass (Valentine's Day)**

**Wednesday, February 22- Gospel Assembly & Reflection: Noha Kolkailah**

**Thursday, February 23- LA Youth Day**

**Wednesday, March 1: ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent—a beautiful time in our faith to renew ourselves spiritually. Is there an area in which you intend to grow, a habit you need to break or something you want to add to your life—perhaps devoting time to scripture or prayer? Is there someone whom you wish to forgive or something for which you desire forgiveness? Stay tuned for some ideas to use on your Lenten journey this year.

## From the Business Office . . . Gwenn Krossa

Happy New Year from the Mission Prep office! The school year is half way over, so it's a good time for some reminders about volunteer hours and upcoming deadlines.

### PARENT SERVICE HOURS

Mission Prep relies on the talents, service and generosity of our families to benefit our students and the school. Each year, every Mission Prep family is required to do a minimum of 15 MCP volunteer hours. Forms for reporting completed hours are available in the Business Office or on the Mission Prep website under the parent section. Completed forms can be turned in to the business office, or emailed to me at [gkrossa@missionprep.org](mailto:gkrossa@missionprep.org). Please note that the deadline for either completing your hours, or turning in a pre-approval form for planned hours, is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Families that have not met the 15 hour minimum by this time will be charged \$25 per incomplete hour. There are lots of opportunities to contribute. Ways to get involved include attending PAL meetings, and watching for volunteer opportunities in emails and here in the Royal Pride. Thank you for all you do for our school!

### TUITION ASSISTANCE

Families planning to apply for tuition assistance should take note of the following deadlines. Tuition assistance applications open on March 6, and the deadline is March 22, 2017. Tuition assistance may only be applied for after completing registration. Applications will be online, and a link will be provided with registration. Please keep in mind that the Tuition Assistance Application requires tax return documents, so please complete your taxes in time to be included.

## From the Office of Athletics . . . Vic Ecklund

Happy New Year!

We are half way into our Winter sports schedule. The royals have gotten off to a great start and we are proud of the way our teams have responded to the challenges of playing against very good competition in the PAC 8.

Our boys' basketball team is currently in first place and our girls' basketball team is currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Our girls and boys soccer teams are still looking for their first win in the strong PAC 8. Our teams have been very competitive in all their matches and as we begin the second round of PAC 8 play we are positive their hard work and perseverance will produce positive results.

As winter sports begin to finish we are also full steam ahead into our spring sports. We offer many sports in the spring including boys' volleyball, golf, co-ed swimming and diving, co-ed track and field, softball, boy's tennis, and baseball. Check out our website to get our coaches information if your child is interested in participating on one of these teams.

The Spring Sports Parent meeting will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Café from there teams will break off individually for their team meetings.



## From the Office of Academics . . . Noha Kolkailah and Ken Mendonca

Dear MCP Parents,

We are off to a wonderful start for the second half of this fantastic school year! Here are just a few of the highlights students have experienced in the world of Academics:

- Successful Transition to Canvas- (Please check our [Canvas Information](#) page for videos that serve to support this transition. Take special note of our newest video, “How to find previous courses in Canvas.”)
- Continued expansion of the Guidance Department
- Extended Student Support for Seniors’ College Application Process
- Roll Out of the Profile of the Graduate Initiative during Flex
- Effective messaging of this year’s Profile theme: Academic Integrity (please see December’s Royal Pride)
- Student Choice Programming during Flex
- “Office Hours” (previously called “after school tutoring”) continues to serve as an optional opportunity for students to connect with their teachers.
- Online course request process

### New courses for next year:

- AP Computer Science
- Anatomy and Physiology
- World Religion
- French I and Latin I, per demand

### For parents of our seniors:

I am excited for our seniors, having completed their college applications. Wow! What a milestone! MCP teachers and staff understand it can be hard for many senior students to maintain their focus for the remainder of the year, however we are committed to each of them until they reach the very end, the finish line. I invite you to partner with MCP Educators in helping our students maintain their focus, energy, and commitment to excellence in all they do. Thank you for helping our students stay present with us in mind, body, and spirit, all the way through graduation. June marks the end of their high school years, but only a period of time on their lifelong journey of learning and formation. I am so proud of every one of our students and look forward to hearing about all their future endeavors and accomplishments!

