

MATER DEI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2008

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*A New Perspective*

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# A New Perspective





# *a New* Perspective

You drive into Mater Dei and think, “Wow, I’m not at Marian anymore.” It makes you sad to look back, *remembering* the old library, King Arthur’s court, and every secret spot attached to small memories you will remember forever. But now things have changed, and you may find it hard to start over. Sometimes we get so used to one way of thinking that we close our minds to anything else. But remember: things *change*. How we look at it is up to us.

In our case, things have changed for the *better*. Six lunch lines instead of two; too much space instead of not enough; a roof to eat under during lunch. What more could you ask for? How about lots more classes: choral music, art history, ceramics? How about a football stadium that fits thousands and looks like a college field? How about no more portables!

Being at Mater Dei offers new opportunities just waiting to be seized. We have the chance to define ourselves not by wiping the slate clean, but by taking all of the memories and experiences and holding them close and moving on to bigger and better things. Don’t think of it as an end. Think of it as a *journey*. It is not the end of Marian. It’s the growth of something new.

Marian is where we came from, and no one will ever take that away from us. But just like going off to high school, or joining ASB, or going to homecoming, or moving on to college, this is our chance to define who we are in another way. Just look at it from a new *perspective*.

by Chelsea Anne Largoza

*Chelsea Anne Largoza*

# What's in a Name

Does the name make the person or the person make the name? Is there a story behind the name? Has becoming Mater Dei changed us? Don't worry, Crusaders, we're still the same Marian, but like a new bride who exchanges her name with her husband's, we have to get used to calling ourselves something new. Mater Dei isn't the only name that creates a challenge.

One freshman recounts the problems of proper names. Her name: Abril Gutierrez Cassesuz de Hernandez. She says, "If you can't handle all that, just call me Abril, with a trill. If that's too hard, just April will do." Abril, what does your mother call you when she's mad at you?

Some people's names offer an

overview of their whole family tree. One is Carlos Ramon Yong Zhang. Now, Carlos Ramon is common enough around here, but that second part will have you asking, "Can you repeat that?" People tell him it's hard to remember, but he begs to differ. "I like my name. It's easy for me! And it reflects my Mexican and Chinese heritage."

Juliet asks, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet." Marian and Mater Dei both mean "Mary, Mother of God." We are still her school; it will just take a little time to adjust. Just remember that a name identifies a person, but its uniqueness tells a story, and ours is just beginning.

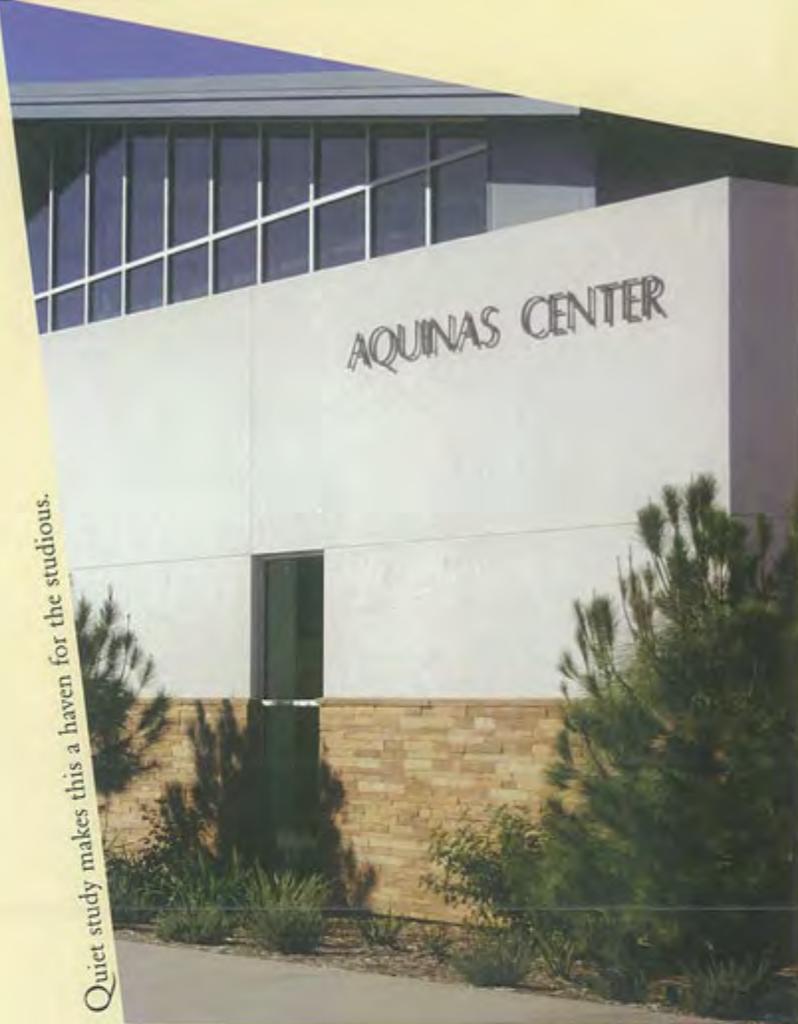
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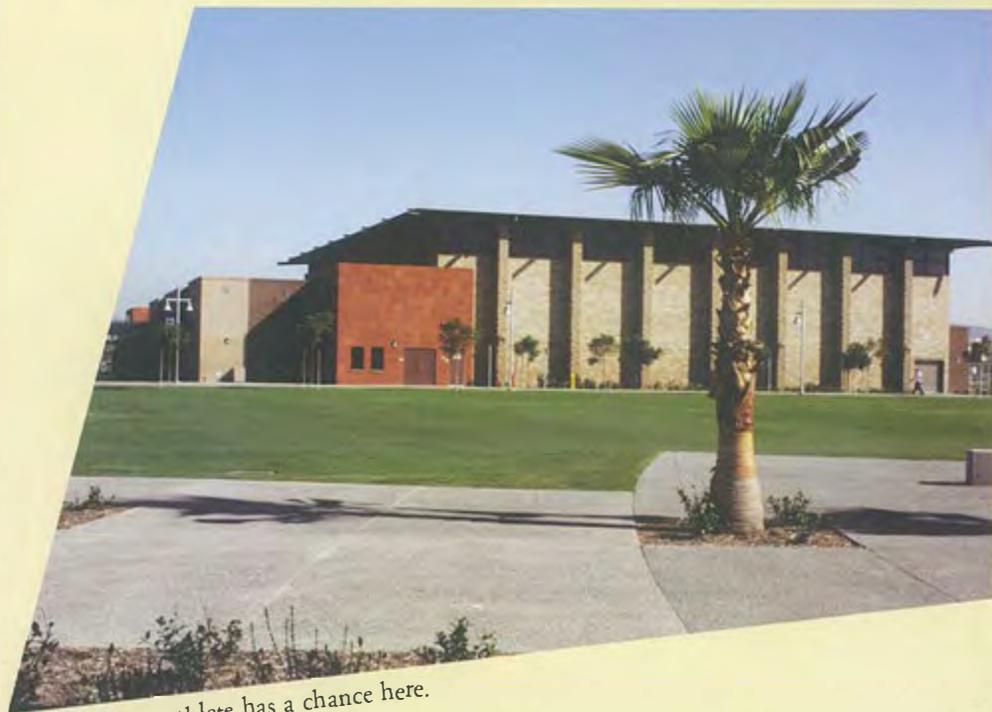


Everyone got lost at least once during their first week at Mater Dei Catholic. First, the classrooms' names could get easily mixed up, such as Loyola and La Salle, or Seton and Sienna. Most likely, while standing in confusion, you asked yourself, "What do these names mean anyway?" For example, the lecture hall is named after Chrysostom, who was called "the Golden Tongue" for his speaking abilities. Also, the Bosco Gym commemorates St. John Bosco, patron for the youth. All the buildings at Mater Dei are named after saints. There are some pretty weird facts about them that may make even you feel smart next time you confuse your classes.

St. Catherine of Sienna tended to the sick and starving most of the time. The only thing she consumed was the Eucharist but she was perfectly happy on an empty stomach. Saints even went bankrupt, St. Elizabeth Anne Seton, who was an educator. When her filthy rich husband died, she was happy for his separation from worldly things. While sitting in your religion class in Loyola, trying to stand on your feet firm with faith, remember that even St. Ignatius of Loyola had trouble because his legs were broken by a canon ball. St. John Baptist of La Salle was a teacher who housed orphans and was also exiled by Empress Eudoxia. So next time when you are in La Salle listening to your science teacher drone on about extracellular digestion, be glad that your teacher was not banished from their homeland.



Quiet study makes this a haven for the studious.

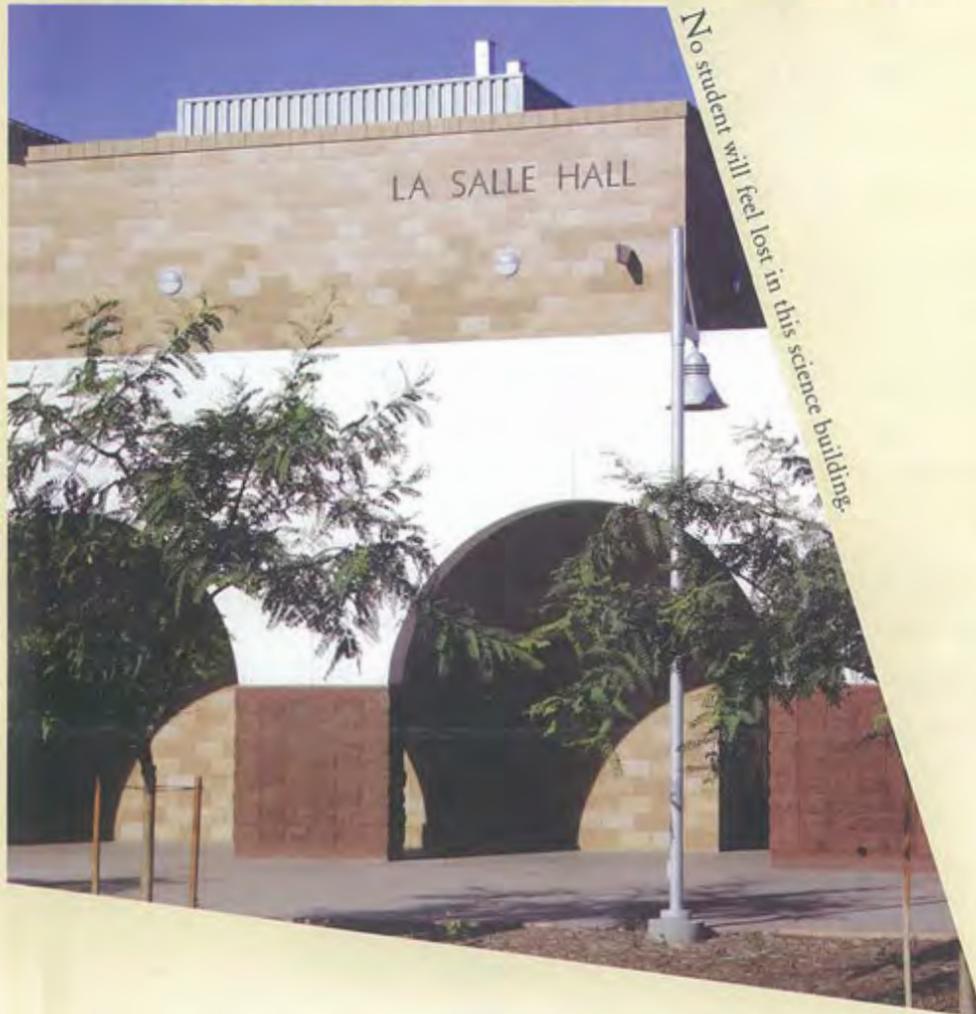


Every young athlete has a chance here.

# A Closer Look



*Speakers can captivate their audiences here.*



*No student will feel lost in this science building.*

There are other places around campus such as the Lima Center, the theater, named after St. Rose of Lima. She is the patron saint for people ridiculed for their piety because she went over and beyond to show dedication to

God. St. Rose opened herself up despite what people would say, which is similar to how actors in a theater expose themselves to an audience. The

Aquinas center is in remembrance of the famous Thomas Aquinas. He is smart, and intellectual and proclaimed as a great theologian; but

according to some, he is referred to as a “dumb ox.” This nickname did not help his reputation especially since he was not very attractive. Everyone

loves food which explains the usual mob at the Kateri Cafeteria. St. Kateri used to put ashes in her food as a

form of penance. Luckily our chef does not put ashes in our food! At the Guadalupe Center you can learn Spanish, French, or Portuguese like

Mary appears universally, speaking the local language. Ever had your book lost and had to get another from the

Juan Diego Center? Did you know his birth name was Guauhtlatotzin? Try saying that five times fast! At the end of the year, your chances of finding

your class will be better than they were at the beginning. Although you may not be as holy as some of the names on the classrooms, you may feel a little smarter.

by Alicia Lopez

# New *Blue* Hangouts

What's your favorite hangout spot at Mater Dei?

