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Dear Mission Family,

In the several weeks leading up to Spring break, I had occasion to experience five entirely different activities at Mission Prep that confirm for me what a remarkable place this is. In themselves, they were impressive experiences for our students and for our community. Considered together, they are emblematic of the breadth and quality of our mission, indications of the distinctive culture at Mission Prep, and of our common commitment to forging deeper life with God and deeper life with one another. Our Catholic school rocks!

The first involved an AP Spanish practice examination. The gym was set up to become an exact replica of the exam experience students will have in eight weeks when they take their AP Spanish test. Each testing desk was equipped with a listening and recording device so that the students could complete the various aspects of the exam. Our teacher, Paca Christiansen, insists that her students not only practice the academic portion of the test, but also that her students “feel” the precise testing environment they’ll experience on test day, so that they are best set up for success.

I watched our girls basketball team put on a defensive clinic against their state quarter-final opponents Bellarmine-Jefferson of Burbank. The gym was full of fans, the student section was rockin’, and our girls team led by first-year Coach Andrew Richardson was ferocious. MCP won the game 45-35 and it was one of those memorable nights where at the end of it, you were once again glad to have been at Cowitz Court. The Lady Royals lost their SoCal Finals game down south the following weekend, but what a great season they had – top four in the state of California is pretty awesome!

The third example involves the Stations of the Cross prayer service put on March 16. I don’t believe I’ve seen anything at Mission Prep by students during my tenure that so impressed me. I found myself so grateful that our culture, our team of professional educators, our religious identity -- all encourages and disposes the school for these type of rich spiritual expressions to occur. I was so happy about the professional collaboration that took place involving Campus Ministry, Drama, Liturgical Music, Religion, as well as several faculty members. And on behalf of all the participants, I was pleased to see how their faithful conviction and good work really produced immediate good fruit – it was such and impactful event that nobody could avoid being moved. And even those who might not be spiritually disposed typically received the grace of beauty through the aesthetics of the experience. Such high quality, coupled with real heart!

Next was LOVESLO – how awesome was that! Over 600 volunteers from our San Luis community turned out to participate in +20 service projects on Saturday, March 19th. Lead by the inimitable dynamic duo of Stephanie Buresh and Chris Blake, who brought this event to San Luis from the Valley where it flourishes, they invited, invited, and invited community agencies and organizations, and got lots of buy-in and support. They even made the strategic decision to keep MCP’s name on the “down-low” so that nobody would consider our sponsorship an obstacle for involvement. They lead this initiative because they care about our community and wanted to create the conditions in which our students and professional educators and MCP families could get meaningfully involved in service on behalf of our community. What a great testimony to their leadership and to the type of professionals we attract here at MCP to form your sons and daughters into men and women for others.

Last was the Parents Association Leaders meeting on March 22nd. The parents welcomed the faculty and staff to the meeting and after an introductory prayer offered by the English department, the parents took turns regaling us with a litany of their “gratitudes,” expressions of their commitment to MCP because of the formative work we’ve done with their kids over the course of time. One parent has had kids at MCP on and off for nearly twenty years. Of the parents who spoke, not all the kids have earned stellar grades, not all have escaped typical high school-type trouble, not all have always agreed with us about this or that decision. That made their offerings all the more delightful to me. How awesome that the totality of their experience at MCP transcends any particular experience. Overall, their kids have grown up better for having been in our school.

They identified a climate of encouragement where students are empowered, a culture of care and accountability, MCP is a place where kids feel like they matter, where students learn to advocate for themselves, where the teachers who work here love to be here and love the students, where teachers are committed to each other in distinctive ways, where people are nice and friendly, where kids gain confidence. They testified that MCP is a place where service, prayer, and personal knowledge of all students is valued and promoted.

You continue to have my best,



James Childs
Principal



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From the Guidance and College Counseling Department...

Jim Vegher, Laura Housinger, & Shawna Bastian

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. Please contact the College Counseling office if you have questions about application results, financial aid award letters, enrollment decisions, or scholarships. Mr. Vegher and Ms. Housinger will continue working with seniors as they finalize their college plans. May 1st- decision must be finalized for school you are attending!