Best,

Noha Kolkailah  
Assistant Principal of Academics

## California Scholarship Federation

SPRING 2017 – LIST OF CSF MEMBERS FROM FALL 2016 SEMESTER GRADES

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL MR. MENDONCA [kmendonca@missionprep.org](mailto:kmendonca@missionprep.org)

### SENIOR FALL SEMESTER GRADES

*Matthew Abbate	Ava Auerbach	*Rudy Bachmann	*William Bensky	*Anika Boncich
*Madison Boncich	*Alyssa Caldera	*Cascina Caradonna	*Kyle Contiente	*Brayden Corona
*Natasha Elder	*William Evernden	*Bryce Fledderman	*Meghan Fox	John Michael Frye
*Kaylen Gollnick	*Carter Gran	*Tyler Hart	*Cassandra Harvey	*Michael Hernandez
*Jeanine Herzoff	*Madeleine Jackson	*J.T. Krossa	*Jennifer Laird	*Crystal Lyu
*Maggie Ma	*Alex Martin	*Emily McGraw	*James McKiernan	*Lexia Miller
*Branson Morain	*Chelsea Munster	*Samuel Oeser	*Sydney Orradre	*Stephen Parkinson
*Sarah Reed	*Vincent Ricigliano	*Emily Riforgiate	Michelle Roide	*Michael Ronay
*Severino Sarmiento	Clancy Schaffer	*Lily Schumacher	Sadie Selby	*Sawyer Smith
*Andrew Souza	*Margot Spear	*Erin Spillane	*Mishta Stanislaus	Gianna Stoller
*Molly Swann	*Kyle Theule	*Nico Widmann	*Connor Wies	*Meredith Wies
*Justyn Wolf	*Duke Wright	*Kush Yadav	*Natalie Zawalick	*Annie Zwarg

### JUNIOR FALL SEMESTER GRADES

Kaitlin Adams	Keenan Alban	Meigan Basile	Genevieve Blauvelt	Elise Bobic
Tianliang Chen	Kyle Colvin	Alejandra Cooper	Breanna Donlon	Miri Eguchi Nina
Fairchild	Elizabeth Firenze	Lauren Frost	Marielle Frye	Grace Fundaro
Jiayu Gao	Catherine Haddad	Camden Hatch	Sydney Haughian	Xiaonan He
Yuwei He	Haley Howard	Andrew Kargol	Emma Kuchinski	Analise Kunkel
Evan Langstaff	Zhiyao Li	Lisong Lin	Bryn Lonsbrough	Emily Lucier
Marie Lucier	Cyrus Mase	Jason Mays	Shayan Moazeni	Jessica Nino
Brayden Ochipinti	Sara O'Connor	Hannah Rose Ogden	Remy Paquet	Evy Parker
Davis Paul	Sage Pera	Caileigh Poeschl	Jack Raventos	Maile Raventos
Leah Rosales	David Rutiz	Liana Sage	Sean Scarry	Scott Scharlach
Alyssa Simmons	Rowan Toke	Katrina Vander Horst	Joseph Ander Villicana	Sam Wetzel
Shaun Wiechmann	Isabella Yaguda			

### SOPHOMORE FALL SEMESTER GRADES

Dylan Beavers	Faith Bukachevsky	Christina Burns	Grace Cegelski	Owen Clark
Patricia Clark	Kaylyn Contiente	Hannah Ellingen	Sadhana Emmons	Brayden Farr
Henry Gibbs	Jade Hamachai	Madison Irons	Chloe Jackson	Kai Janowicz
Bereket Kearns	Lani Krossa	Courtney Langston	Tisha Lardizabal	Muchan Li
Luke Llaurado	Samantha Martin	Maeve McKiernan	Jacek Mierzwinski	Jenna Miller
Avery Munster	Emile Naccasha	Elizabeth Najera-Flores	Andrew Nave	Devin Orr
Makenna Parkinson	Charlie Reilly	John San Jule	Sofia Sarmiento	Camryn Stout
Marin Thyrring	Connor Torell	Gabriella Trevisan	Max Valentine	Kyle Van Til
John Wright				

