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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear MCAA Parents & Students,

Hello MCAA! We are most definitely deep into the swing of school and performances now. This newsletter was intended to go out to everybody the last week of October, but some mishaps have landed us sending it out now, mid November. For that I apologize, as many of the events we were promoting within this edition have passed. It is amazing to watch the school in its multiple creative avenues plan and execute events. It is also amazing to see how much support our school receives from our community. Thank you for everything you do to help us allow our students to shine. As you will read about later in the newsletter, our first Drama production was held last weekend--hats off to everyone involved as the play was a lot of fun to watch. Also, congratulations to the Band and Drumline for their participation in the Marysville Veterans Day Parade--they sounded great and represented the school and our community well.

We will all enjoy next week off for Thanksgiving Break, but the week we return brings Fall Music Week with performances Tuesday by Beginning Piano at 5 p.m., performances Wednesday by Orchestra at 5 p.m. and Band & Drumline at 7 p.m., performances Thursday by Songwriting & Choir at 5 p.m. and Advanced Piano at 7 p.m., and wrapping up Friday with performances by Beginning Guitar at 5 p.m. followed by Advanced Guitar at 7 p.m. All performances are slated to be in the South Auditorium at MHS; if there is a location change, we will let everyone know via Parent Square and place it on our website. Be on the lookout for a Parent/Volunteer Handbook that will be coming your way soon!

Appreciatively,

Eric Preston
Principal, MCAA

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

From Ms. Batchelder:

Hello all! I hope that by the time you're reading this, it will finally feel like autumn, my favorite season! We've had a busy semester already. September was Suicide Awareness Month, and I provided Signs of Suicide prevention presentations in all English classes, as well as a parent/guardian presentation. Help is always available for anyone by calling or texting the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Number: 988. We had a well attended Blood Drive, sponsored by the Excel Club. Thank you to all of the students who volunteered their time, and all of the staff and students who donated! Several universities were on-campus providing informational presentations: UC Davis, Binghamton University of New York, and Yale University. Seniors also had the opportunity to learn about Yuba College programs and many universities at Yuba College's Information Day, while juniors and seniors got to visit CSU Chico. We will have an informational presentation from Sacramento State University on November 14. SENIORS who are interested in going straight to a university next year should be researching (and it's never too early to start that step for any student) and applying. I will be holding application workshops on the following days that were selected from seniors' responses to a survey sent out earlier this semester:

- 9/13, 2:00-4:00 - Personal Insight Question/Personal Statement Writing Workshop
- 10/18, 1:00-3:00 - UC Application Workshop
- 10/25, 3:00-5:00 - CSU Application Workshop
- 10/30, 3:00-5:00 - Personal Insight Question/Personal Statement Writing Workshop
- 11/6, 3:00-5:00 - UC Application Workshop

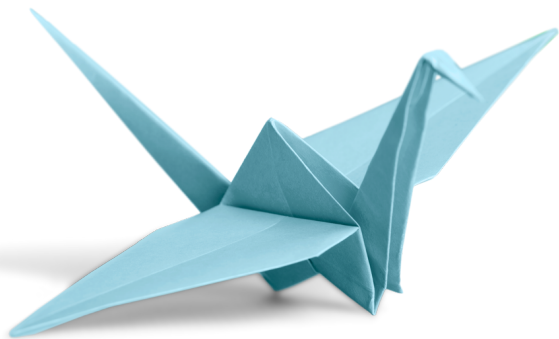
I am happy to meet with students who need one-on-one support, as well. The deadline for submission for California State Universities (CSU) and University of California (UC) applications is November 30. It's very important that students do not wait until the last minute! JUNIORS & SOPHOMORES who chose to sign up will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT on Tuesday, October 24 or Thursday, October 26. They will be assigned to one of the two days. There is no cost to the student or family for the test; MCAA is sponsoring the test. If you would like more information, please visit collegeboard.org. I will be meeting with all seniors over the next month to be sure they know what they need to be doing, and I know how to help them do it. After the seniors, I will schedule appointments for the students in the other grades to create their academic plans for the coming years. I anticipate these will be half hour long meetings. If you would like to join your student and me for the conversation, please let me/them know and watch for more information that will be coming.



