



2022-2023

ANNUAL REPORT

Building a firm foundation through Christ-centered education.

MCS LEADERSHIP

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Principal

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Principal

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Principal

CORE VALUES

Mariners Christian School is a Christian school serving Christian families with an evident desire to partner with their church, their school, and their home to raise up the next generation for Christ.

† Love for Christ



🎓 Exemplary Academics



🧑 Whole Child Focus



💖 Connected Community



⚙️ Culture Of Innovation



2022-2023 THEME

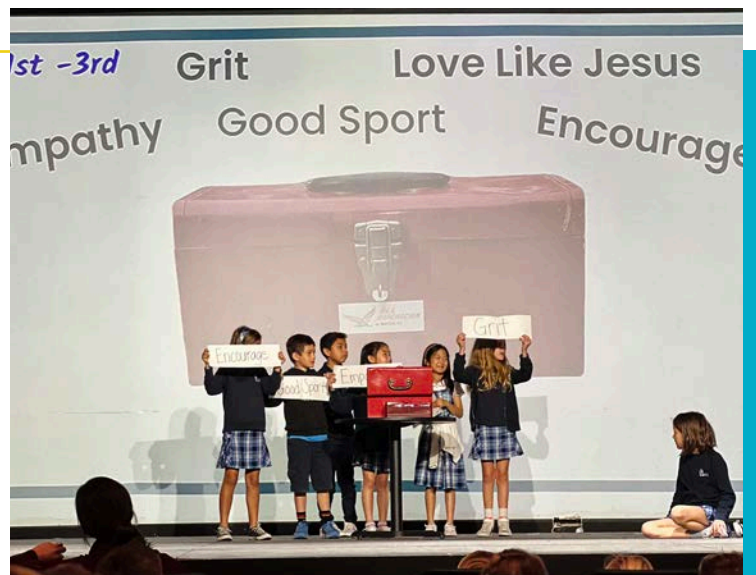
AFTER HIS HEART



God testified concerning David:
I have found him a man after my
own heart; he will do everything
I want him to do.



ACTS 13:22 (NIV)



A WORD FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

When we selected the theme verse for the 2022-2023 school year, our prayer was for this to be a year of purposeful pursuit of God. In 1 Samuel 13:14 and again in Acts 13:22, King David is described as “a man after [God’s] heart” and someone who “will do whatever [God] asks of him”. How beautiful it is for God to describe David like this. Pursuing God’s heart is powerfully transformational. With this intentional focus throughout the year, our prayer was for His heart to be so deeply seeded in us that we would be continually transformed for His purpose and glory.

Our school’s Annual Report serves as a reflection of our commitment to “building a firm foundation through Christ-centered education.” It is not only a testament to the hard work, dedication, and partnership of the school team and parent community, but a testament to the faithfulness and blessings of our Father.



The 2022-23 school year continued the story God has been writing for MCS for 37 years. It brought many accomplishments, triumph over challenges, and growth. Cherished traditions were kept alive as we welcomed new ones, too! We excitedly share some of the year’s successes with you and ask you to join us in humbly thanking God for His goodness and faithfulness.

After His Heart,
Heather Harrison, Head of School

THE 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN IS LAUNCHED!



In 2022, MCS launched its bold but achievable [5 Year Strategic Plan](#). Aligned to mission and core values, the plan emphasizes two main initiatives: Kingdom Advancement and Kingdom Stewardship.

Identified within the Strategic Plan is the need for a significant capital campaign. Beginning November 2022 through May 2023, a pre-

campaign feasibility study was conducted. The guiding objectives of this pre-campaign study were to **gather feedback** to evaluate the strength of the campaign case for support, **seek insight** to assess campaign priorities, **engage leaders and supporters** to ascertain willingness to support these initiatives, **confirm the campaign potential** that exists, and **develop a plan** to guide the campaign's path forward.

The study was led by our Campaign Advisory Task Force consisting of MCS Alumni, current parents, Head of School, Advancement Director, and Board members. This dedicated group met frequently throughout the school year and successfully completed the feasibility study. We are grateful to Kaley Brandon, Clark Cashion '07, Clifton Chang, Jacob Clemons, Huy Do, Bobby Fitzgerald, Kate McKinley, Amber Patten, and Emma Parkin for their service to this important endeavor.