Senior's Cuesta Placement Exam Information

What: Cuesta Assessment Test

When: Thursday April 7th

Time: 2pm

Where: Room 334

Space is limited so sign up in the Counseling Office Room 311

Scholarships

Scholarship opportunities are posted on Family Connection and listed in the announcements every day. Any student who needs guidance or support during the scholarship search and application process can come by the College Counseling office.

Juniors

The Junior Questionnaire on Family Connection is due APRIL 8th. This needs to be completed before the counselors will schedule individual appointments to discuss their college plans. Please look into taking the upcoming SAT and ACT exams before the school year is over.

Sophomores

Sophomores should continue to update their Family Connection profile and continue to maintain a strong focus on educational success in all of their classes. The students can meet with their assigned counselor at any time; sign-up sheets are in the counselor offices.

Freshman

The ninth graders will be meeting with their counselors to review and apply the results of the assessment called Strength Explorer in Family Connection. In addition, the counselors will discuss the importance of the factors related to college eligibility and selection.

SAT Dates

1. May 7th- Deadline to register April 8th
2. June 4th –Deadline to register May 5th

ACT Test Dates

1. April 9th- Deadline to register March 4th
2. June 11th- Deadline to register May 6th

From the Office of Athletics . . . Vic Ecklund

Wow! What a great way to end the PAC-8 Winter Season! Men's Basketball took home the PAC-8 crown, the Lady Royals took second and both earned trips to the CIF-SS Playoffs. The girls after numerous road trips in CIF competition were defeated in the CIF finals. The girls then played at home for 3 State Playoff games before falling to Village Christian in the State Regional finals. The boys made the quarter finals before losing to Notre Dame Sherman Oaks. Girls soccer finished 3rd in the PAC 8 won their first playoff game before falling to eventual CIF champion South Hills.

As the dust had settled on the PAC-8 League schedule, a number of Royals received All-League, All-County and All-CIF Honors:

ALL PAC 8

Girls Soccer	Boys Soccer	Girls Basketball	Boys Basketball
Ist Team	Ist Team	Ist Team	Ist Team
Sammi Fernandez	Sam Oeser	Noelle Laird	Max Basile MVP Def
Molly Swann		Jacqueline San Jule	Kyle Stewart
			Kyle Colvin
2nd Team	2nd Team	2nd Team	2nd Team
Gabby Flores	Justin McKeague	Jennifer Laird	Matthew Blaney
Emily Riforgiate			Matthew Blaney
Honorable Mention	Honorable Mention	Honorable Mention	Honorable Mention
Madison Morley	Stephen Orradre	Ani Boncich	Carter Gran

ALL COUNTY BASKETBALL GIRLS

Ist Team Jacqueline San Jule
 Ist Team Jennifer Laird
 2nd Team Noelle Laird
 HM Ani Boncich

ALL COUNTY BASKETBALL BOYS

Kyle Stewart: County Player of the Year
 Ist Team Max Basile
 2nd Team Matt Blaney
 HM Kyle Colvin

ALL CIF

Girls: Jacqueline San Jule; Jennifer Laird
 Boys: Kyle Stewart

Congratulations to these student-athletes who were recognized by the league coaches, and media for their outstanding performances.

At the time of this printing spring sports are in full swing. Men's volleyball is 3-0 in the PAC 8; Baseball is 1-0 in the PAC 8.

Track and Field is off to a great start Paige Baxstreser broke the school record in the 100 meter dash, and Max Basile broke the school record in the high jump and the season has just started.

The swim team has had a number of swimmers set personal best marks in their events. Softball is off to a good start, as well as boy's tennis. Boy's golf has proved to be very competitive in the PAC 8.

All of the student- athletes will look to improve in their sports as the season moves along.

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

Happy Blessed Spring to our MCP Family!

We pray all of you had a joyful celebration of our sacred Easter holiday and that your Easter break was restful and restoring of energy and enthusiasm for the last couple of months of our school year. We are now into the time in our Church's liturgical calendar known as EASTER: the 50 days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit. It is an especially hopeful time to look to the new life of our resurrected Lord reflected in the new life of the natural world in the manifestation of spring. With this, comes looking just up ahead to the conclusion of our school year. However, we have so many wonderful events in to look forward to in Campus Ministry and several to celebrate this past month.