Look around campus and see all the "groupies." It didn't take long for Crusaders to adjust to the new school and find their favorite spot to kick back a little between classes.

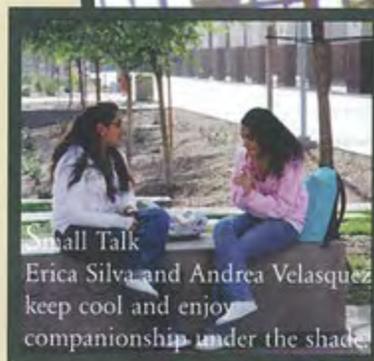
The most popular spot is Kateri Café. That's no surprise because, everyone knows, food is a teen magnet. The sailing covers over the patio tables are cool too and give a little ambience to daily doses of chat and conversation.

Another really fun place to chill is Mr. U's room. It's not décor that attracts the crowd, it's Mr. U's awesome personality and presence. And if you need a little math help, he's always ready to oblige. Some people prefer quieter spots. One is behind Marian Chapel. A secluded stone bench sits by the 15 Stations of the Cross. Time there gives a respite from the usual school din.

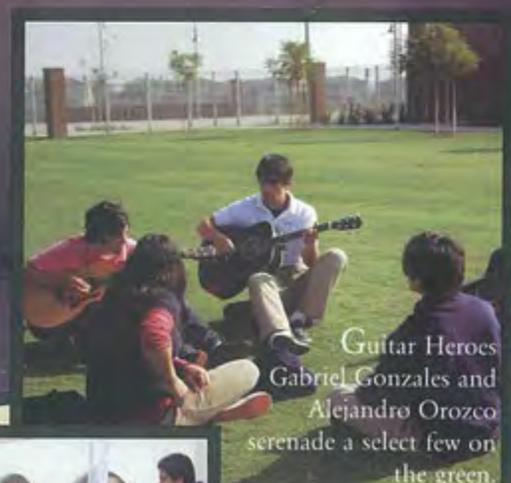
A place that hasn't been used much yet is the expanse of lawn between the gym and the theater. This area has been designated for seniors to enjoy. Besides being enormous, this green has a sublime setting with a Mt. San Miguel view on one side and the Otay Mountains on another. So far students have flown kites there and played touch football and soccer.

Wherever you hang out at our new school, it's nice. So while you're having a great time with friends, stop, look around, and smell the flowers.

by Illissa Fernandez



Small Talk  
Erica Silva and Andrea Velasquez  
keep cool and enjoy  
companionship under the shade.



Guitar Heroes  
Gabriel Gonzales and  
Alejandro Orozco  
serenade a select few on  
the green.



Cool Congregation  
The Stoop Kids stay cool  
at Kateri Center

Quiet Retreat  
Victoria Pena, Ivan Sanchez, Kenny Russell and Anne Querrmann spend some time together away from the crowds.



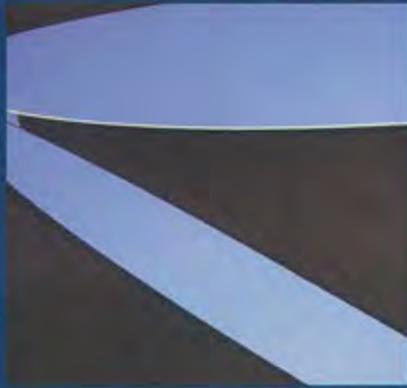
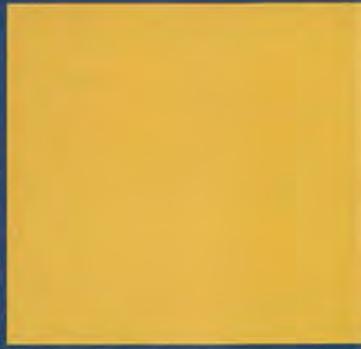
Secluded Spot  
Junior and senior friends stake their territory behind the chapel.



Socratic Circle  
Arturo Garcia shares lazy repartee with friends.



Milling Around at the Mall  
Students chat and snack together between classes.





# Mystery Shots

Look long  
at what you *really* want to see.  
It's not enough  
to *walk* by quickly.  
Stop.  
Get *down*.  
Take a closer look.  
Discover a new *perspective*.

by Marie Hernandez



Eastlake High Entrance



Otay Ranch Portal



Panorama of Otay Ranch High





Mater Dei in the Distance



Doorway to Olympian



Barnes & Noble, Otay Ranch Town Center

# From the *Outside* in

With the Otay mall down the street, it's easy to see why so many Mater Dei kids love our area. You can find them in CPK, or Barnes & Noble, or just hanging around the new stores. There's no doubt about it: we're lovin it.

But what about everyone else? What do they think about an unstoppable tide of blue and gold descending on their stores and clogging up their streets?

The restaurants and stores in the mall are definitely happy. California Pizza Kitchen, Wetzel's Pretzels, Melt - all are smiling to see hundreds of hungry teenagers patronize their businesses.

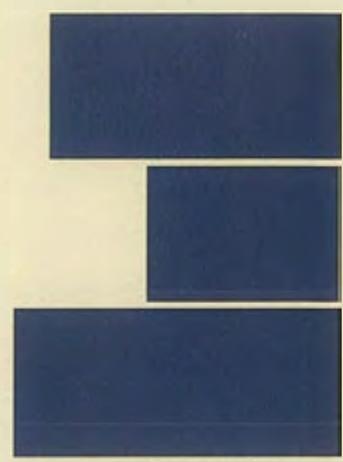
And how about the other schools? It's not as bad as you would have expected. The community has embraced us with open arms. "It's nice having another school in the area," says Shaila Mae Samaniego from Eastlake High School. "It's great knowing that it has new facilities for the students to use."

Many appreciate our faith and close-knit student body. "I'm

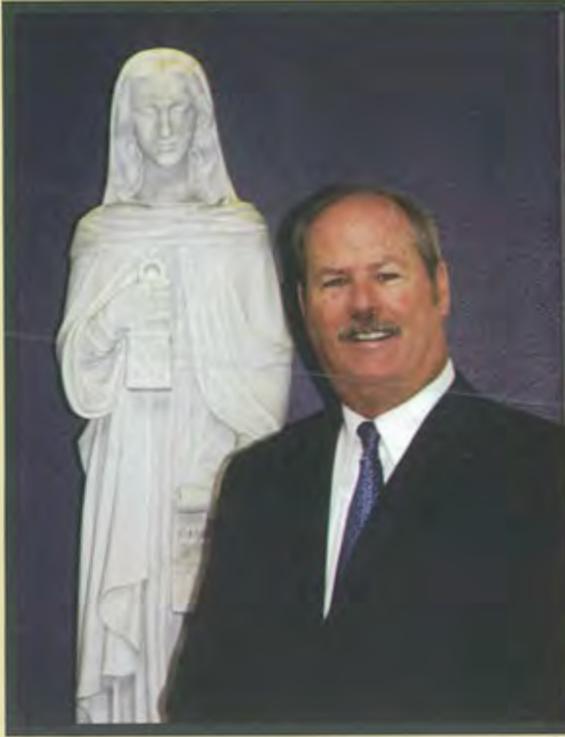
a believer of God and I think it's great that the students are able to go to mass and learn more about their faith," says Chris Bongato from Otay Ranch High School. Jason Medoza of Olympian High added, "Being a parishioner of Mater Dei Catholic Church, I think that the school is pretty amazing even though I have to wake up a little bit earlier to beat traffic."

So they like us, they really like us! But remember, although the neighborhood is great, it's a two way street. The community has taken us in. And seeing that we love it here, we should have no problem getting along with everyone.

by Janine Decayo



# New Views



“..it’s not  
about the  
buildings  
but the

people  
inside  
them.”



from *Old*  
Timers

People ...  
are  
careful  
how they  
treat

the new  
school.”

“We’re  
not a  
mom

&  
pop  
operation  
anymore!”

They’ve experienced the old and prosper with the new, so it was imperative we got these teachers’ perspectives and views.

Mrs. McGregor, a 26-year veteran, offers a few insights on Mater Dei. “It’s a little more impersonal, but I’ve noticed the students are more willing to work. That’s exciting.”

Mr. Milke agrees that the best is yet to come. “We’re really still in infant stages; it’s too early to get a feel for the environment but the future promises to be as good, if not better. We have to remember that it’s not about the buildings but the people inside them.”

Did they see a change in the students’ or staffs’ behavior? Mr. Smyth replied, “People take care of their surroundings and [are] careful how they treat the new school.” Mrs. McGregor saw more of an

academic change, stating, “The students are more willing to learn, but silly behavior is still around the campus.” However, Mr. Milke had a completely different view. “It’s exactly the same. No change at all. Everything has matriculated over to Mater Dei.”

What is their overall opinion of Mater Dei? Both Mrs. McGregor and Mr. Smyth said enthusiastically, “I love it!” However, Mr. Smyth didn’t like that school was so large that it was hard to keep in touch with other teachers he was used to seeing daily at Marian. Mrs. McGregor countered, “We’re not a mom and pop operation anymore!” Mr. Milke saw the 1st six weeks as “a true joy,” and added, “It’s awesome, but with any new venture there are bumps in the road.”

These perspectives from our Marian old timers give reassurance that although there are bumps along the way, the Marian spirit will continue to prosper here at Mater Dei.

by Anitra McCain

# Traditions

## It's Not All *Mem*

Starting the day with a joke and hello from Bob and Leo. Praying to Mary as we pass by her statue before looking in at the library. Showing up to class in pj's during spirit week. Are these traditions long gone? NO! Many people thought that we would change when we got to the new school, but the spirit is still here - the same blue and gold, the same rallies, and the same friendly faces.

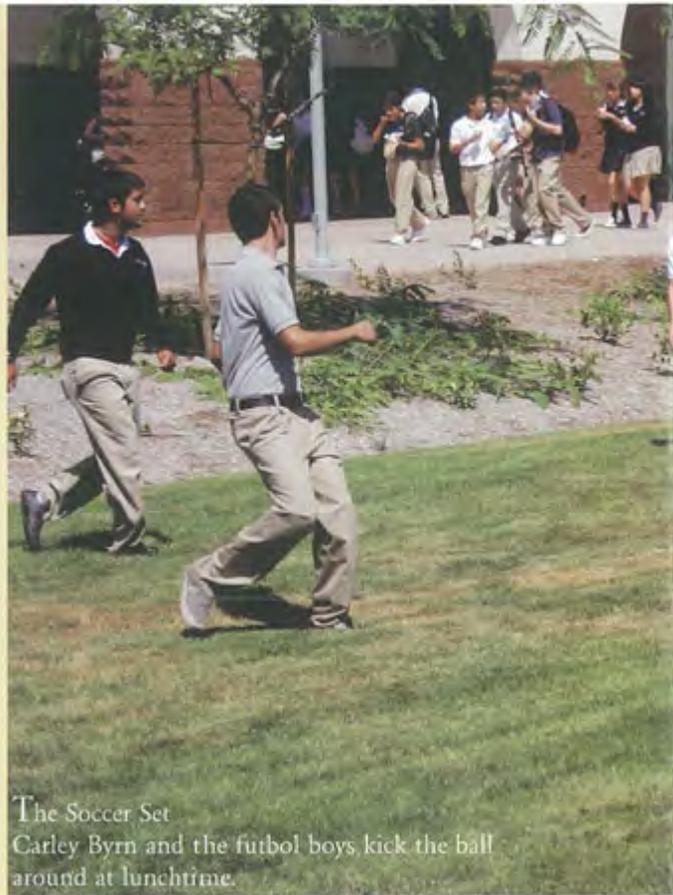
The little things still remind us of what it means to be a Crusader. As always, long lunch lines aren't boring when you can talk with your friends, but it goes much faster when you have six lines. Soccer at lunch has always been fun, but the huge lawn next to the gym definitely spreads out the game. We still have mass every week, but the new chapel makes it a much more intimate experience. "I loved going to mass every Wednesday. It helps me get close to God," says junior Jose Martin Rodriguez.

And let's not forget about the seniors. They still get free dress the first Monday of the month. "I enjoy wearing free dress. It helps me bond with my friends," says senior Edgar "Ratonsito" Razon. There is still a senior trip to Medieval Times and to the Museum of Tolerance. And we still have the best week of the year, "Spirit Week."