CLUB CONNECTION

Cultural Exploration!

The Japanese Culture and Anime Club is the club where students learn about the Japanese language as well as culture, which also includes anime. The members also make origami for fundraisers. We meet every Thursday during lunch in room 21. Come to join us!



Chess Competitions!

The MCAA Chess Club took part in two tournaments this month, one mostly for fun at Yuba Gardens and another as part of the Sacramento Valley Scholastic Chess League at Franklin Elementary. They placed 5th out of 11 teams in the high school/middle school section, and student Muaj Her got second place at the top table!



CREATIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY

MCAA Students Shine in *The Laramie Project*

In a showcase of talent and dedication, two MCAA students, Aubrey Spence, an 11th grader, and Nicole Podolskaya, a 9th grader, have taken the stage by storm in the Convergence Theatre Company's production of "The Laramie Project" throughout the month of October. This powerful production brings together a diverse ensemble of performers from across the greater Sacramento Region. Nicole and Aubrey, each demonstrating their incredible versatility and skill, undertook the challenging task of portraying a wide range of characters in this distinctive documentary-style theatrical experience. Their captivating performances, along with those of their fellow cast members, promise to leave a lasting impact on all who have the privilege to witness this thought-provoking and emotionally charged production.



Photo Students tour Sierra College

MCAA students had the exciting opportunity to envision where their photography studies might take them in the future with a trip to the Photography and Art Departments at Sierra College. Students had the opportunity to tour classrooms, see a state of the art photo studio in action and view collegiate level student work. Students returned to campus with a new found respect for the art form and an excitement for their own artistic futures!



DON'T MISS THE FALL PLAY!!

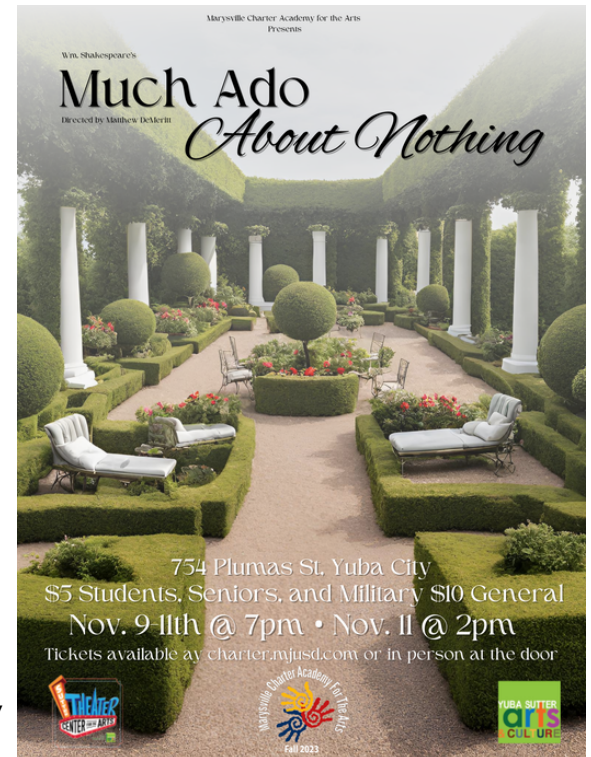
MODERN MEETS CLASSIC: MARYSVILLE CHARTER ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS "MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING"

Excitement is building at Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts as our Advanced Drama students prepare to breathe new life into William Shakespeare's timeless romantic comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing." This remarkable production offers a contemporary twist on the classic, retaining Shakespeare's original language while transporting the play to a modern setting for a unique and unforgettable theatrical experience.

Don't miss the chance to witness this spectacular production. Mark your calendars for the following performance dates and times:

- Thursday, November 9th at 7:00 PM
- Friday, November 10th at 7:00 PM
- Saturday, November 11th at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

"Much Ado About Nothing" is a timeless tale of love, humor, and mistaken identities that has enchanted audiences for generations. This production breathes new life into the play, showcasing the extraordinary talent and creativity of the Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts Advanced Drama students.