THE LIVING WAY OF THE CROSS Lenten Prayer Service



We are grateful some of you were able to accept our email invitation sent to all parents in March to join us for this very special service held on Wednesday, March 16. It was a profoundly intimate and prayerful reflection that certainly had a powerful impact on those who attended. We were so proud of our students--many of whom were from our Music Ministry program--for providing the images and voices that helped us accompany Jesus in His journey and Passion to death and resurrection. Our talented and gifted actors and musicians worked very diligently and prayerfully rehearsing and practicing music. Their united effort elicited grace-filled fruit. It was a most beautiful reflection and poignant walk with Jesus to the cross.

I include here with permission, an excerpt of the email sent to our faculty and staff from Principal Childs that evening:



"I don't believe I've seen anything at Mission Prep by students during my tenure that surprised and gladdened me more than the prayer service today. I found myself feeling so grateful that I work in a Catholic school. And I found myself so grateful that our culture, our team of professional educators, our religious identity -- all encourages and disposes the school for these type of rich spiritual expressions to occur."

We thank everyone involved in this grace-filled offering but must acknowledge special thanks to: Eric Burke, Teresa Marsano, Jennifer Blomfield, Larry Grant, Brock Thoene and Adrian in IT for their time and expertise putting together and participating in this very blessed production. God bless you, every one!

UPCOMING EVENTS - CAMPUS MINISTRY

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 – Mass at Lunch will be celebrated at the start of lunch in the school chapel. All faculty/staff/students are invited to join in this celebration.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 – People's Kitchen (Freshmen)

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 Freshmen are in charge of providing food.

Below are the sophomores who are scheduled to serve on SATURDAY, APRIL 9.

If a student is not able to attend, they must find a replacement. There have been a few months where not many servers have shown up. Please have a conversation with your student if they are on the list below. Thank you!

- Sam Wetzol
 - Elise Bobic
 - Alejandra Cooper
 - Camden Hatch
- Andrew Kargol
 - Analise Kunkel
 - Michael LaCasto
 - Reid Luskey

THURSDAY, APRIL 7 - Gospel Assembly

Once a month we gather as a community to listen to the gospel reading for that month's liturgy. A faculty, staff or administrator will proclaim the gospel and give a short, personal reflection on the gospel reading. This month faculty member Paula Walker will share the reflection. At the end of the assembly we have an opportunity to celebrate some of the great things that our students have accomplished.

NOTE: The second Gospel Assembly noted in our school calendar for Tuesday, April 26 has been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 4.

MONDAY, APRIL 11 – Day of Greatness

This is a No School day for our students, but not for our faculty and staff. While it is definitely not a work day, it is an important one to which we always look forward. It is a day away...to celebrate each other, spend some time playing and recharging for the last lap to the end of our school year. It helps to recharge, reboot, and reenergize us to our mission as educators at MCP. It is a day of play, laughter and lightheartedness where we are able to affirm each other and our blessed collegial work here on this holy ground.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 All School Mass at the Mission

SOPHOMORE RETREAT is scheduled for Monday May 9 and Tuesday, May 10 (2 retreat dates—not an overnight) at St. Anthony's Dining Room in San Francisco. Please take note that specific information and permission slips will be due during the first two weeks of April. We are excited for this new retreat opportunity, and remind you that it is not a mandatory event. We encourage you to speak with your student about this special opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in need.



Love SLO

March 19th marked the first annual Love SLO event, a community-wide day of service doing projects throughout San Luis Obispo. Over 600 volunteers gathered in Mission Plaza that Saturday morning for a rally and then spread out among 30 community service projects in SLO. 70 of our MCP students participated – before, during and after. We couldn't be more proud of them!



From the Office of Academics. . . Shawna Bastian, Noha Kolkailah , & Ken Mendonca

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS ARE COMING IN MAY

2016 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE EXAMS

(More information can be found on Edline)

NOTE: All students taking AP courses are expected to take the AP exams. All students taking an AP course will be attending a special test Pre-administration session on Monday, April 18 at 1:40 pm instead of attending the first Sign-Up Tutoring on that day. Room assignments will be given to the students prior to the session.