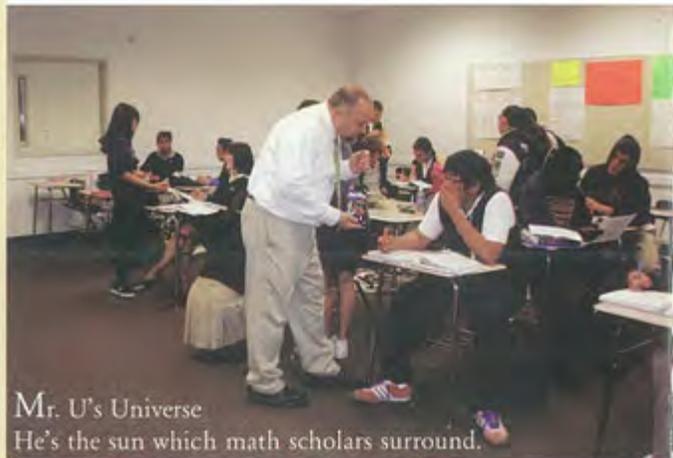
Lastly, we have not lost sight of our whole purpose as a Catholic school. Our cherished tradition of venerating the statue of Mary has faithfully carried over from Marian. Yet we also expanded it this year by surrounding ourselves with Mary's names in the new lawn. The concrete steps leading down into the small lawn has all the titles of Mary for everyone to see and remember our school identity, Mater Dei.

Some things have never changed. "Mater Dei is awesome," says sophomore Andres Orozco. "The entertainment in detention was nothing less than spectacular." These traditions give Marian students their spirit and love for the school. We may miss the old school, but now we have the opportunity to create new memories and traditions.

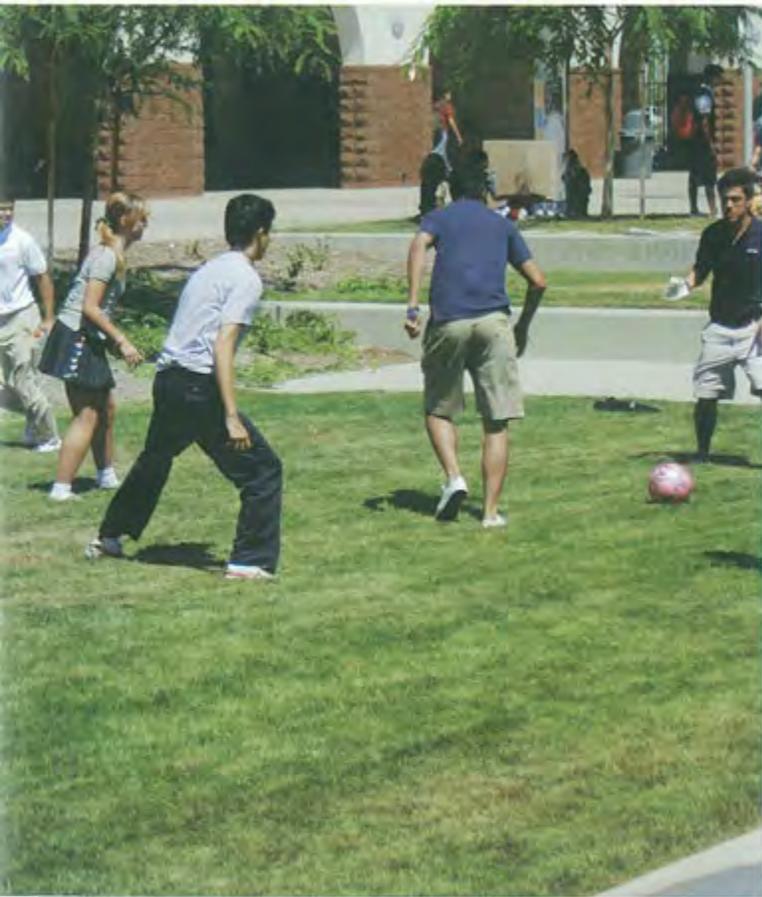
by Jose Tinoco



The Soccer Set  
Carley Byrn and the futbol boys kick the ball around at lunchtime.



Mr. U's Universe  
He's the sun which math scholars surround.



Meeting at the Net  
Lady Crusaders take time out for a talk.

# One Memory at a Time

High school - all the movies, comedies, and musicals can never quite capture it all. Student life is all about extracurriculars: after school, out with friends, on the dance floor, living it up and taking it all in one memory at a time.

ASB spends hours after school to make sure that we have plenty of chances to have fun. During Spirit Week you can show off your pajamas, listen to the music at lunch, and scream your lungs out during rallies. Besides activities, we have our faith. Campus ministry and music ministry make Mass in the gym feel just as intimate as before.

And who can forget Homecoming? Whether you suited up for the game or the dance, you definitely won't forget the fireworks and a night out with your friends.

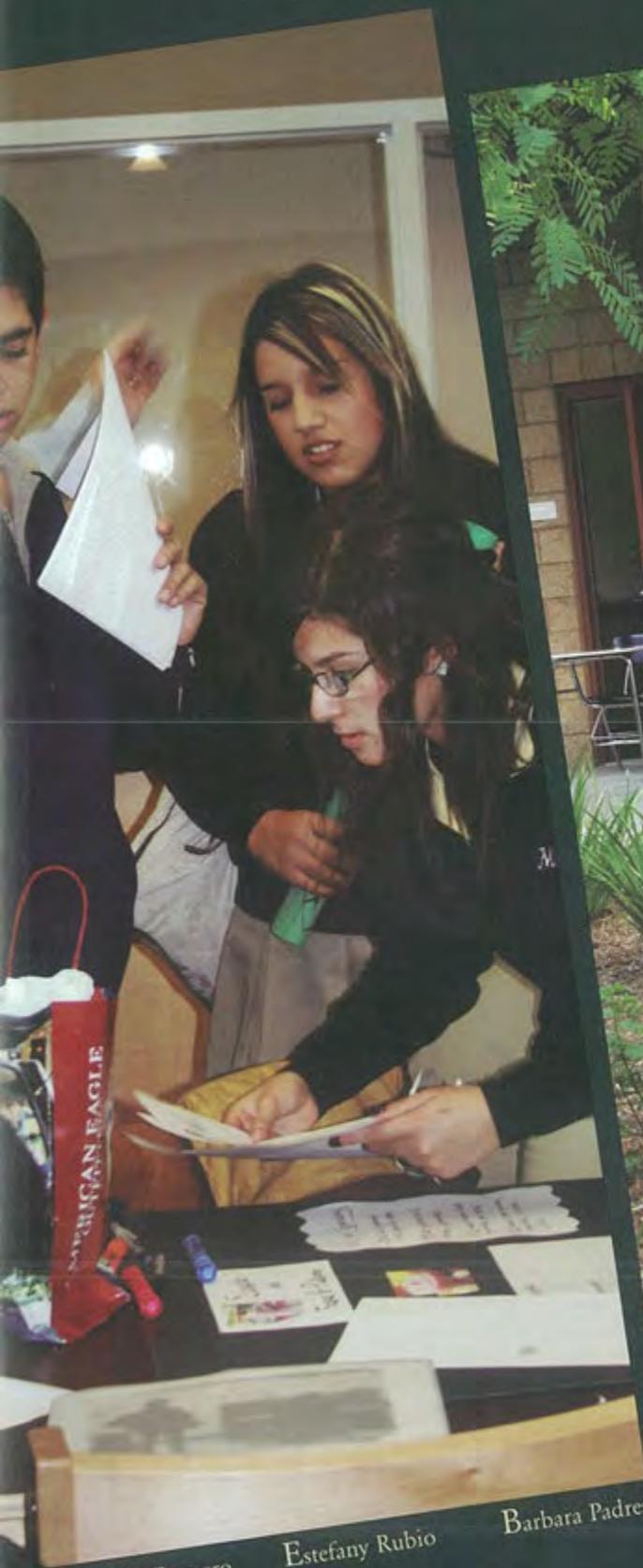
A student is more than just a learner - you have to remember that there are hundreds of other students going through the same sleepless nights, horrifying pop quizzes and excruciating afternoon lectures. But when it's all said and done, student life depends on other students. The ones who stick by you are the ones who make the moment. You can never quite realize just how hilarious, passionate, obnoxious and kind they are until you look back and recognize that you have grown up together for the past four years. You may hate them at times, but despite it all, you can't stop loving your friends.

by Bernard Julve



Denisse Martinez

Jose Tinoco



Miguel Arechiga-Romero

Estefany Rubio

Barbara Padres



Arturo Adame



Martin Gorence



Matthew Atchley

# It's a Relative Thing



Saad  
&  
Paul

"Having a younger brother is great because I can tease him in front of his friends, and even better, the girl he likes! It's also great to know that someone will always have your back no matter what."



Daniel  
&  
Chloe

Daniel: "Yes, we're twins, but we're polar opposites. If you know Chloe, you know she's a non-stop talker!"

Chloe: "ADHD, OCD, you name it, that's me!"

Daniel & Chloe: "The only thing we have in common is Lord of the Rings."



Ramon  
&  
Marisol

"I love my brother very much and I'm super protective of him, so every girl out there better watch out!"

**F**amily Schmamily. What is family? Family is the people you can always count on, people who are there for you when no one else is. Family is Mater Dei. We help each other out. We are there for each other. And we pretty much accept people as they are. Teachers and staff are part of our family too. They are always there to help.

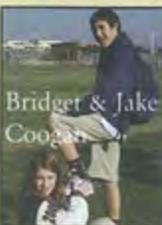
Some of us are lucky enough to have bonafide family here at school, the kind you are born in or adopted to. Senior Alex "Bobs" Orozco shares his thoughts about his little brother Andres, "Having my brother at school is great. We can jam all the time." Our students love having family here. "It's fun being able to tell people who we are related to," says Illissa Fernandez who is Diana Paredes' cousin. Of course, sometimes teachers call you by the wrong name. It might be a brother or sister who graduated years ago. Mrs. Kelleher even admits to calling a few students their mom or dad's names because she knew their parents back when she was a student herself.

Mater Dei is one big family. We comfort each other in our times of need. We help one another get through the hard days. We spend so much time with our friends every day that we cannot imagine a day without them. That's why our bond is so strong. That's why we are family.

by Jose Tinoco



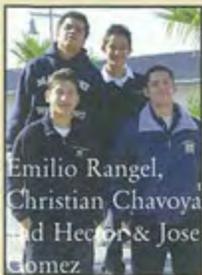
Robby &  
Matt Burden



Bridger & Jake  
Coogan



Saad & Paul Garrardo



Emilio Rangel,  
Christian Chavoya  
and Hector & Jose  
Gomez



Deirdre & Caleigh Long



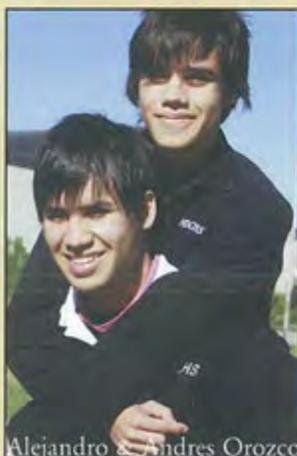
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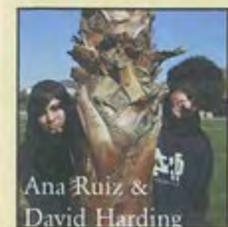
Diana Peredes &  
Illissa Hernandez



Alejandro & Andres Orozco



Ramon & Marisol Ros



Ana Ruiz &  
David Harding



Olivia &  
Samirah Smith



Patricia & Iresema Mejia



Daniel & Joe Slawnsky



# Where we Work &

Sweet Sixteen! What a turning point in a teenager's life! Not only can we now get a real job, but we can drive to work ourselves! Senior David Le Duc who has been working at AMC since before us that, "Being I need is a great Junior Jhazmin Lynch has a dream job for a star athlete. She works at the Chula Vista



Recreation Center. "Running around and dealing with all the different activities really helps me keep active. And I love being able to drive there." Senior Carlos likes having a little spending money. He works at Build-A-Bear at the Otay Mall. We've heard a few there not to bag a bear but to see He admits working there has improved his social skills, "Being around all those people has helped me get over



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# How *we get there*

my natural shyness.” Deirdre Long is another senior who loves her job. She works at McDonalds making burgers, fries and this the “first time because, hard so I talk with We’re sure to Ronald McDonald. The only bad part of driving to work on your own is that gas is so expensive, it takes a



friends. Deirdre considers job” experience of a life- “I don’t have to work too have plenty of energy to people who come in.” Deirdre’s charm is an asset

lot of work time to pay for it, but most jobs leave money to spare. Heaven knows, teenagers have many things to spend money on as well as save for. These lucky students and all the others who have jobs are learning responsibility may be hard work especially if you can get there own wheels, is sweet.



by Amber Hernandez

When walking into the new campus of Mater Dei, although many of us were taken by the size and beauty of the new campus, there were also those who were overwhelmed with the changes of the old “Marian” with now the new “Mater Dei.” However what has not changed is our faith that dwells deep within all of our souls. At one of our weekly masses Father Pat revealed to the student body that “Mater Dei Catholic is not just an academy of Science,” as it says on the entrance sign, but “it is an Academy of Faith.” From the Campus Ministers who organize retreats and the Ambassadors of Christ who contribute selfless service to the school, to the Music Ministry members who use their God given talents of singing to praise God from the top of their lungs, our community at Mater Dei is filled with students who strive to walk a life with Christ. As we all know it is not always easy to be a “fool for Christ.” However we as Crusaders are willing to take up our

crosses and become Disciples of Christ. The student body at Mater Dei forms and represents the Body of Christ through its traditions, faculty and human spirit. Although this past year at Mater Dei has been a year of extreme change for many individuals, the one thing that is sold in all of our lives is Jesus’ love. One may say faith is something that they cannot see. However, at Mater Dei faith is definitely a gift from God that we can all see. It is the fire, drive and perseverance that burns within all of our souls and it is our faith that ultimately reveals and renews our love for Christ.

by Katrina Muffley

Moment in prayer

Mater Dei Models  
Campus ministers Marissa Ornelas, Rodrigo Herrera, Luis De La Concha, and Jamie Espino use their faith, personality and dynamic dancing to move the crowd.

