

# 2000



The Time **OF**  
Our Lives

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Luis Montigo makes use of his time while waiting to get up to his locker. Students need to be ingenious organizers to stay on top.



Seniors ham it up after delivering new desks to Ms. Anthony's room.

Janneth Casas, Gilda Onerero, Perla Jaurequi, and Ray Musquiz team up on Macbeth in Ms. K's British Lit.

Ivan Ayon and Erica Hill play a little one on one soccer after school, while Valeriano Chavez referees.

# JUST FOOLING AROUND

by *Cristina Fuentes*

Most Marian students feel pretty lucky. After all, we're located in an almost always sunny spot. We could surf and go skiing on the same day if we wanted to. We're a school that's safe. In fact, everyone gets along pretty well. We're on the small side, which has some advantages. For one thing, just about everybody knows everyone. Our teachers may get mad sometimes, but we know they really care about us. And Marian is fun. There's always time to fool around a little: talk with friends, play games and just goof off. That's what we sometimes like to do best. That's what will make memories for us when we look back and remember the time of our lives.



Margaret Alcock and Philip Disney look on patiently as James Perkins contemplates his next move. Many students give up their lunch break to play chess in the library.

Dario Alvarez looks pretty pleased with himself as he puts his arms around Marisela Lopez and Megan Dugan.





Giovanni Aguiniga and Yuchin Kang enjoy a pre-practice snack from Jack in the Box. It's the fast food for champions!

An animated Leila Forsythe uses emphatic sign language to convey the latest social saga to friends Michelle Castro, Nicole Howell and Sarah Oesterle.



Darryl Yarbrough get caught with his tails untucked. Watch out! Mr. Milke is making his rounds!

As Jermaine Guinyard and Andrea Osuna discuss shading, depth and perceptive, Eduardo Araujo looks up in mock stupefaction.

# Crusaders Go Kooky

We're back  
again,  
above the rest,  
MCHS

No stopping  
us,  
MCHS  
#1  
oh yes  
MCHS



Lorena Gomez strikes a Marlene Dietrich pose.  
Jojo Gerace and Erika Hill quickly share a cookie to  
get their sugar fix during break.

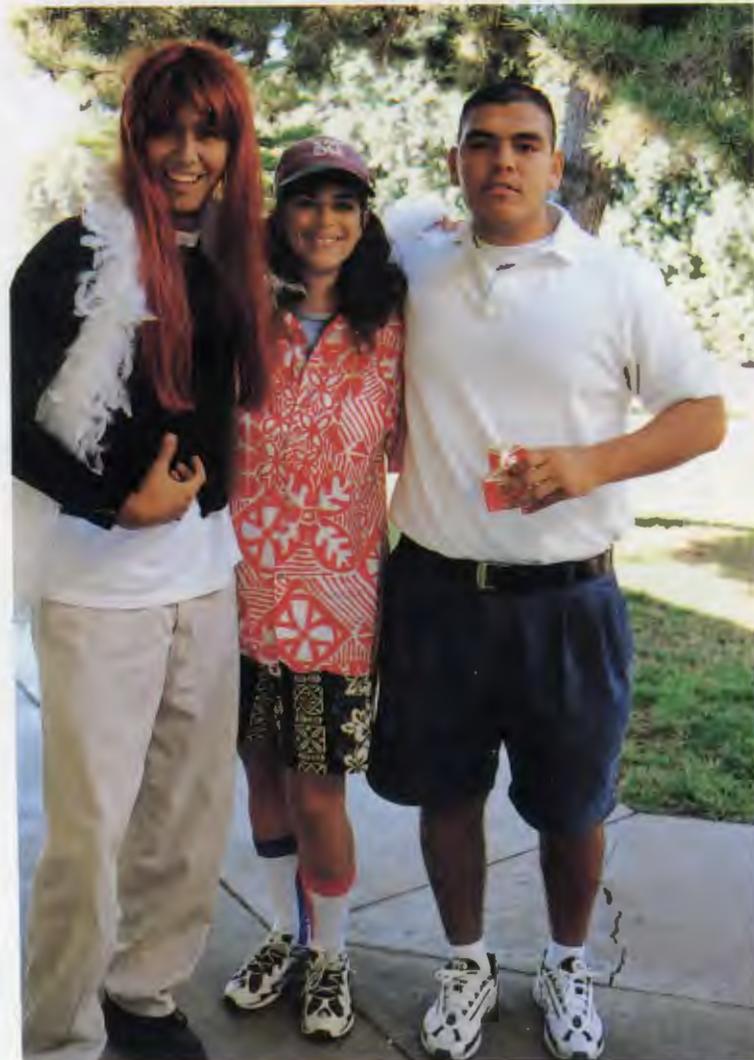


Marian's finest clown around and do what they like best: being with friends for a group hug.



Nibet Mendonca displays the attire that Brazilian millionaires sport. The \$ necklace is 18 karat.

Elizabeth Rodriguez and Cristina Bommarito hop along to class hoping Mr. Milke won't catch them and lock them out.



Eddie Johnson flashes back to the 60's. That Afro wig really brings out the peace, baby!

Freddy Sandoval and Ms. Anthony exchange fashion tips while Tony Elizondo takes mental notes.

# "KISSIN' THE FROG" SPIRIT WEEK

by *Erwin Cruz and Brian Smiley*

October is Marian's crazy month with a host of activities including a totally fun and crazy Spirit Week. Each day has its own theme and activities such as Pajama Day, Crazy Day, Decades Day. There's enough variety to please everyone but Tania Torres likes Decades Day the best "because people dress up in totally tacky and flashy outfits." Tati McElwain added "It's like seeing how our parents looked and dressed way back then." The week finishes with blue and gold day to show off Marian's fantastic spirit for Homecoming.



Looking like an old married couple, Jorge Gonzalez and Michelle De Dios lounge around in their pajamas.

Dario Alvarez models his "undies overs," while Carla De La Torre makes a spirited spectacle of herself in clashing colors and zebra stripes.





Nicole Bravo and Wesley Selden don different get ups for Spirit Week. Nicole makes a pretty puny football player, but Wesley looks darn dapper in his fedora.

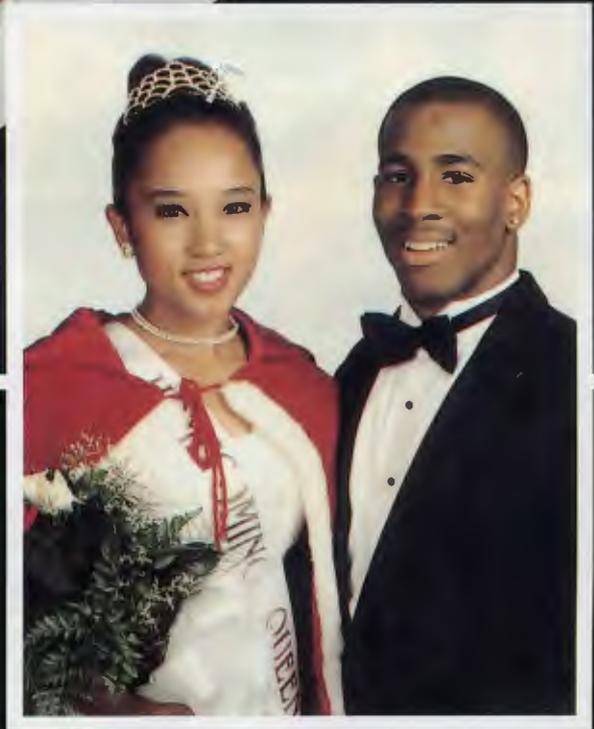
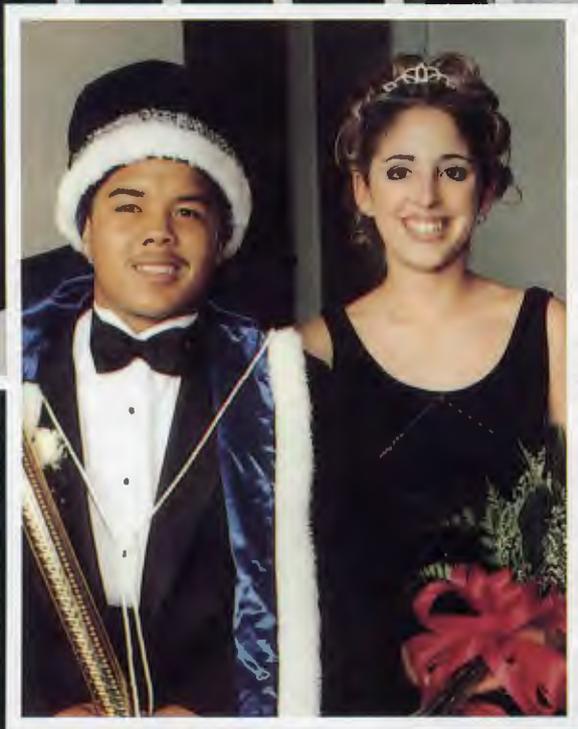
Marian's coolest chicks: Nicole Howell, Michelle Castro, Leila Forsythe and Erin Day get together to see and be seen.



Marian's favorite couple, Vivian Velazquez and Santiago Leon cuddles up for a cute shot in the courtyard.

Friends Forever! That's Alex Cecena and his girls, Connie Ojeda and Gema Santiago. The three are inseparable!



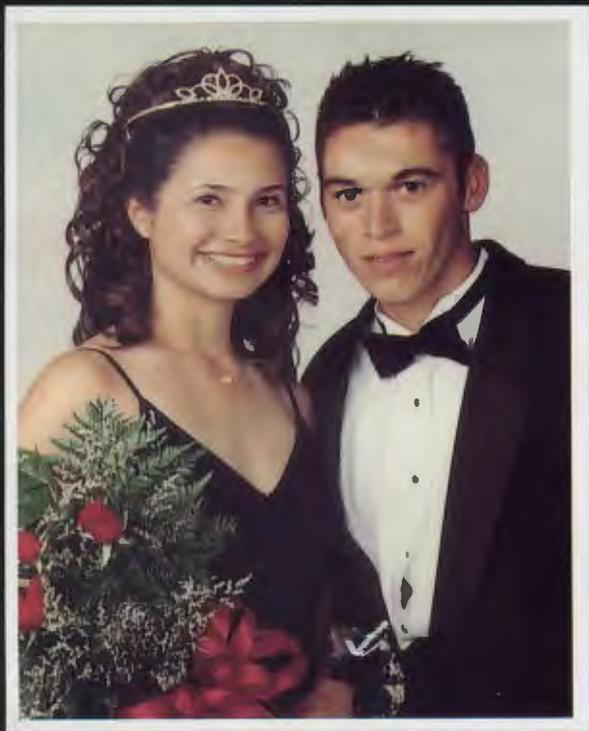


King Joseph Cruz  
Princess Tatiana McElwain

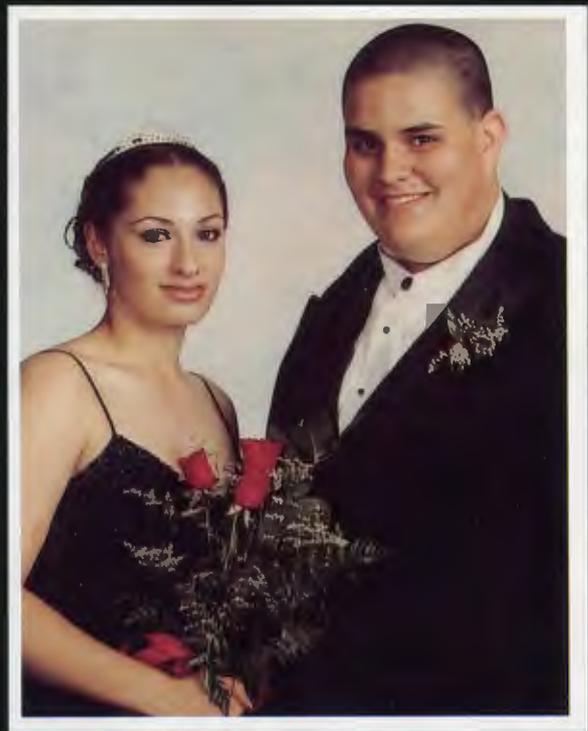
Queen Mayalin Talampas  
Prince Shawn Corley

# HOMECOMING 1999

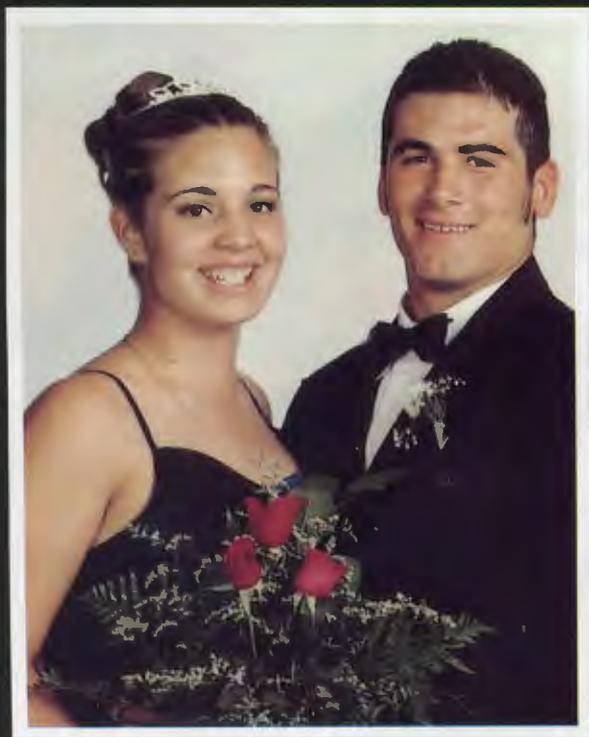
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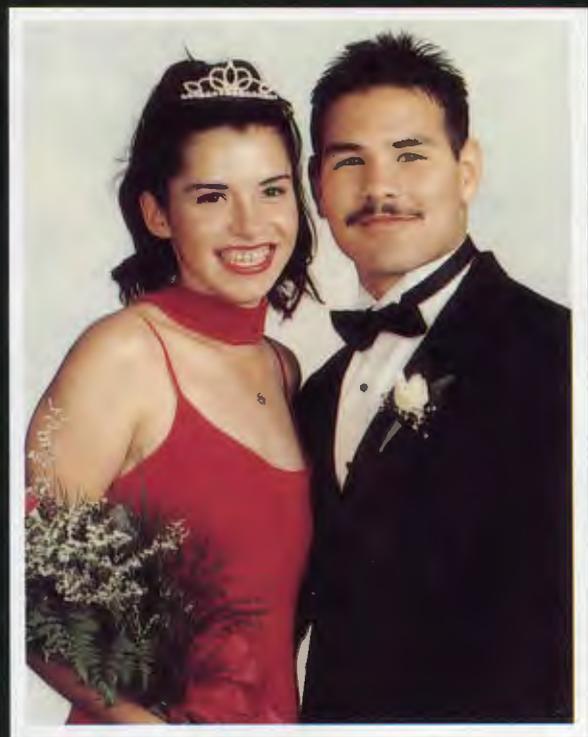
*Princess Miriam Angilar  
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*Princess Yulissa Zulaica  
Prince Joseph Shankles*



*Princess Rixchel Shaw  
Prince James Gracio*



*Princess Eliana Guevara  
Prince Santiago Leon*

# IT'S A BLAST HOMECOMING

by Brian Smiley

Everyone gets caught up in the excitement of Homecoming. In fact, it's probably the best day of the year for having fun. Mr. Milke starts early, getting the faculty in shape to produce their stinging skit of the seniors at the rally. As funny as they were, Mrs. Anthony as an all smiles Andrea Osuna and Mr. Verneti as a surfing Nibet Mendonca, they were upstaged by the seniors. M.C.'d by President David Blair, the seniors caught the faculty at their craziest.

Later on came an easy win over Christian as Crusaders trampled the Patriots in style. Half time featured a parade; each class had their own float as well as a new entry by the Alumni. Beautiful girls were everywhere, but only one got the crown! That was Mayalin Talampas, Homecoming Queen of 1999.

Everyone went home happy after a day that was the time of our lives.



A bunch of really hip juniors rock around the clock in their Homecoming entry. Everyone went all out this year to make fun floats.

Cheerleaders hold up a "fence" through which Jermaine Guinyard drives his bike in imitation of Eddie Johnson's glorious summer catastrophe. After wiping out on his all terrain vehicle, our madcap coach was relegated to manually powered vehicles only.



Queen Mayalin Talampas is given her ribbon by 1998 Queen Dennise Lopez. Maya's accomplishments are many and varied from dance to ASB to scholastics. She is truly one of Marian's brightest stars.

Chris Sanchez does an imitation of one of Marian's new teachers, the youthful Mr. Manzano. When he first arrived most everyone thought he was a student especially when he brought out his play car in class.



Big Tony Elizondo congratulates Giovanni Aguiniga at the Homecoming Game. Marian smashed Christian 40-7.

Marian's beauties line up with their escorts to await the announcement of the next homecoming queen.

# THE DANCE

Just friends, but Krystal Bryant and Tony Elizondo look like sweethearts at Marian's Homecoming Dance.  
Marian gals lounge around the piano, yes, there is one behind the swirls of skirts.



Marian's most adorable guys clown around while their dates stay busy elsewhere.

Kristie Le Duc and Jonathan Corpus laugh with friends during a quiet moment between takes.



Juan Gutierrez and Genaro Diaz pose with lovely ladies Claudia Walter and Anna Umpfemmbach.



Ms. K can't resist the music and joins Yuli Zuliaca, Yulene Barce and others for some sassy swinging.



Maya Talampas, Janine Guerrero and friends make their own music.

Crusaders  
dine, dance  
and get down  
at  
Homecoming 1999

# Halloween Hocus Pocus

By: Patty Mady

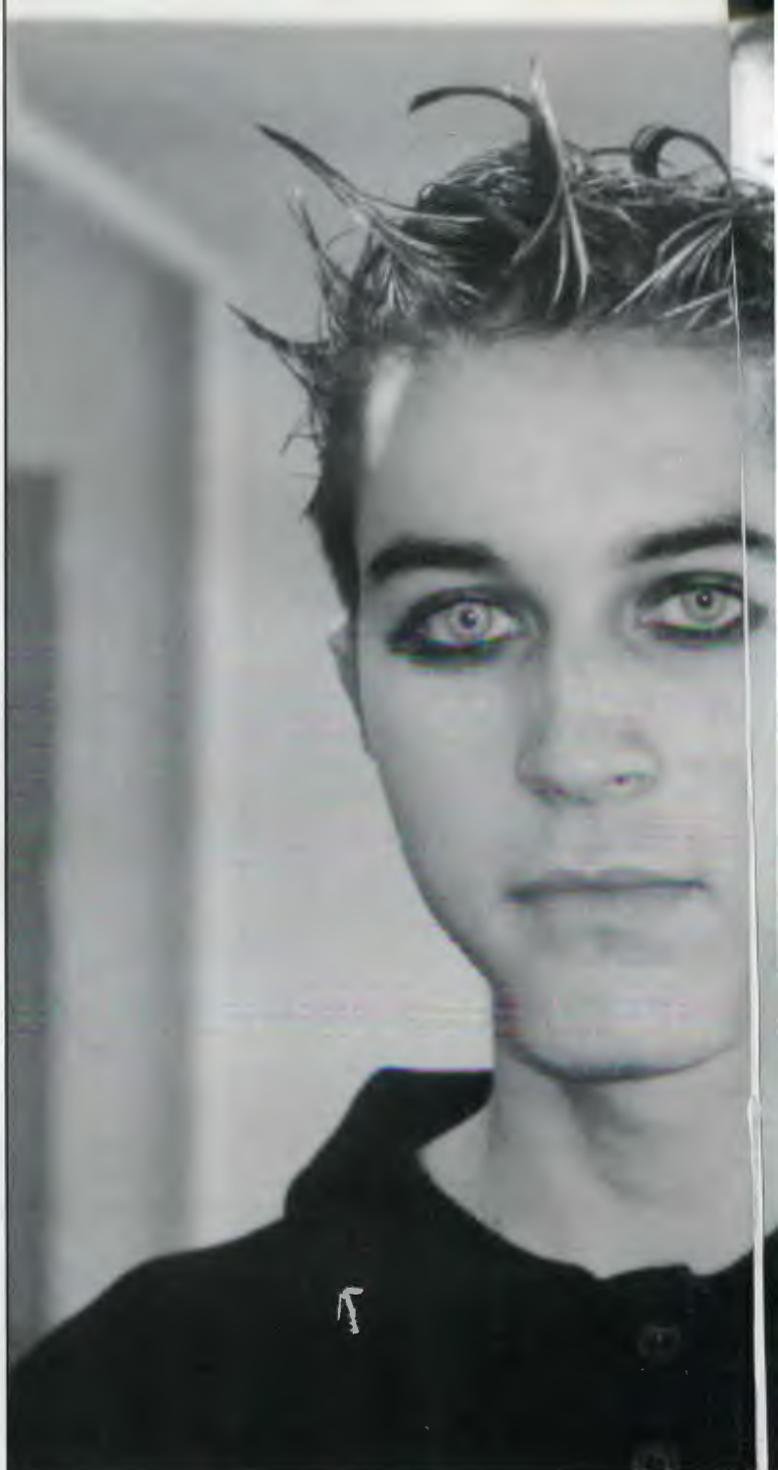
Ghosts, goblins, zombies, witches as well as angels, fairies and Brittany Spears haunted the hallowed halls of MCHS all in the name of School Spirit during the annual Halloween celebration.

Even the mostly reserved staff and faculty donned ghoulish attire in the Halloween Spirit. There are a few tales of Alumni spotted in the streets, braving costumes, asking for treats and threatening tricks if not given a reward! No tricks were played and fun was had by all!



Tati McElwain insists "I'm not Tinkerbell!" "Tinkerbell, Tooth Fairy, or nymph, you decide."

Eugenia, the kitten, Mercado smells a fish dinner on Nibet Mendonca. Nibet had a very bad fishing experience.





Obed Torres stares into the void, his pupils dilated and pale. Beware!

Young crone, Noelle Mattis, can't decide whether to have pureed toad with snail sauce or sauted rat tails for lunch.



Mr. Lebold walks out towards Mr. Milke to discuss the behavior problems he's encountering in ceramics class.

Imagine keeping this class quiet! Actually they are very well behaved monsters.

# FUTURE CRUSADERS *and* FRIENDS FROM AFAR

by Nicole Howell

This year's eighth graders were energetic and enthusiastic. They participated in everything from musical chairs basketball to giggles in all the classes. All showed great spirit for their schools as well as for Marian. "These are definitely gonna to be a rowdy bunch next year," stated Ambassador Erwin Cruz. The guys played football with Shawn Corley and Felipe Cabral while the girls did a super job stepping in for our cheerleaders. One of the guys was so spirit filled he did a backflip across the field.

At the Japanese Visit Ronnel Manzana greeted the students in perfect Japanese. Gifts were exchanged (a traditional Japanese custom) between the two schools. Later the students played a volleyball game, Americans against the Japanese. Marian won but just barely. Most of the team was comprised of football players who didn't look as agile or coordinated in volleyball as they do on the gridiron. Fortunately we had enough real players from the girls team to save the day. The Japanese students ended the day with a tour of all the classes. They got a kick out of sitting in our desks and smiling back and forth with us. Sayonara friends, see you next year.



Shawn Corley throws a pass to a few prospective players.

Janine Guerrero and Michelle Castro pose with two Japanese girls who are just a little bit shy.

Ronnel Manzano makes his welcome speech in perfect Japanese, even joking with the students by welcoming them to Australia. The only thing he had to struggle with was the sound system.



Flanked by the smiling Mr. Moeller and Mr. Escobosa, one happy 8th grader holds up the \$50 bill he won for making a 3 point shot. Let's hope he comes back to play basketball.



Japanese students square off against the Americans for a quick paced volleyball game.

Pedro Ibarra points out the family crests made by the students in Ms.K's British Literature class.

This 8th grader was so happy to be at Marian, he did a back flip in front of a row of admiring girls.



# "Ben Vindo, Yokoso, Henlick Willhemmen!"

by Vivian Velasquez and Patty Mady

This year Marian hosted many wonderful foreign exchange students from all around the world. One is Swedish: Carolina Bergentoft, four are Japanese: Kotomi Nakakoba, Takaki Kabashima, Hiroaki Nagaki and Maki Kawahara, three are Brazilian: Beatrice Araujo, Nibet Mendonca, Leonardo Mendes and ten are Germans: Claudia Walter, Björn Felten, Lucas Herbert, Florian Dingle, Ludwig Englisch, Anna Umpfenbach, Pia Sikorski, Laura Rahm, Anna-Lena Frick and Annette Maus. We asked a couple of questions to see what they think of our country and our school.

What is the best thing about Marian?

Anna Umpfenbach: "The palm trees on campus."

Carolina Bergentoft: "It's a pretty small school and everybody knows everybody; it's like a big family."

What do you like most about America?

Nibet Mendonca: "American girls."

Laura Rahm: "I like the climate here. I think the sun makes the people more friendly, happy and open, that's what I like."

What is the difference between where you live and America?

Pia Sikorski: "We have to study more and the food is more healthy at home."

Laura: "It's totally different, come and see!"

What do you miss most about home?

Leonardo Mendes: "Relatives, friends, beaches, parties, weather, surfboards, Brazilian food and girls."

Claudia: "My warm bed!"

What would you do at home that you can't do here?

Nibet: "Walk around in my birthday suit!"

Laura: "Speak German."

We at Marian are so happy to have friends from around the globe. They show us another way of looking at things and make Marian more interesting and more fun.



Florian Dingle makes himself useful by putting together Mr. Watson's new conference table. Florian often hangs out in the lab, a popular spot for many students.

Exchange students find a bit of sun and friendship at one of their favorite Marian spots.



Anna-lena Frick looks over Eileen Ho's shoulder to see how some work is done. Despite the differences in language and academics, most exchange students maintain high marks.



Our beautiful frauleins from Deutschland: Anna, Pia and Claudia pose for a snap shot during homeroom.

Twins Lin and Fan Sok study each morning before school. Neither one spoke English at the beginning of the year but they both learned fast.

Our German guys "lightheadedness" stands out in the crowd at Marian. From left to right: Bjorn Feltn, Florian Dingler, Ludwig Englisch and Lucas Herbert.

# AMEN, SAY IT AGAIN AMEN!

by Sarah Oesterle

The Mass is the driving force behind Marian Catholic High's amazing spirit. With reverence and respect every week we parade to St. Charles to celebrate Jesus' life, death and resurrection. But oops! Like any other MCHS endeavor we have encountered some setbacks. What about the time the teachers were told to sit down after the priest noticed their annoying habit of looming over the students during liturgy. Or when the priest came over to the lector reading the Responsorial Psalm, a little too quietly. He tested the microphone on the podium that not only scared and woke up the student, but also the whole student body.

MCHS students will always be fond of our Thursday liturgies. We will look back on them with reverence and respect for God and the Body of Jesus Christ, but with a smile on our faces for some of those good old MCHS setbacks.