WASC ACCREDITATION

MCS is thrilled to have successfully received the full 6 year accreditation renewal from WASC. This achievement is a testament to our unwavering commitment to excellence and our dedication to upholding the highest standards across every area of the school. MCS not only met, but exceeded standards receiving "highly effective" ratings confirming our commitment to excellence and continual improvement. This renewal validates the fulfillment of our mission and core values and serves as a proud mark of distinction.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Through our 2022 fundraising initiative, MCS converted every classroom with new furniture to provide flexible learning environments. This initiative was the most transformational MCS has ever experienced! We know our teachers are innovative and creative educators and our students are innovative and creative learners. Now, we've given them the classrooms to further enhance their success!

SAFETY UPDATES TO MCS

In the fall, MCS underwent a complete safety audit conducted by a third party consultant. The findings of the report were highly favorable while also providing recommendations to further improve safety. During the course of the year, MCS implemented additions to our campus security including two armed security guards, exterior perimeter enhancements, and blast proof window film.



MCS CELEBRATES SPECIAL MILESTONES

During the 2022-2023 school year, we celebrated some very important MCS Anniversaries! Thank you to these wonderful faculty and staff members for their commitment, dedication, and love of MCS!

10 YEARS

Eric Choi

Heather Harrison

Andrew Rahm

5 YEARS

Sara Lunsford

AnneMarie Vander
Wal

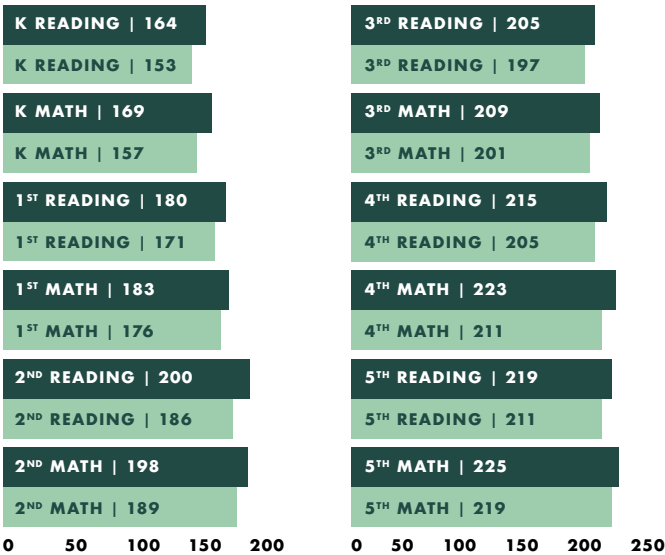
Honor Roll

Final report cards revealed 28% of Middle School students achieved **Honor Roll** earning a **3.5 GPA and above. 41% earned a 4.0 GPA!** Congratulations to these scholars.

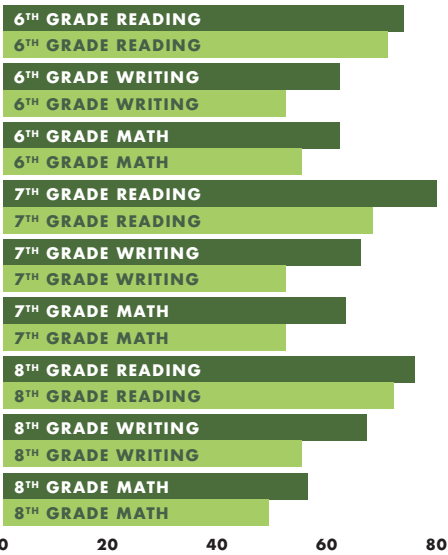
National Testing

Our students remained competitive with the national averages in both reading and math.

Elementary School 2022-2023 MAP Scores



Middle School 2022-2023 Iowa Standardized Testing Scores



MCS scores consistently demonstrate that students maintain a high level of subject mastery when assessed on state and national standards.

STANDARD STUDENT SCORES

- MCS
 - National & State Standard*
- *NWEA National Mean Score

STANDARD STUDENT SCORES

- MCS
 - National & State Standard*
- *NP of Mean Christian School Program (CSP) Score



MCS Goes to Washington



The annual 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. once again provided our students with Divine appointments that only God could orchestrate. Having prayed for weeks ahead of the trip for the opportunity to meet veterans and in the case of Vietnam veterans, to welcome them home, the Lord was gracious and delivered in a mighty way! Upon arrival at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, our students were greeted by three busloads of Honor Flight veterans. Through tears of gratitude, these veterans and our students hugged each other and shared moments of prayer, laughter, and connection. It was a beautiful sight to behold, and one that has forever changed our students and the men and women they encountered that day.