The hands say it all

Boxco Center Becomes Bishop Brom and concelebrates preside at Mater Dei's first student-wide liturgy in the gym.

# Cool to be Catholic



Students "trade [their] sorrows" with exaltation at the frosh retreat.



Getting into the Spirit  
When Steubenville comes to San Diego, Jayne Rhein,  
Chardonnay Ray and Cheyenne Yeats come to the Spirit



Churches Under Sky  
Steubenville souls gather to discuss the day's events.  
The cross marks the spot.



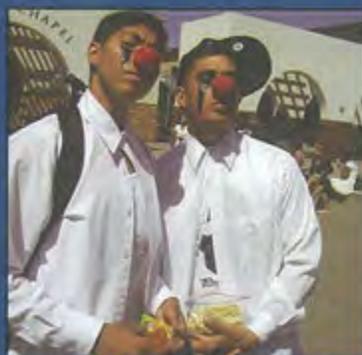
# Letting our Summer Delves Out

Views from abroad. What are these crazy Americans doing? They are walking around school in their pajamas! But that's not all. There are twins every where; at least they're dressed alike. For an exchange student like me, Spirit Week is total culture shock. We don't have anything like this in Korea. At first it seemed just like total craziness but then I realized that Spirit Week allows everyone to be free from reality and express themselves as they want to be, if only for a week. One thing I noticed everyone had: a big smile. My exchange sister, Anne Quermann, from Germany was as surprised as I was. But she loved it too, "Spirit Week is cool. I never thought kids could dress up so silly and have so much fun." Maybe we can start this idea in our own countries when we go back, then America would be sharing its silliness abroad. That's a nice export!

by Soojin Kim



Our "B" Beauties, Marisol Ros, Jordhan Briggs, Jazzmin Estrella, Brianna Baca, Jasselle Gar



The Noses Know  
Oliver Caro and Bobby De La Rosa show off their salient features.



Argh!  
Diana Paredes, Mariana Burkle, and Stephanie Sanz, morph into pernicious pirates.

San Diego Sweethearts, Will Stewart, Jason Meyer, and Mario Zayas show off their super cool Daygo shirts.





Elevated Emotion  
Barbara Benbaas and Misha Ignacio jump for joy.



Fashion Dives  
David Matranga and Matthew Martinez set the standard for what not to wear.



Aye Carumba!  
The super wrestlers, Luis de la Concha and Memo Zavala, are locked in battle.



The Pink Pretties  
Priscilla Hernandez and Daniella Johnson are doubly captivating in matching attire.



and Carley Byrn bask in the MD sun.



Roberto Quijano-Lu emerges as his ultimate persona.



Retro Rage  
Eslia Wright sports an Afro and a power smile.



Roman Owens and Nathan Baugh

Who's Who? The black and white brothers are too cool.



There's a Mouse in Our House  
It's Breana Byrd. Cute as can be.



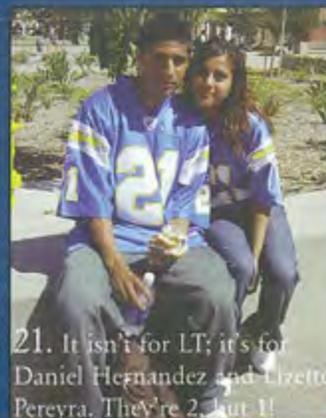
Little Rebel  
Ailin Mendez gives into her revolutionary aspirations.



Fairy tale characters come alive with Brianna Acosta and Analyn Barron



The whole crowd gets into the spirit!



21. It isn't for LT; it's for Daniel Hernandez and Lizette Pereyra. They're 2, but 1!



Deirdre Long rocks as Mr. Sanchez.



Guillermo Krasovsky finds out that blonds have more fun.



Faustino Gutierrez gets his first BMQC hug from Princess Mariela Contreras.



Everyone gets into the act with the Queen and princesses.



Samirah Smith looks angelic as Ariel Hunt.



Jessica Bauer and Lauralee Johnson are in the breachers.



Carley Byrn does Louie better than Louie.



Freshman Mikayla Conlin is delighted with the senior



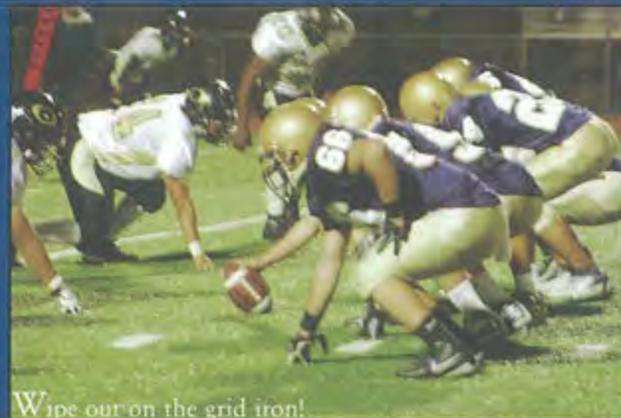
Denisse Martinez and Mario Zayas joins Chelsea Anne Largoza in Joyner fun.



Mater Dei Catholic's Royal Court 2007



Cheerleaders double as dancing girls to everyone's delight.



Wipe out on the grid iron!



Daniel Hernandez and Javier Battista become MD idols.

# Legend Returns



**H**omecoming: One of the most exciting times of the year. Between the game and dance there is something for everyone to enjoy. All the rallies are great, but there is one special rally every year that is always filled with laughs.

This year's Homecoming rally had many memorable moments, from the funny interpretation of Mr. Sanchez by Deirdre Long to the Homecoming court. Faustino Gutierrez was named BMOC. For the Seniors at their last Homecoming rally, the excitement was overwhelming. Student Jaelyn Sumayao said that "the rally was very fun" and that "all of the skits were cool."

That night in the game against Olympian, our team scored time after time. After each touchdown you could hear the roar of the crowd. They won 49-0. The excitement of the victory affected everyone. "Knowing that all the football players' hard work paid off was good and it was exciting to see them win the game. The fireworks were nice too," Alexandria Lopez commented with a smile.

During halftime, the ladies of the court were escorted in by their fathers and Dulce Aguilar was named Homecoming Queen.

The Homecoming game is a special one that schools always want to win. Let's hope that they can do the same next year and make it a long-standing tradition for our new school.

by Lauren Samano

Dulce Aguilar sparkles as she is congratulated after becoming queen.



MD's dancing dolls strike a pose before their debut.



It's the spectacle

# A Legend Reborn

This was the night to transform yourself from a tomboy into a temptress, a slob into a suave sophisticate. It's Homecoming and everyone was changed and charged to have a night to remember. The DJ was amazing, having something for everyone: salsa, R & B, line dancing, and everyone danced. Mr. Sanchez did his part by teaching Soulja Boy to a few students each day at lunch time. By Homecoming night they were ready to roll to the rhythm. For Chelsea Anne Largoza it was a perfect night, "Not only did my date [Luis Gonzalez] match perfectly but he could dance too! It was the best homecoming out of all four years." Paul Guardado took the cake for metamorphosis. Our Center Fielder explains, "I went an entire week without thinking about baseball. All I could think of was Marisol [Ros]." And Marisol was pleased, "Yes, it was pretty wonderful having Paul's complete attention!" Senior Brianna Baca summed up what many seniors feel, "I'm glad this was my senior homecoming. It was bittersweet as the best and the last."

Yes, the seniors will go on to bigger things but the underclassmen will have more chances transform into princes and princesses and dance the night away.

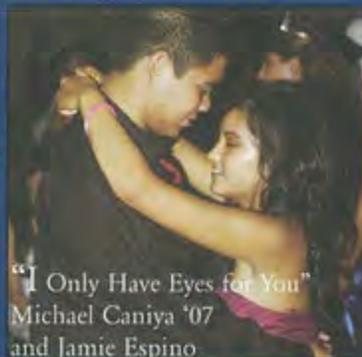
by Marie Hernandez



Homecoming Court 2007  
Eric Watts, Oscar Casillas, BMOC Faustino Gutierrez, Román Owe, Ivanna Heard, Queen Dulce Aguilar, Anitra McCain and Vanessa S.



"Louie, Louie"  
Louie Bucio



"I Only Have Eyes for You"  
Michael Caniya '07  
and Jamie Espino



"I Wear my Sunglasses at Night"  
Elaine Guilas and Jesdin Farrol



"CrazySexyCool"



"Prince[ss] You've Charmed"  
Prince Oscar Casillas and Princess Ivanna Heard



"Momma Don't Get Dressed Up for Nothing"  
Amber Rose Hernandez



"Just Friends"  
Marvin Gomez and Brianna Acosta



Matthew Milke, Mariela Contreras, and



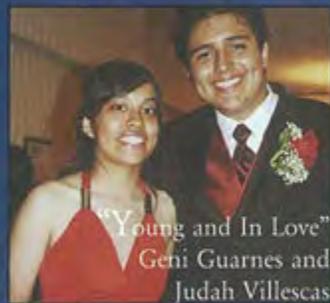
"This is Why I'm Hot"  
Christine Bayaca



"Friends Til' the End"  
Deirdre Long and Jordana Briggs



"Sure Looks Good to Me"  
Gayoung Kim



"Young and In Love"  
Geni Guarnes and Judah Villescas



"Congo a la Salsa"  
Mariana, Hilda, Dominique, Kristina and Carolina



"Is This Love?"  
Marissa Lindstrom and Emilio Rangel



"Pumpin' Up the Party!"



"Three Times a Lady"  
Jazzmin Estrella

# Crossing the Finish Line

Put me in coach. I'm ready to play. Whether they're in the pool, on the sidelines, or in the dugout, the one thing all athletes know is that it is more than just a game - it's a way of life.

You wake up in the morning and grab your sports bag. Tennis shoes, cleats, bat, glove, ball - you know the season is coming up. After three periods of school, you wait for the final bell. BEEP - time for practice. You make your way to the weight room and grab something to eat on the way. You strap on your cleats and pads and run onto the field. You change into your shorts and join your teammates to shoot around the court. You laugh in the dugout before the whistle blows and you're told to "Hit it!"

You pour in hours of weight training, miles of running, and long afternoons after school preparing for your first game. It's definitely a struggle, but coming home to a pile of homework is not as bad as being kept from something you love to do. All the practice pays off in the end.