We offer ourselves and these symbolic gifts to the Lord: flowers, a baby quilt and a painting of Mary grace the altar of a Strive sponsored liturgy that celebrated life.

Liturgy is also a chance to worship with special friends. Pancho Rodrigues and Jessica Barba like to be together at Mass. You can always find them seated in the Junior's front row.





Guest celebrant, Fr. Vinyard makes a point of welcoming everyone to the Lord's feast. Marian is thankful to all the priests who have given their time and presence to us.

Mrs. Kassebaum and Mrs. Angeles congratulate the dedicated members of the ASB as Miss Chudy (yes, she's peeking out) covers the event for the newsletter.



The enthusiasm and exuberance has enlivened many Marian liturgies, but Fr. has had to wake us on a few sleepy days to "make a joyful noise until the Lord!"

Strive members express the commitment they feel toward the liturgy. "We are the Church" is a concept our faculty teaches us to embrace.

# This is who *we are*

By Leila Forsythe

Part of what defines **the** students at Marian Catholic are the clubs and extra-curricular activities that we participate in. Some of us seem to never really go home; we spend so much of our free **time** at school. While clubs and organizations take up a lot of our energy and commitment, we would all agree that the rewards are well worth all of the effort that we put in.

Being a part **Of** the various clubs here at MCHS gives us a chance to meet more people and expand **Our** group of friends. It also helps us to learn about other cultures, such as with APIC or the Hispanic Alliance, or to gain experience in student government or journalism.

The clubs and organizations around the school serve others and also help to bring the Marian Catholic community together. For the rest of our **lives** we will remember the experiences we're having today.



Yuli Zulaica and Tony Elizondo pose together after the fiesta for Our Lady of Guadalupe. Yuli planned activities for all to enjoy in honor of the Virgin.

Mitchell Galacia and Arte Aragon prepare the backdrop "Spirit of Christmas" for the Drama Club's holiday presentation.



Ana Melissa Islas carries in a photo of a loved child to emphasize our pro-life stance.



Campus Ministry presents pure pageantry to dramatize the laws of God and his covenant with us, his people.

Photographer Paul Van Vleck looks over Crystal Tocaton's pictures. Mr. Van Vleck was brought in as a guest teacher for yearbook.



# READY TO SERVE

by Leila Forsythe

Every Monday morning at 7:00 am, you're sure to find the ASB having their weekly meeting in Mrs. Angeles' room. In between yawns and trying to catch up on the weekend's gossip, the Associated Student Body busily plans activities for the school. These range from planning social events such as Homecoming, Prom and other dances, bolstering students' enthusiasm during Spirit Week activities and through rallies and providing other services for the school. This year the ASB put on a fabulous Thanksgiving luncheon for the faculty and staff and continued the holiday festivities by trimming a tree for the whole school to see. Visitors to the front office may have noticed the Homecoming game decorations, which really brightened things up. There were more splashes of color in the faculty lounge. The ASB is always happy to lend a hand at 7th and 8th grade visitations and at the Blast-off dinner, which takes place right before the school year begins.

While being an ASB member requires hours of work and commitment, the officers enjoy every minute of it and are proud to know their efforts are making Marian Catholic an enjoyable place for the students and faculty.



Senior class officers Jon Corpuz and Eliana Guevara try to stay awake at an early morning meeting.

Mrs. Kassebaum discusses MCHS's important issues with the ASB at the conference table in the library. The ASB enjoys these meetings as they get free doughnuts and orange juice.



Executive President David Blair calls the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 am. His dilligence helps to keep things running smoothly. Moderator Mrs. Angeles joins the ASB as they gather for a group shot. She's our fearless leader!



Leah Bruno, our Co-Commissioner of Publicity, takes a moment to remember Our Lady. ASB members know that her prayers are vital to their success.

The ASB looks on as Mrs. Kassebaum is presented with flowers on Principal Appreciation Day. Mrs. Kassebaum and the ASB have to work closely to ensure that they get the job done.

# WE PUT THE "CATHOLIC" IN MCHS

*by Brian Smiley and Erwin Cruz*

Campus Ministry turned over a new leaf and showed what Marian is all about. This is the club that sponsors fun activities associated with our Catholic Faith. Juniors made up most of the team, but seniors helped with their vast experiences. The year started out with a bang at the Freshman Retreat. Nicole Howell described the funniest moment. "When Felipe tricked the freshmen by walking in casually with his pockets stuffed with shorts and a shirt and playing the 'blanket game' unfairly. The girls were disappointed." Erin Day added, "The pickup line with the freshman guys was fun for Leila and me. Some of the lines were real smooth." Another successful activity was the food drive, the best ever. Over a thousand cans went to charity. Campus Ministry also sponsored a blanket collection which helped poor families in Mexico. Each class had their own retreats throughout the year giving all students a chance to bond and make memories. New director Ms. Laura Pietrangelo admitted that she enjoyed working with all the kids. The feeling was mutual.



Martha Silva and Adela Trujillo listen intently during the Thursday liturgy. Campus ministry works hard all year to present variety at Mass.



Campus ministry members proceed out carrying the Arc of the Covenant and the Menorah banner. This pageantry helped dramatize our commitment to God's Law. Brian Smiley and Kris Hunter kid around once Mass is finished. Campus Ministry has offered Brian and Kris an opportunity to be active in their faith.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY.** Front row: Angela Garcia-Sermeno, Marcus Cortez, Michelle Castro, Jon Corpuz, Jennifer Rigsby, Noelle Mattis, Ramon Garcia; second row: Felipe Cabral, Jorge Gonzalez, Nicole Howell, Erin Day, Kris Hunter, Brian Smiley, Sarah Oesterle, Leila Forsythe, Christie Le Duc, Ms. Pietrangelo



Jennifer Rigsby holds up the 10 Commandments as Fr. Solcia speaks about our covenant with God.

Ramon Garcia, Erin Day and Felipe Cabral walk out after a successful Mass. Ramon Garcia is one of Marian's 2nd generation kids.

# AMBASADOR FOR CHRIST

by Vivian Velasquez and Patty Mady

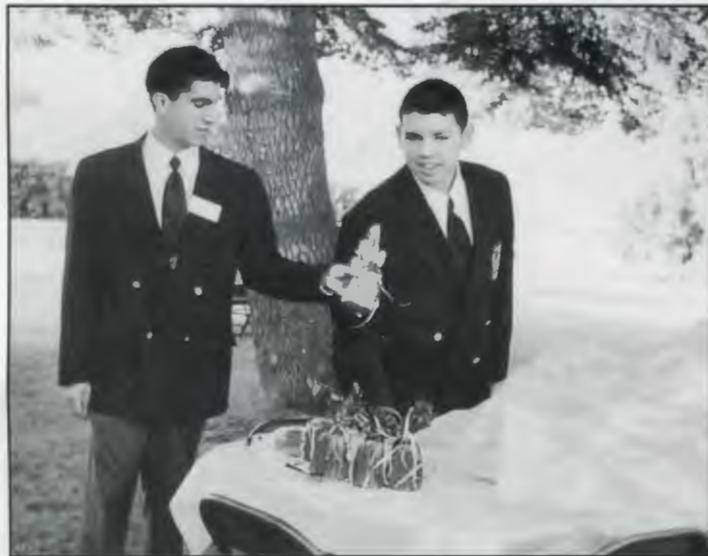
Who are the hardest working kids at Marian Catholic High School? The Ambassadors! Duh! You can find them on campus from sun up 'til sundown at just about every Marian function you can think of and even a few you'd never think of. Did you know our Ambassadors attend funerals of people who are special to the MCHS family? They did a great job this year at the 8th grade visitation and the Japanese visit. They have also set up luncheons for Grandparents Day and many other special events.

To represent Marian at her best at all the functions the Ambassadors learn good manners and proper etiquette. It's almost like a finishing school. We admit, teenagers are not always the most polite or polished people. But by the time they have gone through orientation and on the job training, our Ambassadors are pretty impressive, especially in the distinctive and sophisticated uniforms they alone can wear.

When asked about being an Ambassador, David Blair explained, "I basically work along side the greater San Diego community and represent MCHS." This is the kind of experience which helps the Ambassadors while they are helping Marian. Being an Ambassador has a spiritual side too. "It has helped me to act more Christian in this community," says Gina Lipp. When we asked Christie Le Duc how being an Ambassador has helped her grow closer to Christ, she replied, "By helping me realize that I need to set a good example." We asked Noelle Mattis what her most memorable moment was as an Ambassador and she stated, "Sitting with the Blessed Sacrament." We had Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the chapel for the first time this year and the Ambassadors were selected to be present.

Being an Ambassador helps people in ways they may never have imagined. Gina Lipp explained, "I have become friends with people I barely talked to before I was an Ambassador."

Ambassadors, you make a difference for us at Marian. Thank you for all your dedication.



Marcus Cortez and Artie Aragon prepare the tables for eighth grade visitation.



Our wonderful Ambassadors welcome the Japanese students as they enter the Marian gates.

Junior Task Force Executives Angela Garcia-Sermeno and Erin Day pose sweetly for a quick pic!

**Senior Task Force Executives.** Front row: Jennifer Rigsby, Dino Morabito, Christie LeDuc; second row: Marcus Cortez, David Blair, Alex Roehr, Eliana Guevara, Jon Corpuz and Nick Taylor



### Ambassadors for Christ Corps 1999-2000

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|-------------|-------------------|---------------|
| K. Adan     | E. Day            | R. Moreno     |
| M. Aguilar  | R. Day            | C. Mun        |
| M. Alcock   | M. Duggan         | D. Ny         |
| D. Alvarez  | C. Elias          | S. Oesterle   |
| D. Alvarez  | L. Forsythe       | A. Osuna      |
| A. Angeles  | A. Garcia-Sermeno | O. Paredes    |
| A. Aragon   | J. Geniza         | J. Perkins    |
| A. Ascutto  | N. Gerken         | J. Quigley    |
| D. Blair    | J. Gonzalez       | E. Ramirez    |
| L. Bruno    | J. Guerrero       | M. Ramm       |
| L. Bruno    | E. Guevara        | J. Rigsby     |
| F. Cabral   | D. Kreeger        | A. Roehr      |
| J. Calleros | C. LeDuc          | R. Shaw       |
| C. Camacho  | G. Lipp           | M. Silva      |
| I. Carlin   | L. Maier          | B. Smiley     |
| M. Castro   | J. Magana         | M. Talampas   |
| K. Clemmer  | R. Manzana        | N. Taylor     |
| J. Corpuz   | L. Martin         | C. Thomas     |
| M. Cortez   | N. Mattis         | W. Vecchitto  |
| E. Cruz     | D. Morabito       | V. Villalobos |
| R. Cruz     |                   | Y. Zulaica    |



Tour guides Mirian Aguilar, Yuli Zulaica and David Alvarez lead our Japanese visitors around the school.

# STRIVING FOR THE BEST

by Rosanne Porciuncula

It's very interesting to see how the students of Marian Catholic High School prepare for an Academic Decathlon competition. Students prepare by reading and studying various materials from a variety of subjects. They meet every Tuesday and Wednesday morning in A-13, Mrs. Watson's room.

Crystal Toctocan, a freshman, who is a member of the Academic Decathlon says, "Participating in the Academic Decathlon is a great experience for me because it helps me enlighten my knowledge." In her opinion, the Academic Decathlon is a great way to expand her capabilities.

The participants of the Academic Decathlon have different opinions and comments on this club. Some say it is not hard, others say that being a part of a Decathlon is a challenge but not a difficult task. Others feel that it is great to receive recognition from their fellow students. The Academic Decathlon is one way you can learn new and interesting things and have a fun time with other students.

The subjects that the Academic Decathlon study are mathematics, science, art and literature. They try to use the knowledge they gain during the competition. Their ultimate goal is to be better than last year. Sophomore student, Lisa Maier, says, "At least I can do something that isn't sport related and get some recognition." Being in the Academic Decathlon is a great way to accomplish this and you don't have to put on pads, special shoes, or any sports equipment. You just need to exercise you brain.

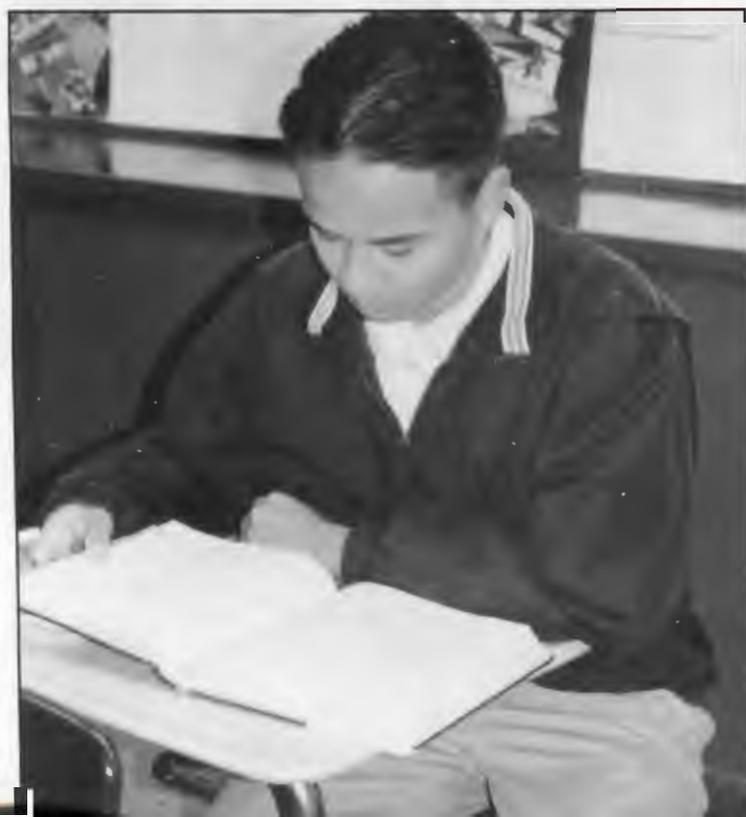


Decathlon members Marcus Cortez and Noelle Mattis discuss their studies with fellow Decathlon member Nick Taylor. Marcus' laid back stance belies his deep concentration while having a highly charged discussion with Nick.



The Fantastic three, Leah Bruno, Annemarie Angeles and Wendy Vecchito work in Mrs. Watson's room during an Academic Decathlon meeting. Each one concentrates on her own studies, totally ignoring the camera. Two Decathlon members Christie Le Duc and Jennifer Rigsby sit near each other in an Academic Decathlon meeting. Jennifer carefully studies her book while Christie daydreams about totally esoteric ideas.

1999 - 2000 Academic Decathlon Team: Ronnel Manzana, Lisa Maier, Crystal Toctocan, Christie Le Duc, Chris Vito, Nicholas Taylor, Jonathon Corpuz, Jennifer Rigsby, Annemarie Angeles, Joseph Shankles, Wendy Vecchito, Philip Disney, Leah Bruno, James Quigley, Yulissa Zulica, Margaret Alcock, Cristy Jimenez.



Jonathan Corpuz runs through material in a supplementary text. It's up to the Decathlon members to stay on top in all the selected fields.

Dino Morabito makes his point to Mrs. Watson with an emphatic snap of his fingers.

# SENIORS GETAWAY

by Sarah Oesterle

"The place was so beautiful it almost seemed that I was in heaven," said Pedro Ibarra of the scenery at the senior retreat in Ramona. Vicente Contreras added that "The sky at night was the most beautiful thing I'd seen in a long time."

Under the clear mountain sky, seniors "got the chance to talk to people, to make amends and clear (their) minds on things they didn't understand", explained Corina Tellez, who also said that "(Retreat) made me appreciate all the friends I have made here." They also had a lot of fun, "the kind of fun I had when I was a kid", Miriam Aquilar enthused.

Seniors reflected on the four years they have spent together. "I had the opportunity to tell my friends how much I love them," expressed Eugenia Mercado. The class of 2000 also looked beyond high school and was assured by Ryan Barajas that "every little thing is gonna be alright."

All of the class enjoyed each other's company and appreciate the work that Mrs. Anthony, Mrs. McGregor and Miss Pietrangelo put into it. But, like any retreat, "The most important thing was that God was with us the whole time," Eugenia added.

And hey, Seniors, if you want to make some more great memories, "Yayo's house is open on weekends for milk and cookies." Yayo.





# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

by Chris Galvez

If you're looking for a club that does a huge amount of good for students, you need not look farther than the Strive Club. Strive is all about kids helping their peers. During the year, the club introduces numerous activities to the students at Marian, in an effort to raise awareness about the dangers and consequences of drugs, alcohol and sex. During Red Ribbon Week, Strive brought us the fun and entertaining water balloon volleybal-like game. This activity showed how important teamwork is. Strive also brought in a wrecked automobile which changed a lot of perspectives about drinking and driving. It is very different seeing a wrecked car up close, instead of just reading about it in the newspaper. Red Ribbon week was also brought to MCHS by Strive. During this time, students were asked to wear red ribbons to raise pride and determination about refusing drugs. This year, Strive concentrated mostly on sex and it's dangers. Students also learned about pregnancy and the process of how a baby is formed. Strive taught about abortion as well. Videos were shown highlighting aspects of the abortion business that are not commonly known. Doctors were interviewed who had quit the abortion business after realizing the reality of their occupation. It was mind-blowing to try and process all the information that was fed to us. In the end, we cannot thank the Strive Club enough. They truly help and guide students through the hard challenges in life.



Everyone watches the teachers battle against seniors at the Strive sponsored water balloon volleyball game. As teams loose points, they risk getting totally soaked so everyone tries their hardest to keep the balloon under control.



In this picture, students observe a wrecked car that was brought in by Strive. This helped show the effects of teenage drunk driving.

Marian's finest faculty concentrate vigorously in the water balloon volleyball game against the seniors. Unfortunately, the faculty suffered a devastating loss but promises to make up for it next year.

Strive members work hard during their bake sale. Students helped raise money for Strive as they indulged in their "sweet tooth."



Strive students take part in their mass to remember drug and alcohol deaths. The mass was touching and helpful to the students.

Every student participates during Strive Week. Beatrice Aroujo, foreign exchange student from Brazil, wears her Red Ribbon as she talks with Anna Umpfenbach.

# FORTUNE 500 HERE WE COME

by April Pablo

Do you think you have what it takes to be a part of two elite groups of scholars who sacrifice their time and energy to making the most out of their academic opportunities? These unique students make up the National Honor Society and the California Scholarship Federation.

The members of these organizations have various opinions on how they feel about being members of NHS or CSF. Angela Garcia-Sermenon, a junior who is in both organizations, explains, "Being in NHS and CSF reminds me why I came to MCHS- to prepare for college and for the rest of my life."

If you're wondering what it takes to become a member of these organizations, sophomore CSF member Kara Adan will tell you to make completing your homework and studying a habit now! "Keep your head in the books and not in the sky."

These students possess leadership, responsibility, scholarship and perseverance. Obviously, there are some advantages to being an NHS or CSF member. Sophomore James Quigley remarks that "It'll look good on your college application," while seniors Dino Morabito and Yuli Zulaica, add that, "We both look forward to wearing the yellow sash at graduation."

Angela offers a last bit of advice to those who strive to be members of NHS or CSF, "Don't make your teachers your enemies. If you actually listen to them, you'll find that they're here to teach, not judge."



**NHS. front row:** Marcus Cortez, Ronnel Manzano, Yulissa Zulaica, Roy De Guzman; **second row:** Leila Forsythe, Michelle Castro, Kimberly Clemmer, Jonathan Corpuz, Jennifer Riggsby, Myalin Talampas, Alexandra Roehr; **back row:** Sarah Oesterle, Angela Garcia-Sermenon, Leonard Bruno, Christina Le Duc, Veronica Villalobos, Natalie Gerken, Noelle Mattis, Dino Morabito, David Blair, Jorge Gonzalez

Artie Aragon stays on top of his studies by putting in some time in the computer lab. He likes to keep his g.p.a high so he can keep his handicap low.

Marcus Cortez keeps tabs on some PDA's. Even CSF-NHS students make time for a bit of romance in their lives.

**CSE. Front Row:** Wendy Vecchitto, Rhysa Moreno, Kara Adan, Annemarie Angeles, Connie Mun, Leah Bruno; **second row:** Yuchin Kang, Jorge Gonzalez, Ronnel Manzana, Yuli Zulaica, Roy De Guzman; **third row:** Leila Forsythe, Michelle Castro, Jennifer Rigsby, Christina Le Duc, Myalin Talampas, Alexandra Roehr; **back row:** Maricela Lopez, Sarah Oesterle, Angela Garcia-Sermeno, Marcus Cortez, Jon Corpuz, Natalie Gerken, Dino Morabito, James Quigley, David Blair, Margaret Alcock



Noelle Mattis looks tired, probably from staying up to do homework, so vital to being a scholar. Or else she was watching a rerun of *The X-Files*.

Senior Dino Morabito smirks his way through Mrs. Watson's AP British Literature class. We didn't think that anyone would find *Macbeth* so funny.

# CRUSADER

## NEWS

by *Cristy Jimenez*

*The periodical*

*"written by the students, for the students, about the students"*  
—Mr. Verneti

More than just a class, Marian Catholic's journalism department yields *The Crusader*, the latest on what's up with Marian and its students. This four-page publication hits classrooms three times a semester and is distributed free of charge to all interested. The first two pages are filled with news on recent student activities and contain two regular columns—a student interview and a profile of new personnel additions to the Marian "family". Would you have ever guessed that Mr. Randall is into surfing and mountain climbing? The next page features the athlete of the month—a look into the lives and motives of the school's superstars, usually seniors—and the movie review. Who needs Siskel (R.I.P.) and Ebert? And finally there is the sports page, which boasted of a second straight phenomenal football season, the athletic forte of our school, among other things.

And whom do we thank for this splendid media service? The answer is five juniors, a senior, and a history teacher. They did everything from finding ads to writing copy to circulating the papers. The junior staff writers this year (Michelle Castro, Anna-Lena Frick, Lucas Herbert, Annette Maus, and Desiree Tellez) were all new to the class but quickly stepped into the writing groove. Senior Michael Maciejewski, Editor-In-Chief, finishing his second year of journalism had a bit of an advantage over the others. But this advantage didn't come without added responsibilities. He had to review and correct articles, work with formatting and cutting for the layout, and even give up a day off or an extra period to finish up. Mr. Verneti completed the team, holding this class F block in B34, and ended his fourth year as journalism advisor. He was the prime photographer and choreographer.

Those involved in the production recall that it was a rewarding experience even with the busy days. "It makes me proud. I get to share my work with everyone." —Michael



"It's hard work, but it's fun—it's a lot of fun! And I hope the student body appreciates it," remarks Michelle Castro (above left). Leila Forsythe's expression and Enrique Alvarez's smile confirm that the students do enjoy the product of all the staffers' efforts.



"[Journalism] helps me a lot . . . I love to write, but I was very bad." Foreign exchange student Anna-Lena, who (center) gained much from the class and improved her English considerably, attentively listened with the rest of her class to Mr. Verneti's literary advice.

Wrapping it up—Annette, Michelle, and Lucas (in the background) diligently stuff newspapers with ads assembly line style during F block on November 19 in preparation for the release of their second gazette later that period. Flipping to the back, the Yum Yum ad—along with coupon for a free donut—was a real hit with students and brought both the paper and donut shop attention.

At B34's very own computer, editor Michael M., assisted by Desiree Tellez, organizes his copy (the written part of an article) on screen. That was another plus-through journalism, students also learned valuable computer skills.



Lucas, having perfected his printed article for the second paper, carries on methodically and goes to the next step—waxing the article, meaning to put reusable adhesive wax on the back. Consequently, all of the articles were placed in the best possible spot, and the newspaper's whole look was enhanced.

Group picture! The journalism team comes together to be recognized for their contribution to student life. (from left to right: Mr. Ronald Verneti, Anna-Lena Frick, Michelle Castro, Michael Maciejewski, Lucas Herbert, and Annette Maus/not pictured: Desiree Tellez)

# BLOOD, SWEAT, AND TEARS, BUT THE SHOW MUST GO ON

by Leila Forsythe

For the MCHS Drama Club, the year began with the addition of many new members, mostly freshmen. They quickly caught up with the fun, excitement and absolute madness that is drama.

The club tried experimenting with many types of performance and in December "The Revelers" produced "The Spirit of Christmas," a song, dance and improv extravaganza. This required the input of not only the actors and dancers, but also the technical team and the moderator, Mr. Watson.

Because the show was almost completely improvised, the Drama Club members had to be ready for anything when they took the stage. This performance provided some laughs for the audience and valuable experience for the players.

It's easy to see that any production takes a lot of work and February's projected showing of Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" is already making demands of the dedicated crew. Plans are also being made for a spring musical and it's sure to be a great success. Don't be surprised if you see one of your classmates accepting an Academy Award!



Erwin Cruz, Ryan Day and Brian Smiley, work out the glitches on the sound system. They're the "tech guys!"



Leila Bruno and Angelica Garcia-Sermeno sweetly swing to a Christmas melody. Hear the Sleigh Bells ringing? Marcus Cortez and Christie Le Duc trim the tree in the Spirit of Christmas, Drama Club's first attempt at improvisational theater.

Marcus Cortez makes a point to Mr. Watson as fellow Revelers go over their lines.



Mr. Watson and Jonathan Corpuz work out some last minute problems. "The devil's in the details!"

Mr. K. looks on while his beloved wife and our principal films the Drama Club's holiday presentation. Ms. K. can do it all!

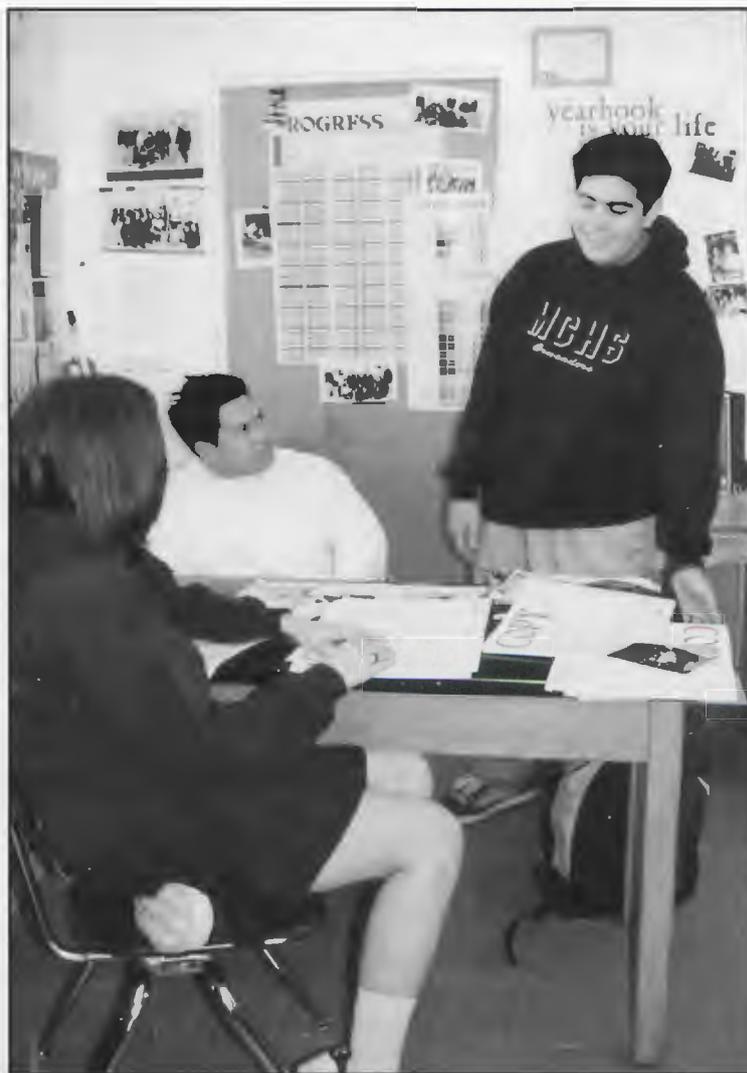
# THIS STUFF IS TOO COOL

by Amanda Todd

Yearbook can be a time-consuming and exhausting task, especially at deadline time! That's when we live in the computer lab, writing, typing, cropping pictures, making layouts and debating over which font to use. It's not unusual for us to start working while it's still bright and sunny outside and not get out until it's cold and dark.

