

SPOTLIGHT

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SPRING CARNIVAL 2024

The 3rd annual Spring Carnival happened on April 12th, a rescheduling from the original March 22nd date due to weather. This year continued the trend of improvement with better layouts, more vendors, and great booths from classes, clubs, and the PTCO. This special edition of *The Spotlight* will attempt to review some of the many awesome performances, booths, the dunk tank, and provide a list of the student vendors who participated.



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Boothemian Rhapsody

By Kiyomi Gee

For the carnival, each class plans and creates two booths that are run by student volunteers during the event. Below are the different booths created by each class, as well as a review of each by our own Kiyomi Gee.

7th: Matching Duck and Rolling Die

The seventh-grade class entertained us with their Matching Ducks and Rolling Die game! These games were user-friendly for all ages as every participant left with candy. Matching Ducks was a game where participants would have three attempts at choosing ducks in the hope they would have matching numbers at the bottom. Rolling Die was a chance game where booth runners would roll their dice, get their number, and have participants guess whether they would roll a number higher or lower.

8th: Toilet Paper Toss and Bowling

Our soon-to-be freshmen brought Bowling and Toilet Paper Toss to MCAA's 2024 carnival. Toilet Paper Toss was a game where students would use ping pong balls and physics in an attempt to land them in the toilet paper roles categorized by color. Their bowling booth brought a new style of 'bowling' to life where participants would throw the spheres at the pins instead of rolling them on the floor.

9th: Plinko and Bucket Toss

MCAA's Freshmen class presented us with Bucket Toss and Plinko! Bucket Toss, as the name infers, is an activity all ages can participate in with a toss of any strength. Plinko is a well-known game played by many, even going as far as being featured in popular live television games.

10th: Cheerios Chopstick Game and Photobooth

The tenth-grade class produced the Cheerios Game! Here, students were instructed to move cheerios with chopsticks, a difficult task that drew many in. The class also provided the Carnival's photo booth where students could pose with the van from the Sadie Hawkins dance!



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Carnival Booths by Class Continued

11th: Bottle Flip and Ring Toss

The upcoming senior class of 2025 hosted both the Bottle Flip and Ring Toss booth. Both of these activities proved difficult as only a handful of participants were able to successfully participate.

12th: Ladder Toss and Water Race

Graduating class of 2024, the creators of MCAA's annual carnival brought the well-loved Ladder Toss and the difficult Water Race. Ladder Toss is a game accessible to a large age range of 5+, something that almost every carnival-goer can enjoy. Next door was the Water Race where students would fill their water blasters, aim, and fire at the rainbow-colored targets with limited ammo.

What was your favorite thing at the Carnival?

"I'd say the interaction. I like the environment and the way that students can get to know other people and the different things that the classes do and the maturity over the years as we have grown closer. With each activity we get to know each other better."

-Gianna Sasamoto (12th grade)



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The Things Students Carried

By Rachel Granger

There were so many great student vendors at this year's carnival! Below is a list of the vendors that had booths at the carnival just in case you saw something you liked but didn't get the opportunity to find out more information or buy something. Thank you vendors for putting together great collections and sharing them with the carnival attendees!

Rachel Granger: Crochet stuffed animals, crochet bags, sewn stuffed animals, earrings, tumblers, microwavable heating pads, resin keychains and boxes, crocheted tops, beanies.
Instagram @crafts_by_rachel26

Minerva Franco: Sewn stuffed animals, cord bracelets.
Find Minerva at school to ask about their creations!

Alexandra Giongco: Prints and stickers of original art and Ghibli art.
Instagram @little.dc
Website: alexgiongco.com

Evelyn Ruelas: Macrame, keychains, jewelry.
Instagram @evella_jewelry
@evelyns_macrame

Estrella Ruelas: Handmade soaps.
Find Estrella at school to ask about their creations!

