

# MCAA DRAGON TALES

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Dear MCAA Parents & Students,*

Dear MCAA Parents & Students: The first semester is a week from being over; it is amazing how quickly time passes. Before we leave for the two week Winter Break, we wanted to showcase some of the great things that have been happening at MCAA. This is the first year we have offered the 7th Grade Exploratory Arts Wheel and thus far we are extremely happy with how it is unfolding. Students have four different teachers—one per quarter—who cover an introduction to the majority of the elective offerings we have, which allows them to understand better the electives and potential pathways available to them. Mr. DeMeritt has been introducing them to drama and utilizing Advanced Dance students to introduce some dance as well. Mrs. McWhorter has been introducing them to choir, drumline and reading music. Ms. Fogel has been introducing them to photography, graphic design and art, and Mr. Zumstein has been introducing them to all of the instruments available in music, how to read music and they learn some songs on the kazoo. We are excited to announce that senior Annabella Cruz had her artwork selected for an international juried show in Florida. The theme was "Embracing Our Differences" and covered a wide range of ideas including bullying. Her piece was selected from 16,604 entries from 125 countries, 44 states and 584 schools around the world and was one of only two selections from the entire west coast of the United States and one of only 50 selected pieces overall from student, adult and professional artist submissions. Her work will be enlarged to a "billboard" size display and on exhibit at the Sarasota Bayfront Park from Jan. 21st. to April 15th and at the St. Petersburg Poynter Park from March 2nd to March 31st. The image is below this message.



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We just completed our Music Week which featured performances from all of our Music Classes and allowed our students to shine. The Marching Band performed in both the Marysville Veterans Day Parade and the Marysville Christmas Parade, continuing a streak of 1st place wins going back at least seven years. Our Choir has been performing for local service clubs and our Music Department is going to Beale Air Force Base to perform in their Winterfest on December 8th. These are exciting ways for our students to gain performance opportunities and to highlight the quality of our program(s). We are gearing up for our Dance Recital January 10 & 11 and for our next Drama production, Buggy Malone, January 25-27, both at the MHS South Auditorium. Mr. Yocum's U.S. History classes also just completed their yearly Ellis Island project, one of the longest standing academic traditions at this school, where they simulate immigrants coming to America and going through Ellis Island between the years of 1892 and 1924. Students in Mr. Dresler's Chess Club have been competing in local tournaments, learning, growing and placing. Mrs. Mathews, Ms. Fogel and Mr. Dresler recently took their AP Environmental Science, Advanced Photography and AP Biology classes on a field trip to the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve where students hiked, took water samples, had a fire demonstration and took some stunning photos. Now we are gearing up for Finals next week and for kicking off next semester after Winter Break. Enjoy time with family and friends. Relax, connect, and rejuvenate during the break and we will see you all back on January 2, 2024 when we begin the semester with an Even Day (blocks 2, 4, 6 & 8).

**Eric Preston**  
Principal, MCAA



# MCAA SURVIVOR

## SEASON ONE RECAP

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On November 1st, 30 MCAA students began the adventure of a lifetime. Divided into six groups by grade level, students were put to the test by competing in elimination challenges. The students were nominated for the challenges by their teams or volunteered themselves to run in the challenges. Students who finished last in the challenges were eliminated from the game.

The Seniors got off to a strong start and were immediately the biggest threats in the game. Garrett found an early advantage that was hidden on campus and allowed him to protect his team from competing. One of the biggest moments in the game happened when sophomore Tyler found the Choose your Competitors Advantage that allowed him to choose who competed in the MCAA Trivia challenge. Tyler chose students that he felt wouldn't do well with MCAA history.

The Sophomores gained control of the game and fought for supremacy with the Seniors and Freshman. The 7th graders were eliminated first followed by the Juniors. Cullen was the last 8th grader standing and won five straight challenges after facing a harsh punishment for interfering with an earlier challenge. Cullen eliminated the last of the 7th graders, the last of the Juniors and both Grangers (Garrett and Junior, Rachel) while becoming one of the biggest threats of the game.

Teams were swapped at the Final 18 forcing the players to make different bonds and difficult decisions as they were forced to compete against their own grade levels. Seniors Garrett, Martha and Asher were voted as team captains and despite public judgment, chose to betray their teams and advance freely to the next round. The Freshman and Sophomores formed an alliance to try and get the Seniors out, but were ultimately unsuccessful.