We listen to our co-editors Erwin Cruz and Nicole Howell bicker while our "Mom", Mrs.K acts as the slave driver. If it weren't for "Sanity Editor" Brian Smiley, we would have lost our minds long ago.

We did however, make some really fun memories and the hard work we put in, like walking over to the 24-hour taco shops or sending Mrs.K around campus to forage for food, makes seeing our finished product more rewarding. "Yearbook is a great experience for us," explains Vanessa Gonzales, who adds that "it's a chance for us to get involved and have fun." All of the staff have grown closer and we thank Mr.Bailey, Mr.Watson and of course, Mrs.Kelleher for giving up every other aspect of their lives for us and for this book. Oh, and "please pardon this interruption," but we have to thank Mr.Milke for always putting up with our long announcements!



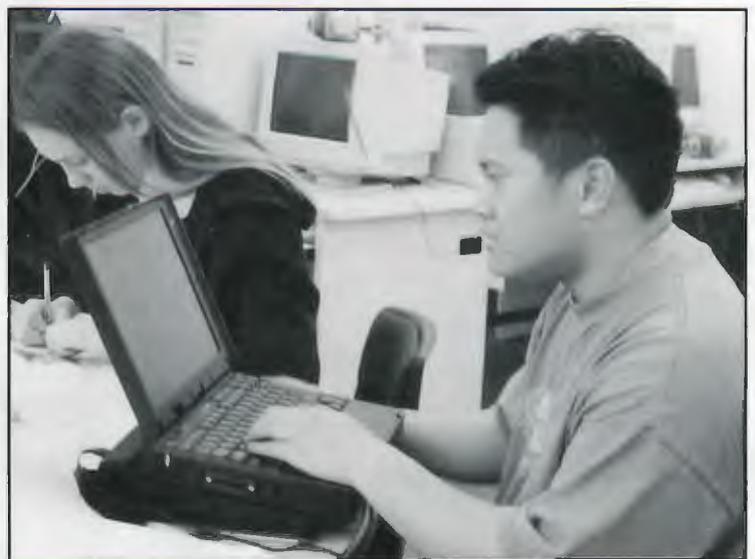
**Yearbook.** Front row: Brian Smiley and Nicole Howell; second row: Amanda Todd, Cristy Jimenez, Vanessa Gonzales, Leila Forsythe, Sarah Oesterle, Angela Garcia-Sermeno



Yearbook representative Mr.Bailey takes a few moments to explain the finer points of making a yearbook as the staff listens attentively.

Editors Nicole Howell and Erwin Cruz argue over who gets to make executive decisions as sanity Editor Brian Smiley tries to keep the peace.

Cristy Jimenez takes a time-out from writing sports copy to give Amanda Todd advice on cropping pictures. Friendships were quick to develop among the yearbook members.



"Focused" on his task, Erwin Cruz puts the advances of technology to good use with his laptop. Working alongside him, Sarah Oesterle positions pictures only to have to re-do it later.

Best friends Patty Mady and Vivian Velasquez take time out from copy writing. They are the yearbook's premier survey says gals.





## PRKASOILK

WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER CLUB IN ORDER TO BE A MORE WORTHWHILE CLUB: WE PLEDGE TO GIVE OUR BEST TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS PLANNED ACTIVITIES AND LEARN TO GREATLY APPRECIATE OUR LANGUAGE AND CULTURE. WE PLEDGE TO HELP ENRICH THE SAKIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL'S DIVERSITY THROUGH OUR COMMITTED PARTICIPATION DURING CULTURAL WEEK AND OTHER EVENTS, DOING KODI KAI, DANCES, COSTUMES AND MUSIC.



Check out these ladies sporting their beautiful homeland attire or as we say in tagalog "ang ganda ganda."

Connie Mun and Rhysa Moreno are sitting pretty in their adorable Korean costumes just waiting to say "sarang hae yo."

Posing in their native "barong tagalog" are the *POGING* members of the APIC club: Philip Disney, Erwin Cruz, Stephan Emperador, Derek Nepomuceno, Francis Bautista, Ronnel Manzana, Marck Manga, Felipe Cabral. Talaga naman. *Masyadong naka porma*. These guys look FOBUlous.



# ASIAN

# Got It *Down*

By *Leila Forsythe*

This year has been a fine one for the athletic programs here at MCHS. More people than ever before turned up to join **the** teams that they hoped to play with. The heightened interest led to some very successful seasons for many of the school's teams.

While some teams already have very established legacies, others are just getting off the ground. The athletes and coaches hope that in **time** their hard work and enthusiasm will help to build solid programs for all *of* the sports at MCHS.

**Our** sports teams were also thrilled to have more fans this year. Cheerleaders, fellow students, faculty and parents showed up to support the players and cheer them on.

If you ask any player or coach, they will tell you that playing a sport is more than just having fun and getting exercise.

Being committed and learning to work with and trust others are all part of the experience of being a team. In these ways, playing sports is great preparation for our **lives**.



Joseph Cruz runs a sweep around the right side as Marian's offensive line does its job.

Go Big Blue! Marian's cheerleaders pump up the crowd at an afternoon game.



Benjamin Gonzalez stays cool as he rounds the corner at Balboa Park.



Hot and sweaty Lady Crusaders listen intently as Coach Randall outlines the strategy for the second half of a tough volleyball game.

Obed Torres comes in to threaten Coronado's control of the ball.





To the cheers of loaded Marian stands, #28 Shawn Corley jukes past Christian adversaries to contribute to an unbelievable Homecoming win. The resounding victory, 40-7, was the climax of a whole week of school spirit and pride.

Crusaders "Cruz" past big-time rival Parker with teamwork and Joey's 199 yards. They overcame the last obstacle on the road to CIF.

# Crusaders House rock the

by Cristy Jimenez

If you are an avid football spectator, fully knowledgeable on every stat and every play of every game...if you think you're the expert, think again. So much time is spent on achieving every aspect of the game you see, so much dead iron grit—the burning Crusader spirit—is involved that only a select few really know football—the players and the coaches. And the experience is not one they will soon forget.

Summer and spring—In the weight room, conditioning the body and instilling the focus for one intense season. Fall—Sweat-pulling practice every day after school with almost a dozen coaches out there, totally determined that you know your position and know it well. Ten Friday nights—the opportunity to prove yourself in front of your peers or foes—Both need to see.

A few playoff games later, the team had secured their way to the Q. With two losses (against Ramona and Mar Vista), Marian was underdog to Bishops, who had maintained a perfect season. A slow game, the half ended in Bishops' favor, 9-6, the Crusader points coming from an earlier touchdown. Undaunted, the Crusaders returned to get another touchdown and a crafty two-point conversion. Down 16-14, kicker Dario Aguiniga overcame his earlier misses and completed the game-winning field goal from the 37-yard mark with five seconds remaining. "I've always dreamed of being in that situation," reports Aguiniga. It was an incredible finish to a second amazing season, and everyone on the team deserves credit. QB Jetmaine Guinyard recalls, "It all came together." The coaches and players' hard work paid off. Special thanks to head coach Mike David, the entire coaching staff, the flag carriers, water girls, stat recorders, team physician, & all players who made watching games so fun.



"Every time Joey or Shawn are running in the open field, it's because the linemen are doing their job." As offensive coordinator, Coach White really knows what he's talking about; key in the win over Scripps Ranch, #75 Vicente Contreras and #21 Yuchin Kang, solid and impenetrable members of the O-line, opened another big hole for #28 Shawn Corley.

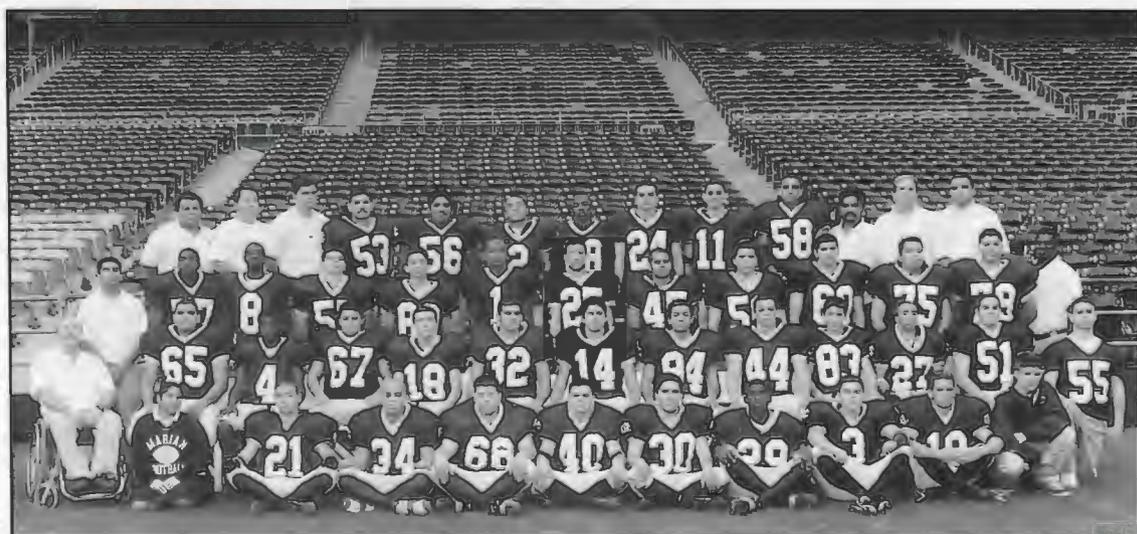
Showing ferocity and warrior hearts, #53 Santiago Leon and #14 Eduardo Araujo smother Ramona halfback for no gain. Through the long night of interruptions and injury, Marian never let up.



Ready for action, QB #1 Jermaine Guinyard surveys the Clairemont defense. The Marian offense sank the Chieftains and continued its red hot winning streak.

**"Crusaders"**  
1999 Varsity Football

Regular Season  
MCHS 56-7 St. Anthony's  
MCHS 26-6 Lincoln  
MCHS 26-32 Ramona  
MCHS 41-21 Mission Bay  
MCHS 30-19 Scripps Ranch  
MCHS 40-7 Christian  
MCHS 48-14 Clairemont  
MCHS 16-10 Coronado  
MCHS 25-28 Mar Vista  
MCHS 43-42 Hoover  
Playoffs  
MCHS 48-0 La Jolla Country Day  
MCHS 35-14 Francis Parker  
Championship  
MCHS 17-16 Bishop



**VARSITY FOOTBALL.** Front row: R. Cruz, Y. Kang, S. Bossett, E. Garcia, J. McGurk, P. Ibarra, D. Yarborough, D. Aguiniga, F. Cabral, A. Ballesteros; second row: J. Siegfried, A. Elizondo, W. Seldon, D. Ny, D. Herroz, R. Gracio, E. Araujo, O. Segovia, D. Alvarez, R. Gonzales, J. Gerace, G. Aguiniga, M. Molina; third row: J. Betancourt, A.J. Sumpter, J. McNutt, I. Carlin, L. Bruno, J. Guinyard, E. Garcia, R. Garcia, L. Maino, J. Estrada, V. Contreras, J. Calleros, E. Johnson; fourth row: G. Gastellum, R. Escobosa, M. White, S. Leon, A. Carazolez, J. Cruz, S. Corley, D. Gamboa, F. Rodriguez, M. Garcia, J. Cruz, M. David, S. Rhoads



Pow! #27 Danny Gamboa and #32 Rocky Gracio sandwich Mar Vista runner in a great display of teamwork. Although the Mariners came out 3 points ahead, they couldn't stop MCHS's hard drive to CIF.

There's joy at Qualcomm! Shawn Corley, Joseph Cruz and a slew of Crusaders hold up their hard-fought and well-deserved CIF victory plaque.



A now exuberant Andre Carazolez walks across the Qualcomm field with Daniel (Kansas) Ny. Andre had been nearly devastated before the final field goal; now he's all smiles.



Hard-playing defensive end Santiago Leon embraces Jermaine Guinyard after their CIF victory. Talented quarterback Jermaine always kept his cool and was able to rally the team just when they needed it most.

Jermaine Guinyard drops back for the pass as he quickly searches for an open receiver.





Vicente Contreras hugs Ricky Garcia at the climactic end of Marian's win over rival Bishop's.

No, this is not the kick of the season but it does feature our super-footed star, Dario Aguiniga, at what he does best.



# The *encore* Performance

*by Joseph Cruz*

Running, lifting, sweating, preparing, plotting, executing. We are the dedicated and willing men of this thriving sport. We stick together as one unit to climb to the top of excellence, CIF. Adrenaline and love for the game is what keeps us going on our journey to be the best. Where does it take us from here? We have pride, knowledge and strength, but most importantly we have the memories that will last a lifetime. Blessings from our protecting God guide us and pasta and breadsticks nourish our bodies giving us our energy to go onto our battles. We sit, reflect, contemplate and clear our minds free from any worries to focus on assignments that need to be executed. We prepare and dress into the colors of our school showing pride and power. We kneel before our lady, queen of victory, to pray for us. Soon, the time comes. The crowd is cheering, that cowbell is ringing and the chants are being chanted as we step foot on to the very grass and territory that we may see as home. We are being looked up to as role models and great people; what a dream. Our presence is overwhelming and we, the champions, feel the power that we possess heating up. Blessed and powerful we are and together we stand as an unstoppable force. For some of us there are still chances but for others it's the last time that the sensational feeling that we've experienced will fall upon us as a team. However, we have the memories that are worth the world and the pride shines from us. No one can take it. We are champions and forever will be CRUSADERS! TEAM!



Even though Coach Mike David disdains the limelight, he's caught on the big screen here. Notice that great final score of a game that proved to be the most dramatic of the season.

Junior wide receiver Juan McNutt helped lead the Crusaders to the championship with 12 touchdown catches this season.





#51 John McGurk tackles a Patriot runner behind the line of scrimmage. The JV Crusaders defense only allowed 49 points all season.

It's tradition at Marian that all football players kneel and pray to Our Lady before any game. JV and varsity player Wesley Seldon, a non-Catholic, explains, "Praying helps me play with my heart."



# Preparing for battle

by Cristy Jimenez

With all the hype varsity football brings, it's sometimes hard not to forget about those underneath—the freshmen and junior varsity teams. But this is where it all begins. These are the training years that condition the members that make Marian varsity football the dominant powerhouse of the league. Some of the same coaches that prepare varsity also work with JV and freshmen. And talented players can jump levels, getting first hand experience in a higher rank. Freshman Luis Berumen, for example, although on JV, participated in several varsity games and was lucky enough to be a part of the winning team at Qualcomm.

Jumping into their season with 38 players—yes, 38, that's a school record—from all over San Diego and Mexico, the freshmen team worked hard and learned about football, their school and their team. They played excellent defense throughout the season with an always-improving offense. Early on, Head Coach George Milke noted, "The caliber of the players is as usual—outstanding. The desire to win is great." In the end, the record books had them in at four wins, three losses and one tie, but appearances are deceiving. The three losses were by a combined total of only thirteen points! It was a learning experience, a lot of fun, and next year many of the players will continue on to junior varsity. Marian will definitely be ready for Metro!

"When we played as a team, nobody could beat us." Offensive threat Oscar Paredes (#20), who saw quite a bit of varsity play this season, sums up the JV perfectly. Finishing 9 and 1, they claimed the Harbor League title, again. This was due to strong team efforts, tremendous devotion from each individual and great coaching by Jose Cruz and others. The loss against Scripps Ranch, well, it just wasn't their day. Even then, just one point separated them—they could've won. They made up for that mid-season mistake, by consistently winning the rest of their games. Great job, guys!



#5 Alex Ballesteros shows the proper form running for positive yards against St. Augustine. Ballesteros is among talented runners on the freshman team that make the future look bright for the Crusaders football program.



**JV FOOTBALL.** Front row: L. Berumen, J. Olvera, J. McGerk, V. Lopez, C. Cervantes, O. Ramos, R. Gonzalez, J. Gerace, S. Emperador, M. Ramm; second row: L. Herbert, L. English, C. Camacho, R. Gonzalez, A.J. Sumpster, W. Seldon, J. Geniza, J. Maldonado, L. Bruno; back row: J. Betancourt, J. Cruz, R. Blas, S. Daniels, C. Gamboa, J. Hildebrand, E. Coronel, R. Roxas, P. Disney, O. Paredes, G. Castellum, G. de la Riva



#33 Oscar Paredes square cuts in the hole behind the kick-out block of Cesar Serrano. The offense sputtered against Christian but the Crusaders were able to put out a victory.

### JV Crusaders

MCHS 49-0 Bishop's

MCHS 7-2 Lincoln

MCHS 21-0 Ramona

MCHS 32-12 Mission

Bay

MCHS 7-8 Scripps

Ranch

MCHS 14-7 Christian

MCHS 14-0 Clairemont

MCHS 37-20 Coronado

MCHS 38-0 Mar Vista

MCHS 9-0 Hoover



#79 Jesse Maldonado attempts a field goal out of a #27 Jojo Gerace hold. His strong leg will allow him to compete for the kicker position on the varsity next season.



**FRESHMEN FOOTBALL.** Front row: F. Lucero, P. Geniza, M. McBride, A. Ballesteros, D. Guerrero; second row: S. Mendoza, M. Scott, J. Barrios, A. Hernandez, M. Blair, A. Trejo, J. Lindsey, R. Escobosa; third row: G. Milke, G. Peterson, W. Clemmer, J. Weston, L. Berumen, T. O'Steen, E. Ibarra, E. Rodriguez, L. Barraza; fourth row: R. Lemus, I. Valle, A. Acosta, D. Wilson, J. Olvera, D. Long, D. Hamon; back row: J. Sullivan, N. Puente, O. Rodriguez, R. White, R. Moreno, J. Arias, J. Valverde



Talk about all smiles! Cheer coaches Jen Wright and Kelly Eggen show how proud they are of their girls.

Who are we? THE CRUSADERS! Homecoming's halftime is enlivened by Frosh Amanda Todd's vivacious performance as our mascot, the Crusader!



# Boom chica boom

by Angela García-Sermeno and Michelle De Dios

"Let's Go Big Blue!" This is one of the many phrases shouted by the Marian Catholic cheerleaders. Cheering is a vital part of any game. What would a football game be without cheerleaders running to the end zone? Who would lead the crowd throughout the good and the bad, of course, rarely the bad when you're dealing with the Crusaders. Nevertheless, a great cheer squad does not come easily. It takes dedication, energy, endurance and confidence. These Lady Crusaders practice long hours to perfect every cheer and dance.

Even before the school year began, the cheerleaders were busy making decisions that would affect the rest of



While constantly displaying total pride in their school, the squad's cheering makes the crowd want to join in on the fun.

In what seems to be an optical illusion, Maya Talampas looks suspended in air. Maya's dancing talent is a driving force behind the squad's finesse.



The MCHS cheer squad gathers around Senior cheerleader and current Homecoming Queen Maya Talampas.

**MCHS CHERLEADING SQUAD:**  
**Front Row:** Angela Garcia-Sermeno, Leah Bruno, April Pablo, alumna cheerleader, Liza Amadora; **back row:** Kimberly Clemmer, Janine Guerrero, mascot Amanda Todd, Maya Talampas, Michelle DeDios, Alexandra Ain, Connie Mun, Erin Day, Sara Corp, Michelle Castro



Marian cheerleaders always pay attention to the game. Here we catch them in the middle of a cheer as the Varsity team takes on Mission Bay.



During halftime, the squad receives a pep talk from Coach Kelly.

Too cute to be true! Marian's totally adorable cheerleaders ham it up for a fun photo during the Japanese visit. They're the little MMAC's!



The cheerleaders literally jump for joy after Dario Aguiniga makes the winning kick. Even Michelle Castro can't believe it.



the year. Everything was finalized, from learning basic cheer techniques to choosing the uniforms. A cheer squad can never be too prepared to spread school spirit throughout the year.

With the guidance of two fabulous coaches, the cheerleaders have accomplished more than they could ever have imagined. USD students Jen Wright and Kelly Eggen have donated much of their time and effort to be the cheerleaders' mentors. They have been very committed and are undoubtedly an asset to this year's squad. However, they are not the only leaders who deserve credit. Captain Maya Talampas and co-captains Erin Day and Janine Guerrero have each contributed to the squad in countless ways. By doing activities that involve the whole squad, in making posters and brainstorming, they prove to be the center of MCHS cheer.



The MCHS cheer squad of '99-'00 poses for a group shot at their dorm at Cheer Camp USA. This four day camp was a great learning experience for them all.

The Marian cheerleaders pump up the parents at the blastoff dinner. Every one of them is beaming with spirit, ready for the new school year to begin.





Strike a pose! While taking time out from being competitive and serious, our ladies show us what cheerleading is really about: friendship.



Minutes after our victory at the CIF Championship game, the girls pause to show how enthusiastic they are about MCHS.



Lean Bruno and April Pablo manage to catch a "Moment in Time" for a quick break during halftime for a quick '99 game.

At one of the first football games, the cheerleaders gather 'round their friend Felipe Cabral's little sister.



Gina Lipp, Cameron Musgrave and CeilaAnn Maruca assume their ready positions in the back row or the court. Their play was key to the team's success.

Cameron Musgrave watches the action intently as Jessica Castro and Lisa Marquez share a laugh on the sidelines. The friendship shared among the team was one of the greatest rewards of the season.



# Bump set Spike

by Leila Forsythe

For the Lady Crusaders, the 1999 volleyball season began in the heat of mid-August. Afternoons were spent in MCHS's Bajo Gymnasium, where the dedicated girls went through conditioning and drills, practiced serving, setting and hitting and jumped to block countless balls. Practicing these fundamentals set the tone for the work ethic that was followed throughout the season.

That work ethic was what pushed the Lady Crusaders to be at practice everyday, and led directly to their improvement throughout the season. "The volleyball team had its ups and downs this season," remarked Coach Randall. The varsity enjoyed the rewards of their labor with their most exciting wins over Midway Baptist and Crawford High School on the Crusaders' home court. They also faced some very challenging teams when they played in the Serra Tournament at Point Loma High School. The J.V. had an extremely successful season of 16 wins and also grabbed Second Place in a tournament at Coronado High School. With such talented players, "the future looks bright and the volleyball program looks forward to future successes," adds Coach Randall.

The teams' members felt close to each other and had great spirit. Thanks to Mrs. Maruca, the varsity wore blue and gold hair scrunchies that showed their enthusiasm, as well as the floor-pounding cheer that the girls did together every day.



TOP ROW: Coach Robert Randall, Valeria Cruz, Jessica Barba, Ana Melissa Islas, Gina Lipp, Vanessa Sandoval, CeilaAnn Maruca, Coach Kathleen Gill. BOTTOM ROW: Sarah Oesterle, Kara Adan, Alexis Barba, Cameron Musgrave, Leila Forsythe

Kristin Ayala, Amanda Shaw, Maureen George, Lauricia Santos, Jessica Castro, Lisa Marquez.



Middle hitter Kristin Ayala is ready at the net, while Lisa Marquez and Erica Hill wait to change into their correct positions.



Early season coaches Randall and Gill as they give an inspiring pep talk. The team began every game with a group cheer.



Freshmen Maureen George and Amanda Shaw take a well-deserved time-out during one of the J.V.'s 16 wins. Amanda's looking forward to taking a big gulp of that ice-cold water! Lauricia Santos sends a spike past the Patriots' blockers. New and returning players learned how to play more aggressively this year.



David Ramm comes in cool with his sunglasses as James Quigley struggles to cross the finish line.

Coming around the corner, Ryan Barajas runs a steadfast pace to cross the finish line.



# Pushing *the* Limits

*by Amanda Todd and Crystal Toctocan*

In order to achieve a goal you must possess dedication, high concentration and absolute devotion. The MCHS Cross Country team of 1999-2000 successfully completed their season with tireless consecration. The season was filled with enjoyable and new learning experiences that uplifted the team's spirit. "I picked up many new techniques to running. The best experience I had was my first race. I was so nervous, but when I finished it wasn't that scary anymore," explained freshman Adrian Sanowicz. Increased practice led them to the league final. The last races the runners endured were difficult, but they overcame them with flying colors. This was a result of previous upsets but the cross-country team was determined to end the season on a positive note. On the MCHS team Juan Gutierrez, James Quigley, Ben Gonzalez, Israel Truin and David Blair all finished in the top five. Now let's not forget the girl's team which consisted of Sarah Rey and Anna-Lena Frick. Though there were only two of them they were dedicated and consistent. Love for the sport and personal goals are what matured all of them.

David Blair reported, "The whole season long, we worked out everyday, training tirelessly to be the best. We worked together to make each other better and it was all about teamwork. Being a part of the team gave me the greatest feeling and I'm sad that's it's over. This is one experience that I will not forget and I am fortunate to have been a part of it!" The team is very thankful to veteran coach Mike Lebold and talented newcomer Ms. Meghan Maroney.



After an exhausting race, the cross-country team takes time to kick back and relax.

Juan Gutierrez closes in on his competitors without even breaking a sweat.

On your mark, get set, go! The CIF finalists blast off as the race gets underway.



Lady Crusaders were represented on the Cross-Country team by Sunny Rey and Anna-Lena Frick. Here Sunny maintains her pace in the CIF finals.



David Blair fights for the lead as a competitor moves in on him rounding the bend. Though these fab six runners are always in training, they always have the time to pose in style for the camera.



Coach Watson presents Yuli Zulaica with the award for Most Valuable Player. Yuli contributes heart and soul all year long to MCHS sports.

The tennis team celebrates the end of their season with a pizza party and lots of pizzazz.