Students need to report for the morning exams by 7:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. for each afternoon exam. Allow 4 hours for each testing period (except AP Physics *). Snacks will be provided for both the A.M. and P.M. test periods by the Parent Association.

DATE	TEST	TIME	LOCATION
Monday, May 2	Environmental Science	7:45 am – noon	MCP Gym
Tuesday, May 3	Spanish Language	7:45 am – noon	MCP Gym
Wednesday, May 4	English Literature (Seniors)	7:45 am – noon	MCP Gym
Thursday, May 5	Calculus AB & BC	7:45 am – noon	MCP Gym
Friday, May 6	US History	7:45 am – noon	MCP Gym
Friday, May 6	AP STUDIO ART PORTFOLIOS ARE DUE ON THIS DAY		
Monday, May 9 &	*Physics C -- Mechanics	11:45 am – 2:30 pm*	MCP Gym
Wednesday, May 11	English Language (Juniors)	7:45 am – noon	MCP Gym
Thursday, May 12	World History	7:45 am – noon	MCP Gym
Thursday, May 12 &	Statistics	11:45 am – 4:00 pm	MCP Gym
Friday, May 13	Human Geography	7:45 am – noon	MCP Gym

& EXAM IN AFTERNOON

2016 Late-Testing is available under the following circumstances: No additional fee is incurred for emergency serious injury or family tragedy. An additional fee of \$45 per exam is incurred for illness, athletic contest/event or family commitment.

NOTE: In the past 6 years we have had only a few students who took advantage of late testing for illness, one for being involved in a car accident and one for a CIF Finals track meet. Please make every effort to be at your test location on the correct day and time.

DATES OF LATE TESTING: Wednesday, May 18, Thursday, May 19 and Friday, May 20.

Please contact Mr. Mendonca immediately if you must use the late testing dates as the College Board has already assigned each test a date and time.

CELL PHONE REMINDER: The College Board prohibits cell phones from being in the testing room. If a student has a cell phone in the testing room or uses a cell phone during the short break, he/she will be dismissed from the exam.

Students are excused from school on the day of their exam, both before the exam and after completion of the exam. The dress code is not enforced for students who are testing. However, students should dress in layers and wear socks and shoes as the gym can be cold.

IMPORTANT ACADEMIC DATES

End of the Year Academic Awards – 2016

Academic Awards/Recognition for the School Year 2016 is Friday, May 20, 2016 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. Royal Day activities will commence at 11:30 a.m. This will include a BBQ and distribution of yearbooks.

Class of 2016 Graduation

Plans are being made for the Class of 2016's graduation. If your son/daughter has not ordered caps and gowns, information is available at www.jostens.com. Baccalaureate and graduation rehearsals are scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st and Wednesday, June 1st, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Old Mission Church. Rehearsals are mandatory and seniors must arrange their schedules to eliminate conflicts. IT IS ALSO CRUCIAL THAT SENIORS ARE ON TIME. Practice does not start until ALL seniors are present and

lasts TWO hours from the start of practice.

Final Exams are scheduled so there is only one exam each day. All exams will be held from 9:00 am to 10:35 am.

May 25, Wed -- ENGLISH

June 1, Wed -- MATH

May 26, Thurs -- SCIENCE

June 2, Thurs -- FOREIGN LANGUAGE

May 27, Fri -- RELIGION

June 3, Fri -- CONFLICTS or MAKE-UPS

May 31, Tues -- SOCIAL STUDIES

STUDENTS WHO ARE AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL TIME OR A SMALL GROUP SETTING FOR FINAL EXAMS

must email Mr. Mendonca by Friday, May 20th to request additional time over the 90 minutes or to request to take their final exams in a smaller room environment with a smaller group of students. kmendonca@missionprep.org

Summer School 2016

Mission College Prep does not offer summer school. However courses may be taken through Cuesta or your student's public school district or online. Students must go to Edline for a Request to Enroll in a Non-MCP Course and turn it in to Mr. Mendonca in order to receive credit. (Request to Enroll in a Non-MCP Course and More Summer School information can be found on Edline)

SELLING BACK YOUR BOOKS.

