

MCAA DRAGON TALES

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear MCAA Parents & Students,

It's been a great start to the 2023-2024 school year. As I have shared with several of you, I am ecstatic to be here at Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts. This school was such a vital and important factor in my daughter's growth and education (Class of 2005), that I've long wanted to be a greater part of the school.

There are so many things right with this school in regards to how students are welcomed, supported and integrated. If your student is struggling with any aspect of school or life, please let them know that we have lots of resources on site, such as Mr. Anthony, Student Support Specialist, Krysten Porter and Miss Anna, our Outreach Consultants, Mrs. Batchelder, School Counselor. We can also definitely help access outside resources when necessary.

Additionally, there are so many ways for both students and parents to get involved. We are committed to gaining even more parent involvement this year and beyond so that the experiences for our students become even greater. Throughout the year, both the school and the PTSA (soon to be PTCO) will be sending out information about how to become more involved and I have committed to continuing to send video recaps and information via Parent Square at least once every two weeks.

If you have any suggestions or recommendations for us that you think would help make the experiences and education our students gain here better, please do not hesitate to share them. In the words of Julia Carney, American educator, poet and author, "Little drops of water make the mighty ocean."

Thank you and we are looking forward to a year of excellence!

Eric Preston
Principal, MCAA



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Hello! I'm Annabella Cruz!

I am a senior at MCAA and part of the Interact club! I went to the **Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening Camp (RYLA)** as the MCAA



representative this summer and it was a blast! I learned so much such about vulnerability, confidence, positive self-care, communications and getting out of my comfort zone to have a growth mindset. I went to the camp independently, and absolutely didn't know anyone at first, but I opened a lot to myself at camp and made many new friends from different schools! There are incredible activities and challenges that you can learn from to become a better leader and reflect on what you learn from them. I am planning to use that learning experience anywhere I go, including helping anyone and the community! A lot of teamwork was built and proves that you can work with anyone even if you only met them a few days ago! RYLA is more than just a camp. It's an incredible, powerful, and safe place to be in. I hope some of you can enjoy the experience like I did!

Love,
Annabella

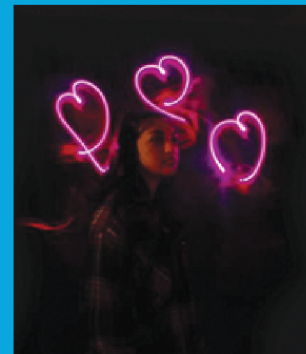


Painting Emotion by Tyler B.

Artist Statement: As an unconventional portrait photographer, one's subject is key to the outcome of a photo. My goal is to capture my subjects and their emotions while being shot. I felt like painting with light is the best way to accomplish this. I captured certain emotions by painting using different colors, patterns, or even symbols. Emotions are unpredictable, and because of this I was always working on my toes. This was a fun challenge, thinking on my feet and coming up with ideas in the moment. I had to start in a low light environment in order to be able to see any of the painted light. Second, I needed a long exposure time, roughly around 20 seconds so I could capture the painting and keep it in place. Then I needed a quick bright flash of light. This served two purposes. First was to freeze the model in place, second was to expose the image and make the model visible.

For "Shreya" | decided to represent love and life. I represented this using bright vibrant colors. I also used symbolism within the painting, drawing halos and hearts. Also, composing the models to pose with a certain ease in order to hit the emotions implied.

Photoshop was also used in order to bring out and brighten the photos.



From Ms. Batchelder:

What happened to August? The first couple weeks of school were busy with schedule changes, then Back to School Night and the first dance of the year. We welcomed some new teachers - Mr. Zumstein (Music and Study Hall) and Ms. Hengel (P.E., Study Skills, and Study Hall) - as well as a Student Support Specialist, Mr. Anthony Nelson. Mr. Anthony will join Ms. Anna (high school ORC) and Ms. Krysten (middle school ORC) in our brand new Student Services Center in room 14. Counseling remains in the main office.

Coming soon:

- September 19 - UC Davis representative visit (all high school students welcome)
- September 21 - College Information Day at Yuba College, where representatives from many colleges and universities, as well as many departments/programs from Yuba College, will provide information (12th grade students only)
- September 22 - Fall Blood Drive (by appointment; any student 17 or older, parent/guardian, or 16 year old student with parent/guardian authorization)

Your Friendly Neighborhood ORCs

Student Support is excited to have our very own space this year. Tucked into room 14 (pictured below) you will find Ms. Kristen, our middle school outreach consultant, Ms. Anna, our high school outreach consultant, and our wonderful new addition, Mr. Anthony, our student support specialist. We will be using this space to better serve our students and parents. There are cozy tables to meet at, unwind, or catch up on some work and a more private setting for students to connect with support. We hope you all take the opportunity to stop in, check out what we have to offer, or just say hello. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2023/24 school year. Let us know how we can make yours a successful one!