# Got To *love* It

by Amanda Todd

Molding a team out of a bunch of rookies can be a hard job, but Mrs. Watson was up to the challenge. "This year's tennis team was very inexperienced, but they had a lot of heart," commented Mrs. Watson. The young 1999-2000 girls tennis team consisted of 15 players, including two foreign exchange students and ranged in grades from freshmen to seniors.

Practices were rigorous, but exciting and aimed to strengthen stamina. An average practice consisted of warm up exercises, conditioning, forehand, backhand and serving drills along with practice games, both singles and doubles. Playing in the Harbor League, the girls were able to strut their stuff twice a week in matches both on the home courts at North Island Naval Station and away at opposing schools. Carmelita Thomas described the experience this like, "I learned new techniques...which helped me play the game." Lisa Maier recalled her best match and favorite moment this way, "The time I won my first game was such a great feeling"

Although there were many tough opponents the season was well played and ended on a good note. The girls had a fun-filled evening at a local Pizza Hut where they each received keychains and certificates. Captain Martha Silva walked away with MVP and Most Improved went to Robin Balino and Yuli Zulaica.



A dynamic player, Robin Belino practices a serve. Solid and steady her serve is sure to go a long way.

Lisa Maier had never played tennis before this year but she had a great time learning.



Beatriz Araujo returns a tough serve. Beatriz came late but contributed to the team's success.



Pauline Melad warms up her forehand. Tiny but mighty, she really hustles.



Annemarie Angeles waits for the serve. Tennis was new for Annemarie and it was hard work for her but she had fun with the team. She has proven to be a stable player and a great role model.

**Tennis. Front row:** Wendy Vechitto, Annemarie Angeles, Evelia Ramirez, Annette Maus, Pauline Melad, Robin Balino, Mrs. Watson; **back row:** Carmelita Thomas, Lisa Maier, Martha Sliva, Stephanie Cortez, Angelica Armstrong



Crusaders huddle for unity during their game against the Islanders.

In spite of a 13-point deficit, Crusaders get pumped up in the Coronado game. Final score: MCHS 46, Coronado 40.

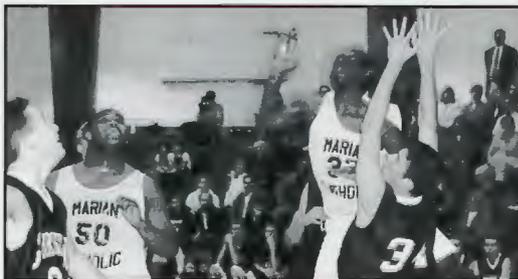


# Heart and soul

by *Patty Mady*

There's a buzz going around Marian. "Basketball is getting exciting." After some hard knocks in past years, the Boy's Varsity Basketball team is becoming a force to be reckoned with by opponents and enjoyed by fans. And don't let their size fool you. What they lack in height, they more than make up in spirit. The team is young, several of its members are freshmen, and their young coach, Chris Moeller is coaching varsity basketball for the first time. But Moeller has already established a rapport with Marian students and his enthusiasm and dedication are contagious.

The "old men" on the team are juniors Jaun McNutt and Milo Salas, who both were Honorable Mentions in the Harbor League. Freshman Jacques Lindsay was second team All Harbor League. The team's record was 5-7 in the League and they ranked 4th out of 7 teams. But they played 9 games in which the victory was decided by 7 points or less. The game that became their ticket to the CIF playoffs was the 2nd one against Coronado. After trailing by 17 points and looking pretty dismal in the 3rd quarter, they came alive in the 4th. With 4 seconds left and down by 4, Jaun McNutt made his first foul shot but instead of shooting the 2nd, he rebounded on purpose, allowing Jacques Lindsey to gain control of the ball and shoot it for a 3 pointer, tying up the game. Marian could not be beaten after that. The Crusaders advanced to the CIF semi-final for the first time in 6 years: an impressive run for a young team and one that will be watched and enjoyed next season. How did senior Shawn Corley feel about it all. "It was great! I would like to play with these guys one more year."



Stanley Daniels looks on as Jaun McNutt slices through the Christian defense, sinking a floater.



Screen! As freshman forward Mickey Pimentel works to set a pick, Jorge Paullada drives to the basket in the 2nd half of the semi-finals. Concluding a season of some great basketball the whole team pushed hard in an effort to catch up to La Jolla Country Day.



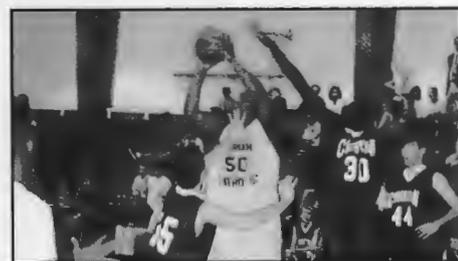
Milo Salas eludes the Coronado defense in a hard-fought Harbor League Game.



Freshman point guard, Jacquez Lindsey, gets the opponents off the floor with a head fake.



**BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM.** Front Row: Michael Scott, Ismael Salas, Jorge Paullada, Jacquez Lindsey, Nathaniel Steward, Stanley Daniels; back row: Coach Moeller, Mickey Pimentel, Jesus Calleros, Jermaine Guinyard, Shawn Corley, Darryl Yarbrough, Coach Stepner; not pictured: Michael Blair



Stanley Daniels demonstrates a "turn around jump shot" as the Christian defenders attempt to pin his stuff.



Lisa Marquez works against her opponent scrambling for a loose ball.

The girls listen attentively as Coach McBride calms them down and lays out a plan for the rest of the game.



# Girls got Game

by Miriam Aguilar

The 1999-2000 Girls' Varsity Basketball team has drastically improved their game from last year's group of girls. Led by team captains CeilaAnn Maruca and Yulissa Zulaica, this squad plays more as a team, working together and playing their hearts out; but that's not enough for everyone. Newcomers Allison Figueroa, Marian Kairuz, Cameron Musgrave, Lauricia Santos and Norma Barba hope that next season they'll be able to succeed this year's leading scorers, Eliana and Yuli. According to the girls, this year's best game was against Christian. As Marian explained, "Christian has been beating us for years and finally we won against them."

Allison hopes that next season they can prove themselves against bigger schools. Yuli stated that "with a coach like Mr. McBride and with these girls, the team will succeed...they are still young, therefore they will eventually realize their capabilities and make themselves winners." Even though they've had a tough season, Eliana remarks, "We've got the magic."



The team poses with Coach McBride's favorite Harley. **GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM.** Front row: Allison Figueroa, Lisa Marquez, Lauricia Santos, Norma Barba, Gina Lipp; **second row:** Coach McBride, Marian Kairuz, Eliana Guevara, Anna Umpfenbach, Claudia Walter, CeilaAnn Maruca; **not pictured:** Yulissa Zulaica, Cameron Musgrave

Marian Kairuz and CeilaAnn Maruca struggle for the rebound against Madison.



Yuli Zulaica jumps up to sink one at the Madison game.

Victory feels pretty good. The girls are exuberant after beating Christian.



Great game - gimme five! Lady Crusaders salute their opponents from Christian.

It's a jungle out there. Eliana Guevara fights for the ball while Yuli Zulaica gets more than her share of physical contact.



JoJo Gerace works a play while Michael Blair stays open for a 3-pointer.

JoJo Gerace drives in for an easy lay up. Michael Blair and A.J. Sumpter just look on.



# On rise the

by Crystal R. Toctocan

The 1999-2000 Boys' and Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball teams revved up the fans with their awesome moves and incredible team spirit.

The JV boys showed complete devotion and tireless effort throughout the season. The team did not have a favorable record, but they played well and improved every game with the guidance of Coach Jose Cruz. He was a great inspiration for the boys to try and reach their full potential. Michael Blair was philosophical when he commented, "We knew we weren't going to win the championship but we always gave it our best and had fun." For John McGurk there was one very satisfying game. "(At the Coronado) game we were way down at the half but we were able to pick it up and beat them .

The J.V. girls began with a blaze when they won their first three consecutive games. With each game, these Lady Crusaders learned more and played better. For example, the first time they played Christian they lost. But the second time around they gave it their all and won 40-30. Supported by Coach Mike George, these teammates were always ready to play for victory. As the season came to an end, Coach George stated, "This team is the hardest working group of girls I have ever been with and I have enjoyed coaching them."



BOYS' JV BASKETBALL TEAM. Front row: Michael Blair, A.J. Sumpter, John McGurk, Jose Salas, Michael Scott; second row: Scott Heyden, JoJo Gerace, Darryl Yarbrough, Omar Rodriguez; back row: Coach Cruz, Irvin Carlin, Andre Soto, Nathan Puente; not pictured: Chris Argoud, Marck Manga

Andre Soto gets ready to take the ball to the hoop as Scott Heyden clears the way.



Maureen "Mo" George fights to keep the ball away from Madison.



Nicole Bravo dribbles the ball back to the home court after a rebound.



Maureen George plays a tough defense against Madison.

GIRLS' JV BASKETBALL TEAM. Front row: Patty Paredes, Rachel Garcia-Sermeno, Cristy Jimenez, Maki Kawahara, Nicole Lopez, Crystal Toctocan; back row: Carolina Bergentoft, Anna-Lena Frick, Pia Sikorski, Nicole Bravo, Jessica Castro, Maureen George, Caitlin Griffin, Gaby Velasquez, Coach George



After a 1-1 tie at halftime, the players listen quietly as Coach Randall goes over a mistake. The team went on to defeat Coronado 4-1.

Felipe Cabral takes control of the ball before passing to an open teammate. Felipe's "olfato de gol" helped Marian be a stronger team.



# Kicking it in

by Michael Maciejewski

The Marian Catholic boys' soccer team has begun its ascent to the top. Felipe Cabral stated with confidence, "We set goals to win Harbor League and CIF." The team came close by placing second in the Harbor League. This year the Crusaders were led by Coach Randall, who in his first year as coach is trying to create a dynasty. He will only be losing three seniors and has strong under classman talent, including freshman Dustin Guerro. Assisting Coach Randall was Mr. Saenz. Coach Saenz helped the players to develop while motivating them to play at their full potential. "He was always very specific for each player," explained Enrique Alvarez.

Panchito Rodriquez and Oscar Paredes were a strong defensive duo and along side Santiago Cruz made an impenetrable wall. When asked what their favorite game was, Enrique and Felipe both mentioned the second one against Christian. "We had lost to them at Christian so when they came to Marian it was important to win. Being at home and having the fans there gave us the advantage and we won 2-1."

"We're a young team," concludes Felipe, "so we should be just as strong or stronger coming in next year." Let's hope for a CIF title in the near future; the future looks good.



Dario Aguiniga dribbles by Coronado's key player. Dario was Marian's super kicker in football and in soccer.

The team poses proudly before playing against Bishop's in the CIF competition. The boys played their hearts out, dominating in the second half. Unfortunately it was not quite enough.



Team captain Jorge Gonzalez looks for an opening before setting up a scoring opportunity. Jorge's contagious desire to win sparked the whole team.



Coach Saenz gives Santiago del Cruz pointers to improve his game. Saenz was always able to pinpoint each player's strengths and weaknesses.



**BOYS' VARSITY SOCCER TEAM.** Front Row: Armando Saenz, Santiago Cruz, Dustin Guerrero, Michael Maciejewski, Jorge Gonzalez, Ramon Garcia, Jesse Maldonado; back row: Coach Randall, Felipe Cabral, Bjorn Felten, Francisco Rodriguez, Alani Fouquette, Dario Aguiniga, Leonardo Mendes, Juan Gutierrez, Oscar Paredes



Vanessa Gonzales, Laura Hernandez, Amanda Shaw and Kristen Ayala walk off the field at half time. Although tired, the Lady Crusaders kept hope.

Amanda Shaw dribbles up the field and waits for an open pass.



# We're Almost There

*By Vanessa Gonzales*

You may not believe it by looking at their record, but the Girl's Varsity soccer team came a long way since the beginning of their season. Only a few girls had prior experience, so they started from the basics and worked their way up. Team Captain Tati McElwain had a great idea to enhance the spirit and enthusiasm the girls had. About half through the season, she introduced "Ole," a soccer loving Cabbage Patch doll, who immediately became the club mascot. The girls continued to persevere through a rough season. And with every game they became more skilled and advanced. As the games got closer and closer, the crowds grew larger and larger. "Everyone put in their best and made us proud," said forward Laura Hernandez. Even though they never won a season game the team considers their 0-0 tie against Madison to be their greatest victory. The girls came together and played their hearts out. Each player on the team gave her all. It was a 100% effort. "That's all that matters." said Coach Blas.



A tradition of the Girls' Varsity Soccer team is that the seniors get to pick the location of the team picture. This year's seniors chose the Olympic Training Center.

The girls huddle up during a timeout and pray with their mascot "Ole."



Desiree Tellez pushes against her opponents in an attempt to gain control of the ball.



Megan Duggan leads the team as they walk out on the field to congratulate the opposing team.



**Varsity Girls' Soccer.** Front row: Vanessa Gonzales, Megan Duggan, Debbie Medina, Romelia Cruz, Berenice Diaz; second row: Lorena Gomez, Desiree Tellez, Susy Cancit, Amanda Shaw, Jessica Barba; back row: Coach Blas, Laura Hernandez, Ixchelt Yadeun, Gabrielle Osuna, Kristen Ayala, Tati McElwain, Coach Liz

Jessica Barba moves to intervene against the oncoming Patriot attack at her goal.



Crusader offense: ready to start another 80-yard drive at Qualcomm.

Jaun McNutt jumps above all in his way to score with a sweet swoosh in the semi-final game against LJCD.



# The *ability to*

# WIN

by *Cristina Fuentes*

The When your student body is 410, it's impossible to be good at everything. But for a small school, Marian Catholic has had a pretty good sports record. Football is foremost. The team has developed from obscurity not too many years ago into a consistent winner. This year and last, the Marian Crusaders became the Division IV CIF champions.

Baseball also had a stellar record, winning the CIF title two years in a row. One of the players, Ben Cordova, was drafted by Kansas City. But even after he left in '98, the team remained strong with outstanding performers. The hopes are high that they will continue their success in the 2000 season.

The big surprise was Boys' Varsity Basketball. They were young and new. But what a gift they were! They played with spirit and determination and finally found themselves competing in the CIF play-offs, advancing to the semi-finals. They lost to La Jolla Country Day but won our hearts. The forecast for basketball is plenty of sunny days ahead.

Boys' Soccer played with conviction. They steadily improved throughout the season and also managed to compete in the CIF play-offs, making it to the quarter finals.

Going to CIF was an unexpected pleasure for the Cross Country team. Juan Gutierrez and David Blair provided competitive interest as they duelled for the MCHS #1 rating throughout the season. Close on their heels was James Quigley. Watch out for him next year.

In the early morning hours while most are sleeping in warm beds, Marian's unsung hero, Pedro Ibarra, swims for three hours! His discipline makes up the strength of Marian's swim team.

In spite of some outstanding athletes, girls' sports have yet to fulfill their potential. But one team did become a competitive entity. That was the Girls' Varsity Basketball team. Their spirit, skills and finesse became stronger and stronger throughout the season and they were able to win a slot in the CIF competition.

The Marian family would like to congratulate these teams for all their achievements.



The Girls' Varsity Basketball team had plenty to feel good about in the 2000 season. Coaches McBride and George saw their devotion and guidance pay off.

The Boys' Varsity Soccer team poses before their final CIF competition. The team had a strong will to win and it paid off.



Freddy Sandoval #21 gets a moment of fame as he is interviewed after Marian won the CIF title.



Pedro Ibarra, super swimmer, shows off the medallions he has won for the last three years.



Marian Crusaders line up on the outside before the CIF competition on Morely Field.



Only the uniforms distinguish Rocky Gracio from his dad. Rocky made the Harbor League 1st team and the Area Code team.

Coach Johnson directs traffic from a familiar spot, the baseball bucket. As with his players, Johnson manages to get the most use out of what he has.

# Will 3peat? It Be

by Cristina Fuentes

Marian Catholic's propensity for last minute, high drama endings manifested itself in last year's CIF championship game at Qualcomm as Alex Salas ripped one for extra bases, driving in Rocky Gracio for the winning run. It was the perfect ending for almost perfect (24-6) year.

What will happen in the 2000 season has yet to be played out. The team lost some dynamic players and hopes its new cast will pan out. What is readily apparent is the team spirit. These guys are tight. Abel Amolitos, Rocky Gracio and Freddy Sandoval have been playing together for years and have had some spectacular experiences together. Milo Salas and Jerry Palacios along with Jorge Pallada have big shoes to fill. Newcomer Matt Lopez will help fill the void.

Matt was MVP on his previous team so he brings much promise.

Whatever happens, these guys will have a great year and we will never forget the way they could play ball.



Cesar Siqueires limbers up before mowing them down. He is a power pitcher galore.

"Big Cat" Matt Lopez hustles down the line for a hit. Matt is a great addition, he gets along with everyone and brings power and experience to the team.

Sophomore Salvador Castenellos eludes the Mariner's catcher as he scores during a double steal.



Freddy Sandoval reaches back to fire a seed past a Mar Vista hitter. One of Freddy's many accomplishments was receiving the Harbor League '99 MVP award.



Abel Amolitos launches a mammoth shot to left. Abel has played varsity for 4 years and is looking forward to this third CIF Championship. He has hit 17 HR's for MCHS.

**VARSITY BASEBALL.** Front row: Coach Johnson, Issmael Salas, Abel Amolito, Ernesto Salgado, Rocky Gracio, Leonard Brun, Matt Hyde; back row: Matt Lopez, Freddy Sandoval, Jerry Palacios, Jorge Paullada, Cesar Siqueiros, James Weston



John Marquez gets himself into a pickle... stays calm... and slides safely into third. Way to go, John!



# Just **Ball** *Play*

by *Patty Mady*

Fast, swift, energetic and young. That's what our J.V. Baseball team is full of: strong-willed boys ready to make the best of this season. With enthusiastic players, a tough coach and dedication to work, this team is sure to become something big in time.

Coach Jose Cruz is a familiar face around Marian and this year he's coaching the J.V. team. His players respect him for his attitude. Joey Olvera jokingly said, "Coach Cruz is cool, but if you get him mad, he blows up!" Miguel Molina added, "Yeah, that's true, but he's a really good coach."

Last year's season was a good one. Going to second place in the Harbor League was a great accomplishment for the team. We are very proud of them and wish them the best of luck for this season. When asked about the difference between last year's team and this year's, Miguel pointed out that, "We have more experience this year than last year." Miguel and teammate Ryan Roxas, have both been playing about eleven years. Stefan Emperador came from Eastlake High; he's been playing seven years and said, "Marian is more laid back than Eastlake. It was easier to get on the team here because at Eastlake 100 guys tried out."

With this much experience and wonderful players, our future varsity team will continue Marian's tradition of baseball excellence. Have a great season, guys!



**BOYS J.V. BASEBALL** Front Row: John Marquez, Joey Olvera, Stefan Emperador, Carlos Cordero, Julian Santos, Hector Perez, Matt Hyde, Andres Villalobos. Back Row: Coach Cruz, Joel Valverde, John Sullivan, Ryan Roxas, Miguel Molina, Carl Jones, Tim O'Stein, Demetrious Harmon, Joel Arias.

Intense and focused, the boys show their support while in the dugout.



"Little spunk, 'lotta spirit."  
Stefan Emperador really holds his team together and sparks them on when they need it.



Catcher Jojo Gerace is ready to go; he loves being catcher because he gets to be involved in every play.



Throwing a great pitch, Miguel Molina strikes out Mar Vista.

What would Marian do without Coach Cruz, not only has he produced some of our best athletes, but he has coached more teams than anyone can remember.



Vanessa Gabrian, senior outfielder, hustles to get her throw to the infield. A good backup is essential to the steady defense.

Coach Mike Centullo watches the techniques of his outfield as the girls work on their relay throws.



# New Era Dawning

*by Leila Forsythe and Sarah Oesterle*

"If you build it, they will come," was the theory behind the renovation of the MCHS softball field. The freshly painted bleachers, powdery infield and green outfield were all signs that spring had come to Marian Catholic.

The Lady Crusaders showed up in full force and were ready to play. The dedicated group included many experienced girls who were talented at several positions.

The varsity team enjoyed playing for new coaches, who, as welcome additions to MCHS, were willing to work hard and sought to provide their team with the best of everything. This included new uniforms and some much-needed new equipment. After years of being neglected at MCHS, the softball program is going through a renaissance that will hopefully make the Lady Crusaders competitors once again. The team looks forward to the next few years and to their goal of taking teams by surprise next year when they move into the Metro League. With all the spirit and enthusiasm possessed by this group, the only way to go is up.



With a face of intensity, Michelle Castro, junior, takes a mighty swing at a batting practice pitch.

Freshman Jessica Castro smoothly handles a tough grounder. Her steady play at short-stop has been a great asset.





Lady Crusaders and coaches listen attentively to USA Olympic coach Ralph Weekley give batting practice tips. He was a great teacher of swing and technique.



Senior Evelia Ramirez follows through on her swing as the ball rockets from her bat. This is her third year playing softball for MCHS.



Lady Crusaders and friends gather for a pre-practice prayer circle: "May our feet be swift, may our bats be mighty and may our hits be many."

**Girl Varsity Softball.** Front row: Krista Cartier, Linda Martin, Jessica Castro, CeilaAnn Maruca, Kristin Ayala, Vanessa Gabrian, Jessica Bahena; Bottom row: Erin Day, Leila Forsythe, Michelle Castro, Evelia Ramirez, Holly Krall, Sarah Oesterle



Coach Mike George shows his enthusiasm and leadership from the sidelines.

The J.V. girls stay focused and spirited while in the home dugout.



# Learning **the** Basics

by *Leila Forsythe and Sarah Oesterle*

The J.V. Softball team is young and generally inexperienced; in fact, many of these girls are playing for the first time. Despite all this, the team is bonding well and is looking forward to improving steadily throughout the season.

Under the new management of Coach George, these Lady Crusaders are improving their fundamentals and developing pitching talent. They are excited and eager to learn, which is the foundation for their dedication in the upcoming season.

The first game of the 2000 season, a scrimmage against Montgomery H.S., was a real eye-opener for some of the girls. As frosh newcomer Sara Corp shared, "I learned that you can steal bases and that you have to pay real close attention." Well, that's a start, Sara!

After getting the jitters out of the way, the girls are settling down to work hard and learn the basics. It will take considerable work but the girls feel up to it. They are ready to just play ball!



Freshman Nicole Bravo prepares herself to throw a strike.

Catcher Polly Toledo grips the ball after catching a perfect strike.



It's a two-out rally as Polly Toledo hustles home to score.



Although injured, Komi Cruz stays involved by keeping score for the J.V.



Lisa Maier stays alert at first base while Leah Bruno gets ready at second base.

**GIRLS' J.V. SOFTBALL.** Front row: Gabriela Velasquez, Sarah Corp, Wendy Vecchitto, Leah Bruno, Stephanie Cortez; back row: Claudia Vasquez, Alexis Aragon, Polly Toledo, Lisa Maier, Lauricia Santos, Romelia Cruz, Coach George



Gerardo Gaytan swings for the drive down our Marian fairway.

Thomas Copeland is a newcomer to the team and the school. Here he practices his swing.



# Diamond in the Rough

by Angela Garcia-Sermeño

Golf is a tough sport - much tougher than its athletes are given credit. But just like any other sport, the key to golf is "practice makes perfect." The guys and gal (Yuli Zulaica is the sole female on the team) practice at Palms Golf Range which is located very close to the school. There they practice their drives, chipping and putting. But experience is just as important as knowing the basics. Their matches range from Monday thru Friday beginning either at 2:30pm or 3:00pm in order to catch daylight. In spite of all the practice and experience, the team admits that they have a lot to work on, though they do not admit it willingly. Artie Aragon even stated that "the word [weakness] is not in my vocabulary." According to Ramon Garcia, the only weakness in his game is "the inability to not be able to play golf." (Of course, conservative Peter Girten vehemently disagrees with that liberal statement.) Apparently the boys have a sense of humor.

Coaches Milke and Valentino are the backbone of the golf team.

Quoting Coach Milke, "This year's team can be a good one. We have veteran players combined with rookies; hopefully the two can compliment each other for a rewarding year." We hope so, too, Mr. Milke. If so, the team will go par, I mean far.



Coach Valentino shares his golf savvy with Yulissa Zulaica on how the club should strike the ball.

**GOLF TEAM.** Front row: Gerardo Gaytan, Luis Murillo, Luis Montijo, Ramon Garcia, Michael Maciejewski, Artie Aragon, Juan Carlos Colon; second row: Coach Valentino, Esteban Morales, Scott Heyden, Chris Argoud, Peter Girten, John Rodriguez, Marco Lomeli, Coach Milke



Not only is he bright in the classroom, he's dynamic on the course. Peter Girtten demonstrates the strength in his swing.



Mr. Milke steps out of his office to give Yuli Zulaica and Thomas Copeland a little lesson on gripping before their upcoming match. He definitely prefers golf over disciplining.



Jesus Calleros and Gerardo Gaytan show Marian unity as they come together for a picture.

Looks like Ramon Garcia has gotten himself into a tight spot again. Ramon, don't think you can talk your way out of this one!



Marian's "Hercules," Santiago Leon, benches 315 lbs. This was his record and a satisfying accomplishment.

Janet Gomez's fifteen years of ballet dancing enable her to stretch with grace and agility.



# On Mark *your*

by *Nicole Howell*

This year the Track and Field team consists of new and old. There are many freshman and many returning runners from the last few years. A number of them were also on the Cross Country team which made it to the CIF Finals. Track and Field includes sprints, relay, long distance and shotput. These are independent sports but also require everyone to rely on each other. Everyone must not only run for themselves but also for the team.

It takes a lot to be a good runner - patience, persistence, rhythm and balance - and all the Crusaders know it. The team may not be perfect but they are optimistic and confident they can show their strengths through their consistent effort.



The MCHS team takes off for their daily run. The size of the team has been growing steadily since Mike LeBold became coach.

James Quigley plays around for the camera. When he's running seriously he's a winner and may vie for the lead running position.



Derek Nepomuceno and Santiago Leon start with some small lifts for their workout. Both of these muscle men will compete with the shotput.



Coach LeBold has been an inspiration to his team. Now he is joined by another outstanding runner and coach, Meghean Maroney.



Lady Crusaders on the team warm up to reduce injuries before running. It's a not-quite-candid shot.

**TRACK & FIELD TEAM.** Front row: Francisco Reyes Vargas, Vanessa Gonzales, Cristy Jimenez, Nicole Howell, Anna-Lena Frick; back row: Genaro Diaz, Derek Nepomuceno, Mitchell Galicia, Ryan Barajas, Santiago Leon, Jose Estrada, David Blair, Ray Musquiz, Joseph Shankles, Kris Hunter, John Rodriguez, Eliana Guevara, Richard Shaw, David Ramm, James Quigley, Coach LeBold



Bjorn Felten lunges to stop a tough shot from Florian Dingler.

Enrique Alvarez demonstrates an additional tennis talent. Whether it helps him in a competition remains to be seen.