### FRESHMEN\*\* FALL SEMESTER GRADES

Alexandra Avina	Olivia Baxstresser	Claire Benson	Connor Borges	Elaina Bosshardt
Kylie Brewer	Amiah Ciampi	Mikaila Ciampi	Johnny Couch	Grace Doherty
Brooke Fledderman	Olivia Goodwin	Abigail Harris	Spencer Hiltbrand	Bryce Hilton
Lainey Howard	Ivy Israel	Sophie Janai	Whitney Klo	Brian Kowall
Tiffany Kumar	Giovanna Madonna	Jennifer Mainini	Izabella Marshall	Olivia Mays
Cassandra Maze	Hannah Naccasha	Paulina Quijada Perez	Anna Reed	Vance Rocha
Vaughn Rostermundt	Max Rowley	Gabriella Schroeter	Karl Schumacher	Peter Schumacher
Antonio Silva	Samuel Stermer	Jacob Svitek	Kai Thomas	Tyler Truelson
Cory Vaccaro	Ethan Van Til	Julliett Villa	Gabrielle Villicana	Wesley Weisenberger
Annelise Wetzel	Travis White	Nishi Yadav	Veda Yaguda	

\*Lifetime Members (Students with \* are lifetime members) -- California Scholarship Federation (CSF) is a very prestigious society to honor outstanding high school students. To be a Lifetime Member of CSF, a student must be a member of CSF four semesters out of a possible six semesters 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, including one semester of their Senior year. Lifetime Members are honored at graduation by wearing gold cords over the shoulders of their gown and a gold tassel on their cap. Their diploma and transcript will have a special CSF gold seal.

\*\* Freshmen are associate members of the California Scholarship Federation (CSF) as Freshmen grades do NOT count towards Lifetime Memberships. For more information on CSF, please see Page 25 in the Parent Student Handbook.

## HONOR ROLL FROM FALL 2016 SEMESTER GRADES

### HONOR ROLL WITH DISTINCTION -- FALL 2016 • Semester Grades of 4.0 or higher.

Kaitlin Adams	Keenan Alban	Alexandra Avina	Katherine Baxstreser	William Bensky
Claire Benson	Elise Bobic	Anika Boncich	Madison Boncich	Elaina Bosshard
Kylie Brewer	Faith Bukachevsky	Alyssa Caldera	Madeleine Carroll	Grace Cegelski
Mikaila Ciampi	Patricia Clark	Kaylyn Contiente	Kyle Contiente	Alejandra Cooper
Grace Dohrty	Miri Eguchi	Natasha Elder	Hannah Ellingen	Sadhana Emmons
William Evernden	Nina Fairchild	Elizabeth Firenze	Bryce Fledderman	Meghan Fox
Lauren Frost	Marielle (May) Frye	Kaylen Gollnick	Carter Gran	Catherine Haddad
Cassandra Harvey	Yuwei He	Bryce Hilton	Madison Irons	Kai Janowicz
Andrew Kargol	Whitney Klo	Tiffany Kumar	Lani Krossa	Emma Kuchinski
Analise Kunkel	Jennifer Laird	Muchan (Sam) Li	Zhiyao (Leo) Li	Lisong (Frank) Lin
Luke Llaurado	Bryn Lonsbrough	Maggie Ma	Jennifer Mainini	Alexandra Martin
Olivia Mays	Cassandra Maze	Emily McGraw	James McKiernan	Jenna Miller
Shayan Moazeni	Avery Munster	Chelsea Munster	Emile Naccasha	Elizabeth Najera-Flores
Jessica Nino	Sara O'Connor	Sydney Orradre	Eryn Parker	Makenna Parkinson
Stephen Parkinson	Davis Paul	Sage Pera	Paulina Quijada Perez	Caileigh Poeschl
Jack Raventos	Anna Reed	Charlie Reilly	Vincent Ricigliano	Emily Riforgiate
Leah Rosales	David Rutiz	Severino Sarmiento	Sofia Sarmiento	Sean Scarry
Scott Scharlach	Gabriella Schroeter	Karl Schumacher	Lily Schumacher	Peter Schumacher
Alyssa Simmons	Margot "Maggie" Spear	Erin Spillane	Mishta Stanislaus	Samuel Stermer
Camryn Stout	Molly Swann	Kyle Theule	Kai Thomas	Marin Thyrring
Rowan Toke	Max Valentine	Joseph (Ander) Villicana	Wesley Weisenberger	Sam Wetzel
Nico Widmann	Shaun Wiechmann	Connor Wies	John Wright	Kush Yadav
Isabella Yaguda	Natalie Zawalick	Annie Zwarg		