The season starts and you can't wait to show off your hard work. You tingle in anticipation during stretching, warmups, and infield, waiting for game time. Then the whistle blows, the gun goes off, the special teams start running down field, and the umpire yells, "Play ball!" Everything you've been waiting for, all the preparation and excitement, comes out in this one moment. You give a huge sigh of relief: you've held on to the end. You are so proud that you stuck with it for the final minute, kept fighting until the ninth inning, sweat it out and crossed the finish line. Congrats! You're a high school athlete!

by Bernard Julve



Carlos Rodriguez



Roman Owens



Amber Baker



Jenny Borck



Paola Pavon

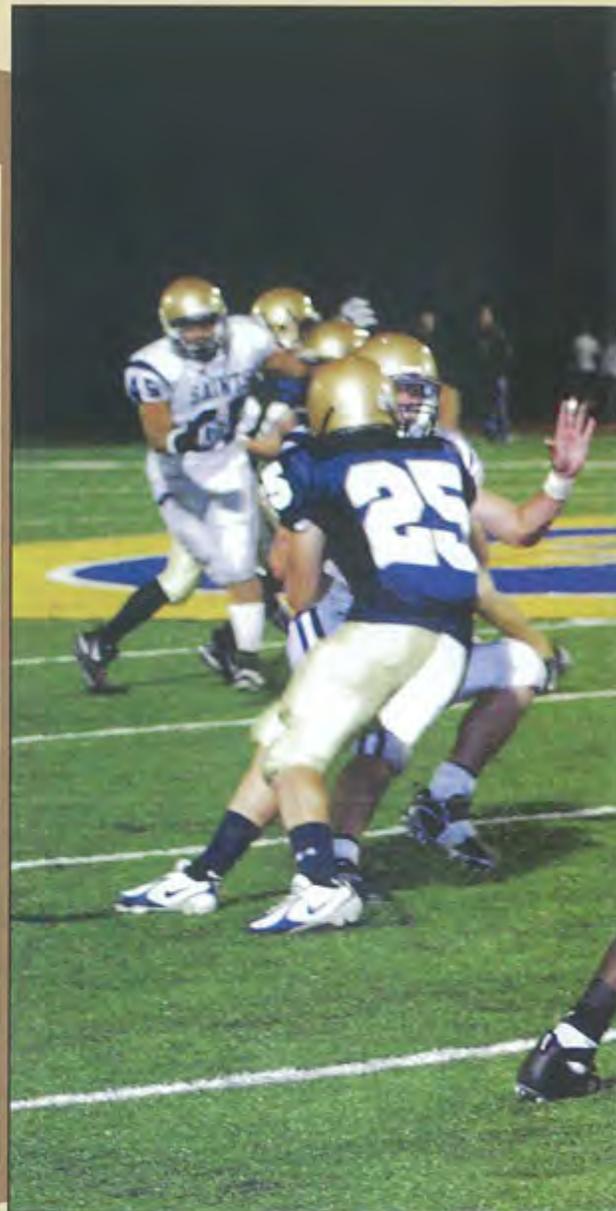
Danae Johnson

# Ready, *set,* Hike!

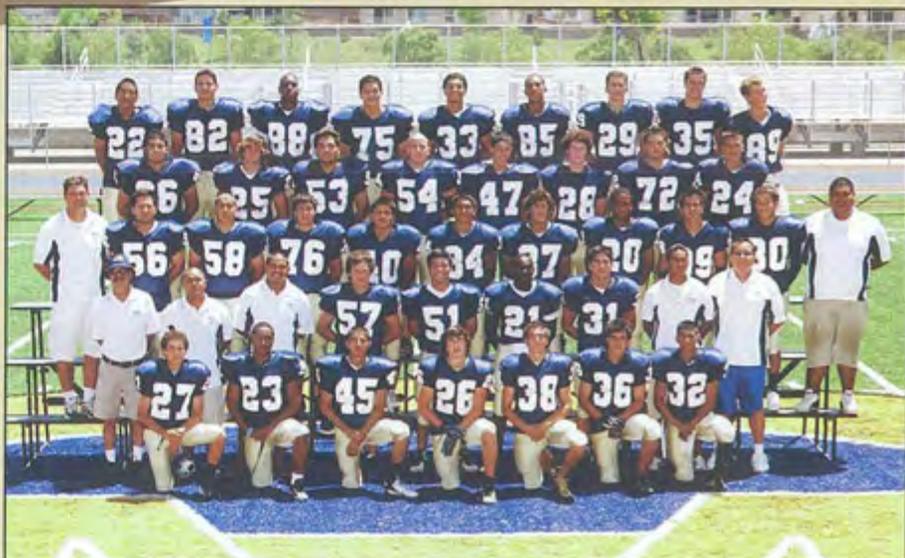
When the clock strikes seven and we see bright lights we know to start the game with a really loud HIKE! Packed bleachers, bright fireworks, and chanting fans; blue and gold jerseys on the field were the ingredients of Mater Dei's inaugural game. Being next to those who grunt, sweat, and cheer, one has no choice but to witness the blood, sweat, and tears the players and coaches put into each second of the game. This gives you a new perspective on how big of a brotherhood bond the guys have on the field. When asked what their most memorable moment of this season was, junior Andres Schramm-Flores #36 responded with, "Winning South Bay League. We all ran to each other and started yelling, we were all so excited and happy that the title was ours." Senior Louie Bucio #33 said, "The Madison playoff game. Even though we lost we played with heart and everybody left their game all on the field." When asked: "What were your thoughts before and after the season?," Coach Joyner gladly said, "The team showed love for the game right on the first day. It showed through adversity and determination. The seniors were good examples as leaders and athletes on and off the field. Captain Brian Lacey #54 was foremost. Each football player may have their own memory to treasure, but everyone agreed that dancing to "satisfaction" got them pumped before each game.

We all have our memories to treasure of this season and by moving to Mesa league next year we only hope to continue our Crusader pride and not just by scoring TD's or PAT's but by playing with heart.

by Alexandria Lopez



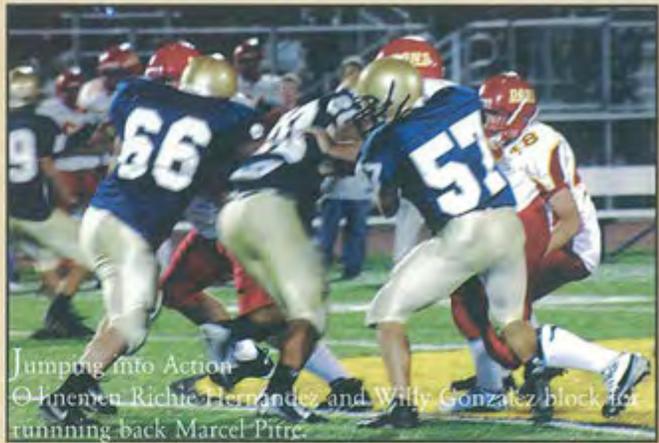
Happy Days are Here  
Crusaders celebrate their  
hard-earned South Bay  
League Championship.



(back row), M. Blas, G. Watts, F. Ossler, J. Artallo, L. Bucio, W. Stewart, C. Brown, J. Connolly, N. Baugh, (4th row), W. Gonzalez, D. Matrangola, J. Fischer, B. Lacey, Z. Sandidge, D. Harding, A. Hernandez, J. Marion, (3rd row), Coach White, D. Chig, J. Pallares, R. De La Rosa, E. Rangel, V. Soriano, B. Rios, M. Pire, L. Carillo, M. Zayas, Coach Morinillo, (2nd row), Coach De La Rosa, Coach J. Cruz, Coach D. Cruz, R. Hernandez, S. Lopez, R. Owens, L. Martinez, Coach M. Cruz, Coach S. Escobosa, (front row), J. Meyers, D. Brunner, R. Perea, C. Gonzalez, A. Garcia, A. Schraam, D. Hernandez



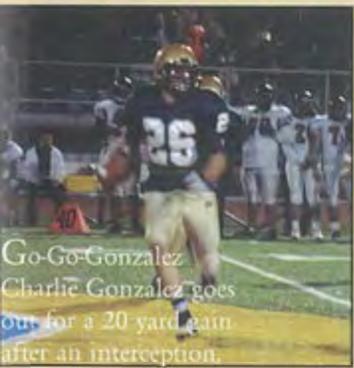
Testing the Turf  
Roman Owens follows David Matranga and Benito Rios as they make way to the endzone.



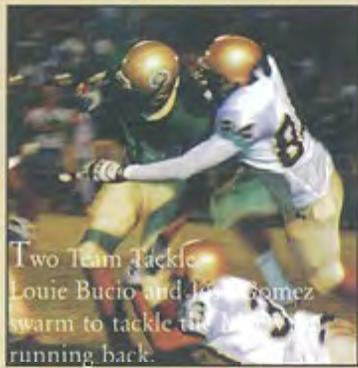
Jumping into Action  
Linemen Richie Hernandez and Willy Gonzalez block 1st running back Marcel Pitre.



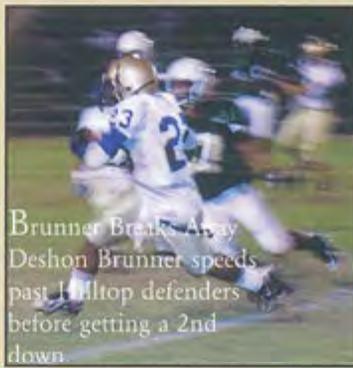
20 on 20  
Marcel Pitre runs in for a 20 yard TD.



Go-Go-Gonzalez  
Charlie Gonzalez goes out for a 20 yard gain after an interception.



Two Team Tackle  
Louie Bucio and [unclear] Gomez swarm to tackle the running back.



Brunner Breaks Away  
Deshon Brunner speeds past Hilltop defenders before getting a 2nd down.

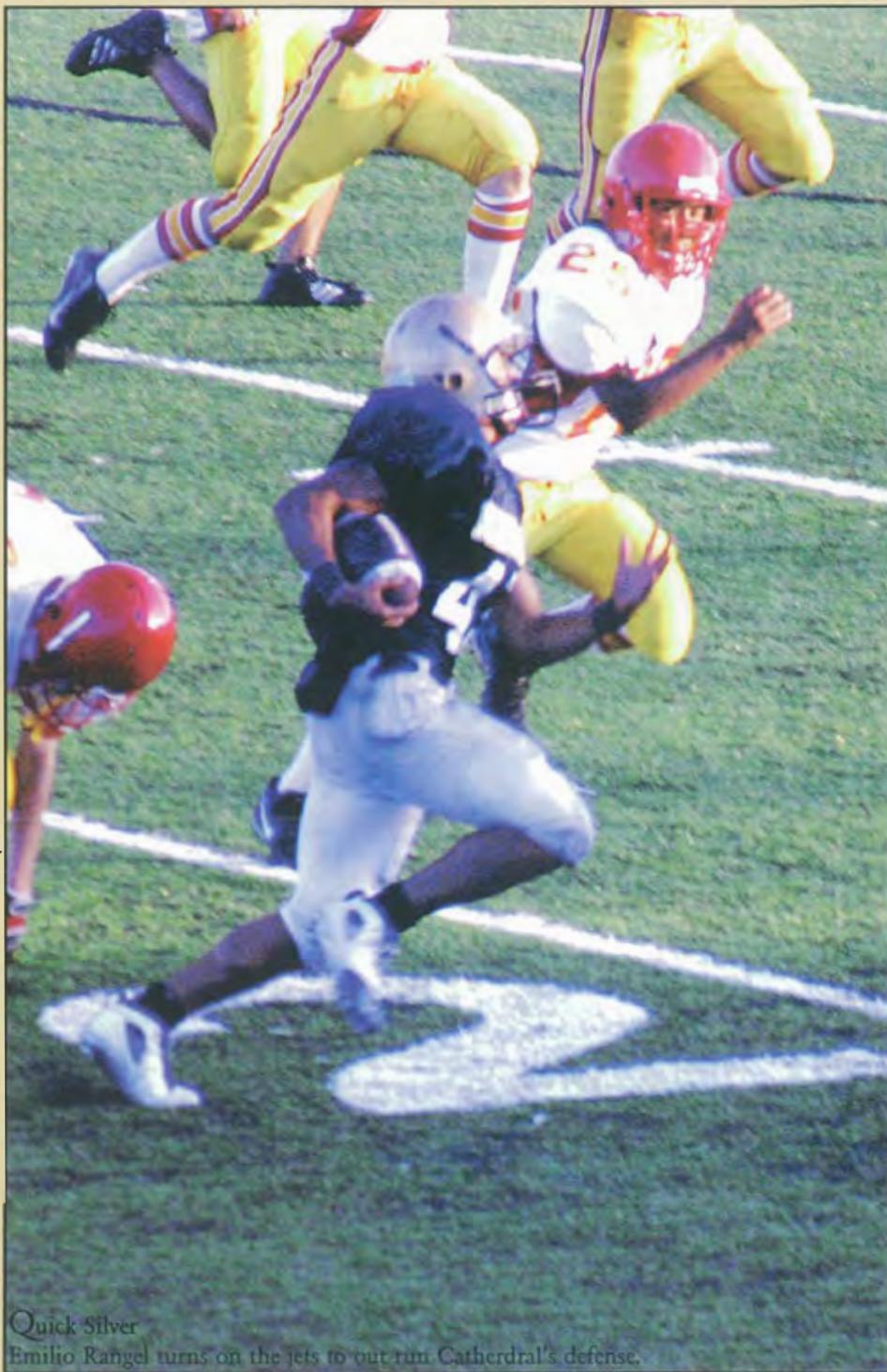
	38	49	34	27	35
MDCHS	Hilltop	Olympian	Mar Vista	South west	Castle Park
Opponent	7	0	24	14	0

# going over the *basics*

Eddie Parra is the first to acknowledge, "Coach Joey Cruz worked us hard." And Eddie had to learn the basics the old fashioned way...by working on them over and over again. All the boys did lots of running which really paid off in the 4th quarters. It helped them go strong against Hoover, their first game. They expected to win but were surprised at the momentum they had. "We never stopped," continues Eddie. Emilio Rangel lead the way. Fast on offense and defense, he racked up 100 yards plus for that game which ended with a 42 to 0 win. Of course losing key players to varsity is a perennial problem and Emilio was just one of the players that went up. But the team did well ending at 6 and 3.