At the Final 11, the Freshmen found themselves in control of the game. Cricket and Tommie dominated challenges and both found advantages while Avea's fiery spirit and Lei's social game helped the Freshman get a numbers advantage. However, even though she was off campus, Martha won the Final 11 challenge and a massive advantage to assist her in the next challenge.

The remaining Sophomores were all eliminated and at the Final 8, it was only the Freshmen, Seniors and Cullen in the game. However, after a tough battle in the Numbers Game challenge, Cullen and Tommie were both eliminated.

In an emotional Final 6 relay challenge, Asher and Martha decided to work together and despite some last minute heroics from freshmen Avea, Lei and Alexa, Asher and Martha won the challenge to advance to the Final 2.

At the Final 2, Asher and Martha put their friendship aside in The Architects challenge as both had to build the tallest freestanding tower in 5 minutes. After multiple back and forth momentum swings, both towers fell at the last second, but Asher had a couple of blocks left standing which allowed him to beat Martha's tower by just a few inches. After 40 days, multiple elimination challenges and numerous twists, Asher was the inaugural MCAA Sole Survivor. Congratulations to all for a hard fought season and to Asher for emerging victorious!

If you would like to play Season 2, please make sure to sign up this Spring with Mr. Anthony. More information will be out soon and remember, it is a first come, first served sign-up so pay attention to the Bulletin for sign-up information.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

# CLUB CORNER



MCAA Drama students provide holiday spirit at the Plumas Street Christmas Stroll! The drama students were hired by the Downtown Business Association to walk around the yearly community event dressed in costume. The performers were a hit and we look forward to helping out again next year! Pictured – Garrett Granger (*Grinch*), Cyrus Sorensen (*Olaf*), Bailey Hennings (*Elsa*), Danielle Gatlin (*Christmas Tree*), Naomi Freeman (*Gingerbread Person*) with Mr. DeMeritt.



Members of our band performed holiday music for staff & students during lunch in the quad this past week.

## ***Crochet Club***

Crochet Club is in need of donations for an upcoming fundraiser. We will be selling Butterfly Grams in the quad leading up to the Winter Ball. The Butterfly Grams include a handmade butterfly keychain, and the funds will be going to support both Crochet Club and the 11th grade class. We are looking for donations of chain, keychain clips, and beads. Any donations are appreciated. Thank you!

## ***Chess Club***

MCAA's chess club attended 2 tournaments this month. A Sacramento Valley Scholastic Chess tournament was hosted at Palermo Middle School, and the team placed 5th out of 13 teams. Secondly, Yuba Gardens hosted their quarterly chess tournament, and both Ryan Recinos and Felipe Benites won their table defeating all three of their opponents!



# DRAMA

## SHAKESPEARE AT THE SUTTER THEATRE

Shakespeare's timeless romantic comedy, **Much Ado About Nothing**, recently graced the stage at the Sutter Theatre Center for the Arts, courtesy of the talented performers from the Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts Drama Program. From November 9th to 11th, the audience was treated to an enthralling rendition that skillfully merged the classic essence of the play with a modern twist, leaving sold-out crowds cheering for more.

The three-night extravaganza was nothing short of a triumph, as the cast and crew poured their hearts and souls into every scene. Transporting the audience to the vibrant world of modern Messina, the performance captured the essence of Shakespeare's wit, humor, and timeless themes of love and mistaken identities.

As the final curtain fell on the last night, it was evident that the Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts Drama Program had delivered a performance that would linger in the memories of the audience for years to come. The resounding applause and standing ovations were a testament to the dedication, hard work, and passion of everyone involved in bringing this classic tale to life.



**Above:** The Cast and Crew of the show.

**Below:** A packed house at the STCA



**Above:** Benedick and Beatrice declare their hidden feelings **Below:** An ill-fated wedding.



# MUSIC

## WINTER MUSIC WEEK

The 2023 Winter Music Week concerts brought families together at MHS South Auditorium from November 28 to December 1, 2023. Ms. Brown's beginning piano opened the concerts, followed by Mr. Zumstein's string orchestra and beginning guitar; Mr. Harmon's beginning band, concert band, jazz band, and drumline; Ms. McWhorter's choir, songwriting, advanced piano, and advanced guitar also performed. All of the concerts were amazing and lively. Special thanks to Ms. Fogel for guiding her students in creating the fantastic concert poster and program, Mr. Geoff Cowan for being an excellent sound support for every event, and PTCO and volunteers for taking care of the concession stand.