6th Grade Science Camp Pine Valley

Our 6th Grade camp is so much more than just a science camp. Through all the classes and activities, our students are able to grow in their relationships with one another, grow in their faith and knowledge of God's Word and experience His presence through the beauty and magnificence of His creation, as well as praise Him with all their hearts under the glory of the stars above! Whether it is climbing up the ropes course, speeding down a hill, or hiking a mountain under the stars, our 6th graders joyfully enjoyed and experienced every moment.

4th Grade Discovers Gold

The annual 4th Grade Sacramento trip was yet another incredible experience for our students and families. All 75 4th graders and chaperones traveled to Sacramento to see history come to life! They explored the State Capital, Historic Downtown Sacramento, and the Railroad Museum and then traveled up to Coloma to see where James Marshall first discovered gold. They finished the trip with a day of FUN in San Francisco from touring Alcatraz, riding a cable car and enjoying some time at Ghirardelli Square and Pier 39.



† Love of Christ

Embedded within every aspect of MCS is a passion to see every student grow in understanding of God and form an authentic relationship with Jesus that will serve as a foundation for life. Service is a cornerstone for MCS students and families to extend our love for Christ into our communities. Numerous outreach student and parent-led programs highlight this beautifully!



Making a Difference for the Kingdom

Fifteen of our students answered the call to be kingdom “*Difference Makers*” by participating in our **Difference Maker program**. These students planned and implemented community service projects supported by their parents and coached by administration. Each project focused around student identified needs to support local organizations and became the hands and feet of Jesus. The Difference Maker program is a valued tradition at MCS that continues to foster young leaders who have a heart for ministry.

Spiritual Emphasis Week is always a meaningful time preparing our hearts for Easter. Both Elementary and Middle School selected the theme, “Capturing His Heart” to guide the week’s activities.

Elementary students learned about the importance of having a Heart of Reverence, God’s Heart to Redeem, His Heart for Relationship with us, and a continual Heart to Rejoice for what Jesus did for us.

For our Middle School, the theme of “Capturing His Heart” was explored into four main messages that detailed different elements of God’s heart: His Heart to Reign, Redeem, Restore, and our only response which is to have a Heart to Rejoice.



MCS Gives Back

Middle School Students Support Honor Flight



Through monthly **Share2Wear** dress days and annual giving drives, MCS students gave back to the community with great generosity and sharing the love of Jesus.

Middle School students raised over \$10,000 for **Honor Flight Southland**, a veteran organization that is near and dear to our hearts.

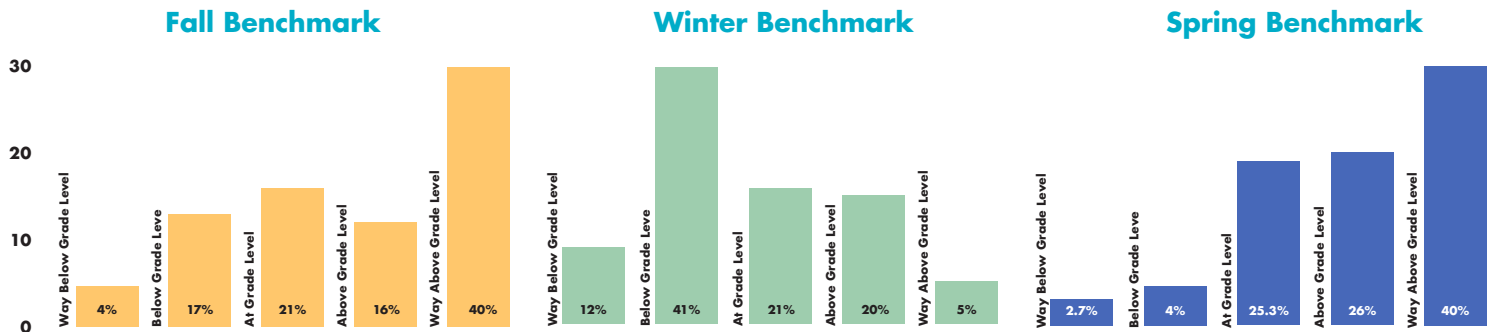
Students TK-8th grade supported **Project Giving Light**, an organization that supports children in the foster system with birthday parties and Christmas gifts. Through a Christmas toy drive, MCS students gave 825 presents and 139 gift cards to bless these very deserving children. In addition, a School Supply drive provided over 485 items to support their education and learning.

In January, Middle School students also collected over 700 food items that were donated to **OC Rescue Mission** to stock their food pantry.



Our educators took advantage of professional development opportunities in order to teach and equip students through exemplary academics.