### HONOR ROLL PRINCIPAL'S LIST -- FALL 2016 • Semester Grades of 3.50 to 3.99.

Matthew Abbate	Olivia Baxstreser	Rudy Bachmann	Dylan Beavers	Connor Borges
Christina Burns	Cascina Caradonna	Tianliang (Elena) Chen	Amiah Ciampi	Johnny Couch
Kyle Colvin	Brayden Corona	Matthew Ellingen	Brayden Farr	Brooke Fledderman
John Michael Frye	Grace Fundaro	Olivia Goodwin	Jade Hamachai	Tyler Hart
Abigail Harris	Camden Hatch	Sydney Haughian	Xiaonan (Owen) He	Michael Hernandez
Haley Howard	Lainey Howard	Ivy Israel	Maddie Jackson	Sophie Janai
Bereket Kearns	J.T. Krossa	Evan Langstaff	Courtney Langstaff	Tisha Lardizabal
Emily Lucier	Marie Lucier	Isabel Marshall	Samantha Martin	Jason Mays
Julian Maze	Jacek Mierzwinski	Alexia (Lexi) Miller	Branson Morain	Cole Morley
Andrew Nave	Hannah Naccasha	Samuel Oeser	Remy Paquet	Athena Pritchett
Maile Raventos	Sarah Reed	Elliot Riforgiate	Vance Rocha	Michael Ronay
Vaughn Rostermundt	Max Rowley	John San Jule	Antonio Silva	Sadie Selby
Sam Secord	Sawyer Smith	Andrew Souza	Daniel Svitek	Jacob Svitek
Gabriella Trevisan	Tyler Truelson	Ethan Van Til	Kyle Van Til	Julliett Villa
Gabrielle Villicana	Annelise Wetzel	Travis White	Meredith Wies	Justyn Wolf
Duke Wright		Nishi Yadav	Veda Yaguda	Hua (Joshua) Zhong

### HONOR ROLL -- FALL 2016 • Semester Grades of 3.0 to 3.49.

Kathryn Abbate	Ava Auerbach	Meigan Basile	Delanie Beavers	Mac Black
Genevieve Blauvelt	Owen Clark	Isabel Clayton	Madison Cohen	Katherine Cole
Emilio Corona	Breanna Donlon	Aryanna Ferdinandi	Gabriela Flores	Keaton Foster-Adam
John Matthew Frye	Jiayu Gao	Henry Gibbs	Kyra Harris	Anahi Hernandez
Jeanine Herzoff	Spencer Hiltbrand	Evan Holly	Finley Hungerford	Finnigan Israel
Chloe Jackson	Jake Jensen	Parker Jones	Chance Keegan	Brian Kowall
Michael LaCasto	Robert Lammert	Maximi Levin-Schimberg	Theodore Lindquist	Yifan Lyu
Giovanna Madonna	Serafina Madonna	Zoey Marshall	Cyrus Mase	Eamon Mazelin
Maeve McKiernan	Jake Morley	Amy Morris	Daniel Nave	Brayden Ochipinti
Hannah Rose Ogden	Devin Orr	Seungwon Park	Renata Quijada Perez	Dominic Perkins
Danielle Rathjens	William Rizzoli	Michelle Roide	Caroline Rossi	Ethan Rucker
Olivia Rutiz	Liana Sage	Jarad Salas	Angel Sanchez	Clancy Schaffer
Chandler Senior	Mace Sherlock	Elizabeth Smith	Gianna Stoller	Connor Torell
Cory Vaccaro	Katrina Vander Horst	Nickolas Villarreal	Bailey von Dohlen	Emma Walter
William Wemple	Jordan Wright	Ziyi Xiong	Yue Zhan	