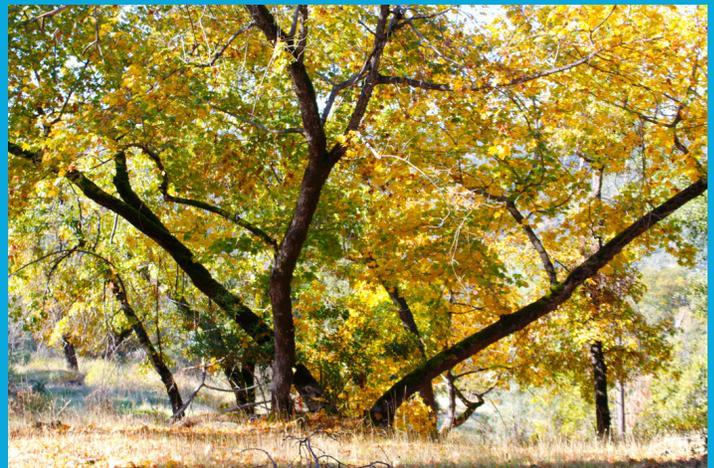
## MCAA MUSIC SHOWS OFF AT BEALE AFB WINTERFEST



# PHOTOGRAPHY

Below are photos from Advanced Photography students that include a staged photo by Jackson H., a landscape photo by Cassandra S. and a landscape photo by Landon B.

These photos are figurative and explore a shallow depth of field. Photos are from students in Photo One.



# SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

8th Graders are ending the semester by observing the moon phases and learning why they occur. Chemistry students are taking a break from the intricacies of atom interactions and learning about energy transfers. AP Physics students are stressing about their semester quiz, but looking forward to Barbie Bungee with the goal to get Barbie and her friends as close to ground as possible without making contact using only rubber bands and a lot of hope that our calculations are accurate!

The AP Biology, AP Environmental, and Advanced Photography classes took a field trip to the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve to learn about ecosystem dynamics, native and invasive species, and landscapes photography. Students participated in a salmon lifecycle game, took nature walks, and searched the creek for aquatic bugs as indicators of water quality. One group even caught a toxic Sierra Newt!

Physics students had to practice their engineering and balancing forces skills by building bridges only using up 120 popsicle sticks and glue. Each team had to research different bridge styles, develop a preliminary design, budget materials, and work collaboratively to build a bridge as light and strong as possible. Bridges were tested by placing textbooks on top until the bridge failed. There were some impressive bridges this year holding up to 25 books!



# YEARBOOK

## 2024 YEARBOOK



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# PTCO LOVES OUR STAFF!

Dear MCAA Community,  
PTCO is THANKFUL for our teachers and staff!!! Any way you slice it, our teachers and staff at MCAA are always hard at work for our kids. PTCO voted to show our thankfulness with pies, because who doesn't love a good holiday pie? We hope our teachers and staff know how much we appreciate all that they do! Happy Holidays from PTCO!



Warm regards,

**Mandie Oxendine**  
*President, Marysville Charter Academy PTCO*

# ATTENDANCE NOTICE

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**Good attendance is extremely important for all of our students at MCAA. Here are a few friendly reminders about attendance policies at MCAA:**

**A minimum of 90% attendance is required for all students.**

All legitimate absences must be cleared by a parent or guardian within **5 days** of the student's absence.

"Personal" will no longer be a valid reason for an excused absence. For any medical appointments, please provide a doctor's note.

**The clearances must be made in the following ways:**

Telephone call from the parent/guardian to the attendance office. If a voicemail is left, please list the student's name, exact date, and reason for the absence.

A note signed from the parent/guardian. No other signature is valid. The student's name, exact date of absence, and reason for absence.

Any uncleared absences will be treated as truancy.

A tardy is defined as any student not in their assigned seat in their assigned classroom when the tardy bell rings. Consequences of violations of this policy are as follows:

**5 or more tardies** = TARDY LETTER #1 = Detention or campus beautification.

**10 or more tardies** (after the first letter is given) = TARDY LETTER #2 = Detention of campus beautification.

**15 or more tardies** (after the student has earned letter #1 and #2) = TARDY LETTER #3 = In-house, or school site Saturday school.

**20 or more tardies** (after the student has earned letter #1, #2 and #3) = TARDY LETTER #4 = In-house or school site Saturday school.

**25 or more tardies** (after the student has earned letter #1, #2, #3 and #4) = TARDY LETTER #5 = 1 day suspension or District Saturday school or citation into SARB.

**Students are required to attend all classes on the day of the performances, rehearsal or event. Failure to do so will result in the student not being able to participate in the performance or event that day.**

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