5th Grade Spelling



Reading Intervention Teacher for Elementary School and Spelling Intervention

A new Reading Intervention Specialist was added to the **Elementary Student Support Program**. This addition provided targeted support for students Kindergarten through 5th grade who struggled with reading acquisition. The overall success of the provided intervention advanced student proficiency phonics, spelling patterns, and increased the number of students at or above grade level to 92%.

Middle School Expands Student Support

Two positions were added to the **Middle School Student Support** team to better meet the needs of students, Math Foundations teacher and an additional Special Education teacher. These additions broadened the scope of classes offered as well as intervention support for students struggling to meet grade level standards in any subject.

Middle School Math Department Participates in Transformational Professional Development

The math department participated in a year-long professional development provided by a leading expert, **Brad Fulton**. The professional development consisted of training geared toward adapted lessons and multiple approaches to math instruction. After each training, the teachers were observed and coached on implementation of the training to ensure great success and growth.

MCS Veteran Teacher Becomes Middle School Instructional Facilitator

The addition of an Instructional Facilitator supported administration in achieving established goals by providing coaching and professional development to teachers. The addition of this role greatly benefitted the academic program by strengthening instructional practices and student learning.



Whole Child Focus

A MCS education is one that focuses on developing the “whole child,” offering a wide array of enrichment experiences to ignite student’s passions and inspire their innovative spirit.

Sports

The Middle School Athletic Program was highly successful with 150 girls and 134 boys participating across the three sport seasons including flag football, soccer, volleyball, and basketball.

Many of our teams won the **Christian Athletic League of Orange County (CALOC)** championship including our 6th grade girls volleyball and flag football teams, 7th Grade boys flag football team, and 8th grade girls volleyball team. We are proud of all of our student athletes, their accomplishments, and most importantly, for representing Jesus in character and conduct.

Students who participate in a sport every season for all three middle school years earn the **9 Sport Award**. Last year, 9 students received this award all of which exemplifies the MCS Athletics mission, “In God’s name we play.”

The year concluded with the return of the Newport Mesa Soccer Classic. Over 140 3rd-6th students participated in this five day tournament and our 5th Grade Boys Gold Team won the Championship! **GO LIONS!**

The treasured annual tradition, **Teal vs Black Competition**, continued with Teal taking 1st place!



Mariners Institute of the Arts in the Spotlight

The 5th Grade Orchestra and Ensemble entered the **London Young Musician (LYM)** Competition, an international, online classical music performance for young musicians from multiple countries. Our orchestra students placed **SILVER** and the Ensemble placed **BRONZE**! These are incredible honors and we are so proud of these musicians!

MIA Programs at Disney

One of the most looked forward to excursions for Middle School Band, Orchestra, Theater, and Arts students is their participation in Disney workshops led and taught by professional musicians and actors. This year was no exception as each student experienced a taste of what it is like to be a Disney performer under the direction of Disney staff.



MCS Students in the SoCal Christian Schools Honor Ensembles



Congratulations to 28 of our 3rd-8th graders who represented MCS at the **Southern California Christian School Honor Orchestra and Band** performances at Concordia University on May 20th, 2023! We are very proud of you all!



Participants: Tia Aghaian, Olivia Chang, Jedidiah Chen, London Chou, Ryan Chou, Coco Jiang, Brady Johnson, Jedidiah Kim, Isabel Kim, Alexander Kim, Jacob Kim, Henry Klatt, Amy Li, Catherine Liu, Ella Liu, Gavin Lum, Grier McLarand, Asher Moon, Tim Mustard

2023 Elementary Musical



Over 230 elementary students participated in the Elementary musical production of **Willy Wonka Jr.!** We were absolutely amazed and impressed with the God-given talents of each participant from the performers to the middle school servant-leaders working the soundboard and lights, creating set-design, and managing backstage.

Middle School Productions

Forty-seven Middle School students participated in the fall play, **Comedy Tonight**, a collection of comedic scenes from various plays. This production was Broadway worthy filled with lighthearted fun and laughter.

The **Mariners Academy of the Arts (MAA)** presented **The Little Mermaid**. The amazing talent of the cast and crew took us under the sea on an adventure that was performed with excellence.

We want to give acknowledgement and thanks to our Theatre Director, Ms. Sara Lunsford for her dedication to fostering the passion and skills in our performing arts students and for 5 years of dedicated service to MCS!

5th Grade Choir

5th Grade Choir entered and won **SECOND PLACE** at the Large Performance Groups International Music Competition held by the **IYMC (International Youth Music Competition)**. This is an incredible honor and we're so proud of our students who competed against entries from Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Hong Kong, Hungary, Mexico, Mongolia, Taiwan, Thailand and the United States.