Use this comprehensive step-by-step guide to participate in the nation's leading buyback program. You can get your quote now but no later than June 15, 2016 to get the best prices. Do not send your books back until Final Exams are over!

STEP BY STEP DIRECTIONS FOR SELLING BACK YOUR BOOKS can be found on the MCP Website

(www.missionprep.org) Click on the Quick Links on the upper right hand corner of the screen, then click on Purchase Books Online and then click on Sell Your Books. When you click "Sell", it will ask you to sign in. If students don't have an account with MBS or purchased books elsewhere you can still sell books back through MBS.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Most of the important dates for next year have been set. Additionally teacher training days resulting in school being closed for students will be added when they are determined later in the Spring. We hope that these dates will help you in planning for travel as to minimize the need for students to miss instructional days. Thank you.

Mission College Prep School Calendar 2016-2017

Fall Semester -- Aug 12 to Dec 16, 2016

Aug 12 – Friday – Freshmen and New Student Orientation

Aug 15 – Monday – All students return

Aug 17 – Wednesday – School Pictures –

Formal Dress for all Students and Staff (7 period Day)

Aug 22 – Monday through Aug 25, Thursday--

KAIROS Senior Retreat

Aug 26 – Friday – No School for Students and Staff

Sept 5 – Monday – Labor Day Holiday No School

Nov 11 – Friday – Veterans Day Holiday

Nov 23 – Wednesday – No School

Nov 24 – Thursday – Thanksgiving Day

Nov 25 – Friday – No School

Dec 19 – (Monday) through January 3 (Tuesday) - Christmas Break

School closure for Professional Development days are yet to be determined.

Spring Semester -- Jan 4 to June 2, 2017

Jan 4 – Wednesday – Spring Semester Begins

Jan 16 – Monday – MLK Holiday

Feb 20 – Monday – No School – Presidents Day Holiday

April 14 – Good Friday – No School

April 17 – (Monday) through April 1 (Friday) –
Easter Break

May 29, Monday – No School – Memorial Day Holiday

June 2 – Friday – Graduation at Mission Plaza
at 6:30 pm

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

ROYALS

Next Parents Association Meeting

Friday, April 8, 2016 7:30AM

Café Royale

Coffee and refreshments are provided. All parents at MCP are automatically members of the Parent Association and are encouraged to attend.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our last Parent Association meeting of the year, 7:30-9:00 AM on Friday, May 13.

PARENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Check out this section to see how you can get involved in your child's school. Parents Association support is being provided for the following upcoming events which could use your help. Contact the listed Parents Association Leader (PAL) if you would like to assist. Note: To volunteer for any activity where students may be present, you must have completed your volunteer clearance. You can sign up to supply donated items without volunteer clearance.

All sign-up sheets can also be accessed online from the Parents Association webpage on the MCP website at <http://www.missionprep.org/parents/parents-association>

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| April-May | Boy's Volleyball Admission Gate – Parent help needed to cover admission gate for men's home volleyball games. Please sign up at this link http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4DAAA92AA46-mens |
| April-May | Baseball Admission Gate – Parent help needed to cover admission gate for men's home baseball games. Please sign up at this link http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4daaa92aa46-baseball |
| April/June | Staff Appreciation-Freshmen – contact Wendy Ferdinandi at wendyferd@me.com (888-7558) or Donell Weldon at dweldon45@gmail.com (714-7363) |
| April/June | On-Call Help Team-Juniors – Junior parents, please help if you are contacted by PAL Mimi Hix |
| April 8 | PA Meeting (7:30a) - Because our Parents Assn. meetings are working meetings, attendance may be counted as parent service hours. |
| April 8 | Coffee Poker Night (8-10p) contact Jaylene Calmenson at insladyy@gmail.com (441-2805) to volunteer |
| April 15-17
22-24 | Drama Production: Mulan – contact Tricia VonDohlen at triciav@yahoo.com (227-0779) or Gwen Pryor at gwenpryor@yahoo.com (710-6436). Check for sign-up sheets on Parents Assn. website. |