## **From the Office of Guidance and College Counseling . . . Mr. Vegher, Ms. Housinger, Ms. Ocegüera, & Mr. Ferriera**

### **Guidance and College Counseling Department Mission Statement:**

Based on a partnership with families, teachers, and students, the guidance department will create sustainable systems which:

1. Support students in the discernment of their unique abilities and aptitudes and how they relate to college and career paths
2. Empower students to embody the Profile of the Grad to the best of their ability
3. Help students realize their academic and personal goals and potential
4. Assist students in finding and ultimately enrolling in a school that best fits their interests, talents, and life goals

The Guidance and College Counseling Department has divided the freshman through senior students by the following system:

A-L: Mr. Vegher

M-R: Ms. Housinger

S-Z: Mr. Ferriera/Ms. Ocegüera

Each specific counselor will be meeting individually with the students to finalize course selection for the following years and post high school plans. Please contact the corresponding counselor with any questions.

### **Seniors**

Seniors will continue to be supported in the college application/selection process. Continue checking emails, portals, and correspondences from the colleges you have applied to. Notify each college if you change your reported senior year courses. Please contact the college counselors if you have questions about application results, financial aid award letters, enrollment decisions, or scholarships.

#### **Scholarships**

Scholarship opportunities are in the counseling offices and Mrs. Hamm's room. Any student who needs guidance or support during the scholarship search and application process should talk to their counselor.

#### **FAFSA**

Seniors should still be completing the FAFSA if not already done with the form. The next "Cash for College" program to complete the FAFSA is Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> at Cuesta College from 4pm-7pm. To be considered for a Cal Grant you must file the FAFSA before March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Juniors**

Juniors recently completed a Guidance workshop on Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup>. Another guidance session will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Students will be meeting individually with their counselor to review a junior survey and list of colleges by the end of the school year. PSAT scores will be distributed in the next guidance workshop.

### **Sophomores**

Sophomores and their parents should plan to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade "Jump Start" College Planning Workshop on Monday February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the MCP Café. The counselors will also be presenting sophomore guidance workshops this semester during Flex periods.



## Freshmen

College Planning Night will be held Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-7:30pm in the Café. The counselors will also be presenting freshmen guidance workshops this semester during Flex periods.

## Academics

The counselors will be meeting individually with each student to review the following; academic progress, course selections, and post high school plans.

### 2017 Test Dates MCP CEEB CODE: 053140

#### ACT

Test Date	Deadline	Late Sign Up Deadline
February 11, 2017	January 6, 2017	January 7-20, 2017
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	March 4-17, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017

#### SAT

Test Date	Subject Tests	Deadline	Late Sign Up Deadline
March 11, 2017	No	February 10, 2017	February 28, 2017
May 6, 2017	Yes	April 7, 2017	April 25, 2017
June 3, 2017	Yes	May 9, 2017	May 24, 2017



MCP Invites You to...

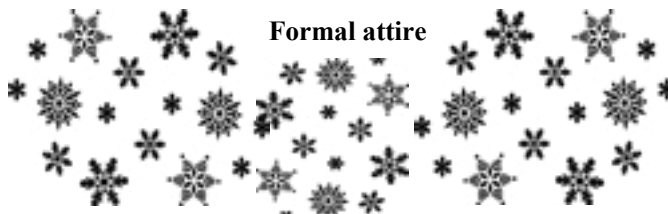
# Winter Formal

February 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00-10:00pm

at the Mission Parish Hall, Downtown SLO

Make a dinner reservation downtown near the Mission before the dance, but save room for dessert because there will be s'mores to make on the patio!