Zeitz Johnson: Earrings, keychains, bracelets, paintings, ceramics.
Instagram @tulip.soup.crafts

Nico Arevalo: Bracelets, keychains, paintings, caricatures, drawings, prints, hanging mobiles, homemade stickers and bookmarks.
Instagram @nicos_knickknacks

Jacqueline Robles Gonzalez: Art prints and bookmarks.
Instagram @gatos_arecute
TikTok @gatos_arecute

Luka Swindle: Kandi bracelets, perler bead creations, fidget lanyards.
Instagram @the_swindler23

Kayla Cooper: Wooden engraved earrings.
Find Kayla at school to ask about their creations!

Brianna Morando: Bracelets, earrings, keychains.
Instagram @jocelyns_bracelets

Aubrey Spence: Henna and crocheted tops.
Instagram @maragao_jewelry

Svetlana Maximova: Plushies and jewelry.
Find Svetlana at school to ask about their creations!

Emma Santillan: Body art/painting.
Instagram @emmapaints

If you are interested in vending your handmade goods and crafts at next year's fair, be listening out in the bulletins after Fall Break each year. There will be meetings and opportunities to find out what vending is all about.



Evening on the Stage

By Amy Lopez, Princess Lomeli, and Kyndra Vue

As tradition for the last three years, the MCAA carnival has been an event letting students connect with the school through the different games and vendors. This year, the Carnival had performances from the students on the stage, varying from musical pieces, cultural dances, and a sneak peek to the spring musical "Mean Girls." This introduction of student works lifted the mood of the Carnival and made the audience feel more included.



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To start off the evening, the advanced guitar class performed "Say It Ain't So" by Weezer. "Silvera" by Gojira was the second song of the performance, and Keira Gardner shredded the solo. The third song was "Is She Weird" by The Pixies, for which Kayden Meyers played the solo. To end off the set, the class came back together to perform "R U Mine" by the Arctic Monkeys. The rockier vibes hyped up the audience for the evening, providing an upbeat and entertaining energy to kickstart the carnival.



To keep the energy going, the MCAA Dance class, led by dance teacher Mx. Webb-Magee, welcomed the audience on stage to dance along with them. Group dances, like "No Rompas Mi Corazon" and "Payaso De Rodeo" were played, as well as partner ones like the circle dance. These dances were a great way to include the audience, whether that was from on stage or watching from afar, and further kept up the fun of the evening.



Slowing down the night, the MCAA intermediate and advanced drama students performed a sneak peek of their spring musical, "Mean Girls." The students sang and danced to "Meet the Plastics" and "Where do You Belong?" which showcased and involved all of the cast. The preview was compelling to watch, making the audience eager to see the full thing.



To close the event, a small group of the strings students performed. This group was made up of Mr. Zumstein, Devon Giardini, Eric Benites, Elijah Atchley, and Nicholas Monroe. The group performed right up until the end of the carnival and wonderfully played a series of folk and bluegrass style tunes. They performed "Ashokan Farewell," "Cherokee Shuffle," and "Big Scoiota." Though the group was small and their sound was restricted by their acoustic instruments, they played a fantastic set and really closed strong for the night.



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From the audience's reactions, there was only positive feedback towards the implementation of the student performances. They gave a unique charm to the carnival and is a great addition that will hopefully be in following carnivals.



Dunking the People We Love

By Leah Merrill

ASB hosted the dunk tank again this year with a good line up of teachers as well as students. As always, the teachers were dunked repeatedly. Mr. deVlaming, Mr. Dresler, Mr. Anthony, and Mr. Fridrich all found themselves in the not so hot seat this year. This year we also had students participate, including Garrett and Rachel Granger, Felipe Benites, Huitziloxochitl Valdes Soto, and Martha Miete Kashikar, each of whom also had great turn out. As the carnival continued, it went from being sunny and bright to cold and cloudy, so the participants were practically freezing, but they still had a good time and added another fun aspect to the annual MCAA Spring Carnival!