The frosh team may have made a little history by starting with its first female player ever. But like the very first cadets, Dominique Hernandez may have gotten into more than she bargained for and didn't finish the season. Still it was a small step for womankind. The boys came in during the summer and did the bonding and building things. Andrew Chavez said, "It was tough but tight," Anthony Warner added, "It was great being able to hit guys and not get into trouble." We'll keep an eye on Anthony. Another one to watch is Trey Ventura, team captain and member of the Cruz Clan. He provided heart and soul, keeping the team "pumped up so they could perform." Sounds like he knows the basics too.

by Marie Hernandez



Quick Silver  
Emilio Rangel turns on the jets to out run Cathedral's defense.

The Long  
Walk  
Mater Dei  
shows good  
sportsmanship  
after a loss.



Missin' the Opponent  
Jessie Edgar goes airborne to score a touchdown.



**Almost Heisman**  
Trey Ventura gives his defenders an L.T. stiff arm while thinking of a first down.

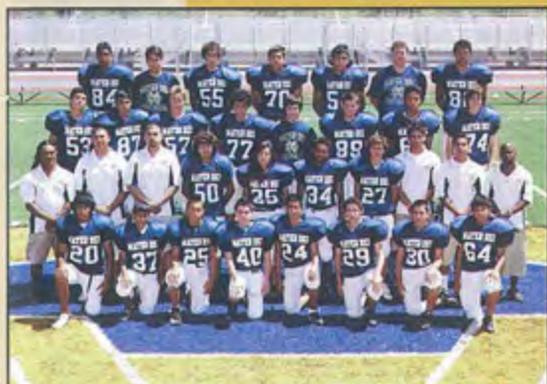


**Not Quite Ready**  
Crusaders set themselves up for a mind-blowing play.

**Busting Out**  
Francisco Mafud breaks through a group of defenders.

**Deft Digits**  
Patrick Mayor receives the ball on the tips of his fingers, but keeps it under control.

**Fast Eddie**  
Eddie Parra breaks through the middle and shoots off for the end zone.



(back row); R. Castillo, L. Rocha, A. Urrutia, R. Rosas, J. Ortiz, J. Eubanks, A. Chavez, (3rd row); I. Camara, D. Delacalzada, T. Hayes, A. Gomez, G. Naranjo, R. Rangel, T. Matula, A. Thein, (2nd row); Coach J. Cruz, Coach Montijo, Coach Puentes, J. Mirelas, D. Hernandez, D. Fleming, B. Steed, Coach N. Martinez, Coach A. Martinez, Coach Corley, (front row); M. Zea, A. Lopez, T. Ventura, A. Limon, J. Alvarez, I. Tornel, D. Sandoval, R. Ros



(back row), Coach J. Cruz, C. Rodriguez, F. Huerta, M. Valdez, M. Reed, M. Lopez, J. Trullijo, C. Balagtas, M. Cortez, (middle row); J. Madrid, J. Viruete, R. Carrillo-Baylon, C. Chavoya, R. Blanco, D. Pitre, J. Coogan, Coach Montillo, (front row); Coach De La Rosa, A. Eustaquio, E. Parra, A. Brandon, F. Mafud, J. Gaitan, O. Flores, Coach Escobosa

# We are the *Mighty* Varsity

As your favorite football players run onto the field, you jump up and cheer to show your spirit, but you're definitely not the only one. Down on the field under those Friday night lights are the Varsity cheerleaders. So many people underestimate how hard cheerleaders really work. Led by captains Cheyanne Yeats and Amber Rose Hernandez, this year's squad was one of the most hard working. Deirdre Long agrees, saying, "The biggest change this year is we are actually a squad and get things done." After long commutes to San Diego State for cheer camp to early Saturday morning practices, these girls have come a long way to make their first year at Mater Dei the best.

After learning cheer after cheer and dance after dance, memorization became second nature. But that's definitely not all. Basing and flying girls, doing several types of jumps and kicks, and for some, being injured, cheerleading is not as easy as it looks. Junior Rebecca Parra, who broke her arm, admits, "It may look like fun and games, but safety is the most important thing."

So the next time you think cheerleading is easy, ask a cheerleader for yourself. This year wasn't easy, but the hard work and dedication paid off. Just know that no matter what the score, rain or shine, the Varsity cheerleaders will be down on the field.

by Amber Rose Hernandez



South Bay Champs!  
After a fun season full of ups and downs, the varsity girls



We've Got It!

After attending several camps, Cheyanne Yeats exemplifies the skills she's attained.



(back row); D. Long, B. Acosta, S. Smith, D. Janowicz, P. Hernandez, C. Largoza, (front row); A. Ruiz, A. Hernandez, C. Yeats, J. Garcia, R. Parra



proudly chant their league title.



**PPR, Always Raising the Bar**  
The varsity helps out the PPR staff with another clever commercial.



**Push It to the Limit**  
Brianna Acosta, Analorena Barron, Erika Bruno, and Tracy Guzman show off the stunts they've been working on during the Homecoming rally.



**Step Up**  
Although the girls are boosted by their boxes, they still allow a grand view.



**Lady Liberties**  
Danielle Janowicz and Alejandra Reyes don't just balance cheer and school; they also balance their bodies ten feet up in the air.

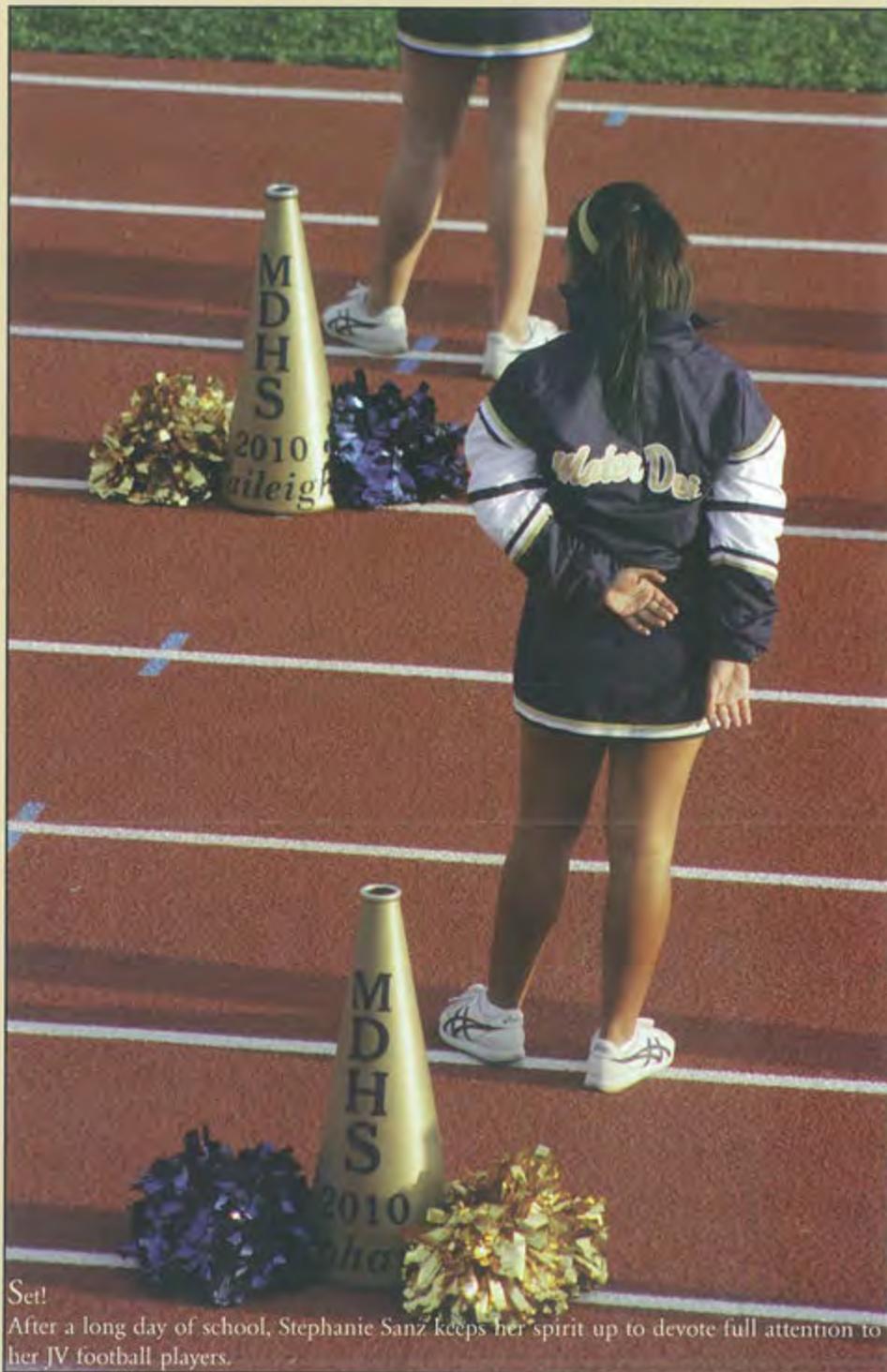


**Shake Your Pom-Pom**  
The varsity congratulates their football players on a victory.

# don't take it for *granted*

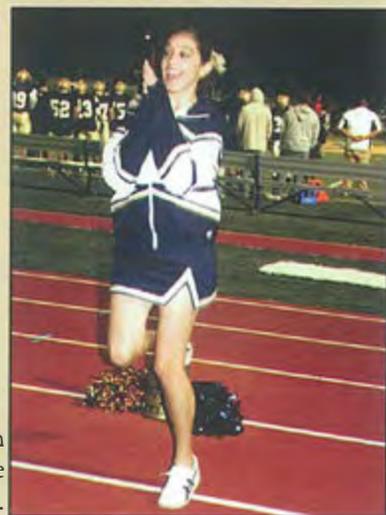
Sometimes you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone. Ever been to church when there's no music? Now, imagine a football game without cheerleaders. You may not think of them while you're at the game but if they weren't there, well, it would be a whole different game. Cheerleaders motivate, captivate and explode spirit. And it takes a lot of work. The girls start at SDSU camp in the summer, then work together throughout the summer. Once the school year begins they practice twice weekly except before homecoming when things intensify. But the routine doesn't phase out their enthusiasm. Co-captain Caileigh Long, remarks, "This is my first year cheering here and it has been really fun." This feeling is shared by all the girls who agree that there's no "drama" on the squad except having a great time together and getting along.

by Vanessa Soosan



Set! After a long day of school, Stephanie Sanz keeps her spirit up to devote full attention to her JV football players.

Say Cheer!  
Kat Celaya, Margherita Tarantino, Olivia Smith and Victoria Vigil all have their game faces on.



Go Go Get 'Em  
Marisela ArechigaRomero helps out the varsity squad with a classic cheer.



PPR: The home for Mater Dei cheerleaders' football highlights.



Full Extension  
Diana Paredes, Mariana Burkle and Stephanie Sanz prepare to press Casey Pimental as high as their cheerleading arms will go.

Hit that V  
Olivia Smith pumps up the crowd with her sharp motions.



We're Number 1  
Tatiana Tobe convinces the crowd that Crusaders settle for nothing less.



Keep the Rhythm  
Casey Pimental shows off the Crusader beat.



(back row); M. Tarantino, V. Vigil, C. Valenzuela, C. Pimental, (front row); M. Archiga-Romero, C. Long, D. Paredes, S. Sanz, M. Burkle

# Can You Dig it?

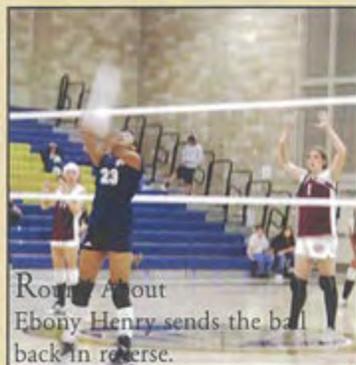
We like to say volleyball is a pretty competitive sport. Here at Mater Dei we take our volleyball very seriously. Being a new school we need to make an impact. This year's Lady Crusaders won league, capturing our first banner.