# Game Match set

by *Cristy Jimenez*

Backstroke! Slam it! Serve! The Boys' Tennis team can tell you the sport is not simply the wealthy person's leisure activity it's stereotyped to be. It is a struggle, a battle of endurance, agility and knowing the right moves. Last year, the team made their way to first round CIF and this year's team is bound to meet or beat that mark. Veteran player and coach Mrs. Watson sums up her thoughts on the guys, "I feel we'll be competitive. We have returning players and everyone has some experience. I look forward to working with this team."

As well as being a physical workout, membership on this team also provides a cultural experience. Takaki Kabashima, coming with five years experience from Japan, brings Marian his sharpened skills and aggressive style. He will be the team's #1 singles player. German exchange students Florian Dingler and Bjorn Felten are also contenders for spots in the singles. Senior Marcus Cortez, one of five returning players, comments on why he chose tennis, "I thought it would be a good skill to have and a fun experience." Good attitudes like this will take the team far.



Florian Dingler takes the net as he practices with Bjorn Felten. Now that soccer is over Felipe Cabral jumps right into tennis, only now he can use his hands as well as his feet.



Enrique Alvarez looks just as cute warming up for tennis as he did playing soccer.



The tennis teammates ham it up after their "formal" portrait. With their senses of humor the season promises to be lots of fun as well as competitive.



Josh Cacho scrambles to return a serve from Takaki Kabashima.

**BOYS' TENNIS TEAM.** Front row: Adrian Janowicz, Bryan Auza, Joshua Cacho, Enrique Alvarez, Felipe Cabral; back row: Rashid Nassif, Bjorn Felten, Florian Dingler, Ronnel Manzana, Takaki Kabashimi, Marcus Cortez

# These are our *People*

By Leila Forsythe

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people remain and we are never, ever **the** same. High school is a **time** when people stick around for a while and become so important to us. We meet lots of new classmates, teachers, coaches, teammates and friends. While we may lose touch with some **of** these people after high school is over, others become our best friends for forever. In high school, we grow up together, becoming like family. The experiences that we share will be imprinted in **our** memories always. Everyone will always remember their favorite teacher, their toughest teacher, their best friends, their teammates and their first love. Activities such as Homecoming and Prom, eating together at lunch, cramming for finals, going to games, hurrying to class will never be forgotten, because the people that shared the experience with us were so special.

Yes, high school is a time of great memories, made by great people. We know that we'll always look back on this time as one of the best of our **lives**.



Marian's wildest fans, Megan Duggan, Erwin Cruz and Brian Smiley ham it up at the CIF game. Marcus Cortez and Eliana Guevara take 5 to pick up trash.



Khysa Moreno and Kara Adan model Marian's alternative uniform, just right for topsy-turvy days.



We are family. Laid back pals Abel Amolitos and Ricky and Manuel Garcia enjoy their favorite spot behind the marquee.

Mad scientists, Jerry Palacios and Milo Salas are all ready to fiddle with chemical compounds in Ms. McGregor's chem. lab.



Mrs. Angeles poses with her former student, Mr. Manzano, now a teacher too!

Mrs. Kassebaum and Mr. Milke welcome everyone to homecoming '99.



# FACULTY STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

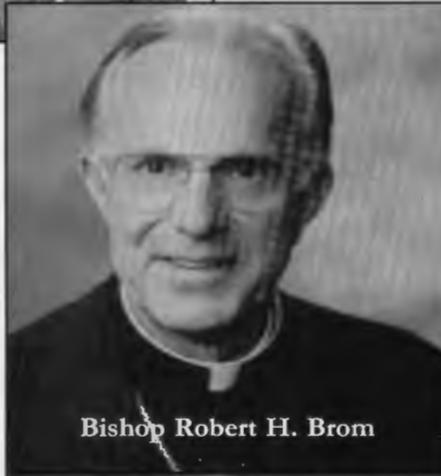
## FACULTY ADMIT TO ANOTHER LIFE OUTSIDE MARIAN

by Sarah Oesterle

Students, have you ever wondered what teachers and staff do outside of school? Some of them appear to live at Marian. Their cars are here in the morning when we arrive and are still there when we leave after practice or clubs. Some of the coaches could probably put a few cots up in the G's and stay around the clock.

It's strange to think of teachers outside of school. Have you ever bumped into one at a mall or movie? Don't they look funny outside of the classroom? Or if you see them with their children, it's always wierd to see how much their kids look like them.

In all fairness, they're entitled to a life of their own. And we thought it would be fun to ask them what they and their families do and have been doing for say, the last century. So here are the highlights on our very own Faculty Time Line from 1900 to 2000.



Bishop Robert H. Brom



Estelle L. Kassebaum, M.Ed.  
Principal



Sister Claire Patrice Fitzgerald



George Milke  
Assistant Principal  
Dean of Students, Fresh Football, Golf

*Having finished building the pyramids some years earlier, Mrs. Ayouty's family is now riding camels through the Sahara. Their expertise in handling these unyielding, stubborn and spitting beasts prepared them well for what would become a family profession: teaching.*

*Mrs. Ferguson's grandfather builds a railroad from Mexico D.F. to El Paso, Texas that comes to be known as the Santa Fe.*

*Wacels come to America from Czechoslovakia and Poland; confused guards at Ellis Island change their name to Watson.*

*Mrs. Kelleher's grandparents, known as "Morgan and Van", trip the light fantastic in the Vaudeville dancing act from Chicago to Los Angeles.*



**Crescencia Angeles**  
Dep't Chair Mathematics  
Algebra I, H & II/Trig, H  
Pre-Calculus, ASB, APIC



**Azza Ayouty**  
Biology, Honors



**Karen Chudy**  
Communications  
Specialist



**Carmen Cruz**  
Receptionist



**Mike David**  
US Gov/Ec, Football  
Dep't Chair PE  
Athletic Director



**Melanie Duron**  
Computer Lab



**Ruben Escobosa**  
Recruiting Director,  
Ambassadors for  
Christ



**Beatriz Ferguson**  
Business Manager



**Sr. Marcelline  
Fouchey, OP**  
Assistant Business  
Manager



**Mary Gabbard**  
School Nurse, Music  
App., STRIVE



**Bill Gerken**  
Development  
Administrative  
Assistant



**Kathleen Gill**  
French I & II, Spanish I  
Athletic Director,  
Volleyball



**Megan Higgins**  
Spanish I, Study Skills



**Ed Johnson**  
Speech, PE, Computers,  
Baseball, Football, ASB



**Sherry Kelleher**  
British Literature,  
Yearbook

*Francesco and Emilia Valentino come to America from Turin, Italy. They pass through Ellis Island then Mr. Valentino works in the coal mines of Pennsylvania.*

*The Manzano family did not 'roar'.*

*Great aunt of Ms. Maroney, Aunt Hemmy, discovers stolen jewels while playing hide and seek underneath an old couch.*

*Mrs. Gabbard is born on a farm in Idaho. A preemie, she is kept warm by being placed in a chick incubator.*

*"Not much money, oh, but honey, ain't we got fun."  
Sr. Marcelline spends summers in Michigan camping with her family. Their car: a Model T.*



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Fine Arts Chair  
Film Studies, Ceramics,  
Art I/II/III  
Cross Country, Track



**Dr. Phil Lusardi**  
Foreign Language Chair  
Latin II, Spanish  
I,II,III/IVAP  
Hispanic Alliance



**Gary Manuel**  
Librarian



**Marissa Meda**  
Counseling Department  
Int'l Exchange



**Chris Moeller**  
Basketball, Football,  
Attendance



**Antoinette Nunez**  
Intro. to Faith



**Laura Pietrangelo**  
Church History,  
Intro. to Scripture  
Campus Ministry



**Andrea Puschendorf**  
Counseling  
Department &  
Registrar



**Dr. Spencer Robinson**  
US History, Gov't/  
Economics



**Tracy Thomas**  
English I,IA



**Mario Valentino**  
Geometry, H, Algebra  
II/Trig., Golf



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Dep't Chair His./Social  
Science, AP Gov't/  
Economics  
US History/AP  
Newspaper



**Jeremy Watson**  
Dir. of Goto Int'l  
Ed. Center, Drama



**Rosemary Watson**  
Dep't Chair English  
Dir. of Curriculum  
English IIIH, IVH, AP



**Matthew White**  
World Cultures,  
Football

*Mr. Valentino sings at the Club 509 in Detroit. "I'm Yours," is the biggest request.*

*During WWII Dr. Lusardi's father played football for the USMC while his wife and son, Philip, were interred in Cuba enroute to the U.S. from Spain.*



Marian's new teachers, Miss Pietrangelo, Mrs. Thomas and Miss Mahrone look more like movie stars in this piano pose.

Dr. Robinson, Dr. Lusardi and Miss Gill enjoy the Mole Day grub in Mrs.

McGregor's room. It's an annual treat; Mr. Vernetti and Mrs. Toney are caught on camera in their liturgy best.

Mr. LeBold adds another display to his art board. Marian is looking more and more artsy with Mr. LeBold's special touch.

"Old pros" Ms. Nunez and Mr. White show Mr. Manzano the ropes.



*Mrs. Kassebaum works in a hospital as a circulating nurse and taking care of newborns.*

*Carmen Cruz joins the Brown Berets, a radical social justice group (La Raza)*

*Sherry Van Vleck gets on a school bus bound for Marian High, not realizing her future husband, Mike Kelleher, is on the same bus.*

*Coach David is born.*

*Bill Gerken enlists in Navy to avoid the draft.*

*Mr. Milke makes baseball "Hall of Fame" as Collegiate World Series MVP, USC.*

*Miss Pietrangelo & older brother appear together in an ad for Fantastic Sam's hair cutters.*

*Mrs. McGregor has her first meaningful experience in Chemistry when a lab experiment exploded.*



Mr. Manzano relieves his stress by playing with his toy cars. If only he could control his students by remote control.

Coach Moeller is caught eating a lollipop in his office.

We know he has a sweet tooth!

It's overwhelming! Miss Pietrangelo slumps in exhaustion during her lunch break.

Mrs. Toney passes out discs to James Perkins. Her computer smarts is a real asset for MCHS.

Mrs. Watson peers through the window of the ticket booth. It's just one of her many extra duties.



Mrs. Anthony has 1st child and realizes that all those years her mother was right and knew what she was doing.

MCHS wins Div IV football title, coached by Coach David.

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Mrs. Thomas is "Athlete of the Week" and appears on television in her hometown of Baltimore, Maryland.

Gerken commanded USS Spruance in Operation Desert Storm, and was awarded Bronze Star for combat action against Iraq.



Shawn Corley implores Mrs. Kelleher to help him get his English grade up.

Sr. Marcelline and a Ms. Cruz find that a hug can provide sustenance in their workaholic days.

New math teacher and coach Mr. Randal stays busy with boys soccer and girls volleyball.

Our little Miss Kawamura, now Mrs. Freitag is swept off her feet by her new husband. We miss you, Miss K!

#### CAMERA SHY FACULTY:

Anamaria Anthony

Religion

Indalecio Manzano

Science and Mathematics

Maghean Maroney

English

Patricia McGregor

Science

Robert Randall

Mathematics

Mary Lynn Toney

English

*Ms. Higgins makes it back from Las Vegas on Jan 1st miraculously alive and in one piece!*

*Mr. Moeller is seen on one knee whispering something to Miss Mahrone, but what is her reply? "I do or adieu?"*

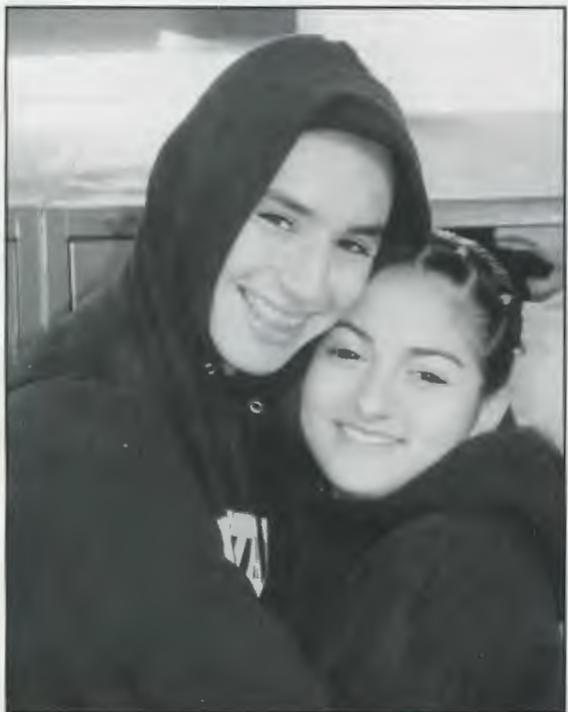
*Adding another title to his illustrious job description, Mr. Milke becomes Commandant of the Commodores at MCHS*

*MCHS thanks our beloved faculty for making us a part of their lives.*

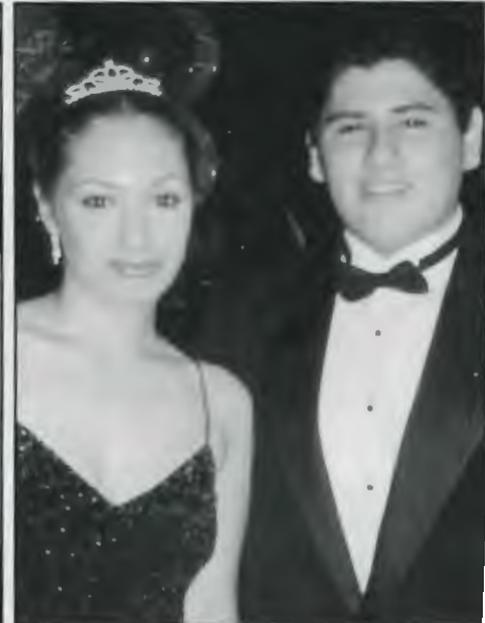
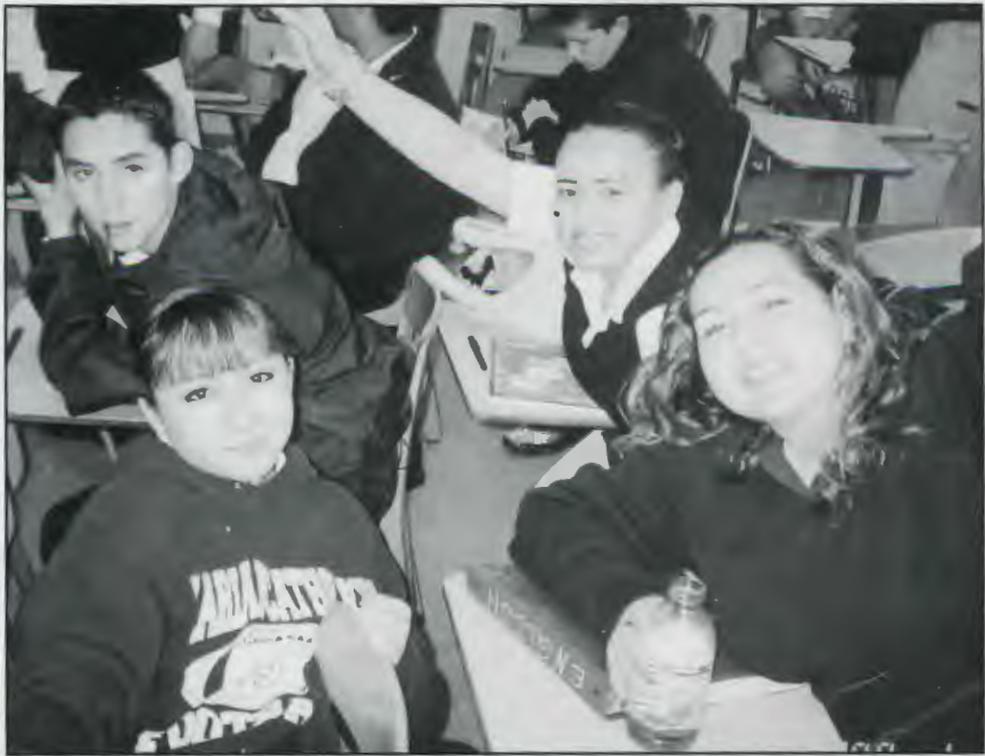
THIS IS WHO  
WE ARE













# WE ARE FAMILY

by *Patty Mady and Erwin Cruz*

It only takes a visitor to Marian about 5 minutes, maybe less, to notice something special about our campus. It's a family feeling. We are family even when we're not related by blood. But we sure do have a lot who are. We have, brothers, sisters, twins, cousins, mothers and daughters, mothers and sons and fathers and daughters. Some you can tell are related--like the Shaws and the Ramms-- they're practically clones. But others are a bit of a surprise. Here are just a few of Marian's families.



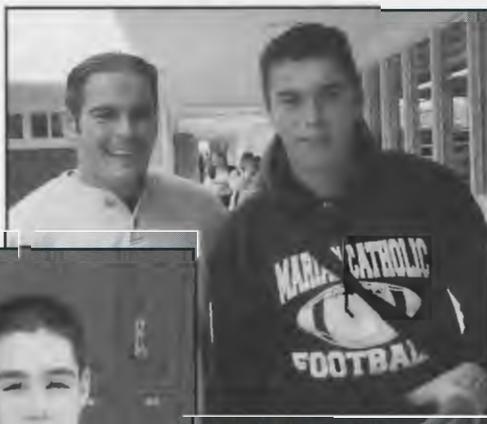
Sister and brother Leah and Leonard Bruno join cousins Rachel and Angela Garcia-Sermano for a fun picture.

Twins Rixel and Richard Shaw join sister Amanda for a fun family portrait.



It's hard to say which brother is the cutest: Giovanni or Dario Aquiniga. Que quapas son!

Senior Veronica Villalobos smiles with baby brother Andres.



Parents and kids: Bill and Natalie Gerkin, Cres and Anne marie Angeles and Jeremy and Rosemary Watson.





Good looks run in the family for Mario Ballesteros and freshman brother Alex.



William Clemmer likes having big sis Kimberly around so that he can borrow money.

Cousins Miguel Molina and Santiago Leon are both masters of the same cool stare.

Cousins Patty Mady and Andrea Osuna share the same beautiful smile.

Born on the same day, cousins Janine Guerrero and Carmelita Thomas show that they're two of a kind.

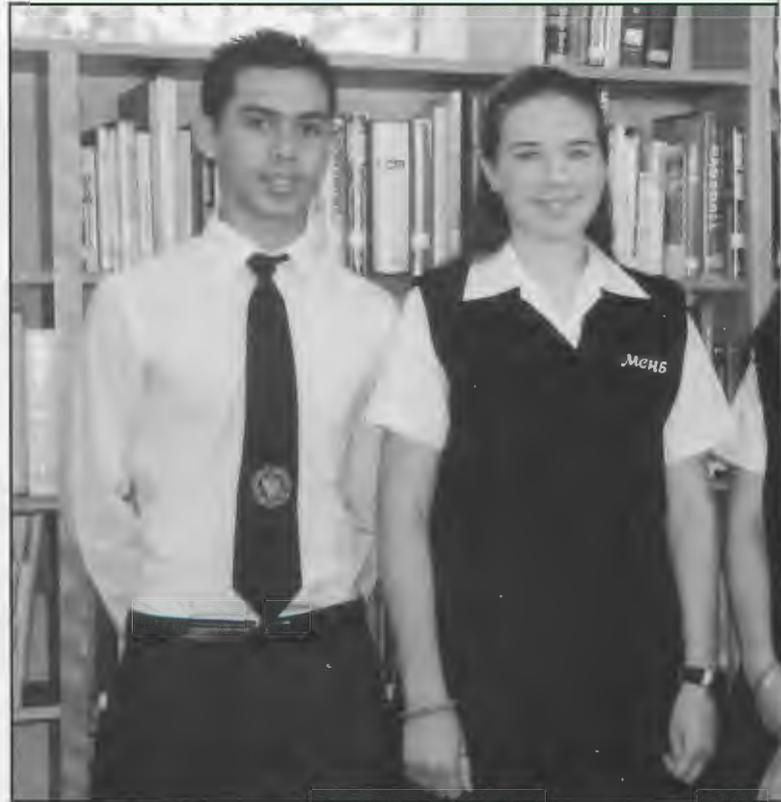
Not related by blood--but Cameron Underwood's cousins are Mrs. Kelleher's kids cousins.

Fan and Leng Sok, twins from China, share lunch everyday using chopsticks.

The freshmen class officers class officers; Caitlin Griffin, Jessica Castro and Crystal Toctocan are hard at work planning the next Frosh event. These young ladies put effort and dedication into making their freshmen year successful.



The four freshmen officers pose in style in the school library. They have been successful with the planning of their homecoming float, fundraisers, and dances.



Calm, cool and casual, the frosh officers pose in front of the lockers. Sneaking into the photo is freshmen student Adrian Janowicz.

Busy as bees, the freshmen officers and students work diligently to make their float the best. Their theme was the 80's and their final product was all about school spirit.



# LEADING THE PACK

by Crystal R. Toctocan

Every class has their leaders and the freshmen have four students who are set and ready to go to lead the pack. They are Crystal Toctocan (President), Michael Blair (Vice President), Caitlin Griffin (Secretary), and Jessica Castro (Treasurer). "Being in A.S.B helps me to be able to connect with the students and the school," says Jessica. Being a class officer does not just mean leading others but creating a fun and exciting environment for the students. The first task they endured was the making of the freshmen homecoming float. According to Caitlin, "We worked many hours with other students to put together our float. It was all worth it when we finished because it represented the freshmen and the float helped many of us to get to know each other."

Throughout the year the freshmen officers contemplate and plan activities for the students to interact, such as dances and games. V.P. Michael Blair says, "Our first priority is to keep our fellow classmates happy." Freshmen officers seem to have many jobs ahead and yet they enjoy every minute of it. Many students are also pleased with their officers. One student says, "They are pretty cool and they seem to know what they are doing." Dedication, perseverance and creativity is what it takes to be a successful leader and that's what they have. "It is a great opportunity to be able to serve the students as president. A freshmen year is always jam-packed with fantastic memories and it is a great honor to know we are a part of it," says president Crystal Toctocan.



Azael Acosta  
Eugene Alaniz  
Alexis Aragon  
Joel Arias  
Anjelica Armstrong

Laura Avilez  
Kristen Ayala  
Robin Balino  
Alejandro Ballesteros  
Norma Barba

Jose Barrios  
Luis Berumen  
Michael Blair  
Nickole Bravo  
Alejandro Calderon

Krista Cartier  
Mariana Castillo  
Jessica Castro  
Gladys Chaidez  
Valeriano Chavez

# HOMEWORK FATIGUE

by Rosanne Porciuncula

Homework can seem to take an eternity for many people to complete. This is especially true for the freshman students who are still learning the ropes of Marian Catholic High School. Since the freshmen students are trying to juggle the different activities that high school has to offer, they find that they are sometimes overwhelmed when doing their homework.

Each Freshman student has his or her own personal opinion about homework. It's easy to complete for some students but hard to accomplish for the others. Homework can be sometimes difficult to comprehend, but if you understand the lesson, know the concepts and complete all the assignments, you will succeed.

Many of the freshmen class students say that too much homework takes too much of their social time. Freshman student Michael Scott says, "Excessive homework prevents students from participating in extra curricular activities." Lucia Avilez adds, "It is too easy but it takes too much time." She wants to enjoy life and not be overwhelmed or stressed over all her homework.

Many students feel overwhelmed and stressed over the different subjects. Freshman student Terry Nycum says, "English is stressful. The amount of time it takes is depressing. When homework gets tedious it loses all purpose." Homework can be difficult and hard. Each person has different styles in managing their time and understanding all the subjects. You should take the time and effort to try to do well in understanding and accomplishing all of your assignments. Freshman students can succeed if they can overcome homework fatigue.



Hollis Clement  
William Clemmer  
Carlos Cordero  
Sara Corp  
Stephanie Ann Cortez



Michelle DeDios  
Roxy Del Razo  
Berenice Diaz  
Sandie Emperador  
Lorimar Ferrer



Jovana Flores  
Rachel Garcia-Sermenno  
Philip Geniza  
Maureen George  
Meghan George



Lorena Gomez  
Vanessa Gonzales  
Caitlin Griffin  
Dustin Guerrero  
Demetrious Harmon



Freshman student, Cristy Jimenez, helps her classmate Michael Scott with an algebra problem. Cristy takes her time to explain and teach the concepts of compound interests.

A hard working group of students in Ms. Angeles, Algebra 1 honors, try their hardest to work together in completing an equation. Freshman student Michael Madison daydreams in class while eating his pencil.



Mrs. Thomas', Freshman English Honors class, listens eagerly to a lesson she is teaching. Look how wonderfully each student is paying attention.

Freshman students: Kate O' Neill, Michael Scott and Gabrielle Osuna work together for a group English project. Instead of looking through magazines for their class project, they entertain themselves by reading and looking at interesting articles and pictures.

Denise Villagrana and her friends chat between classes. The bell schedule makes it easy to get your stuff and see your friends.

You have to be on top every assignment if you want to get good grades. Miss Gill's class pours over their hard work.



At Marian, there is a certain family atmosphere. Meeting others is very easy and almost immediately you find a group you fit in.

One of the nice things about Marian is Thursday Liturgy when we dress up and celebrate Mass. In this picture, Philip Geniza and Gabriel Peterson are waiting to leave for the church.



# INTO THE GROOVE

*by Chris Galvez*

For the Freshman class of 2003, the year 1999 is an important one. This is their first year of high school. Coming to a high school for the first time can seem like a daunting task. Some people had doubts and worries about Marian before the school season started. For Micheal Blair it was just that." It was an interesting experience. After middle school I thought high school was going to be one of the biggest hardships of my life. I thought it was going to be very hard. I thought I would not have any friends. It was completely the opposite of what I thought it was going to be. When I arrived I had many friends and it was actually fun."

Others had a pretty good idea of what high school was really going to be like. Usually, if you attend Intermediate school, the transition was a little smoother. Robin Balino shares her experiences." Well, I think it was pretty easy for me to get used to the change from jr. high to high school. I had a pretty big idea of what Marian was all about. I had a few friends from Marian and they helped me to fit in."

For most teenagers, after they get settled and find their group, they enjoy high school. As the years pass, students will look back on their freshman year. They might think about the pre- high school anxiety, or the dilemmas of different situations. But hopefully when their freshman year is over, all the students will remember the good times and moments they shared with their peers.