♥ Connected Community

Being connected has always been an important hallmark and core value of MCS and it continues to be!

Parent Engagement

MCS offered many ways for parents to connect and build community. Bible studies for both moms and dads, **Coffee & Connects** with Administration, parent education on Technology Safety and Mental Health and Support were provided throughout the year.

Salute to Veterans

This very special MCS tradition carried on as we welcomed **Lt. Colonel Courtland Braden**, a highly decorated 27 year Air Force pilot who spoke to the students about his military experience in Vietnam and across the globe. Speaking directly to our students, Lt. Colonel Braden challenged them to continue to show patriotism and love for their country.



Past and Present: All that MCS Is, Has Been, and Will Be

MCS welcomed some of our founding families and past and present Board members to an evening of community and reflection on the legacy of Mariners Christian School. The night was full of stories, shared memories, future vision, and a love for all MCS has been and will be. With full hearts, we say thank you to all who have served MCS, past, and present!



An Evening of Community of Celebration

The annual Spring Gala, An Evening of Community and Celebration, was held at the Veia Hotel in Newport Beach. It was an evening of beautiful fellowship with silent and live auctions and dancing the night away to the music of Tijuana Dogs. Together, our community witnessed God's goodness. From the multitude of gracious underwriters and gifts given that night, we exceeded our **Fund the Fun** goal for the Sports, Courts, and Automobiles, and **raised over \$570,000 for MCS!**



Sufficient Grace Ladies Luncheon

After a four year hiatus, the **Ladies Luncheon returned!** More than 250 current moms, grandmothers, and alumni moms gathered together at the Newport Beach Country Club and were reminded that "His grace is sufficient and His power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).



PTF Connecting Us All



Our PTF hosted events for parents and students to connect and have FUN! The year kicked off in November with the **MCS Golf Classic** at Newport Beach Country Club with a **SOLD OUT** scramble shotgun of 144 golfers and a post play reception at the 19th Hole. It was a wonderful day of good golf and great fellowship!

PTF Highlights

Thank you PTF for all you provided MCS throughout the year: Family Bingo Night, Family Dine-Outs, Father Daughter Dance, Gift to MCS—36 Scooters used for PE, Morning with Moms, Mother Son Angels Baseball Game, Spirit Wear, Spirit Rock, Sports Snack Cart for Middle School, a Red Carpet Staff Appreciation Week, Staff Conference Week Snack Cart Deliveries, Staff Christmas Gifts, Staff Thank You Lunches, Student Spirit Day Treats, Student Spirit Store, and Sunshine Mondays for Staff. We are so grateful for their incredible love and blessings!



PTF EXECUTIVE BOARD

Amy Williams *President*
Krista Pulatian *Treasurer*
Megan Pierson *Director of Events*
Julie Dunbar *Director of Teacher & Staff Relations*
Shawne Leiato *Secretary*

PTF BOARD

Stephanie Barbour *Spirit Wear & Volunteer Coordinator*
Jayne Cannon *Student Store*
Brittany Solaas *Sunshine Monday Coordinator*
Mary Oronoz *Elementary Room Parent Coordinator*
Mercedes Meserve *Middle School Room Parent Coordinator*
Jaime Hong and Anna Tester *Golf Co-Chairs*
Jennifer Awad *Gala Chair*

Innovation at Work

Middle School ceramics was taken to the next level with the addition of Advanced Ceramics where students learned how to form pottery using pottery wheels. Students crafted even more technically difficult projects with an opportunity to move beyond the fundamental skills becoming even more innovative.

Imaginology

At the Imaginology event at the OC Fair this year, MCS 4th-8th grade students participated in the **Cardboard Engineering Challenge** through the Imaginology event at the OC fair. 158 students participated putting a total of 95 projects on display. **Congratulations to the 7 projects that earned the highest “Excellent” award!**



MCS At ChiTag

We had 13 kids create a total of 6 new games and submit pitch videos. 13 students participated in **The Young Inventor Challenge (YIC)** and were inspired to use their creativity, critical thinking, and STEAM skills as they invented 6 new games with “pitch videos”. These students also connected with professionals within the toy and game industry to learn more about being an innovator and designer.