Bring a date or come with friends



## From the Office of Fine Arts . . . Jennifer Blomfield



### FINE ARTS AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

This year's theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." To kick off the celebration that began January 29<sup>th</sup>; the Drama Club presented the Musical *Bernadette of Lourdes* to a packed house! Many alumni, members of the Board of Regents, Priests and Deacons from many of the Parishes filled our new seats in the auditorium.

A few days prior to the weekend performances, Father Jim came to bless the cast and blessed our new Statue of Mary that will now preside somewhere special in the halls of MCP.

Performances will continue this week for Saint Patricks School on Monday and a special performance for Bishop Garcia on Tuesday. We would like to thank all that participated in making this such a memorable and moving experience: Campus Ministry: Stephanie Buresh, Gina Pierucci, Music Ministry: Theresa Marsano, Larry Grant, Tech Advisor: Adrian Maman Costume Design: Megan Selby and Poster Design: Chris Blake.

Our Production of *Bernadette of Lourdes* was dedicated to two children who have been in our prayers and connected to our MCP Family in different ways. It is these two children who have inspired our cast members and given our performance a truer meaning for our shared Catholic identity and purpose.

#### Lexi Brown

The cousin of faculty member Desiree Lopez lost her brave battle with fibroblastic sarcoma last year. Many of us here at MCP rooted for *Team Lexi Brown*, as we followed her "Bald for Lexi" fundraisers and charity events that raised nearly \$90,000 to help children with cancer.

In an interview with *People* magazine Lexi said, "Everyone has done so much for me and my family that I thought it was important to do something to give back. I feel better knowing that I'm doing something that can help other kids and their families."

In her last few weeks, Lexi was fortunate to take the trip to Lourdes with her mother. "France was a trip that provided her miracle through spiritual healing, and she was at peace," Lexi's father, Jon, shared in the interview with *People*. "We would like people to know that Lexi passed away comfortably, on her own terms. She did not suffer at the end. She passed away knowing how very loved she was."

Our cast and crew want the Brown family to know that Lexi's love and light was evident every day through her Aunt Desiree and our shared commitment of prayer for her.

#### Hank Gibbs

On October 16, 2008, Hank Gibbs at age 7 was diagnosed with Parry Romberg Syndrome: an extremely rare, progressive, "incurable" auto-immune disease that causes facial atrophy.

For 8 years Hank's family searched for a cause and a cure and in 2015 found themselves on the pilgrimage to Lourdes in hope for a miracle. Hank, now a healthy vibrant sophomore shares his incredible story and journey through the Grotto of Massabielle, preparing for the baths and receiving the blessed sacrament at mass in the underground Basilica.

"When I was at the grotto, I felt such peace, like it was just me with Our Lady, even though there were hundreds of people there with me. It made me wonder if this is what Heaven is like"

Hank and his mother have given me permission to share their story. Below is the link to their blog, *The Hank Chronicles*.

<http://thehankchronicles.blogspot.com/?m=1>

Our cast and crew want the Gibbs family to know that we will continue to hold Hank and his family in our hearts and prayers, and that we are blessed that he is here as a classmate and student.



**PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

**Join us for our next  
Parents Association Meeting  
Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 am  
in the Café Royale**

Featured Staff Speaker: Noha Kolkailah

It's a great way to stay connected with your child's school, and meet others who do the same.

Coffee and refreshments are provided. All parents are members of the Parent Association and are welcome to attend, even if you are coming just to listen. At each meeting we report on the past month's events, plan for the upcoming events, and have a staff member gives us a brief presentation. If your birthday is in February, be especially sure to come to receive an MCP birthday gifts.

**SECOND SEMESTER PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

Mark your calendars and please plan to join us for the second semester Parent Association meetings.

Feb	10	Fri	7:30am	Parents Assn mtg
Mar	9	Thurs	8:00am	Parents Assn mtg with Faculty/Staff
Apr	7	Fri	7:30am	Parents Assn mtg
May	12	Fri	7:30am	Parents Assn mtg

**PARENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

Please help where you can. To sign up click on the activity links below, or contact the Parents Association Leaders (PAL) listed.