Ashley Hansen-Purnell  
Alana Heilman  
Adrian Hernandez  
Jacqueline Hernandez  
Ericka Hill

Adrian Janowicz  
Cristina Jimenez  
Enrique Jimenez  
Maki Kawahara  
Arthur Kleinschmidt

Jaclyn Lamkin  
Evan Lee-Fook  
Roberto Lemus  
Jacquez Lindsey  
Dorian Long

Eamon Long  
Carmen Lopez  
Nicole Lopez  
Roberto Lopez  
Denisse Lorqa

# PEOPLE FROM AROUND

by Krista Cartier

Have you ever wondered where the Freshman students at Marian come from? Just how many cities, states and countries are represented? And why did all these people choose MCHS? We asked some freshman. Some students come to Marian to play sports. Robert White explains, "I came for football and basketball on a scholarship." Deandre Wilson adds, "I came to get a good education and Marian has a good sports program." Deandre comes from South East San Diego. Terry Nycum switched coasts before he settled at Marian. Formally he attended St. Louis School in Maryland. When asked how he liked it here, he replied, "I feel like I finally found the right school, it is the only school that is perfect, except for Mr. Watson needs a pencil sharpener in the computer lab." Some Freshman come from very far away. Maki Kawahara explains, "I came to study. I come from Japan." Ashley Hanson just finished a tour with her family in Italy. "I came from Naples. Marian is O.K. I mean it's school, but I like the fact that it's small." Most of the students from other countries are from Mexico. Ruben Moreno came to play football as well as other sports.

We are lucky to have students from all over. Wherever they come from Marian is their home away from home.



Federico Lucero  
Carolina Luna  
Carlos Martinez  
Fadiah Mati  
Michael Mattison



Marcus McBride  
Jorge Medina  
Pauline Melad  
Francisco Moreno  
Emelia Moreno



Ruben Moreno  
Terrence Nycum  
Kathryn O' Neill  
Timothy O' Steen  
Adrianna Ochoa



Joey Olvera  
Gabrielle Osuna  
April Pablo  
Patty Paredes  
Gabriel Peterson





Terry Nycum, from Maryland enjoys Mr. Watson's computer class. He was caught in the act sharpening his pencil with his cool guy pencil sharpener.

As you can see here it's Deandre and "the gang." They are enjoying each others company.



The gang is chillin out. Look at those pearly whites as they eat their food.



This picture here shows Ashley Hanson enjoying a nice 45 minutes in Mr. 'Manzano's class. You know she's enjoying the class, just look at that expression on her face.

During lunch, Adrian Janowicz, a freshman student, acts cool with a funky pair of sunglasses. He shows his school spirit by dressing uniquely for crazy day.



Sara Corp, Michelle DeDios, and Vanessa Gonzales rush in to get in a picture, while still taking the time to pose. Michelle and Sara show their coolness by cheering for Marian Catholic High School.



These two freshman students, Ashley Hanson and Rachel Garcia-Sermeno, act cool in front of the camera. These two MCHS students take time to pose for a quick picture for the camera.

Two Marian frosh students, Abraham Trejo and Freddy Lucero, strut their stuff across the lunch area. These two freshman football players show their Marian pride by wearing their jerseys to school on game days.





# BEING COOL

by Chris Vito

Whether it be high school, college, jr. high, or elementary, coolness is the utter most importance. Being cool is a quality that one perceives in another. To be considered cool is a sign of acceptance. This can mean that you are very popular, athletic, or just an all around nice guy. A.J. Kleinschmidt, a freshman student, states on this topic, "Being cool is being a nice student. Everyone wants to be cool."

To one person, being cool may be having the best clothes, or having the all the newest belongings. Others, may think being cool is having a neat personality. Everyone tries to be cool in his or her own way. Most, if not all people, try to be cool. Everybody wants to be "in with the crowd." It's part of being human. Everywhere in the world, there will be different crowds. Wherever you are in the world, you will want to find the right crowd for you, a crowd that best fits your personality. When you find that crowd, then that's the time you have to establish yourself.

One of the neat things about Marian Catholic High School is that your "coolness" is judged and rated differently. In other high schools, appearance and first impressions are critical. Here, you can look totally different and be treated the same as anyone else. At Marian, students and teachers look beyond appearance. In a word, that's really.....Cool!



Jenica Petitfils  
Rosanne Porciuncula  
Nathaniel Puente  
Omar Rodriguez  
Daniel Rubalcaba

Julian Santos  
Lauricia Santos  
Larry Schultheis  
Amanda Shaw  
Joyce Smithdeal

John Sullivan  
Crystal Toctocan  
Amanda Todd  
Polly Toledo  
Tania Torres

Abraham Trejo  
Cameron Underwood  
Araceli Valadez  
Ivan Valle  
Joel Valverde

# NEW kids ON THE Block

by Joyce Smithdeal

Everything about high school and Marian is new for the entire freshman class. They are working very hard on schoolwork, while enjoying their first years of high school. The freshmen class enjoys the time spent with their old friends and the new friends they are making. On Spirit week Pauline Melad remarks "It was the first time all of us got to do Spirit week and it was fun seeing your friends in new things and seeing other grades." Marian has lots of sports: volleyball, tennis, football, golf, track to name just a few. It is fun to challenge and to also win. Teachers help you when you need it on your assignments. There is a lot of work out. The freshmen class of the school year 1999-2000 is the biggest class in 4 years. Ashley Hansen noticed "Our new classmates are from all over, from different schools and places, it is very interesting to see what we have in common with them and to see where they came from." Marian is a place where freshmen and other grades can spend time with each other. It's a place where we can ask for help and talk to God. The freshmen class is getting along well, having fun at rallies, managing homework and supporting one another in work and play. It's great year!



Where  
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New  
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Claudia Velasquez  
Denise Villagrana



Andres Villalobos  
Rodessa Villarente  
Joshua Weston



Deandre Wilson  
Monica Wu  
Darryl Yarbrough





Freshmen enjoy the first football game of the season. Old and new friends got together to watch all of Marian's football teams scrimmage.

Freshmen spend time together working hard during class and after class. But they always have time to smile at the camera.



Freshmen enjoy their first time dressing up for the 80's on Spirit Week. Long time friends meet up at lunchtime to take pictures while goofing off.

The freshmen float's theme is the 80's. Jackie, Caitlin, Freddie, Crystal and Michael got to ride on the float and represent the Class of 2003. It was shown at the Homecoming game on October 15.

Oh! Denise Kreeger sneaks a peek at Oscar Paredes, dressed in his best—crazy clothes that is. This high-spirited guy magnificently demonstrated his understanding of both his class schedule and how to actively participate for the frosh, including his younger sister Patty, to observe.

Peace, baby! Outside Marian Catholic, Bianca, Meghan, Kara, Rhysa and Marianne (whose nose is up in the air—just kidding!) work enthusiastically on the sophomores' 60s homecoming float for the game against Christian later that day. Last year the trees and all were great on Rain Forest Nights, but this time it was even better; the sophs can hold their heads high in pride of their teamwork's gleaming results.



"No more bottom lockers!" In this comment, one sophomore eloquently summarizes the feelings shared by many, including Debbie Medina, Shalai Montgomery, and Luis Mangia, who are shown above easily taking the books they need for the next class from their top lockers right across from King Arthur's Court. Ah, the luxuries of being a sophomore!

James Bond Style Carlos Perez and John Smidt, with a suave debonair look only suit and tie can bring, investigate the homecoming munchies. This was only one of the carefully prepared components that made the evening stand out so strongly; sophomores agreed that this dance outranked last year's, and the consistent thing was that the Crusaders emerged victorious.

# SECOND TIME AROUND

by Cristy Jimenez

Sophomores, now experienced and able members of the student body, gain a bit of superiority and the wisdom of experience with one year under their belts and a new class of greenhorns below them. As Janine Guerrero says, "You feel powerful because there's someone lower than you."

The second time around has surely been a new adventure. Most conclude that it is better than freshman year because you are just overall more acquainted with the school and what it has to offer; also, age brings its benefits, such as top lockers and more academic or extracurricular opportunities. You get "a little bit more respect," says Oscar Paredes. Leah Bruno adds that the lunch line is easier to steer through as a sophomore. Yet one must also meet the new challenges that arise, such as more complicated homework and meeting behavior standards to set a good example for the little frosh.

As you get used to everything that surrounds you, you expand your interaction with it. You get more involved in activities and with the people you have known for just a year. Good friendships and a feeling of belonging develop, and help one of those doggon E.S.L.R.'s to start happening—"Students who are in the process of integrating physical, mental, and spiritual growth as they journey toward their fulfillment as persons."

And all those memorable events of your first year in high school...well, you've probably relived many of them already and will again two more times. Good luck on your trek to senior class—you're halfway there. Long live the class of 2002!



Bianca Acosta  
Kara Adan  
Alexandra Ain  
Ginan Al Baiati  
Margaret Alcock

Jesse Alonso  
Dario Alvarez  
Enrique Alvarez  
Anne Marie Angeles  
Antonino Ascutto

Mark Bartell  
Hector Baylon  
Christina Bommarito  
Leah Bruno  
Andrea Bucio

Carlos Camacho  
Edgar Garcia  
Romelia Cruz  
Santiago Cruz  
Giselle Cuen

# BEING IN CHARGE

by Cristy Jimenez

As sophomores move up in rank, they also gain more chances to make a difference in the school. Whether it's through ASB, special classes, or extracurricular activities, sophomores radiate their leadership skills to the whole student population.

The top four class officers, in particular, represent the readiness of these students to serve Marian. For two of them, the second year brought second chances. Secretary Wendy Vecchito and Treasurer Annemarie Angeles didn't get the offices they sought as freshmen, but this year things were different. Both were elected in. "We were really happy about it," remarks Annemarie. For vice-president Kara Adan, it's nothing new-she held the same office last year and obviously liked it. And Connie Mun, who was also on ASB in the 1998-1999 school year as treasurer, has stepped up to the position of president of the sophomore class. These dedicated girls (hey guys, where are you?) are the voice of the sophs and work with the best interests of their peers in mind.

File these papers. Check the attendance. Get the homework ready. Find the thermometer. This is part of the daily life of TA's, office staff, or nurse's helpers. Sophomores can now participate in these facets of MCHS's educational program, courses that aren't the usual math and science, but that work to expose them to certain careers that may interest them. It is a valuable experience in learning basic people skills, not to mention a nice little breather in between their tougher classes.

A good number are Ambassadors for Christ and help boost MCHS's appearance, showing much hospitality at all events. Others are leaders in sports, such as varsity football starter Miguel Molina, who was injured in action. All are learning the importance and responsibility of getting involved. Keep it up sophomores-you're doing great!



Stanley Daniels  
Philip Disney  
William Dorantes  
Megan Duggan  
Celeste Elias



Stefen Emperador  
Allison Figueroa  
Cesar Gamboa  
Eliseo Garcia  
Jason Geniza



Joseph Gerace  
Benjamin Gonzalez  
Janine Guerrero  
Laura Hernandez  
Scott Heyden



Justin Hildebrand  
Matthew Hyde  
Daniela Jimenez  
Carl Jones  
Marian Kairuz





We, the People of the Student Body: sophomore sec. Wendy Vecchito, treasurer Annemarie Angeles, v.p. Kara Adan and pres. Connie Mun shine for their picture in the Gauntlet, the school yearbook. These supergirls also give their time to everything from cheerleading to tennis to Ambassadors.

Couple Cameron Musgrave and Edgar Garcia form a perfect picture of sophomore sports involvement. Not only that, they participated in the Halloween dress-up day, which is when we snapped this shot-no, Cameron's doesn't wear devil horns every day.



Carmelita Thomas and Annemarie Angeles return from a run to the end zone after waving their flags in celebration of a MCHS touchdown. These volunteers have proven that it is not necessary to even touch the ball to get a workout at a home game.

From a Teacher's Viewpoint: TA Janine Guerrero asks Mrs. Angeles for help in grading math papers during D block. So, Janine, does the desk fit you well?

Hurry up, man! Leonardo, a sophomore student, sits behind Room C33 to complete his mathematics homework.



Mrs. Anthony, the faith teacher for the sophomore class, is shocked at the students' recital of Sh'ma. Realizing her amazement, many students sighed in relief. Whooh!



Janine, Carmie, Wendy and Annemarie rush together to make a quick stop and review for a biology test during lunch at school. As students will attest, the studying never ends with Mrs. Ayouty.

It's too much! This MCHS soph buckles down and focuses on getting her homework done for class during school break. If only she could have fun with everyone else!



# HITTING THE BOOKS

by Christopher Vito

Hitting the books is something all students will have encountered throughout their time at Marian Catholic High School. This may include doing your homework, studying for a test, or reviewing for a final. Often teachers assign homework to students to help reinforce what is being studied and also to give them the chance to take responsibility and develop their own problem solving skills. Some students put up with this burden because they know it is for their benefit, as Annemarie Angeles noted, "Homework is a good way for a student to understand something." But others say it's a waste of time. No matter what a student may think, homework and studying are things every student is obliged to do.

A typical sophomore might have homework for Algebra 2, English 2, and Biology. A student might study for a test the night before or do their homework at school just to get it over with. Sometimes a student may spend only 15 minutes on homework, while the next day they may spend hours trying to do it. Jesse Alonso commented on the caring academic environment at Marian, saying that the staff "will encourage you" to raise your grades when you are struggling. Lisa Maier stated her opinion of school work bluntly, saying that, "I don't like studying." However, it is impossible to avoid hitting the books forever; procrastination and lazy ways have to be cast aside if you want to succeed in school.



Alejandra Leonel  
Maricela Lopez  
Lisa Maier  
Jesse Maldonado  
Marck Manga

Jessica Marquez  
John Marquez  
Lisa Marquez  
Alexis Mawhinney  
Deborah Medina

Miguel Molina  
Schalaya Montgomery  
Luis Montijo  
Rhysa Moreno  
Connie Mun

Juan Munoz  
Marco Munoz  
Luis Murillo  
Cameron Musgrave  
Roman Cedillo Norby

Friends Eli Garcia and Matthew Hyde wrestle playfully. They'll do anything to delay going to class.



Catching some z's! Jesse Maldonado is caught taking a nap during lunch. Between classes MCHS students can be seen taking well deserved breaks.



They call me mellow yellow! Gaby Vasquez pulls back her hair as she adds sunshine yellow to the banner. She and several other sophomores worked diligently on their 60's homecoming float. Groovy!!

It's bad enough to have your teacher criticize you and it's even worse when your vice principle happens to walk by. Dario Alvarez was caught chewing gum in church by Ms. Ayouty. It looks like double trouble!

# CAUGHT IN THE ACT

by Vanessa Gonzales

Falling asleep in class, showing off, tripping... the list goes on and on. These are some of the things that we do but hardly ever want to admit. And no matter who you are, no matter what you do, you are never immune to these embarrassing acts. These acts can be magnified even more when someone sees you, and when a whole group of people observes your action, you know that you have been caught in the act.

Featured on these two pages are some very unfortunate sophomores whose embarrassing moments were caught on film. This section of the MCHS yearbook has been dedicated to the less flattering moments of life. We like to call it "Caught in the Act".

One sophomore, Wendy Vecchitto, admits to being caught in the act. "There was this one time," she shyly confesses, "when I was at tennis practice, and there was a really big crack in the ground. When I went to hit the ball, I fell down. Luckily, I don't think anyone saw me."

By looking at these pictures, you may feel better about your sophisticated moron, otherwise known as sophomore moments. Don't feel bad, these sort of things happen to all of us. There is no way to avoid them. If you get caught in the act, just smile



Carlos Valverde  
Gabriela Vasquez  
Wendy Vecchitto  
Yi Jin Zheng



Matt Hyde and Juan Munoz suck away on their lollipops unaware that they are being caught on camera eating in class.

Felipe Cabral looks sleek as always in his 50's gear. Decades Day gave him a chance to show off his suave zapatos.



Junior Class president Angela Garcia - Sermano and fellow cheerleader April Pablo, pose for a shot after a tough day at cheerleading camp.



Junior Class Officers: President Angela Garcia-Sermano, Vice President Erin Day, Treasurer Felipe Cabral, Secretary Sarah Oesterele.

Class officers Sarah Oesterele and ASB representative Leila Forstythe starts off to volleyball practice with great big smiles.



# LEADERS OF THE PACK

by Patricia Mady

Led by president Angela Garcia-Sermeno, the officers for the junior class have worked hard this year. Angela manages to juggle cheerleading, Ambassadors for Christ, getting top grades and other activities with ASB. In spite of her hectic schedule, she always stays organized and calm.

V.P. Erin Day has been an officer since her freshman year. She was vice-president last year as well. Erin says that junior year as an officer is the hardest. "It's the hardest so far because a lot is going on in ASB and school." Even though being an officer is hard and challenging, it's also fun. Organizing the junior float for the homecoming game for example: "Getting people's different ideas and putting them all together was fun because we got to hang out and paint the float."

Secretary Sarah Oesterle really enjoys working in ASB and being a best friend of Angela's makes the job even more fun. She is both dedicated and efficient.

Felipe Cabral experienced being an officer for the first time this year. "I decided to get more involved this year because my teachers said that being involved in extra-curricular activities looks better on a college application." This year for Felipe was hard, new and exciting. Congratulations Juniors!



Gvinda Aguirre  
Christopher Argoud  
Beatriz Aroujo  
Ray Asano  
Andrew Asaro

Ivan Ayon  
Lynette Darcy Barajas  
Jessica Barba  
Francis Bautista  
Mario Baylon

Leonard Bruno  
Felipe Cabral  
Evangalina Camacho  
Esmeralda Campos  
Susana Canett

Irvin Carlin  
Michelle Castro  
Carlos Cervantes  
Kimberly Clemmer  
Juan-Carlos Colon

# ALWAYS *and* FOREVER

by Patty Mady

When you're walking down the halls of Marian, what do you see? PDA! Yes, here at Marian, teenagers are often given detentions for not being able to control their feelings toward the opposite sex. These teens are...

Jessica Barba & Panchito Rodriguez. They have been together for a while now, and we really hope they'd make up their minds and figure out if they're going to stay together or break up. "Being with Pancho has made me happy, but I've realized that having a boyfriend isn't the way it is on TV; everyone has their problems and so do we, but we're still happy." Jessica and Pancho are one of our favorite couples, we wish the best for them.

After months of secretly liking each other, Karla De La Torre & Omar Segovia have finally found each other and are happy. And around the corner, hidden next to Mr. Escobosa's office are Erin Day & Kris Hunter, you'll be able to find these two at their favorite spot at around 2:30pm. Hey, there's Lourdes Villegas & Eduardo (Yayo) Araujo, don't you two get tired of sitting by the soda machines? Marian's favorite wide receiver, Jaun McNutt is so sweet to his cute girlfriend, Kara Adan, who's been supporting him throughout all his games. Maya Talampas has been hopelessly devoted to our Brazilian punter, Felipe Cabral. We can see why.

Wait... We thought Manny Rodriguez and April Valentin graduated... oh never mind, it's Gina Lipp & Oscar Paredes! Sorry Gina. And who could ever forget Marian's most unforgettable couple, Vivian Velasquez & Santiago Leon. Being together the longest out of all the junior couples, Vivian and "Bubba" have proven that seeing each other everyday doesn't get boring. "I think when we broke up it made us fix what was wrong in our relationship and now that Santiago and I are back together, things are even better than before."

These eight couples are our junior class high school couples. We hope they will be happy together for a long time and always have memories of their Marian Sweethearts.



Erwin Cruz  
Erin Day  
Ryan Day  
Daniela Del Aguila  
Karla De La Torre



Florian Dingler  
Ludwig Englisch  
Andrea Escobio  
Jesus Felix  
Bjorn Felten



Leila Forsythe  
Anna-Lena Frick  
Daniel Gamboa  
Angela Garcia-Sermeno  
Ramon Garcia



Peter Girten  
Jorge Gonzalez  
Gissell Gonzalez  
Roberto Gonzalez  
Lucas Herbert





Junior Couples, Karla & Omar, Gina & Oscar, Juan & Kara, Vivian & Santiago take five to take a quick snap shot.

Gazing into each others eyes, Lourdes and Eduardo share their lunch at their favorite spot.



Maya goes for a piggy back ride on Felipe while showing some 8<sup>th</sup> Graders around campus.

Pancho & Jessica, Kris & Erin take time out of their break to take a picture. It's easy to spot sweethearts at Marian.

Even on the craziest day of the year, Leila Forsythe uses her break to study. She knows Mr. Vemetti is giving a test no matter how people are dressed.



During homeroom, Miguel Zapata is talking to James Weston. The contents of the paper are unknown but students use homeroom to catch up on paperwork.



Claudia cleverly uses the computer as her main resource. Looking up information from the books can really get tiresome for many and she knows it.

Victor Lopez finishes some homework quickly during lunch. No time for food now, sometimes homework comes first.





# TIME TO BUCKLE DOWN

by April Pablo

Some things in life are challenging, others are not. But being a junior is not easy at all, especially when it comes to getting on the right track academically. Juniors know colleges are looking at them and determining if they have what it takes to make the cut. Juniors have different opinions on what class is the most challenging for them. For Ramon Garcia, it's AP History "because there's a lot of work and too much stuff to memorize." Sometimes, academics can really get to your head. Sarah Oesterle was asked when it was the worst for her. She quickly replied, "Last week, the week before, the week before, and the week before. It's been bad since we started." There are many study tricks that are used. According to Ramon, it's just plain and simple, "Avoid distractions."

For some juniors, it takes a lifetime to complete all their homework each night. Leila Forsythe agrees, "It takes at least five hours a night for us. We're up until 1 a.m. at the most." Another problem is getting home at a decent time. Completing homework sometimes takes more time than expected. Even trying to plan your day can become a problem and can sometimes become the biggest challenge.

Here's some advice for the underclassmen from Sarah, "Don't go to school! Quit now while you can!" Just kidding... Now some realistic advice, from Leila, "Learn how to study now because it'll be more difficult later on."



Eileen Ho  
Nicole Howell  
Kris Hunter  
Denisse Kreeger  
Gina Lipp



Jonathan Lorente  
Jesus Lopez  
Victor Lopez  
Patricia Mady  
Edith Martinez



Ceilaann Maruca  
Anne tte Maus  
John McGurk  
Jaun McNutt  
Leonardo Mendes



Alan Mendoza  
Victor Moran Jr.  
Lizeth Navarro  
Daniel Ny  
Sarah Oesterle

# DRESS *with* ATTITUDE

by Sunny Rey

At Marian Catholic High School, we students all agree that at times uniforms can be a bit of a drag; wearing the same clothing, hair and accessories can be pretty mundane. But-by adding little extras like a cool bracelet or new style of hair can help us feel comfortable and confident enough to let our personalities shine! Some of our well-known Juniors have real pizzazz! They've shown us how to deal with the uniform blues by pumping up their own style and turning the uniform into little masterpieces.

Kris Hunter and Eva Comacho are good examples. Both sport, as Mr. Hunter says, "a new age punk look," and with their cool hair and accessories they never go wrong. When asked how he would define his look Kris replied, "Ummm, I dunno, whatever I see on sale at Target."

How about the oh so fashionable Celia Ann Maruca and Karla DeLattice? A bad hair is out of the question for them. As Celia Ann admits, "It's important to me to look good." Karla adds, "To me the important thing is that I look my best all the time."

Even our very own varsity football players Juan McNutt and Danny Gamboa agree that it's important to look good. We can always count on them to represent their 'love of the game' with their sports gear. As Juan puts it, "If you want to make it in life, then never forget the five "P's": proper preparation prevents poor performance."

We can all agree that in high school, to be looked at an individual is crucial. Here at MCHS our Juniors have shown that uniforms aren't that bad after all-if you just get a little creative.



Monika Ordaz  
Marina Ortiz  
Cristofer Padilla  
Gerardo Palacios  
Jorge Paulliada



Yadira Peralta  
James Perkins  
Omar Ramos  
Sunny Ray  
Francisco Rodriguez



John Rodriguez  
Israel Rosales  
Dalia Rubio  
Francisco Salas  
Oscar Salazar



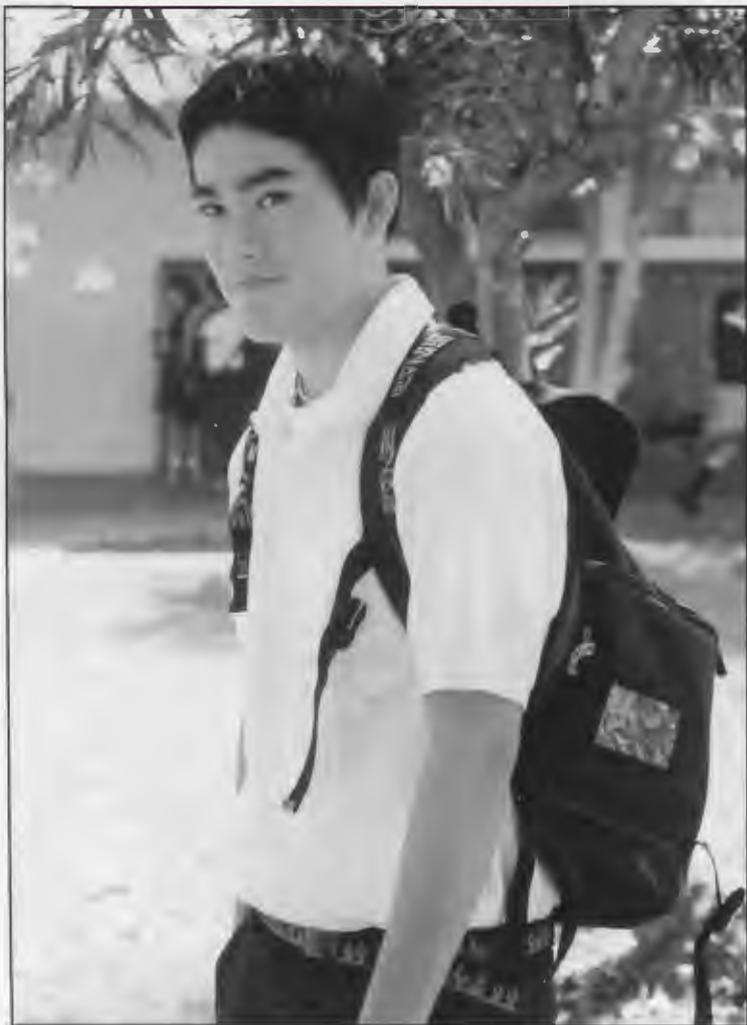
Pia Sikorski  
Martha Silva  
Cesar Siqueires  
Brian Smiley  
Humberto Soto





Danny Gamboa always looks "hot" in his MCHS Football gear. He also shows off his football look all year long.

Juan McNutt displays his unique style. Nobody can wear Karma Beads with a football necklace and look as good as he does.