A distinctive feature of this production is the collaboration with Yuba Sutter Arts and Culture, who have generously offered their recently restored Sutter Theatre Center for the Arts as a venue for both rehearsal and performance. The Marysville Charter Academy Theatre Department has faced venue challenges since losing access to the Marysville Auditorium in 2017. In response to scheduling constraints, this collaboration reflects Yuba Sutter Arts and Culture's commitment to supporting local arts and education communities.

Production director Matthew DeMeritt emphasized the collaborative nature of this project, stating, "Much Ado About Nothing has been a truly collaborative effort. With the growth of the drama classes in recent years, we've been able to empower student leadership in almost every aspect of the production. In addition to their on-stage roles, Advanced Drama students have contributed to costume design, projections, props, publicity, and more. It's truly exciting to witness the capabilities of these young artists when given the opportunity."

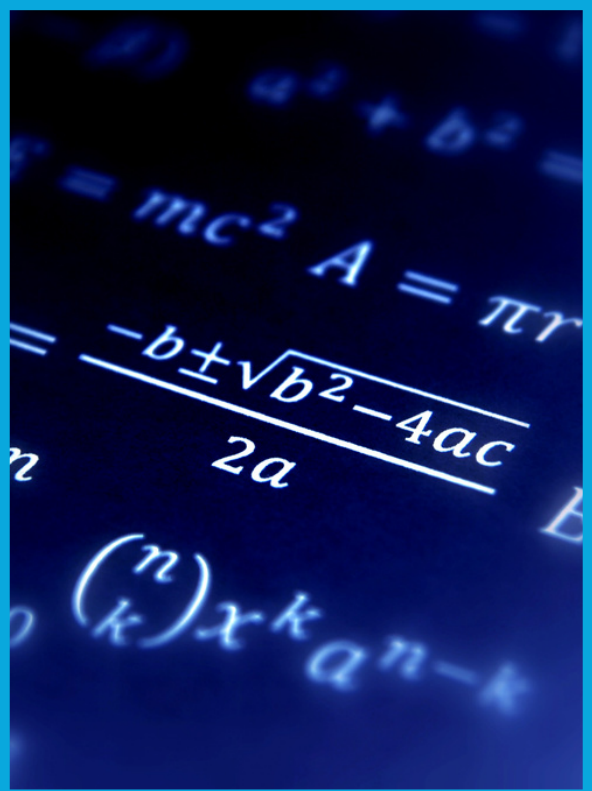
Tickets for this production are available for a nominal fee of \$10 for general admission and a reduced rate of \$5 for students, seniors, and military personnel. You can purchase tickets online at charter.mjUSD.com or at the door prior to the performance.

Join the Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts Advanced Drama students for an evening of entertainment that combines the timelessness of Shakespeare with the innovation of the modern stage. This collaboration is a testament to the resilience and creativity of the local arts community.

Don't miss this chance to experience Shakespeare in a whole new light. We look forward to seeing you there!

MATH DEPARTMENT

The math department is continuing to plug along in all classes. 7th grade math classes are currently learning how to solve equations and inequalities. 8th grade math is beginning to graph linear equations as well as exploring the slope of lines. Integrated 1 classes are wrapping up a unit on the transformations of various function families. Integrated 2 classes are continuing their exploration of quadratic equations and their various forms while Integrated 3 classes are working on a unit which focuses on a variety of polynomial operations. If your child is struggling in their math class please advocate to them to attend our daily block 9 interventions. We are also continuing to offer after school tutoring on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:00 – 4:00pm.



VISUAL ARTS

Our newly formed National Arts Honor Society chapter has made donations for the next PTSA auction. Students created and donated skateboards, stickers, metal tumblers, memory games, coasters and T-shirts all with student artwork. The NAHS is also working on creating items to be donated to community outreach programs/institutions. In addition we had 10 students enter a national art contest "Embracing our Differences". Work is on display in room 15. Students will be notified mid November. Wish them luck!