College application workshops will also be scheduled, dates to be determined, to assist seniors with completing applications and writing personal insight question responses / personal statements. Donations of snacks (Brain food!) will be gladly accepted!

I will also be going into Civics classes to talk with seniors about opportunities post-graduation, including colleges/universities, trade/technical schools, apprenticeships, military, and the workforce, as well as about financial aid. Students who took Civics at the college will be invited to join one of the two classes to get the information shared.

Just a reminder: all students must sign up for a 9th block class for each day, either that morning or in advance, using Enriching Students. Any teacher or student services staff person can help. Students can use a Chromebook at school to sign up, or personal cell phones or computers outside of school hours.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns! My door is almost always open, so students can stop by. Email is usually faster than calling, but either way of reaching me is fine: KBatchelder@mjusd.k12.ca.us. Looking forward to a great year!

DRAMATIC DELIGHTS AWAIT: UNVEILING OUR CAPTIVATING PRODUCTIONS!

The MCAA Drama Department is thrilled to announce an exciting lineup of productions for the upcoming year, showcasing the remarkable talent of our students in the Drama Department.

- **William Shakespeare's Much Ado about Nothing Advanced Drama Fall Play (November 10-12)**

- Prepare to be transported to the enchanting world of William Shakespeare as our Advanced Drama students bring to life the timeless tale of wit, romance, and mistaken identity in "Much Ado about Nothing." With impeccable performances and Shakespearean flair, this production promises an evening of laughter and heartwarming moments. Mark your calendars for November 10th to 12th and join us for this captivating journey into the world of classic theater.

- **Bugsy Malone Jr. Beginning Drama Winter Musical (January 26-28)**

- As the winter frost settles, we're turning up the heat with our Beginning Drama Winter Musical, "Bugsy Malone Jr." This energetic, family-friendly musical takes you to the prohibition era with a twist—it's a world where kids play all the roles, including the gangsters! With toe-tapping tunes and an abundance of fun, this production promises to warm hearts during the chilly days of January. Don't miss the opportunity to witness our young talents shine on stage from January 26th to 28th.

- **Mean Girls The Musical - Spring Production (April 25-27)**

- Get ready to experience the drama, humor, and camaraderie of high school life as we proudly present "Mean Girls The Musical" this spring. Our talented students are channeling the iconic characters and witty dialogue onto our stage, delivering a performance that captures the essence of teenage life. From the hit movie to the musical sensation, join us from April 25th to 27th to witness the magic unfold.

But that's not all! Our **Intermediate Drama Performance Troupe** is gearing up to embark on an exciting journey. They will be taking their talents to schools throughout the district, presenting engaging short plays designed specifically for young audiences. This initiative not only enriches our students' experiences, but also fosters a love for theater in our local community.

We invite you to support our drama students, as their hard work, dedication, and passion come to life on the stage. These productions promise an array of emotions, laughter, and entertainment that will leave a lasting impact. Stay tuned for more details, ticket information, and updates on our social media platforms. Thank you for your unwavering support, and we look forward to sharing these unforgettable performances with you!



MUSIC

PEP BAND EXTRAVAGANZA

We're thrilled to share some exciting news about our Concert, Jazz, and Beginning Band and Drumline at MCAA. They're all geared up for their first performance of the year on September 15th. It's going to be a blast, and we can't wait for you to join in the fun!

Here's the scoop: we're teaming up with Marysville High School and McKenney Intermediate School to put together a massive pep band. This awesome band will be lighting up the atmosphere at the football game on September 15th. The game kicks off around 7pm and usually goes on for about 2 to 3 hours, depending on the twists and turns of the game.

Remember last year's event? Well, get ready for more because we're doing it again! The energy was off the charts, and we're aiming to make this year even better. During the game, our band will be throwing in short song excerpts between plays on the field. It adds that extra oomph to the whole experience; trust us.

Now, here's something super cool. This is an incredible chance for our students to shine since we don't usually have regular sports games to perform at. So, let's make this a memory they'll cherish!