Captains Denisse Martinez, Olivia Wright, and Lauren Elise Judal led this year's team. "The competition got really intense during playoffs, but when we prayed before the games, that calmed everyone down," says Captain Olivia Wright. Our Lady Crusaders not only won their games, but they also did it with spirituality. That's what makes our girls different from other teams. "Praying before games really pumps us up," explained Lauren Elise. Turning towards our faith when we get down or nervous is what makes us succeed. At Mater Dei we keep volleyball at a spiritual level. Mary, Queen of Victory, pray for us.

by Illissa Fernandez



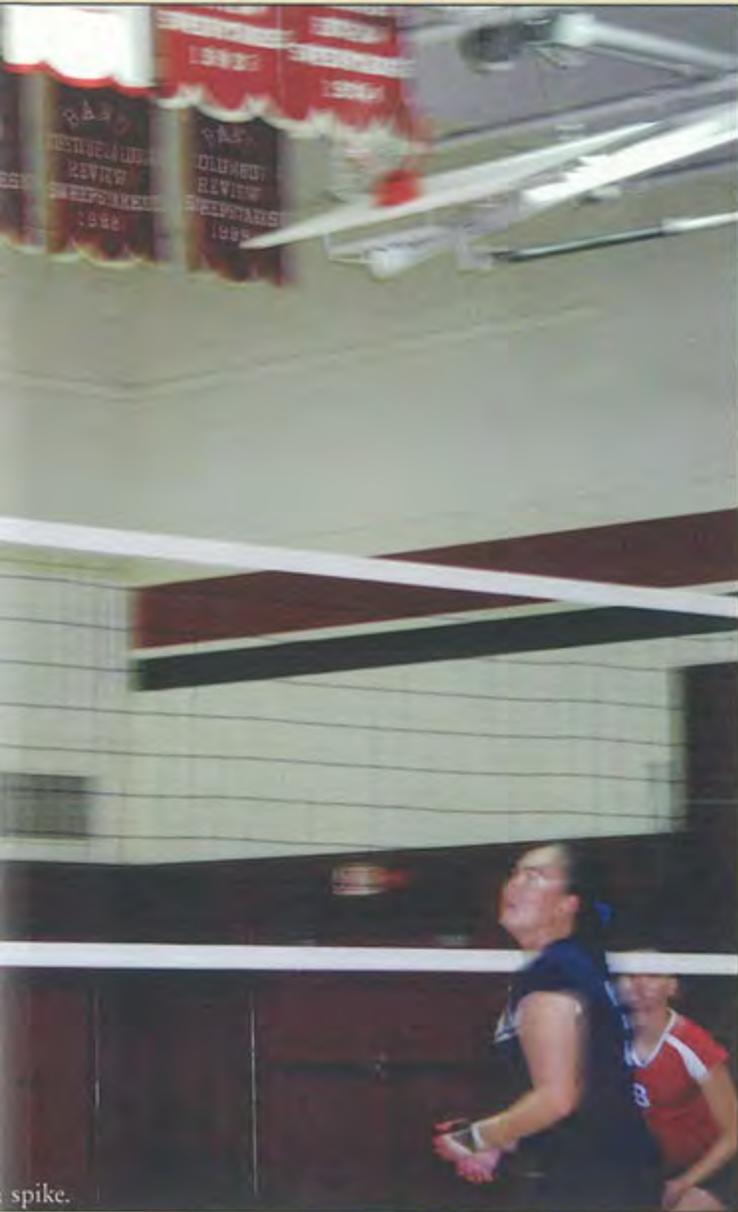
Looking Up  
Denisse Martinez watches closely as E. Johnson slams



Round About  
Ebony Henry sends the ball  
back in reverse.



(back row); Coach Quinlan, E. Henry, C. Alvarado, D. Johnson,  
(middle row); M. Gomez, C. Wright, D. Martinez, J. Lynch, (front row);  
L. Judal, O. Wright, L. Pereyra



spike.



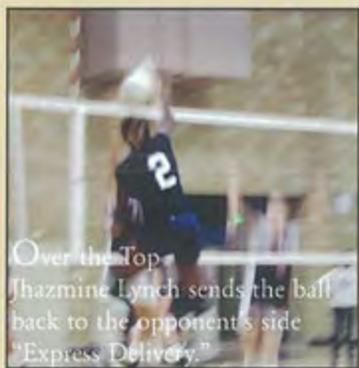
**Warming Up**  
The team stretches with high-knee exercises before the game.



**Follow Up**  
After smacking the ball into the opponent's side, Camille Alvarado stays ready to receive a volley.



**Up and At 'Em**  
Lauren Elise Juda shows her delicate form but a powerful serve.



**Over the Top**  
Jhazmine Lynch sends the ball back to the opponent's side "Express Delivery."



**The Ball Stops Here.**  
Celia Wright uses her head as well as her hands to control the ball.

MDCHS	Hilltop	Olympian	Montgomery	Mar Vista	Castle Park	Southwest	Hilltop	Olympian	Castle Park
Opponent	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3
	2	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0

# head's up it's *hardwork*

This year's JV and Freshmen volleyball teams both fought through hard training, games, and practices. Their hard work eventually paid off. J.V. Captain Michelle Centrullo pulled the team to a 3-8 season. The J.V. players used this year to prepare for varsity. This year's team was made up of mostly tough, ready-to-go sophomores. They were definitely ones to look up to.

The freshman team was also put to the test and faced some tough competition. "The summer training was the hardest, but we ended up pulling through as a team," explained Marissa Lindstrom. This year's J.V. and freshman teams both look forward to next year's season.

by Illissa Fernandez

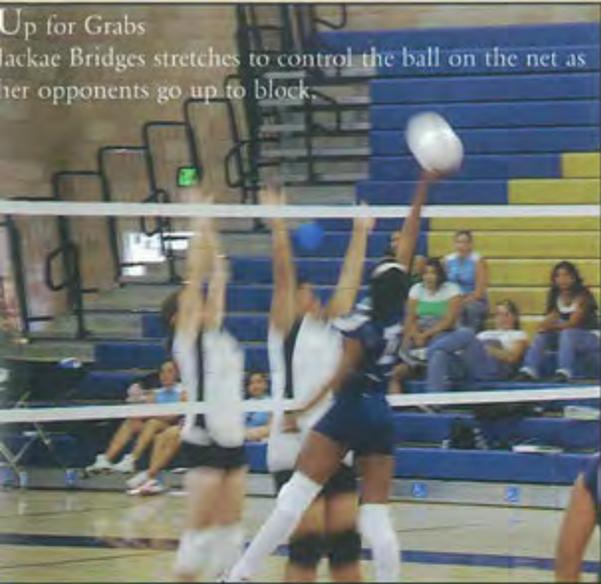


Ready to Go  
Libero Elaine Guilas is ready to move if necessary as Erica Perway digs the ball.

Frosh Style  
Mackenzie Martin still  
serves underhand.  
She'll progress to  
overhand next year.



Groupies  
Teammates stretch out their arms in solidarity before the game.



Up for Grabs  
Jackie Bridges stretches to control the ball on the net as her opponents go up to block.

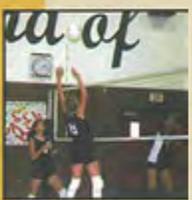


All Ears  
The team listens attentively as Coach Brian points over some pertinent details.

Just Get it Over  
Forget form, Lynette Paul-lada returns the ball while Erica Petway gets ready for the next return.

Two Fisted Volley  
Breeana Fairley returns the ball with a vengeance, using all her strength.

M & Ms  
Michelle Cen-trullo watches intently as Michelle Lyle goes up for a block.



(back row); Coach Martinez, J. Baumgardner, C. Erb, R. Rowan, (middle row); I. Stonehouse, L. Johnson, L. Contreras, M. Fox, A. Castro, (front row); M. Martin, A. Martinez, B. Fairley, M. Lindstrom



(back row); Coach Ritz, A. Vallejo, J. Bridges, E. Petway, (middle row); M. Lyle, J. Fox, L. Paullada, (front row); K. Lopez, M. Guilas, A. Navarro

# Three Anyone?

Drive, determination and dedication are the ingredients for a perfect team. The girls varsity tennis team reached this level of perfection with an undefeated season. The team had the drive to overcome obstacles never accomplished before by winning against their longtime rival Hilltop to seal the deal to be South Bay champs. Their determination helped them to never lose hope even when the playoffs got tough. The dedication of the team was unfailing. Practices were more intense and the team continued to work together and strive to improve. Veteran to the team, Paloma Gonzalez was known as an excellent singles player; but this year she took the challenge of playing with a partner. She offered this explanation, "I enjoy playing singles but doubles was such a great experience, and with the strength and guidance of our coaches, we made it to Doubles CIF!" But the team was not all about winning. They also worked to create an unbreakable bond. Freshman and key player Jenny Borck describes it best when she says "All tennis players know that "love" means "0" but to our team love describes the kind of family we became." The end result was a championship and one happy family.

by Marisol Ros



Waiting in Vain  
Paloma Gonzalez  
prepares  
herself for  
the serve.



(back row); Couch Quinlan, M. Diaz, J. Borck, J. Aguilera, (front row); B. Coogan, A. Atkinson, J. Briggs, A. Issacson



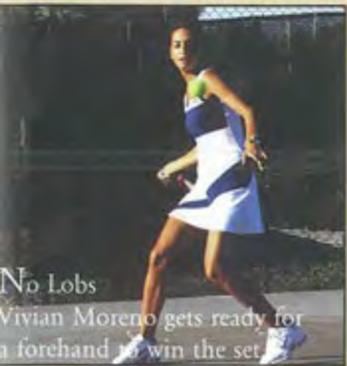
Two Raquets are Better than One  
Doubles partners Melanie Diaz and Christina Padilla get set in place for the serve.



Fantastic Forehand  
Marina Contreras' strength is not just on the court. Her personality served as a source of energy for the team.



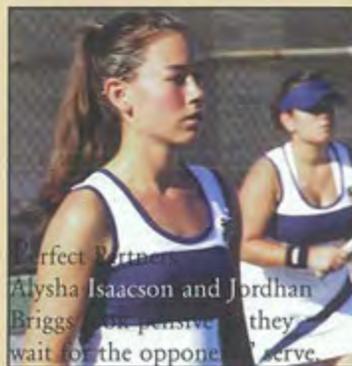
The Best Backhand  
Jenny Borek was just in time to take a shot at the ball.



No Lobs  
Vivian Moreno gets ready for a forehand to win the set.



Team Huddle  
Coach Dave gives the girls pep talk to up their spirits for the match.



Perfect Partners  
Aiysha Isaacson and Jordhan Briggs are patient as they wait for the opponent to serve.

MDCHS	Hilltop	Olympian	Mar Vista	Montgomery	Southwest	Hilltop	Olympian	Mar Vista	Montgomery	Southwest
Opponent	13	13	18	12	16	10	12	18	14	18
	5	5	0	6	2	8	6	0	4	0

# Let's Go *Crusaders*!

This was the first year with the Lady Crusaders fielding a full team in the South Bay League of the Metro Conference. Finishing the season with a 5-4 record and undefeated in League, the girls were lead by senior captain Valentina Tena and freshman Paula Pavon to the South Bay League Championship. "Being captain of the golf team was a great experience because I had more responsibilities than last year, and I had a lot of fun with the girls," said Valentina Tena. Seniors Cindy Sansores and Irasema Mejia, along with freshmen Fernanda De La Parra and Ana Barbara Tellez, rounded out the rest of the team.

Paula was the medalist (low scorer) in all but one match, and in that match Valentina medaled. Both Valentina and Cindy made second team All Metro Conference honors with their fine stroke play in the Metro League finals. With three starters returning next year, we hope that the girls will continue this winning trend.

This is a great sport for girls to play. It provides the opportunity to play at a varsity level even as a freshman and helps teach you a sport that you can play well into your lifetime. There are great junior golf opportunities in the local area and Lady Crusaders are encouraged to play in the off season to prepare themselves for Varsity Golf in the fall.

by Paloma Gonzalez

Going Green  
Valentina Tena drives f

It's a Tough Job,  
but somebody's  
gotta do it!  
Coach Gerken  
and the  
2007 Girls  
Golf Team



I. Mejia, P. Pavon, C. Sansores, A. Tellez V. Tena, F. De La Parra, Coach Gerken



the green.



Remember Low is High!  
Crusaders and Olympians check their scores.



Put it in, Paula!  
Medalist Paula Pavon puts the last putt on the last hole of the match.



Just a Good Walk  
Paula Pavon and Valentina Tena come on in.



Make-up for success  
The girls want to look their best, win or lose.



Looking Like a Pro  
Candy Sanson walks with a confident swing.