**WATCH MCS'S VERY OWN
ANEES MUDAWER'S VIDEO
SUBMISSION!**

Graduating Class of 2023



Justin Abboud

Luca Aiello

Phineas Aneed

Kyla Ash

Brooke Awad

Isaiah Bahadoor

Sophia Belasco

Caden Berkus

Leigh Berteau

Georgia Blue

Madelynn Bohuslavizki

Helena Bucher

Avery Burk

Catalina Butcher

Ava Byrnes

Alexandra Caamano

Victoria Caamano

Stella Cancellieri

Cooper Cannon

Rhett Carboni

James Cefalia

Tristan Childs

Katelyn Circle

Isabella Clacken

Brielle Cobb

Casey Coluccio

Moses Comer

Sunday Comer

Cameron Cook

Colin Cook

Duncan Crow

Jayden Drevlow

Clare Eadie

William Easton

Elle Enciso

Boxi Gambol

John Garabedian

Adalee Gibbs

Taylor Gundlach

Vivian Haggard

Cole Hawke

Ava Hernandez

Victoria Hilbert

Jordan Hill

Delaney Hook

Jacqueline Jeffers

Kajsa Karin

Isabel Kern

Chase Kuchera

Ava Marque

Nathan Lin

Angela Liu

Nathan Luangrath

Aaron Ly

Hailey McCollum

Mason McCollum

Gavin McCullagh

Cassidy McGrath

Stirling McLaughlin

Blake Merrell

Gage Merrell

Nadia Molina

MacKenzie Motichko

Tucker Murray

Mandy Mustard

Emery Nichols

Ella Olson

Mason Paduano

Ryan Palmer

David Park

Shepherd Patterson

Reese Peykoff

Grayson Pierce

Beckham Poirier

Mia Pozzuoli

Sevilla Rasor

Grace Roberts

Charlotte Schofield

Hailey Seitz

Jordan Spigarelli

Wendell Stratton

Aspen Taylor

Harper Georgia Thomas

Olivia Thomas

Ethan Wayman

Lucas Williams

Julia Winkelmann

Kaitlyn Woods

Shaunt Yanikian

Lexie Zhao

Hats off to our Distinguished Scholars

Congratulations to the 19 graduates who were awarded the esteemed **Distinguished Scholar award!** Earning this award requires the student maintain a 4.0 GPA across all three years of middle school, participate in the highest level of academic courses, and complete Spanish I.

Alumni Advisory Council

Thank you to our MCS Alumni Advisory Committee for sharing time and expertise as we develop plans to strengthen our Alumni Association:

Cammie Boehm '11, Ashley Bradford '20, Clark Cashion '07, Hagan Ebright '22, Aidan Eisenberg '22, Jon Langford '00, Lilly Thurston '20, Carlo Valdez '04, Ella Vaughan '20



Alumni of the Year: Steven Guder

"MCS is an extremely special place that has deeply shaped who I am. From amazing teachers pouring into me to meeting life-long friends, this place has helped me form a foundation that I lean on daily. It feels like God has intentionally curated the perfect environment for young men and women to learn and grow. God knows how best to reach people, and I am truly grateful that everyone involved at MCS chooses to allow Him to work through them in the most beautiful ways."



What an honor to present this award to **Steven Guder**, MCS Class of 2012. Steven has shown gifted leadership, spiritual depth, and exceptional contributions to MCS from coaching the 8th grade boys volleyball team to masterfully playing the electric guitar at numerous chapels showcasing making a continued impact on our institution and community!



Follow MCS Alumni on Instagram:

[@marinerschristianschoolalumni](https://www.instagram.com/marinerschristianschoolalumni)



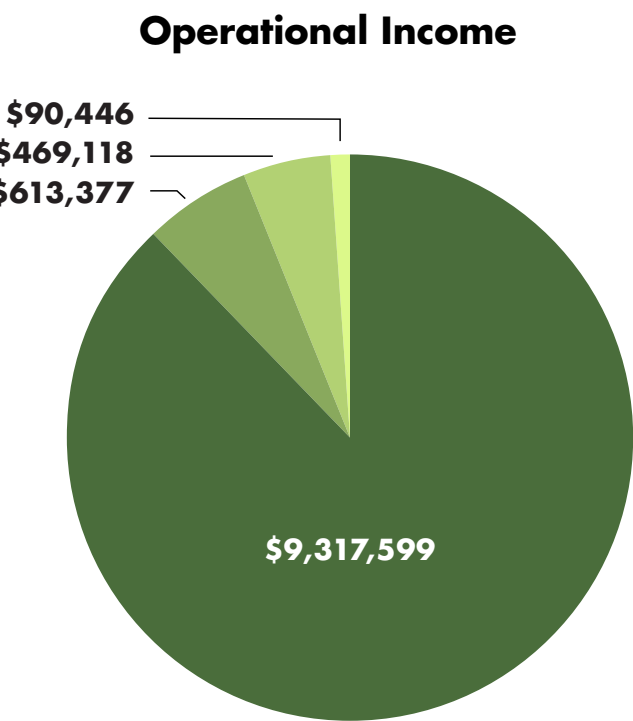
Follow the MCS Alumni Facebook Page:

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Financial Accountability

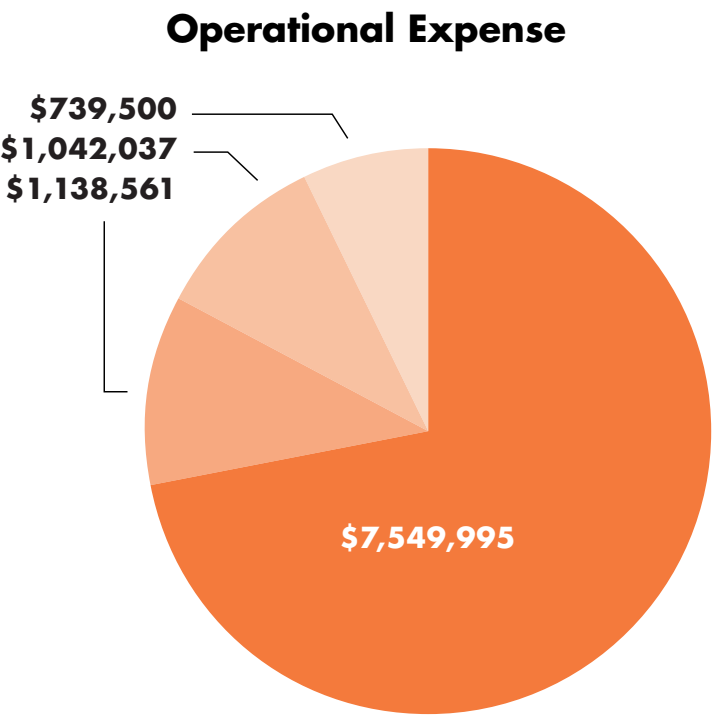
MCS is committed to the highest levels of accountability in all aspects of financial stewardship.

In addition to an annual audit conducted by an independent, professional accounting firm, we operate under the direction of a Board of Trustees Finance Committee to ensure thorough operating funds and endowment oversight.



TOTAL: \$10,534,685

- 88% Tuition & Fees
- 6% Unrestricted Donations
(annual fundraising goal of 5% operational income)
- 5% Restricted Donations
(designated by individual gifts, Fund a Need, Fulfilled Pledges)
- 1% Other Income



TOTAL: \$9,730,593

- 72% Salaries & Benefits
- 11% Facilities & Other Expense
- 10% General Operational & Program Expense
- 7% Financial Aid & Tuition Discounts Awarded

We remained financially solvent two years in a row! Financial stewardship and the generosity of our parents to willingly and abundantly give provided the means for this accomplishment. The surplus also allowed us to fund armed guards and additional safety enhancements during the school year and through the summer.

Admissions Highlights

98% RE-ENROLLMENT RATE

91% ACCEPTANCE

of applicants enrolled!