**Feb 4 Winter Formal (8-10p)**

Sophomores host the Winter Formal. They need chaperones, refreshments and clean up help. Sophomore students have requested specific refreshments which are listed on the sign up. We hope you can help. Please bring the items you sign up for to the Mission Parish Hall by 7:00 pm. Click on this link to sign up. Thank you!!!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4fa4ac22a57-winter>

If you have any questions, you can email/text PALs Vicky Morris at 710-1584, [vmorris97@gmail.com](mailto:vmorris97@gmail.com) or Gigi Carroll at 325-1732, [peruvianimports@earthlink.net](mailto:peruvianimports@earthlink.net).

**Jan-Feb Basketball Season Concessions**

Volunteer to work in the gym concession stand during home basketball games beginning 1/3. Sign up at [Basketball Concessions](#).

Volunteers may contact PAL Chantel Stanberry at 540-1916 or [cham6713@gmail.com](mailto:cham6713@gmail.com).

**Jan-Feb Soccer Admission Gate**

Work admission gate for home soccer games beginning 1/3. Click on link to sign up. [Soccer Admission Gate](#). For questions contact PAL Scott Beavers at [harveyplumbing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:harveyplumbing@sbcglobal.net), or 610-4705

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Feb & Mar Staff Appreciation Hosted by Senior Class

During these two months we will be providing weekly snacks and other thoughtful items to the staff room. Main event will be will be hosting a breakfast for staff and parents before the Parent Association Meeting on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. February 15 and March 15, we will be celebrating the staff birthdays for the month. Please click on this link to sign up.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b48aca72da31-2017>

or contact PAL Karen Allen 748-4864, [tjspilla@earthlink.net](mailto:tjspilla@earthlink.net)

Feb (TBD) Field Change Over Soccer To Baseball

To assist contact PAL Frank Duncan 801-5313, [duncanfrank28@gmail.com](mailto:duncanfrank28@gmail.com)

Feb 10 PA Meeting (7:30a)

Because our Parents Assn. meetings are working meetings, attendance may be counted as parent service hours.

Feb 13 College Planning Workshop

For Sophomores and Sophomore Parents, 6:30pm. Sophomore parents are asked to provide refreshments. To offer your help contact PAL

Tammy Rathjens at 440-7288, [beachpawstammy01@gmail.com](mailto:beachpawstammy01@gmail.com)

Feb 23 La Youth Day – Volunteer by contacting PALs Kaaren Abbate at 209-769-6466, [kaarenabbate@yahoo.com](mailto:kaarenabbate@yahoo.com) or John Abbate at 209-261-4265, [john@aliacorp.net](mailto:john@aliacorp.net).

March 6 Freshman Retreat

For the freshman class spring retreat parents are asked to provide the food and beverages. To donate or help with set-up, serving and clean-up contact PAL Louisa Bosshardt at 489-3376, [lbosshardt5@gmail.com](mailto:lbosshardt5@gmail.com).

## Ongoing Service Opportunities

Transport Freshmen Students to Food Bank

A driver/chaperone is needed each Wednesday of the school year, 7:45-10:25am, to transport 3-4 freshman students to help at the Food Bank. Please sign up by clicking on [Freshman Transportation to Food Bank](#) The sign up document also lists which freshmen students are assigned each Wednesday. It is not necessary to be a freshman parent to drive, but drivers must have completed Driver Clearance.

Anytime Volunteer Clearance - Shield the Vulnerable

You may receive 1 parent service hour for completing the Shield the Vulnerable online training needed for volunteer clearance. All parents are encouraged to get cleared to volunteer. To complete Shield the Vulnerable go to <http://www.shieldthevulnerable.org>. Select: Catholic Dioceses, >Monterey Diocese, >Volunteer.

All sign-up sheets can also be accessed from the Parents Association webpage on the MCP website. or click on this link. [Parent Volunteer Sign-ups](#)

To volunteer for any activity where students may be present, you must have completed your volunteer clearance. You can sign up to supply requested items without volunteer clearance

## We Are “One Body In Christ.”

We are called to be family, to be connected to each other, to support each other.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016-17 Parents Association President Elect – DeDe Basile

We are pleased to announce that DEDE BASILE has accepted the invitation to serve as the Parents Association President for 2017-18.