Mark your calendars, folks. The action is going down at the MHS football stadium. Oh, and just a heads-up, some football games might have a teeny entrance fee. But guess what? Our amazing performing students get a free pass to the game!

Need more juicy details? Have questions buzzing in your mind? Feel free to reach out to Mr. Harmon. He's the go-to guy for all the scoop, and you can drop him a line at aharmon@mjustd.com.

Let's make this event one for the books, parents! Your support means the world to us.

Rock on!
The MCAA Music Team

VISUAL ARTS

NAHS CHAPTER ANNOUNCED!

New at MCAA - National Arts Honors Society Chapter

I am excited to announce that MCAA will be adding a National Art Honors Society for high school students. We have approximately 20 students who will take on the challenge. To remain an active member, students will need to maintain a B average in academic classes and an A average in Art. In addition they will have to compete in state and national contests as well as attend meetings on a regular basis. We are also looking at creating a collaborative work of art for public display.

The chapter will open students up to:

- Scholarships
- National Awards
- National Art Exhibit
- Publication of Artwork in NAEA News
- Leadership Opportunities
- Service Opportunities


They will be joining the almost 50,000 students nationwide in competing in a variety of contests and NAEA awards. As well as competing for work to be published nationally twice a year in the NAEA magazine and online art competitions.



MATH DEPARTMENT

What an exceptional beginning to the upcoming school year! As math students progress with their studies, many courses will present intriguing challenges. Should you find yourself seeking additional assistance, we warmly invite you to partake in our after-school math tutoring sessions.

"Remember, we're here to lend a helping hand and make math less **"problem"**atic! Hope to **"count"** you among our enthusiastic attendees!"



M.C.A.A

AFTER SCHOOL MATH TUTORING SCHEDULE

Having trouble in math? Come get help from one of our math teachers!! Math tutoring is available many days after school from 3:00pm-4:00pm. Below is the schedule of which teacher will be available through the week.

MON	TUE	THU	FRI
YANG ROOM 18	DEVLAM ROOM 13	DEVLAM ROOM 13	BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

NO TUTORING ON WEDNESDAYS

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Our science students are already jumping into science. Physics students used their observation skills to learn why a burning tea bag floats in the air, built straw rockets and used toy cars to show how different frames of reference can change how someone makes observations. In AP Environmental Science we have looked at how the colors of both predator and prey in the sea change due to how light penetrates the ocean depths. This week students are dissecting owl pellets and using their data to calculate how much rodents an owl can eat in a year. In Science 8 and AP Physics, we are discussing the intricacies of motion and the math that comes with it. AP is already starting to feel the weight of math compared to previous science classes! In Chemistry, we have jumped right into the complexities of atoms and the periodic table and are getting close to starting our Element Projects.



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PTSA IS NOW PTCO!

AND WE NEED YOUR INVOLVEMENT THIS YEAR!

Dear MCAA Community,

We hope this message finds you well and ready for some thrilling events on the horizon. Our Parent-Teacher-Community Organization (PTCO) is delighted to bring you two engaging gatherings that promise both entertainment and the chance to contribute to our school's growth and activities.

1. Back-to-School Online Auction Fundraiser (Sept 15-17)

Get ready for an exciting online auction experience! From September 15th to 17th, we're hosting a back-to-school online auction fundraiser. As part of this event, we're thrilled to offer you the opportunity to bid on VIP seats for all upcoming auditorium drama performances. Don't miss out on your chance to secure these exclusive seats and support our school's vibrant arts community.

To learn more about the auction and the drama performances, please reach out to us at president.mcaapta@gmail.com.

2. Art's Not Dead - Zombie Walk (Oct 19)

Mark your calendars for October 19th, as we're bringing back the ever-popular "Art's Not Dead" Zombie Walk! Keep an eye out for flyers that will be sent home soon. These flyers will provide information on how to collect pledges to support our school while also outlining the exciting contests we have in store:

- Best Zombie Walk
- Best Zombie Costume
- Top Earners
- T-shirt Designs and More!

This event promises loads of fun for students and families alike. We can't wait to see the creativity and enthusiasm our community brings to this unique event.

For more details about any PTCO-related matters or the upcoming events, don't hesitate to contact us at president.mcaapta@gmail.com. We're excited to see you all at these events, and we appreciate your ongoing support in making MCAA a thriving and engaging environment for our students.

Warm regards,

Mandie Oxendine

President, Marysville Charter Academy PTCO

ATTENDANCE NOTICE

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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