- May 2-6 AP Exam Refreshments Sr. Host – contact Vicky Morris at vmorris97@yahoo.com (710-1584)
- May 6 Royal Dinner Auction (5p) – contact Chris Blake at cblake@missionprep.org
- May 9-10 Sophomore Retreat – contact Nancy Ogden at nbogden@att.net (235-4212) to help with food
- May 9-13 AP Exam Refreshments Jr Host – contact Jennifer Hart at jenhart815@gmail.com (835-9269)
- May 14 Prom, Jr Host – To help with refreshments or chaperoning contact Melissa Crandall at mcrandall22@sbcglobal.net (451-4098) or Sumi Yadav sumitank@gmail.com (598-3823).
- May 16 Senior Breakfast, hosted by Jr – contact Megan Selby at selbymegan@gmail.com (704-3098)
- May 18 Sports Physical Night – contact Julie Fallon, juliefallon@charter.net (878-4315)
- May 20 Royal Day BBQ – contact Gigi carroll at peruvianimports@earthlink.net (325-1732)
- 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.

MAY 18 Sports Physical Night at school. Please add this date to your calendar. This is an easy way to get your student athlete cleared to start summer sports practices.

With Gratitude
 For all our parent volunteers and their fearless leaders

Staff Appreciation by the Seniors

Karen Allen and Wendy Ferdinandi

On-Call Help by the Sophomores

Jennifer Langstaff

Talent Show

Jaylene Calmenson

People's Kitchen

Brooke & Bernd Schumacher and Jean Gonzalez

Spring Dance

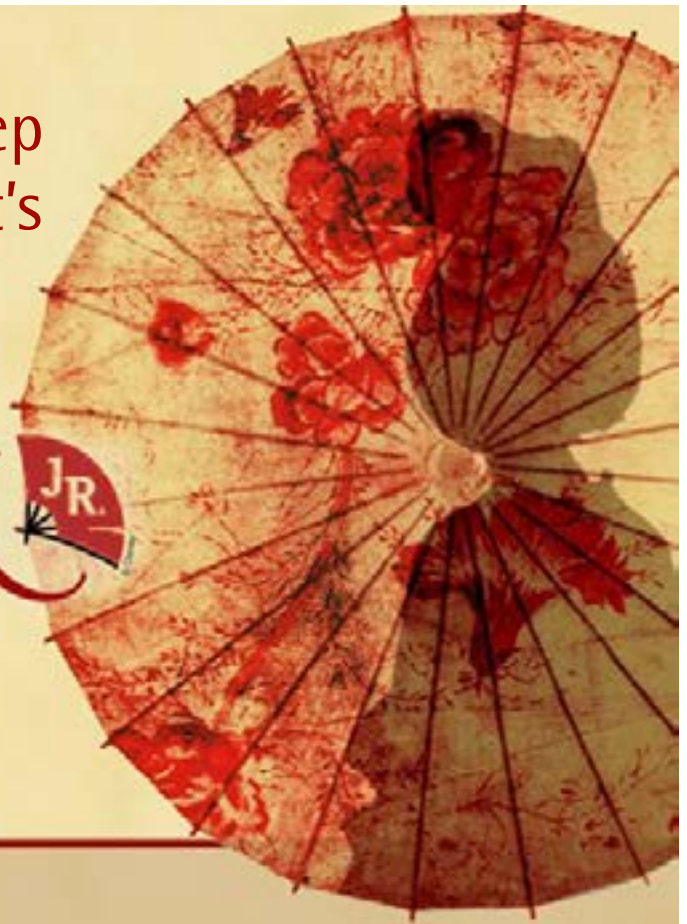
Gigi Carroll

Mission College Prep
Drama Department's

Production of

Disney's
MULAN JR.

Mission College Prep
Performing Arts Center
682 Palm Street
San Luis Obispo



APRIL 15TH-24TH

Fridays 7:00pm

Saturdays 7:00pm

Sundays 2:00pm

Adults \$10 | Students & Seniors \$7

Music and Lyrics by Matthew Wilder and David Zippel, Stephan Schwartz, Jeanine Tesori and Alexa Junge

Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music and Lyrics by Bryan Louiselle

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by Patricia Cotter

Based on the 1998 Disney film "Mulan" and the story "Fa Mulan" by Robert D. San Souci



Disney's Mulan Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com



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GIRLS' SOCCER – Gil Braga
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NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

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