### Connect With Coordinators (PALs)

MCP relies on your initiative to connect yourself with the ways you choose to serve. This monthly page is one source of finding jobs that need to be done. Another is through the Parents Association, which has organized many teams to meet school needs. Rather than waiting for a call, we ask you to reach out and contact the coordinators of teams on which you would like to help. Check pages 18-20 in the MCP Directory.

Parent Service Hours

A reminder that your minimum of 15 parent service hours need to be completed and turned in by April 15, only a couple months away. If you are doing them after April 15, be sure to submit a preapproval form, to avoid a late fee.

Looking for service hour ideas?

Check the Royal Pride. Read the monthly Parent Service Opportunities email. Or refer to the Volunteer Sign-up section on the Parents Assn. webpage.

Thank You Parents!

Parents are a true blessing to Mission College Prep. Thank you to all MCP parents for their dedicated support, their hard work, and their caring involvement. Special thanks to the parents who have already exceeded their service hour requirement (and submitted the hours!)

People's Kitchen, February 11

MCP will serve at People's Kitchen again Saturday, February 11th. Please mark your calendars now. The Senior class will provide the lunch and wish list items at the Prado Center in SLO at 11am. Sophomores assigned to serve at 11:30am - 1pm will be notified through Stephanie Buresh in the Campus Ministry Office. Please contact PAL Brooke Schumacher 305-1815 or [bschumachermd@yahoo.com](mailto:bschumachermd@yahoo.com) or Jean Gonzalez 674-2303 or [jeangonzalez@att.net](mailto:jeangonzalez@att.net) with any questions.

Royal Pride Submissions

To submit something for the Royal Pride please email by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month to Melissa Carney at [mlcarney@charter.net](mailto:mlcarney@charter.net) or (805) 995-3010.

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

*Thank You*

### Parent Appreciation Video from MCP Students to Parents

At the January Parents Assn. Meeting the students showed an appreciation video they had created to thank parents for all their volunteer help, and let parents know how much they appreciate the Parents Assn. and the parent help. If you volunteer at MCP, this video is meant to thank you. To see the short video, click on this link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXKIPU5WOvk>

### Royal Spirit Award January: Susan Gollnick

With immense thanks, the Royal Spirit Award was given to Susan Gollnick. Susan serves on the Executive Team as Vice President, Administrative, and also serves at the class level. If help is needed, she is one of the first to step up. Susan is a great ambassador for MCP, spreading the word about the many benefits of an MCP education. Susan, we so appreciate all you have done!

*Thank You*

**People's Kitchen**

*We thank*

**Brooke, Bernd and Jean**

*for their continued monthly dedication.*

**Nicole Lucier**

*for transporting the North County food.*

*Student servers*

**Julia Carney, Grace Cegelski, Mia Gonzalez, Amy Morris,  
Elizabeth Najera-Flores, Jared Salas, Chris Smith, Connor Torell and  
the Sophomore families**

*for providing the food.*

**Staff Appreciation - Sophomore Parents**

*The faculty and staff wish to shower thanks upon the*

**Sophomore Parents**

*who contributed to and assisted with staff appreciation throughout the months of November,  
December and January. We felt so loved and appreciated!*

*Thank you for the wonderful monthly birthday lunch or breakfast celebrations. In December,  
thank you for the amazing Christmas lunch celebration you hosted. And thank you for the  
breakfast feast in January together with all of the wonderful supplies. You lifted our spirits!*

*We would like to especially acknowledge Sophomore Staff Appreciation Coordinators*

**Wendy Ferdinandi and Annie McKiernan**

*for organizing and coordinating it all.*

*With our gratitude, MCP Staff and Faculty*

**College Planning Workshop – Juniors**

*Thank you to*

**Leslie Willhite**

*for coordinating refreshments for the College Planning Workshop on January 10th.*

*Thank you to*

**all our parent volunteers!**

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