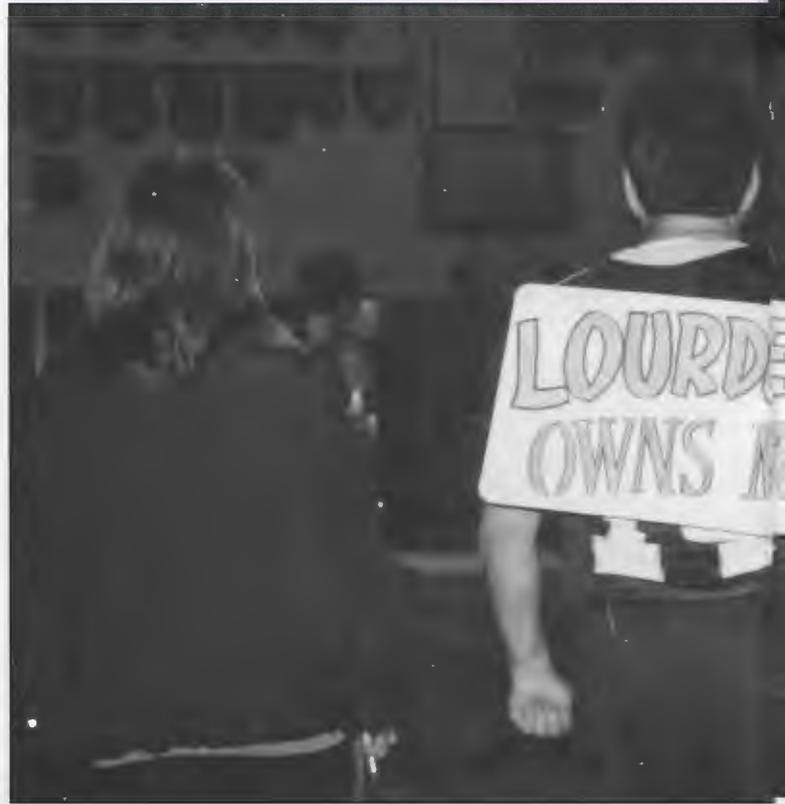
Uniforms are for skaters too. Kris Hunter shows us how we can go from hitting the books to finding the best curb to grind... in style.

Celianne Maruca looks chic as usual in her version of the uniform. Of course she still looks good even taking a snooze.

Suzy sits during lunch eating her favorite food.



Oh no! It's Lourdes' most embarrassing moment caught on camera. Now we all will remember it forever.



Nicole Howell and her friends pose for a picture at the dance celebrating Homecoming. Beloved Coach Johnson, known throughout campus as a "Jon soonn" joins them.

Juan McNutt all ready for the big game is anxiously waiting to go to Pizza Hut.



# SURVEY SAYS

by Patricia Mady and Vivian Velasquez

Some say "tomato," some say "tomatoe," What do you say? We wanted to know what our juniors think. So we went around campus asking our class of 2001 what they like, what their favorite shows are and what they will always remember about their past two years at Marian.



## \*What's your favorite class?

- ~Sarah Rey... "English with Mrs. Toney, everyday is different."
- ~Ixtchelt Yadeun... "Chemistry... I love doing labs."
- ~Gissell Gonzalez... "Church History with Ms. Pietrangelo."
- ~Jose Lopez... "LEBOLD!!!"

## \*What's your most embarrassing moment at school?

- ~Lourdes Villegas... "When I saw Lourdes owns me on Yayo's back."
- ~Danny Gamboa... "When I threw up before a football game."
- ~Jose Lopez... "When I passed gas in Mr. Valentino's class."

## \*What's your most memorable event at Marian?

- ~Nicole Howell... "1999 Homecoming."
- ~Cris Padilla... "Coach Johnson's speech class."
- ~Gina Lipp... "When I got egged for my 15th birthday."
- ~Jerry Palacios... "Dissecting all those things in biology."

## \*Where's your favorite place to eat?

- ~Ramon Garcia... "Mi Tierra Super Taco."
- ~Jaun McNutt... "Pizza Hut before a football game."
- ~Suzy Canett... "Anywhere Italian."



Desiree Tellez  
Paul Torres  
Adelaida Trujillo  
Anna Umpfennbach

Vivian Velasques  
Lourdes Villegas  
Claudia Walter  
James Weston

Ixtchelt Yadeun  
Miguel Zapata  
Sergio Zaragoza

# Almost *there*

By Angela Garcia-Sermeno

The Class of 2000 is on their way to one of the most significant events in their lives - graduation. From the time they were Freshmen all the way until now, the current Seniors have been working hard to get to the top. They are enjoying every minute of it, too. But who can blame them? Our Seniors are definitely worthy.

The Senior activities range from sports and free time to student government and Campus Ministry, from Ambassadors for Christ Corps and social events to homework and jobs. The Class of 2000 also enjoys their Senior privileges, such as free dress on the first Monday of every month and their exclusive use of the Senior line -- oh, nevermind, once again the Senior line could not be maintained. That's alright. It's kind of a tradition anyway.

Our Seniors will never be forgotten. They have grown into a great group of leaders and will surely go onto bigger and better things in their lives.



Perla Jaurequi and Ana-Melissa Islas lock arms in that special friendship that will be cherished forever.

David Ramm gives a day time serenade to Eliana Guevara. Now that finals are finished they have a little time to lay back and enjoy.



Alani Fouquette and Jesus Calleros clown around between classes. Sometimes they clown around during class too!



Natalie Gerken peeks out behind Angie Bernal, as Rixel Shaw and Veronica Villalobos smile along with them.

Marian's free lance comedian, Joseph Shankles, fidgets and squirms for his picture. "Shank, can you cooperate for one, just one, minute?"





# Valedictorian Profile

**Ronnel Manzana**

Career Aspirations: Medicine, either optometry, pediatrics or anesthesiology

Influences: My religion and my parents...both have inspired and guided me and gave me the basis for my values.

Advice to Underclassmen: "Knowing the path is different from walking it." Your future is not pre-set, but is determined through your actions. Try and live your life without any regrets.

Breakfast Food: Frappuccino, I need my daily dose of caffeine.

Hidden Talent: I had one once but I lost it.

Favorite Way to Relax: Listening to music, and bowling with my friend Jon.

# Salutatorian Profile

**Jonathan Corpuz**

Career Aspirations: Computer Engineer/Programer, but I also have a weird idea of being a teacher.

Influence: My parents, they always drove me to do my best and not limit myself. They broadened my horizons.

Advice to Underclassmen: You'll never know what you're able to do so never be afraid to try new things, but always think about the consequences of your actions.

Breakfast Food that gets you ready for school: I usually skip breakfast but if I had my way, I'd choose scrambled eggs and sausage.

Hidden Talents: You can ask Christie.



No one ever gets to where they're going all by themselves. Constant help comes from up above, and from people we don't usually take notice of. We always have someone to turn to, so we must give thanks to where it's due. In light of this, I express my gratitude to my parents, family, teachers, friends, and to everyone who has influenced my life. I wouldn't be who I am, or achieve this honor if it weren't for the inspiration, wisdom, advice, and prayers I have received. Most especially, I give thanks to God. He has gotten me through times of sorrow, and shared with me moments of happiness.

Congratulations to my friend Jon in his accomplishment. It was a tough road. Best wishes to the last class of the Twentieth century. Always remember, this is OUR year. Make it unforgettable. Take care and God bless!

*Ronnel Manzana '00*

My four years here at Marian have been enlightening, interesting and fun yet I'd be lying if I told you my high school years were easy. My classes truly challenged me to open my mind and expand my thinking. The teachers here have inspired me to work hard and to "think outside the box." I am proud to be the Salutatorian for the Class of 2000 and I am proud that my friend Ronnel is our Valedictorian. I would like to extend a deep thank you to my family and friends all of whom have contributed to who I am today. I would also like to give very special thanks to my parents, my sisters, and to Christie. May God bless your lives and give you as much joy and knowledge as you have given to me.

*Jonathan Corpuz '00*

Senior class officers show their spirit by working hard on their poster for the first rally.



# CALLING THE SHOTS

by Jonathan Corpuz

Senior year is the one year that high school students will never forget. For some, it's the culmination of four years of hard work. For others it's the year they get to kick back and enjoy things a little more. The games are more exciting, the dances are more memorable and the days go by in a flash. What makes the year so much better for seniors? Part of the reason is the capable and admirable senior class officers. Headed by class president Eliana Guevara are class vice-president Miriam Aguliar, secretary Alexandra Roehr and class treasurer Jonathan Corpuz. This group juggles the responsibilities of being in ASB as well a variety of other activities, from sports to clubs to homework. What is amazing is not how much these officers have to do but how well they do it.

ASB is a challenge. Meetings start in the summer to discuss plans for the upcoming school year including all the rallies and other events that make our school year fun. This year, the senior officers collaborated their efforts to accomplish all their goals. The results were enjoyed by the entire student body.



Senior Class Officers: l. to r. Eliana Guevara, Jon Corpuz, Alexandra Roehr, Miriam Aguliar.

Senior officers show their spirit at half-time during the Homecoming game, from the senior float they worked on.

## Most Likely to Succeed

### David Blair

Career Aspirations: Be a doctor or marketing agent  
 Biggest Contribution to MCHS: Countless hours for the better of MCHS, making a great difference  
 Best Fast Food: In N' Out, Jack n' the Box  
 Future plans: Travel around the world, experience life

### Alexandra Roehr

Career Aspirations: Humanities, Psychology  
 Star you'd like to date: Kobe Bryant  
 Last Movie Seen: Superstar  
 Future Plans: Making a difference





# MCHS



*Class of*

2000



Miriam Aguilar

*Mirris*

"To revel in the wonders of life, to think, to remember, to dream, this is to know happiness."



Dario Aguiniga

"Our hearts are restless Oh Lord, until they rest in you."  
St. Augustine



Giovanni Aguiniga



David Alvarez



Abel Amolitos

*Abel*

"We do not choose how we start or end our live, we can only choose how to live it."



Arthur Aragon



Eduardo Araujo

*Yayo*

"I'll be dead and gone before you figure out what's really going on."



Bryan Auza

*Yan-Yan*

"Think different."  
Apple Computer Inc.

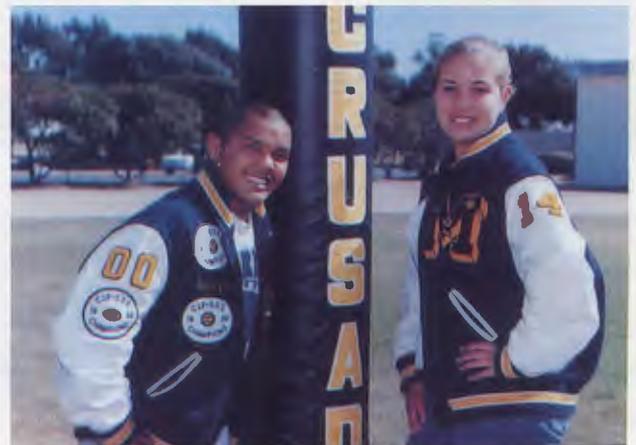
## Most Athletic

Rixchel Shaw

Favorite Fast Food: McDonald's  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Anthony  
Best MCHS memory: Passing honors chemistry with A's  
Favorite Books: Good Night, Mr. Tom

Joey Cruz

Favorite Teachers: Mrs. Anthony and Mrs. McGregor  
Greatest Accomplishment: Maintaining 4.0 or higher G.P.A in four years of high school  
Future Plans: Make money and be happy  
Star You'd Like To Date: Jennifer Lopez





Jessica Bahena

*Ica*

"What comes around goes around!"



Mario Ballesteros



Ryan Jason Barajas

*Newport, Dr. Greenthumb, Smooth,  
Lucky Ace*

"In the face of adversity or fate,  
never, ever blink."



Guadalupe Barraza



Carolina Bergentoft

*Carro*



Angelica Bernal



David Blair

*Mr. President*

"If a man hasn't discovered  
something that he will die for, he isn't  
fit to live..." Martin Luther King Jr.



Krystal Bryant



## Most Changed

Elizabeth Rodriguez

Favorite Car: Mystery paint Saleen  
Mustang  
Favorite Book: The Giver  
Heroes: Mom and Dad  
Career Aspirations: Be a lawyer

Artie Aragon

Biggest Contribution to MCHS:  
Being the star golfer for 4 years  
Favorite Teacher: Coach David  
Advice to Freshmen: Go to school  
everyday  
Future plans: To be either a  
computer engineer or a sports  
agent



Joshua Cacho

JC

"Always treat others the way you would like to be treated.  
Go class of 2000."



Jose Calleros

JJ

"Only the strong survive."



Andre Carazolez

Dre Day

"What in the world?!"



Janneth Casas

"Do not follow where the path may lead, go instead where is no path and leave a trail."



Vicente Contreras-Bueno



Shawn Corley



Jonathon Corpuz

John, "Prince Charming"

"Learn to look twice at everything."



Marcus Cortez

"Normal people are so boring."

## Contributed Most to Class

David Blair

Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Anthony,  
Mrs. McGregor  
Last Movie Seen: Fight Club  
Advice to Freshman: Relax, have  
fun and enjoy it while it lasts.  
Favorite Book: Indian in the  
Cupboard

Alexandra Roehr

Greatest Accomplishment: Always  
being there for my friends  
Best Fast Food: Jack n' the Box  
Strongest Asset: My attitude  
Favorite Book: The Dark Half





Joseph Cruz

*Nano*

"Big things come in small packages."



Valeria Cruz

*Malaria*



Roy DeGuzman

*RRoy*

"Freedom is just another world for responsibilities."



Genaro Diaz-Pico



Jose Estrada

*Mamado*

"You must always push the limits because if you never fail, you will never succeed."



Vanessa Gabrian

"What in the world?!"



Natalie Gerken

"You can fly, you can fly, you can fly!"  
Peter Pan



Janette Gomez

## Most School Spirit

Joey Cruz

Hobbies; Football, hangin' out with my friends

Inspirational People: Mom, Dad and my brothers, Jaclyn and my friends

Advice: "Put your heart ahead of you and you can accomplish anything."

Maya Talampas

Hobbies; Dancing: hula, jazz, ballet, ballrom etc. cheerleading, karate, piano

Caareer Plans: pediatrician or physical therapist.

Advice to Freshmen: work hard, have fun and smile.

Quote: "MMac!"





**James Gracio**  
*Rocky, Roca*  
"Play like a champion."



**Eliana Guevara**  
*Alien*  
"I fear that I am ordinary  
just like everyone."  
Billy Corgan



**Juan Guitierrez**



**Eduardo Hernandez**  
*E*  
"Get what you ask for, get it  
because you asked for it."



**Zachriah Huss**  
*Preppy*  
"Never trouble trouble until trouble  
troubles you."



**Pedro Ibarra**  
*Kiwi*  
"Speak softly and carry a big stick;  
you shall go far."  
Theodore Roosevelt



**Ana-Melissa Islas-Hueza**  
*Ana Bannana*  
"Hi, I'm Ana."



**Perla Jauregui**  
*Perlita*  
"Friends are worth more than  
money."



## Prettiest Smile

### Andrea Osuna

Favorite Car; Lincoln Navigator  
has to be black tinted  
windows  
Favorite Book: The  
VallqriesValkries by Paolo  
Cohelo  
Future plans: Psychologist with  
a minor in theology  
Favorite Movie: Last of the  
Molhicans.

### Eddie Hernandez

Favorite teacher: Mrs. Anthony  
Greatest accomplishment:  
Graduating  
Dream Car: 2000 Saleen Mustang  
Biggest Contribution to MCHS:  
Attending school



Yuchin Kang



Christina Le Duc  
*Christie, Princess*



Santiago Leon  
*Bubba*  
"Me Bubba, Bubba big,  
Bubba run ball far."



Marco Lomeli



Michael Maciejewski  
*Eminem*  
"Carpe Diem"



Ronnel Manzana  
*Apple*  
"The day you're born is the day you  
start dying, so carpe diem baby!"



Linda Martin  
"People may doubt what you say,  
but they will believe what you do."  
Luis Cass



Noelle Mattis  
*Scully*  
"Keep your friends close and your  
enemies closer."  
Julius Ceasar



## Cutest Couple

**Rixchel Shaw**

Advice to Freshmen: Make high school last cuz it's the best time you'll ever have in you life  
Favorite Food: Baked potatoes with the works  
Career Aspirations: Paralegal  
Stars I'd like to Date: Bradd Pitt, David Boreanaz and Enrique Iglesias

**Eddie Hernandez**

Favorite Fast Food: Carls Jr.  
Advice to Freshmen: If you come to school do your work. If you ditch then you don't have to  
Favorite Book: The Giver  
Stars I'd Like to Date: Natalie Portman



Ana Gabriela Mazariegos

*Gaby*

"Tis better to loved, and lost than to have never loved at all."  
Alfred, Lord Tennyson



Tatiana McElwain

*Tatis*

"If you love someone let them go, if they come back, they are yours, if not, they never were."



Nibet Mendonca

*Nibi*

"Everyone digs their own grave."



Eugenia Mercado

"Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." Eliot



Dino Morabito

*Dawson*

"Good things come to those who are patient...however, patience is a virtue, not a gift."



Raymundo Muzquiz

*RayRay*

"He who makes a beast of himself gets rid of the pain of being a man"  
Dr. Johnson



Derek Nepomuceno



Concepcion Ojeda

*Connie*

"Those who want to change the world should start changing themselves first" Socrates

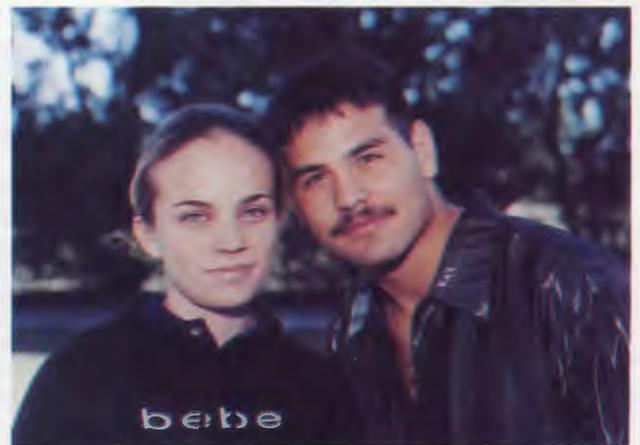
## Prettiest Eyes

Edna Rodriguez

Favorite Teachers: Mr. Verneti,  
Mrs. Kelleher, Mrs. Anthony  
Best Fast Food: Makko  
Dream Car: Hummer  
Future Plans: Go to college

Santiago Leon

Quote: "It's almost over."  
Greatest Accomplishment: Passing chemistry  
Favorite Food: Fried shrimp  
Career Aspirations: To be a history teacher or a psychiatrist





Gilda Onederra



Margaret Ortiz



Andrea Osuna

*Beba*  
"Failure is not in our stars it's in ourselves."



Stephen Perotti

*stephenator*  
"I ain't mad at cha"  
Tupac Shakur



Evelia Ramirez



David Ramm



Lara Reznik

*Tessi*  
"Nobody is satisfied with what they have until they are satisfied with what they are."



Jennifer Rigby

*Jen*  
"Life is what you make of it."

## Big Mac & Small Fry

Ray Muzquiz

Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Kelleher  
Favorite Book: Stir of Echoes  
Dream Car: Something I could fit in  
Career Aspirations: Law enforcement

Gema Santiago

Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Anthony  
Last Movie Seen: Cruel Intentions  
Star you'd like to date: Ricky Martin  
Dream Car: Mercedes Sport





Edna Rodriguez

"Be the change you want to see  
in the world"  
Gandi



Elizabeth Rodriguez



Alexandra Roehr

*First Lady*  
"The great things in life are  
accomplished by the little people."



Vanessa Sandoval

*"Happy"*  
The only way you'll learn is learning  
it the hard way.



Gema Santiago

"Nobody knows what they have,  
until they lose it forever."



Omar Segovia



Joseph Shankles

*Shanks*  
"Any dream worth dreaming is a  
dream worth fighting for."



Richard Shaw

## Class Clown

**Perla Jauregui**

Favorite teacher: Mrs. Angeles  
Last movie seen: Blair Witch  
Project  
Advice to Freshmen: Always ask  
questions never be afraid to do  
so  
Career Aspirations: To be a cop

**Juan Gutierrez**

Dream Car: Lexus  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. McGregor  
Strongest Asset: Good listener  
Biggest Contribution to MCHS:  
Good friend to all





Rixel Shaw  
*Chela*  
 Hit the ball!



Myalin Talampas  
*Shortie, Maya*  
 "Superstar...Credit Card..."



Nicholas Taylor  
*Nick*  
 "There's no fun in having nothing to do; the fun is in having something to do and not doing it."



Corina Tellez



Veronica Twist  
*Vero*  
 "There's a time for all things."  
 Shakespeare



Aurora Verduzco Gonzalez  
*Smurf*



Veronica Villalobos  
*Vero*



Jonathan Vital  
*Mack Daddy*  
 Think before you talk



Yulissa Zulaica

## Senior Class Profile

Even as a little frosh, this class was a delight. Many, of course not all, were angels. But even the ones that acted a bit devilish did so with charm rather than malice. A few comments from the faculty:

"Some of them could have been better students, but no class could have been more loving and enthusiastic." Ms. K

"They were intelligent, committed, responsible and fun to be with." Mrs. Gabbard

"They were a piece of cake...each and every one were tigers." Mr. Milke

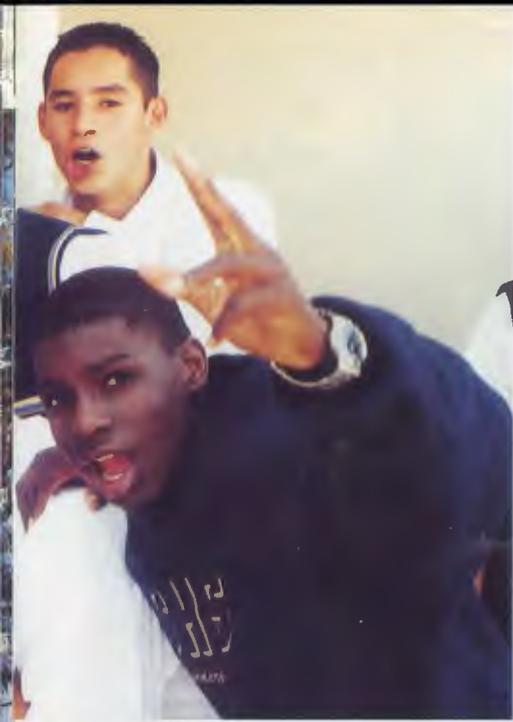
"Our prayers and congratulations to you Class of 2000!" MCHS faculty and Staff

# LIFETIME MEMORIES

by *Miriam Aguilar*

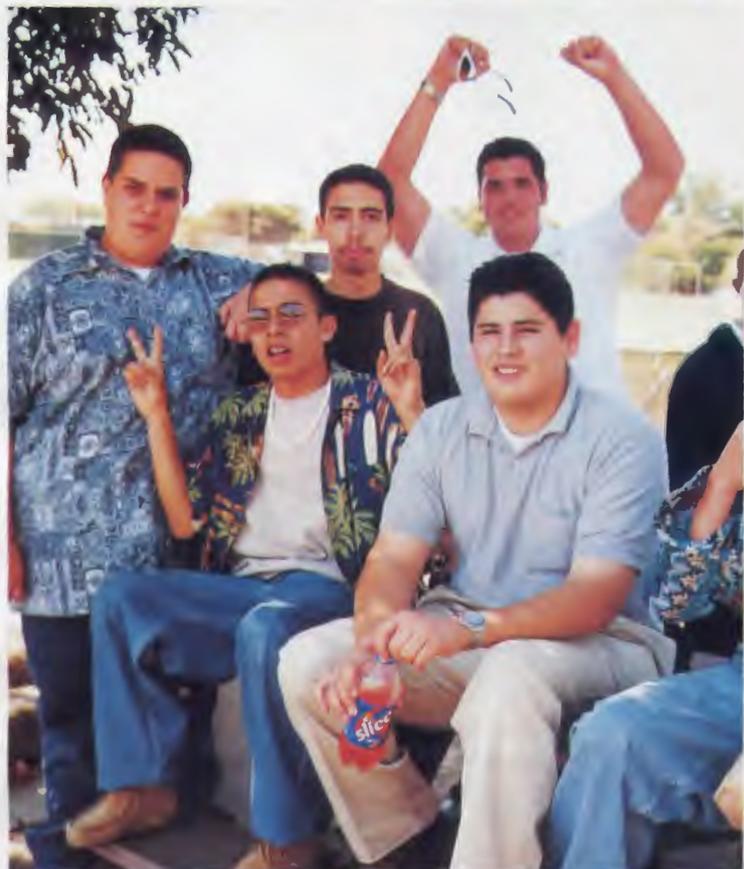
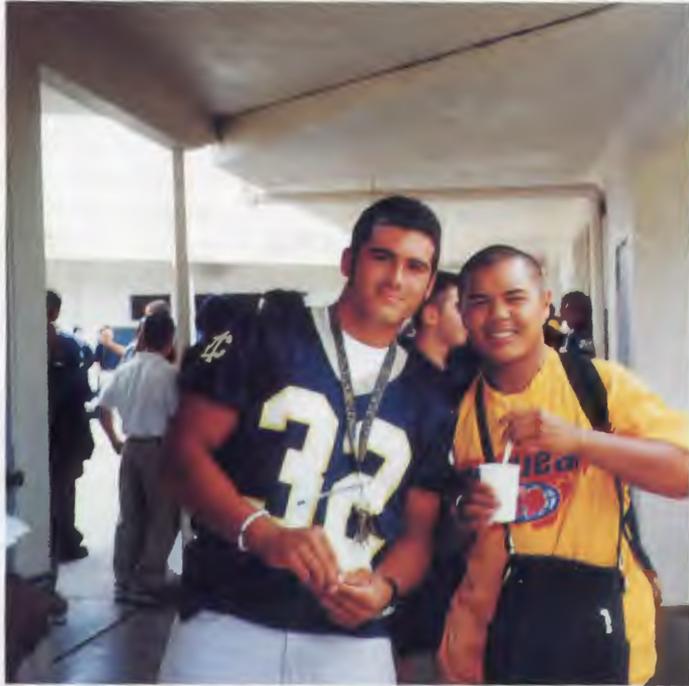
As we look back and remember Marian we can't help but smile. What is now our day to day life will soon be a memory, but a memory that will never be forgotten. Marian has shaped us into the people we have become. If we could describe our class in one word it would be unity. Throughout our years at Marian we have gone from not knowing each other to depending on and supporting each other. Some of us have played together in sports for years like Mario Ballesteros, Rocky Garcia, Vicente Contreras in football. And some of us have known each other since grade school: Ryan Barajas and David Ramm, Miriam Aguilar and Yuli Zulaica. After graduation some of us will remain close, however most of us may not see each other again for a long time. The important thing now is that we never forget the wonderful memories we have created at Marian.





# SENIOR LAUGHS

*We had the  
time of our lives*





Yuleni Barce



Lupe Barraza



Alex Ceceña



Tony Elizondo



Alani Fouquette



Mitchell Galicia



Manuel Garcia



Ricky Garcia



Jermaine Guinyard



Irasela Herrera



Luis Maino



Christopher Sanchez



Freddy Sandoval



Israel Trulin



Salomon Wehber

## Camera Shy Senior Profile

Quiet, shy, don't like having their pictures taken. But we couldn't leave these friends out of our book. These are our classmates of 2000!