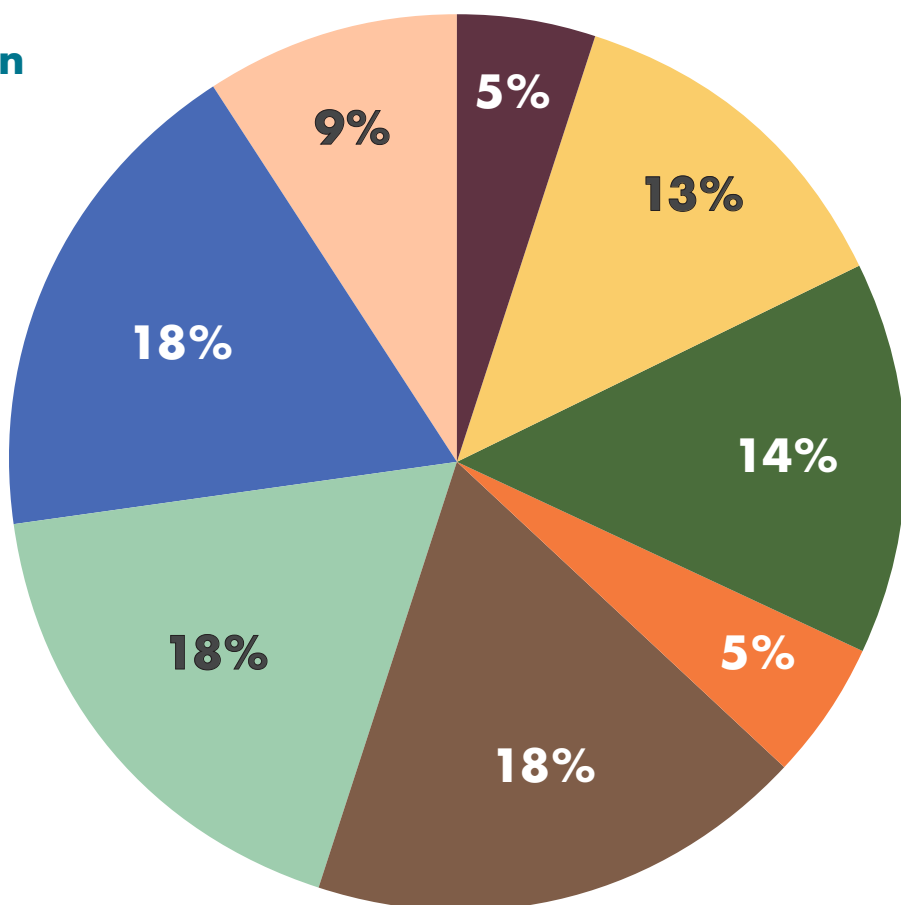
500+ GUESTS

toured our school!



As the only covenant school for Christian families in Orange County, MCS's application process focuses on the family's spiritual life and daily faith and requires unanimous approval by the Admissions Committee. **Out of 258 applicants, we accepted 123 students, of whom 108 enrolled!** With waitlists across multiple grades (K-4th)!

High School Matriculation MCS Alumni Class 2023



GRATITUDE FOR MCS

PARENTS SHARE THEIR LOVE AND GRATITUDE OF MCS

In the 2023 Parent Survey, our parents shared their thoughts on MCS:

“The greatest strength of the school is the Christian values it places on instilling in our children. Building the next generation of Christ followers and developing a love for God, His Word and His people is one of the greatest strengths of MCS.”

“The student culture of supporting one another is like no other. I think, generally, all the kids cheer each other on and support each other.”

“MCS is not only an incredible school academically, but what is even more important to me is that it helps to instill Christian values into the next generation. I love that everything is done with excellence to honor the Lord and bring Him glory.”

“The love for Jesus. Teaching our children that they are loved by God, created in His image, and that they are forgiven and have purpose.”

“The core values are implemented both in Elementary and Middle School and it shows with all of the staff.”

“There is NO better school. MCS does it right!”

MCS LEGACIES

The Schneider and Kelly Families



MCS has been such an integral part of our family history. My dad Doug Schneider chaired the board to found the school when I began Kindergarten. My sister Carlin (MCS Class of 1998) and brother Brad (MCS Class of 2001) soon followed. MCS is such a significant part of our faith foundation that we have all carried it into our families today. Thirty years later, our daughter is a thriving little Lion! She adored TK last year with Mrs. Hammans and seeing her grow spiritually and academically has been such a joy. She loves to worship in chapel each Monday and is already building such sweet relationships with her classmates and teachers. Some of my parent's dearest friends are still

from the early days of MCS and I too look forward to making lifelong family friends in this amazing community. MCS is a blessing beyond measure and we look forward to all God has in store for the years ahead! —**Allison Schneider Kelly (MCS Class of 1996)**

A GRATEFUL MCS FAMILY



The Crowell Family: Robby '17, James '19, Scott and Jen

Our family's connection to MCS has deep roots, as Scott's mom, Barbara Crowell, a passionate, faith filled and dedicated educator, was one of the original teachers in 1987 who helped lay the foundation for the school's mission of providing a Christ-centered education. Through her, we were always aware of the excellence and faithfulness of MCS, and we knew this is where we wanted our two boys to attend. Our boys, James and Robby, attended Kindergarten and TK through 8th grade, beginning as MCS Dolphins and graduating as MCS Lions in 2017 and 2019 respectively. The Christ-like love and care they received while obtaining a top-tier education is priceless. Their Christ-centered foundation prepared them well for public high school as they were both leaders in faith-based clubs at Newport Harbor HS. Currently beginning my 14th year, I joined the MCS family in 2010 as a first-grade aide and have held different positions throughout the years, including Outdoor Director, Staff Accountant and most recently Elementary Student Life Director and Alumni Relations. The MCS family, including every staff member, the families and all the students, have been such an important part of my life and I treasure their prayers and support daily. Mariners Christian School truly is a special place.

—Jen Crowell