SOCIAL SCIENCES

The **seventh-grade history class** has been on an exciting journey through time recently. We have just wrapped up our engaging units on the Roman and Muslim empires, delving into the fascinating history of these great civilizations. Now, their focus has shifted to the intriguing period known as the Dark Ages in medieval Europe. The students are set to explore the events that defined this era, as well as the remarkable achievements in art and literature. Adding a hands-on element to their learning, the seventh graders have just received a unique assignment – to construct a model of a European castle, partnering up with their peers and drawing inspiration from actual historic European castles. For these aspiring historians, it's a fascinating investigation of history and culture.

The **eighth-grade history class** is in the midst of an exciting and comprehensive exploration of American history this year. They've recently concluded their units on early colonial America and the American Revolution, where students delved into the challenges faced by early American settlers and the pivotal events that paved the way for independence and the creation of the new constitution. Currently, they're diving into an in-depth study of the American Constitution and the various amendments that form the bedrock of America's legal system. They will also be exploring the ins and outs of how laws are made and the court systems that are the backbone of America's justice system.

TEACHER WISH LISTS

Want to help out with supporting MCAA, but you are short on time? Dropping off an item or two from the **Teacher Wish List** is a great way to show your appreciation for our outstanding school community without having to take a day off work. Any of the following items are regular purchases and can save the school a few dollars to put toward more important educational needs:

- Expo markers (Black or Multi-color)
- Boxes of Pencils
- Bottled Water (for the Front Office/After School Events/Rehearsals)
- Construction paper (white & multi-colored packs)
- Poster Boards (For class projects)
- Black (or darkened colored) sharpies.
- Rolls of clear tape for tape dispenser
- Whiteboard erasers
- Sticky Notes
- Fidget toys (ideally ones that are quiet/silent)

In addition, the following items can be donated for specific needs:

- 5 gal. buckets for the 7th grade Art Wheel Class (McWhorter)
- Books (novels, etc.) for English Class Libraries
- Hair ties for Dance Classes (Webb-Magee)
- ¼ inch Graph Paper
- Masking tape for art classes (Weisgerber)
- Tacks for art (Weisgerber)

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

A remarkable opportunity unfolded as Mr. Dresler and Ms. Mathews orchestrated an educational field trip for select **AP Biology** and **AP Environmental** students. This adventure took them to the captivating **Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve**, where they engaged in the intriguing task of sampling and banding Northern Saw-Whet Owls. This captivating project aims to unravel the enigmatic migration patterns of these elusive creatures. The journey to the reserve not only provided an extraordinary hands-on learning experience but also underlined the commitment of our students to uncover the mysteries of the natural world.



FIELD TRIPS & PHYSICS EXPLORATIONS

In an exhilarating display of creativity and scientific prowess, the 8th-grade science class recently showcased their Roller Coaster Model Projects. With enthusiasm and innovation on full display, students designed, constructed, and tested their miniature thrill rides, incorporating key physics principles. From gravity-defying loops to heart-pounding drops, the models left both students and teachers in awe of their engineering skills. These projects not only fostered a deeper understanding of physics concepts but also encouraged teamwork and problem-solving. The 8th-grade class truly demonstrated that learning science can be a thrilling adventure, with roller coasters serving as their ingenious vehicles of exploration.



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PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS SUPPORTING MCAA

Congratulations Dragons!!! We have lots of updates for you!! **You raised a little over \$7000 during the Arts Not Dead, Zombie Walk fundraiser!!** We are so proud of you! We at PTSA/PTCO hope you can see your raised funds being put to work for you! We would like to give a huge shout out to all of the wonderful families that helped out physically and monetarily. Without all of you, none of us would have been able to accomplish this huge feat! Looking back a bit earlier in the month at our **Panera fundraiser, we earned a little over \$100.** Thank you for those who supported MCAA and ate Panera on Oct 2!



Our Next DINNER NIGHT
OUT Fundraiser will be
PANDA EXPRESS all day
NOV 3. Be sure to stay
updated on Parentsquare
for all of the details.



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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