# SENIOR

## Here we are as little babies...



1. I haven't changed one bit



2. I wanna' be a cowboy baby!



3. Strawberry Shortcake



4. Livin' la vida loca



5. Watch for me in the Indy 500



6. Devil of a Kicker



7. He, he, he



8. I'm hiding something (behind my back)



9. I've always been one to run up the phone bill



10. Cheese



11. Wake me up when it's over



12. Yes, I am a princess



13. I can get dressed up all by myself



14. Just how cute can you get!



15. Angel eyes



16. This is my pensive look



17. I didn't do it



18. Look at my Curly Locks



19. Queen of Hearts



20. Move over, Beethoven

# BABIES

*...can you pick us now?*



21. Here I am,  
ruffled and ready



22. Kiss me, Baby



23. I know you're  
looking at me



24. I'm crawling to the  
pitcher's mound



25. Don't let the  
bed bugs bite!!



26. Mwa, ha,  
ha, ha, ha



27. Just checking



28. Future Smoothie



29. Raise the roof!



30. Sign me up for a  
date in 15 years



31. What a cutie  
patootie



32. Future funny gal



33. Opinionated baby



34. Errr



35. Showing off  
to the Ladies



36. Centerfold Baby!



37. Where's the gel? I  
need to spike my hair!



38. Dawson... it's all in  
the hair



39. Still an angel



40. Pretty Perfect

# SENIOR

## Here we are as little babies...



41. Forget the panda, now he's got Alex



42. That champagne last night was good



43. Can you knock first? I'm getting dressed



44. The meeting will now come to order



45. I'm so comfy on this soft blanket



46. Shhh, I'm trying to listen



47. My hair is plastered to my head



48. Hey, what's up guys?



49. I got a little carried away with the mousse



50. I'm not a rookie anymore!



51. I've been working on the railroad



52. Pardon me... Did you say something?



53. What's so funny?



54. I do look angelic, don't I?



55. I have a big-girl cup



56. I am determined to do this



57. Am I precious, or what!



58. I'm not listening!



59. I just pulled an all-nighter



60. We know what's holding up your halo!

# BABIES

...we've grown up and how!



61. I want my sandwich!



62. Someday these shoes will be too small



63. Cabbage Patch Doll



64. I've been wanting this!



65. I am sooo cute!



66. Is Santa really up there?



67. Huh?



68. I didn't want to wear THIS dress



69. I wuv my Teddy Bear



70. I still like to wear bows on my head



71. I see you!



72. Do I look funny to you?



73. I represent the lolipop kids



74. All smiles



75. I'm having a gooooooood hair day!



76. Just a little guy, but not for long!

- 1 David Ramm
- 2 Ande Carazolez
- 3 Janneth Casas
- 4 Rickie Garcia
- 5 Jesus Calleros
- 6 Dario A. Gumilga
- 7 Joseph Shankes
- 8 Israel Trullin
- 9 Janet Gomez
- 10 Conita Teller
- 11 Stephen Perotti
- 12 Mifham Aquilar
- 13 Lara Resnick
- 14 Connie Ojeda
- 15 Mario Ballesteros
- 16 Alex Cecena
- 17 Juan Gutierrez
- 18 Vero Twist
- 19 Maya Talampas
- 20 Manuel Garcia
- 21 Linda Martin
- 22 Jessica Bahena
- 23 Angie Bernal
- 24 Freddy Sandoval
- 25 Eugenia Mercado
- 26 Marcus Cortez
- 27 Nibet Mendonca
- 28 Jonathan Vial
- 29 Eliana Cueva
- 30 Genaro Diaz
- 31 Veronica Villalobos
- 32 Perla Jauregui
- 33 Noelle Martin
- 34 Yuchin Kang
- 35 Jermaine Guinyard
- 36 Edna Rodriguez
- 37 Marco Lomeli
- 38 Dino Morabito
- 39 David Alvarez
- 40 Natalie Gorken
- 41 David Blaz
- 42 Alex Roehr
- 43 Nick Taylor
- 44 Jennifer Rigobdy
- 45 Ryan Barajas
- 46 Joel Magana
- 47 Jose Estrada
- 48 Tam McElwain
- 49 Art Aragon
- 50 Rocky Gracio
- 51 Zack Huss
- 52 Luis Malino
- 53 Vicente Contreras
- 54 Vanessa Cabrera
- 55 Carolina Bergant
- 56 Gilda Onederra
- 57 Kyrstal Bryant
- 58 Andrea Osuna
- 59 Alex Cecena
- 60 Pedro Ibarra
- 61 Salomon Weber
- 62 Richard Shaw
- 63 Chris Sanchez
- 64 Genia Sandoz
- 65 Joseph Cruz
- 66 Vanessa Sandoval
- 67 Anna Melissaa Islas
- 69 Christine Le Duc
- 70 Jonathan Copuz
- 71 Margaret Ortiz
- 72 Valeria Cruz
- 73 Aurora Verdusco
- 74 Ritchel Shaw
- 75 Eddie Hernandez
- 76 Ray Musquiz



Dear Natalie,  
 Congratulations  
 on a job well done!  
 Best of luck in  
 your future  
 endeavors...  
 God Bless You.  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad

*Cher Natalie,*

*Ma petite soeur... Je suis très fier de tu.  
 Congratulations et meilleurs voeux toujours!  
 Je t'aime,  
 Amy*



Janette: Querida Hija, Queremos decirte que estamos muy orgullosos de ti, y que siempre te vamos a apoyar en lo que tú, y que siempre te vamos a apoyar en lo que tú quieres ser. Y que este sea el primer paso hacia un futuro brillante. Siempre estaremos contigo. Tus padres y hermana que te quieren mucho,

Javier, Gloria y -Alyna Gómez  
 "Buena Suerte y que Dios te Bendiga"  
 Hoy y Siempre

*Dear Richard and Rixchel,*

*This will probably be the last time I write you a reflection together. Soon your paths will part and you each will be following your dreams. This can be both exiting and frightening, but the support and love you've recieved within your family will give you strength to move on with confidence.*

*You each have wonderful dreams but these don't just happen, they are acheived. So go for it, make them happen. Life is a balance of hard work and pleasure. Learn to balance these. Treasure the relationships you've established as you've grown up and remember what I've always told you: you'll have no better friend then your family. Keep your focus and faith in God. With all this your life will be complete...and so will mine. You will always be in my prayers and be a part of my heart. My love is unconditional and my faith in you is everlasting. You were, are, and always will be the source of my pride and my happiness. Thank you.*

*"I said a prayer for you today and know God must have heard: I felt the answer in my heart although He spoke not a word.*

*I don't ask for wealth or fame  
 (I knew you wouldn't mind),*

*I asked for priceless treasures of a more lasting kind. I prayed that He'd be near to you at the start of each new day, and friends to share your way.*

*I asked for happiness for you in all things great and small, but that you'd know, His loving care I prayed for most of all."*

Love,  
 Mom



Jessica,  
 We are very proud of you; keep up the good work. We love you!  
 Sid & Cristina (Mom & Dad)



God, U graced me w/ special talents and amazing people. Thank you for watching over me and my family. I LOVE YOU... MOM & DAD: I truly am a reflection of the both of you. Thanks for all the support, guidance and love. You make me thankful for life. I love you both. Rolly: My only little big bro. You are my favorite sibling and my only sibling. Thanks for the support! I Lve You. Marie(Mars) My true homegrl. Bestfriends since 5th grade..rocks & caves... Freds howse..Gosh darn! Shut up! pull over(e.h.s homecoming) M&M637. thanx 4 da laughs, 143. Diana (di) Crazy Cool! Summer JR. year. Keep that on the D.L. You always make me laugh! 143. Jerry: Jerry...Maya...wutevers. Joel,josh,jason,christian,Alvin: U guys R like my bros!! Stay the same.Ronnie & Dale: Okae... thanx 4 listening 2 me. Alex&Mike:Thanks 4 da friendship. BAC 673!!! "MMAC" Michelle: dedios,. 143...Jorge...BACback in da day, Pinksmoke. I told U'd win "Maid MCHS" daning freaks! take care.. Pinay flava. Alex A.: U R a phat possum, eating w/ fohks,MUSLIMS,143 grl!. CONNIE: my grl., gettin lost, how many boys? drama, cheercamp98&99...Asian persuasion, 143, thanx 4 da laughs! Mychelle, Cherly, & Leslie: You taught me all I know about MCHS...thanx 4 da advice! Fred, Mike,Jeff, Robert: we lost touch but I will always remember U. David B. 14 yrs & more. ur friendship means da world 2 me! thanx 4 evrythng. Alex: Lasereyes, U laugh like ELMO! thanx 4 being there. Eli: Aliens...Where? wake up David! good luck in evrythng! KuyaJon: U don't know ur own #? Can I birp in ur ear? Thanx big bro! Hi Christie! Hi Milton: da roses were beautiful!! Thanx 4 the love & respect!! BF637. Bryan: May 14, 2006... don't forget 2 call! Nvr forget Pat&Nina! Ronnel: I lost da bet! Thanx 4 da friendship. Ryan: 10 grade memries. Thanx! Shawn: 50% is mine... thanx for kikin' it w/ me whenever I needed U! 143. Rocky: wutever makes U happy rite? Joey: 5th grade Ha3 good luck! Richard S.: English class, tat?! Wut does RS stand 4? Frosh&Sr retreat...so weird... Friends637!143. Natalie: stay sweet. Vero V: ur hot baby... R U okae? Gosh Darn! 143. Shanks, Mitchel, Vale, Marco, Vannie, & Linda: SCS pals '96... thanx 4 da memries. Felipe: 11/26, no... u walkhome... wanna race? Fountains, 4/7, so many other memries... U make me feel so real, u'll always have a place in my heart! 143.2 da class of 2000!! I love you all... there is not enough space 4 everyone, just know I'm here 4 u always... take care and good luck!! Love Always, Myalin dela cuesta Talampas "Maya"



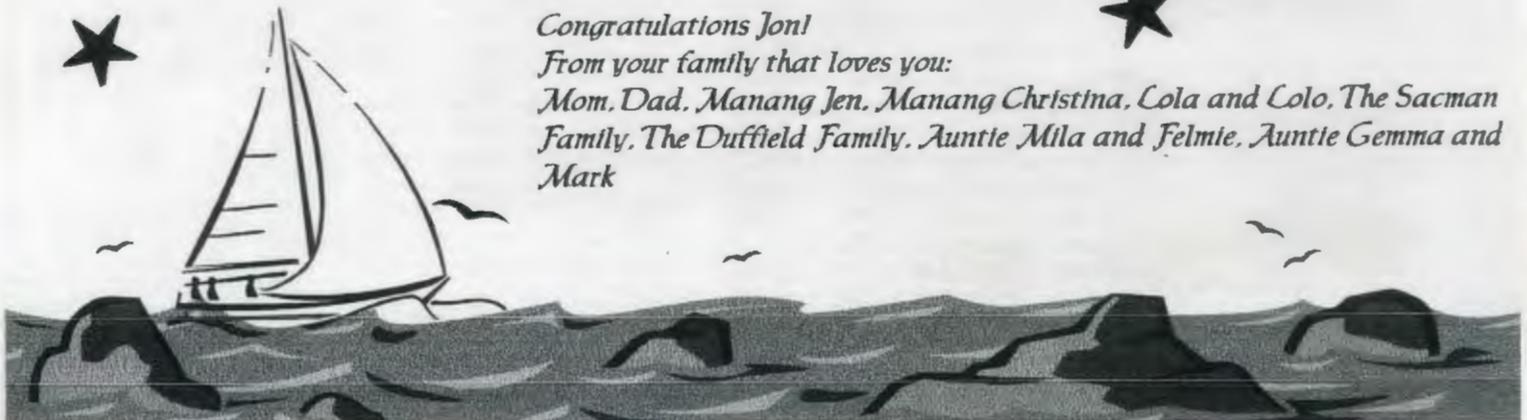
Follow your star. Be proud.  
 Have faith in what you believe.  
 Trust that God will be with you  
 And your goals will be achieved.

# Jonathan Corpuz

*Congratulations Jon!*

*From your family that loves you:*

*Mom, Dad, Manang Jen, Manang Christina, Cola and Colo, The Sacman Family, The Duffield Family, Auntie Mila and Felmie, Auntie Gemma and Mark*



Ok all...it's time for my dedications. First of all I must give honor and thanks to God who has given me so many opportunities. I pray that I may reflect your love to all in my life. Next I would like to give thanks and love to my incredible family...I honestly cherish each and every one of you...you have supported me so much over the years, through the good and the bad times...thank to all of you, you have given me your best and fostered all the positive things within me... Mom thank you for guiding me and raising me the way you have, as a Christian and as a stern but loving figure, I Love you...Dad thank you for all your support and for all the knowledge you have passed on to me over the years, you were always there to give advice or to give a ride...you have been so important in my life...Manang Christina, thank you for being a friend to me and for always helping me out especially when I needed a ride...there have been so many memories between us I could not possibly record them all here, you've been a great sister to me...Manang Jennifer, the first thing that comes to mind here is you helped me not to be so much of a dork Ha! But seriously you've loved me so much and filled exactly what an older sister should be... I am so happy to have in my life as my sister...you're awesome...to my Aunties and Uncles I have always felt loved by each and every one of you...you've always welcomed me into your homes...thank you...to my grandparents, I love each of you... thank you for your love. I would like to say to all of you thank you so much for having the patience to put up with me, I love you all...now to the rest of you freaks... uh I mean friends...First of all thank you Christie for being so many things in my life...a faith partner, my best friend, my girlfriend, my princess, my angel and so much more... you make life wonderful and exciting...you've opened my eyes to the beauty in God's creation...remember Sadie Hawkins? Valentines? Prom? Drama? The poetry? Our first summer together? The baseball game? The fair? Christmas? As the quote says I love you not only for what you've made of yourself but what you've brought out in me...I need you in my life...SHMILY! INSANITISM!! XOXOXO...David, Big Mac, Mr. Pres., uh, Alex's b-friend, you were one of the first friends I made at MCHS and over these four years we've had a lot of memories...remember the "senior float"?...it's been wild, man...Alex, you've been such a cool friend to have and I am glad that I got to know you and talk to you especially when I needed a kick in the butt from time to time...Nick, GO LORDS GO!!! You've always been the only one who I could talk with about the really funny or cool movies and things in life, you always offered a frank viewpoint on life, thank for all the laughs and friendship...Noel, stop hitting on me!!! Really you think by now you'd realize I already have a girlfriend but I guess not/it's been great knowing you/Natalie/Moscow ain't that a \$#@\$! Ha you've been a great buddy/ I have always been able to talk to you and know that someone who cares is listening to me...that has meant more to me than you realize...thanx/Ronnel, pinoy pride 4 ever, man we made it!! Valed. & Salut. Ain't it cool? We've had so many memories you really have been a friend to me all these years/I couldn't possibly fit everything here but you know we're cool/hope we remain friends well into the future/Bryan Azusa, hey you crazy bastard, you were the first friend I made at Marian/remember freshman retreat? Japanese class? Mt. Palomar? Stupendous man? Ha! It's been crazy but I don't think high school would've been that cool if we weren't friends...Eliana/Princess Layup/.what's up man? We survived high school without driving each other insane or at least any more so/ you have been a great friend to have, you are such an important buddy to me/ really hope we can stay friends especially when we get back to the home planet/Yumi/three years of "Japanese class" although I'm sure it didn't seem like one some days/Otenki desu ka? HAHAHA (translation : HAHAHA) It was so cool having you as a friend especially considering you were only what 12, 13 years old? J Dino, I will assassinate you!!!! Oh wait never mind... it's been cool man/yeah/Maya I still remember you burping in my ear freshman year/how could I ever forget you/ Kuya Jon loves ya! /Wendy/I know it's been tough and I'm sorry for any pain I've caused you/hope you have great life and that God blesses you in all you do/Annemarie its been cool knowing you and sharing Simpsons with you/ I know we've only been friends a short time but it's always been comforting to see your smile around campus/ Amy...yes Amy/thank you for being such a great friend HONK!!! Now to the quadrality, tetrahedron, whatever/. Marcus it has been an interesting experience...you are truly unique and fun to be with, when you're not being a donkey's rearend/ WHOMP hahaha WHOMP!!! Jen/you are honestly and truthfully one of my best friends/you've been there to support me and care for me...you've also been someone I can just be silly with/you'll always be a cherished part of my memories/ya SPS!!!! Thank you all so much for all your love, friendship, and support/may God bless each and every one of your lives and may your days be filled with happiness and joy/.you've all made my high school years great/ thanx/C/O 2000 rules!!!! -JAC





*When I stumbled, you helped me up. When it was dark, you provided light. When I needed you the most, you never abandoned me. Thank you God for the countless blessings you've showered upon me. None of this would have been possible without you. Much*

*love, thanks, and props goes out to: Mom&Dad- thank you for your never-ending love and support. I appreciate all of the sacrifices you've made for me and I hope that I've made you proud. Thank you very very much. Oh, and thanks for the motivation. I love my new car!!! It wasn't just that though, I did it especially for you guys. I love you always and you know you have a place in my heart forever. Grandma- though we may think different at times, know that I love you and that I realize the dozens upon dozens of sacrifices you've made for me. Marameng salamat po. Family&Relatives- I know this may sound corny, but your compliments and "puri" was my inspiration. Salamat sa inyong lahat. Jelyn- (jey,734,jelatin,babe)so much to say in so little space. just know 143, always. \*muah\* now you owe me! salamat mahal :-) keep smilin <3,24 MCHSteachers- thank you for filling me up with knowledge and inspiring me to be the best. 2mahHomies- thanks for putting up with my dorkiness and stupidity daily. Always remember all of the good times, but never forget the bad times. I wish you all the best of luck! God bless. OGnihongoKREW- bryan, thanks for being the brother I never had. Still remember the cast in 2nd grade? hey, see you tomorrow, for reasons unknown!!! john, see ya at the lanes! congrats buddy! maya, wat happens when u get caught in the gears? keep strivin' princess! lee, i know yer out dere somewhere pare ko. Pag luto mo na man ako! yuli&joel, its been great! yumi, oh the countless memories! married? but she's only 17!!!(6flags!) best wishes! naomi, you yumi-wannabe! j/k! :-p doomo arigato sensei niban. others, we never got to go to japan! :-) ChurchKREW- we've had so many unforgettable experiences! hey, we're gettin old. see you guys. Confirmation99- gosh, wasn't that retreat the bomb!? thanks y'all 4 D special times. C/O2000- good luck in all of your endeavors. we're the last grad class of the millenium, let's truly stand out. RMA, take care and God Bless! To all those I forgot to mention, consider yourself too cool for*

*words! Why is there only one set of footprints? Why weren't you there when I needed you the most? That, my child, was when I carried you.*



*I want to congratulate you for your success in achieving Valedictorian of MCHS for the class of 2000. I am so proud of you, my dear grandson. You make me so happy. Keep up the good work! I'm looking forward to your future. Always thank God for all of the blessings you receive. I love you always.*

*Grandma Lee*



*How I thank the Lord so much for giving you to us as our son. Since you were a little boy, I have seen you grow up with so many goals, and now all of your hard work towards attaining them has finally paid off. I am very proud of you. Continue setting goals and working hard. In the end, you will find the success you've always been longing for. Never forget that God loves you so much, as much as we love you.*

*Love always,  
Mom*

*Congratulations on all your success in your high school career. Remember that you and your fellow classmates are the future of the new millenium: "the year of the Lord Jesus Christ." You just don't know how proud I am and how much joy you've brought to our family because of your achievements. Remember that we continue to love and support you, and that we will be there for you no matter what. I recall a time when we lived in a Chula Vista apartments. On our way back from the park, I hid from you to see what you would do. Calmly, you found your way back to home. I knew then like I've always known that you are a smart kid. Like father like son, right? Keep it up and may your life be full of wonders and success.*

*Love,  
Dad*



# Marian Messages

They're here, they're forever...

Vivian V. I love you, your secret admirer

..... Karla: I'm going to miss you, K.I.T....

V. I love you! A.

asb members 1999-2000 more power to all of you love  
you all. mrs. angeles

Patty, be good. I love you. Vivian

**Christopher Sanchez, I will never forget the good moments I had and will have with you. I love you Baby. Monica Ordaz**

**ESME, TAKE CARE. LOVE YOU ALWAYS, CHIKAMOKI**

Karla, I can't believe u're not coming bck nxt yr. I'm gna miss u sooo much. U know u're like my sis and I'll nvr 4get the times we've spent 2ge+her in the past 3 yrs. Thanx 4 always b-ing there. IYU my psychic *Sereena*.  
\*Patty\*

Patty Anne: Thanks for ALWAYS being there, especially for hearing my stories & I hope it works out with your "Angel Baby.".....

Verneti & AP History: Boo-ya Grandma! Oh Shote! Thanx for

**Eddie Johnson, Thanks for your care, concern, help but most: for your friendship. Sincerely #21**

the memories. Sarah, Michelle, Leila, Erin & Angela

COACH RANDALL - THANKS FOR THE GREAT SEASON! #7 & #8

**TO my family: Thanks for BEING always there for me. I love you all. #21**

Miriam, te amo. Anonymous.

Congratulations, Angela & Rachel, for doing a great job at school! Love, Mom and Family.

*You were born with wings. Why prefer to crawl through life? ...Lourdes*

To Brian stop Smileyng. 4 Big-6 Its Inevitable that your my sweet adobo sink no Kuga down like you straight out represetin Team Breakdown. 2 Holly down wit da flipmode i cherish the friendship we have if you ever need a friend i got your back...Kara

...Vivian: Thanks for everything, I'll never forget CHIKAMOKI. Good luck with your chango (bubba).....

Felipe 143637. MMAC! Represent c/o 2000 Thanks for the memories. Love, Maya

Erwin, Brian, and Nicole its been fun working with you. Vivian

MK#25, Thanks for always being there when I needed you. Love, FS#21

My sweet,sweet freshmen - Thanks for a groovy, enlightening year. I will miss you all next year! - Mrs. Thomas

*Karla.I'll miss you too.Vivian*

*David, Thanks for loving me unconditionally. You mean everything to me! I love you... Alex*

**Brian, You are the sunshine in our lives, luv Yearbook**

To famiy and friends, thanks for the love and support to Christie: SHMLY, you've made life wounjderful God bless you all! - Jon

*Duality, Trinity, Inaudiam-I love you all!!! Thanks to my family for your support!!!!Sheddy!-Christie*

.....Jess: You know that I will always here for you no matter what, we've been thru too much. I love you guys!!!!~Esme Campos~

**ENRIQUE, I HOPE THAT IN HEAVEN THE ANGELS ARE JUST LIKE YOU. LEILA**

*Hito Wito, These last 3 years were magic - What will I do the next one without you! Hita Wita*

Hito, "I Lubba Lubba, Babé, I Lubba Lubba, Babé Babé." Wita

*Kris, we've been together through good and bad. I just want to tell you I love you very much.♥, Erin*

**WENDY, CARMi, MARICELLA, JANINE, MARGARET & LIZZU, LOVE U GUYS. LISA & ANNEMARIE**

Oh "Friends!" Im gna miss u 2. Beba, mi prima, te quiero, Miriam, la Princesa, luv u 2. Nvr 4get me. ...Patty Mady...

*\*S.C.L.\* We've had some bad times and some really good times together, even though we were never really together, but I just want to say that 143 and I'll never forget what we had, especially the raisinettes... Love You Always, \*S.A.\**

**JUST WANTED TO SAY WHAT'S UP TO ALL MY BOYS AND THAT I'M HERE FOR YOU. MIGUEL MOLINA**

Flag Girls thanx. "Flag Flag Flags" Boo-Ya to all my chicas. I love you all-Nicole

**Coach Johnson, Thank you for these four years at Marian. Abel Amolitos**

To Meg the sweet shoopao. thax 4 always being there.2 Leah "How ya Doin!" ill never forget all that you've done for meeh to Rhysa the corrupt of corrupters i luv you u complete me. Mahal Kita...Kara.

**MMAC...637.3B4LIFE! WHERE MY GURLS AT?! ELI...143. MARRY ME?!)...CONNIE C/O 2002**

**CONNIE...143...WILL YOU MARRY ME? ...ELI C/O 2002**

APIC Members 1999-2000 I really enjoy working with you! you are dynamic,great,cooperative and Loving Love you all - Mrs. Angeles

4 the asian girl! you are the one so beautiful for the sweet sarsi the jufran of all friends I just wanted to thank God that i got to know you this year since you just a great friend who ill never forget. 2 da Itchy Itcha keep your stories rollin and why don't you stand up. for the Krazy of K's you know you like a mom so buy us some food. and to that thing they call love its not nothing till you take it to a next level Team BreakDown. for breakin down all barriers.



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 continue your education and your journey  
 through life.

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*With all my love I would like to thank my parents for always being there for me. I'm very lucky to have you both. You have taught me to never give up and thanks to you I'm where I am now. I love you both! Linda: (Mi Nalga) Who ever thought we would become best friends! We have had great times and laughs together, thanks for being a great friend. Luv Ya!! Andrea: What would I have done without you; thank you for all those times you have been there for me. No one gives better advice than you. Tati: You always knew how to put a smile on my face, thanks for being a good friend. Jonathan: I'll never forget you, your one of a kind. To all my friends at M.C.H.S, I will always remember you, remember our promise to K.I.T!! Thank you for the memories. Love You All! Giovanni: Mi nino chiquiado, T.Q.M. y espero que nunca vaya terminar lo que tenemos entre nosotros.*

P.S. Suerte A Todos C/O oo'

Love Always  
 Your Friend,  
 Evelia





**HEY, YOUR BACK KILLING YOU? WELL, YOUR FACE IS KILLING ME.**

Best of luck to the Class of 2000. Set your goal and Go For It! Don't mess around, just do it. To Joseph, remember not Joey. Well, the time has come, you will be moving on and making a name for yourself. I just know it. You have always been a go-getter. It's amazing how far you have come. I remember when you were born. In fact, you were late coming. All those long drives your mom and I took to the hospital. Let me tell you it was all worth it. To watch you grow was a great experience. You can't imagine how proud we are of you and your brothers. Man, we enjoyed all those years. Watching you play sports; I still watch some of the videos of you. You've given us a lot of excitement in our lives. What's incredible is how you faced your challenges. When things didn't go your way, you worked until they did. As far as school, what's up with that? I can't believe how you were able to keep up your grades, and play sports all these years. Not many people can go through school playing sports all the seasons, and maintain a high GPA throughout. You have made us very proud. You have always been a hard worker. Pushy at times, but very confident. Joseph, I hope things went well for you. All I can say is that your mom and I love you very, very much. Like I told your brothers, it's not easy being a parent. Learning something new every day. We look back and remember how cute you guys were, only to wish that it were always like that. Life isn't that way at all. You learn as you go. There's always a struggle, we're just trying to make it easier so that there isn't much of a struggle for you. Joseph, if you're ever feeling down, think back to all the fun things you did growing up. Remember camping, cross-country trips, and even to Guam. Like always we'll be there when you need us. Good luck Joseph. LOTS OF LOVE, MOM, DAD, DOMONIC AND MATHEW.