MDCHS	284	271	278	280	307	280	275	280	
Opponent	Eastlake	Mar Vista	Montgomery	OLP	Mar Vista	Bonita Vista	Olympian	Southwest Hilltop	Otay Ranch
	264	301	350	260	340	265	340	275	270

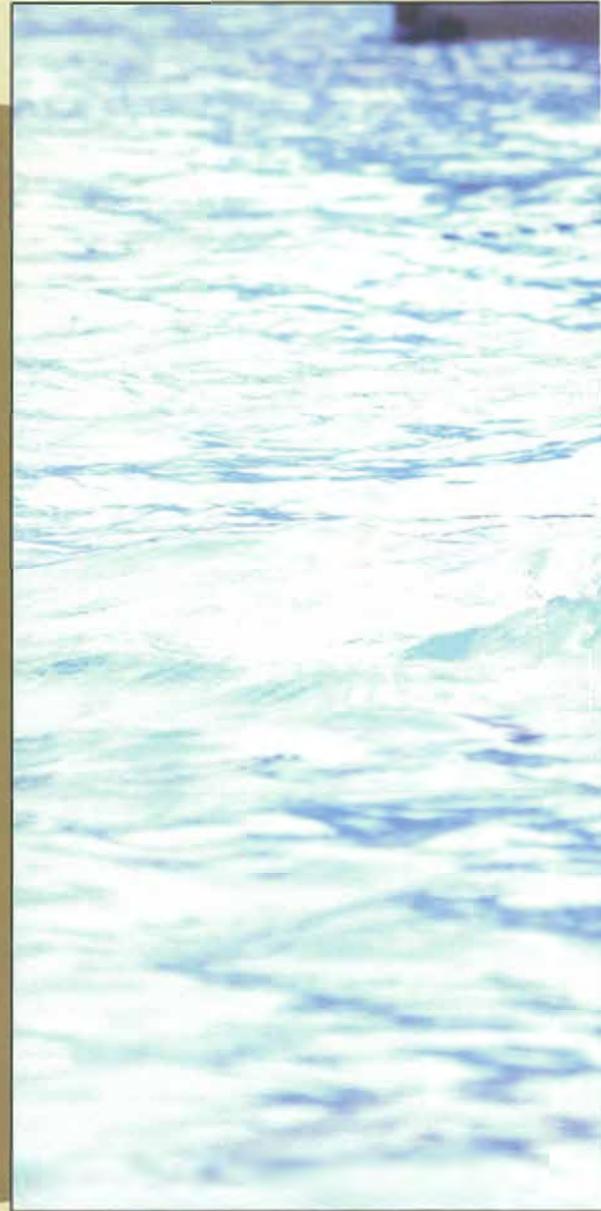
# Recipe with a Splash

First we're going to start off with a pool, a hardworking coach, and a group of strong, talented boys. Then we're going to add two cups of handsome, a tablespoon of muscle and determination, and a pinch of adoring fans and you get Mater Dei's first water polo team.

"Coming into the season, we didn't really know what to expect, but we worked hard at practices and tried pulling it out at our games," says David Martinez, who definitely didn't let the fear of losing get the best of him. The Aqua Crusaders didn't hesitate to go out there and give it their all. True fans were able to see the dedication the team put in to win their games. Their new coach, Mr. Souza, realized he had gotten a good deal when several times he was asked where he got those guys. His reply was quick, "They were on sale at Marian Catholic."

They proved themselves winners all throughout the season, but shined during league playoffs. "You won't know unless you go," says Michael Porter about league. Well, they went and won the League Championship, 6-0. As a first time player, Porter made 1st Team All League and owned during league. David Le Duc also made 1st Team All League and Team MVP. Roger Espe and Matthew Milke both made 2nd Team All League; and last, but not least, Luis Ramirez and Jose Gonzalez made Honorable Mention All League. This team definitely set the bar high and proved they were Mater Dei Catholic's best water polo team.

by Chardonnay Ray



## H<sub>2</sub> WOW!

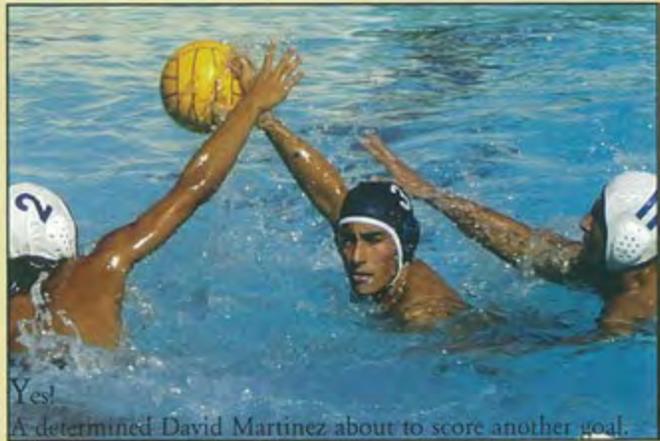
With his expertise, efficiency and energy, Coach Souza led the team to the South Bay League Championship.



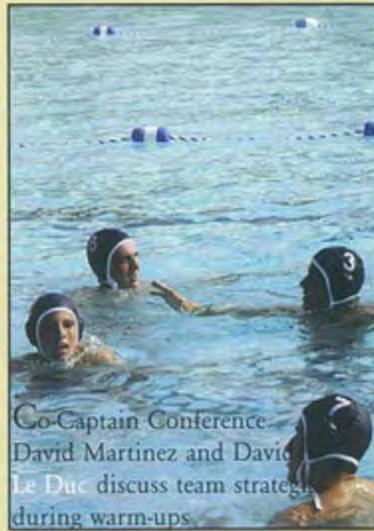
(back row); D. Martinez, M. Laturno, M. Milke, D. Le Duc, (front row); Coach Smith, R. Espe, M. Porter, L. Ramirez, Coach Souza



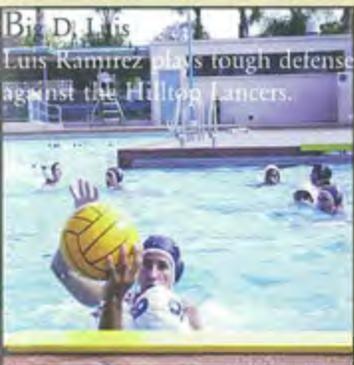
Le Duc Leads  
Team MVP David LeDuc looks to score one of his team leading 57 goals.



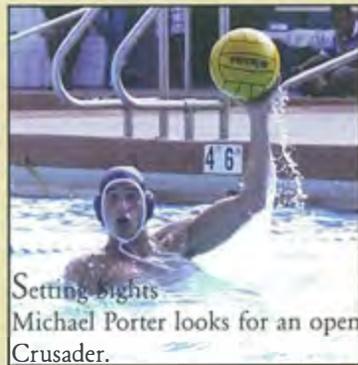
Yes!  
A determined David Martinez about to score another goal.



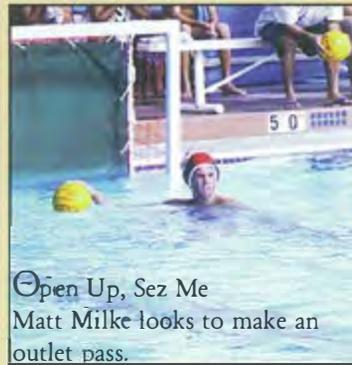
Go-Captain Conference  
David Martinez and David Le Duc discuss team strategy during warm-ups.



Big D is  
Luis Ramirez plays tough defense against the Hilton Lancers.



Setting sights  
Michael Porter looks for an open Crusader.



Open Up, Sez Me  
Matt Milke looks to make an outlet pass.

MDCHS	8	13	19	17
Opponent	Hilltop	Mar Vista	Southwest	Southwest
	6	9	5	10

# Into the *distance*

There's more to running than winning. Diane Moore was a newcomer this year and discovered she liked the beginning of the races the best. "When the starting gun goes off, I get an adrenaline rush. I feel scared and excited at the same time." Veteran runner Carlos Rodriguez didn't think that was a big deal, in fact, he would often question himself during the race, "Why am I here?" But afterward he loved the feeling of pride at doing well. Carlos has a laid back approach to running. He began as a freshman and had a lot of fun with Coach Lebold. Then he "just got into the habit." Even though he hasn't the build of a classic long distance runner, he knows he can run for fun and even at some of the schools which have approached him. Carlos led the boy's team every race and had a personal best of 19:39 at the Metro Finals. Aaron Bustillo got to experience another kind of satisfaction. With hard work and dedication he managed to become the most improved player with an overall upgrade of 3.40 minutes. The utter runner is Johanna Rhein. She has the build, the experience and the determination. Mater Dei looks forward to watching her continue to lead the team in speed.

Whatever you run for, it's nice to know there are others out there doing the same. The Cross Country team looks forward to another great season next year.

by Marie Hernandez



Elevated Sensation  
Ascan Lutteroth  
prepares himself  
for the steep climb  
runners have  
nicknamed, "The  
Tower of Power."



(back row); Coach Willich, M. Rodriguez, H. Lutteroth, C. Rodriguez, B. Limon, A. Martinez, P. Guardado, R. Warner, Coach Shinn, (middle row); J. Hernandez, H. Torres, L. Lopez, M. Hart, J. Lopez, L. Torres, B. Jaramillo, A. Gonzalez, (front row); A. Bustillo, M. Fox, K. Espinoza, S. Papapietro, K. Rodriguez, D. Moore, S. Ibarra, V. Tanabe, J. Rhein



Pacing for the Race  
Luis Lopez finishes his first lap of the course, pacing himself for a strong finish.



Caution: Runners Crossing  
The gun goes off and the Lady Crusaders, along with their competition, explode from their starting position.



On the Rebound  
Coming back strong from an injury, Vanessa Tanabe finishes up the final loop at Discovery Park.



End of the Line  
Luis Torres and Ascan Lutterroth come in together close to the finish line.



A Rustic Race  
Stephanie Ibarra and Marissa Ornelas enjoy a cross country bonus: being surrounded by nature's beauty.



Power Comes in a Tiny Package  
Johanna Rhein led the team at every competition. She will continue to be a power house.

# That's Entertainment

Chalk up another great year for the Lady Crusaders. These girls are prime time entertainment when it comes to basketball. First, it's fun to watch the dream team girls: Ebone Henry, Danae Johnson, Kamela Jackson and Jhazmine Lynch. They started out with Coach Monroe when they were just little Lady Bulls. Watching them interact, you know they read each others moves before anyone can see them. Jhazmine Lynch is the phenomena. She's tiny, but every inch of her plays aggressive basketball. She managed to get most of Mater Dei's UT coverage as player to watch and athlete of the month. Senior Anitra McCain was another who delighted, especially when making those lovely, long 3 point shots she was so good at. "This year we focused on being a team and working together," comments Anitra, "We really matured." Another senior, Denisse Martinez adds what she thought was important, "Our coach emphasized that we should never underestimate a team." They certainly didn't. They went into the League finals with a 16 game winning streak, beating every San Diego team they played. After winning soundly against Coronado, Bishops stopped them in a final score of 57 to 42, which belied how hard they came back in the final quarter. Still, the girls won the league with a season resulting in 21-6. Danae Johnson comments, "We feel good about the year, although the CIF title remains illusive." "But we're going to win next year," adds Ebone. Well, even if they don't go that far, it'll be another great show watching them try.

by Hyesu Kim



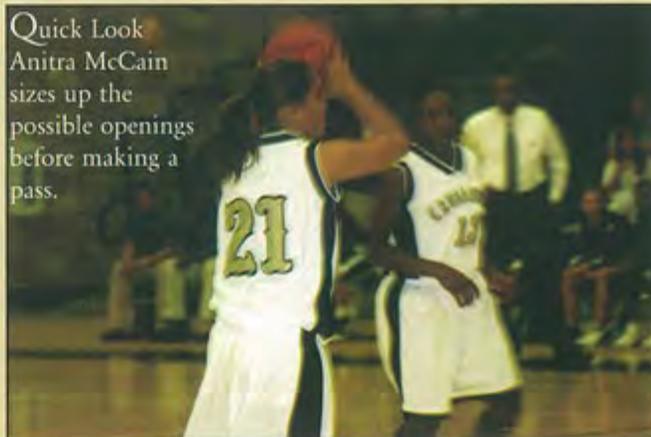
Unstoppable  
Jhazmine Lynch flings herself into the fray to follow the ball.



Looming Large  
Ebenezer Henry gives everything she's got to get the ball in the basket.



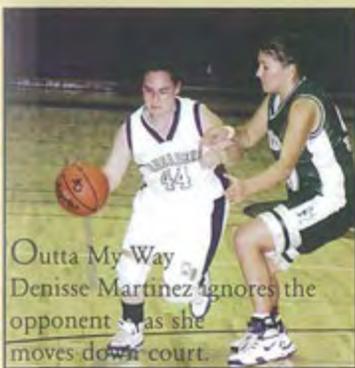
(back row); D. Johnson, K. Jackson, J. Lynch, J. Bridges, E. Henry, (front row); Coach Martinez, A. McCain, W. Tamayo, J. Rhein, J. Briggs, T. Tobe



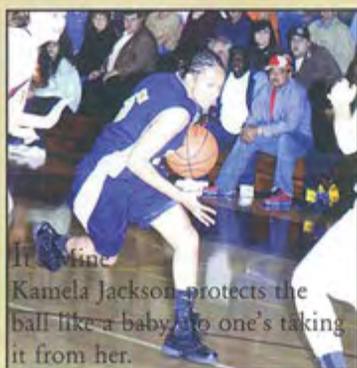
**Quick Look**  
Anitra McCain sizes up the possible openings before making a pass.



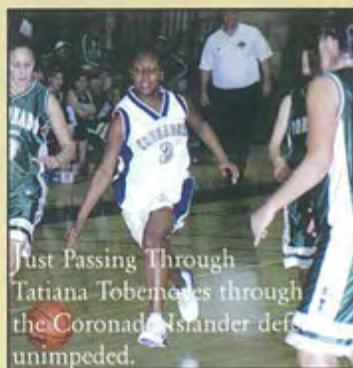
**Dainty Danae**  
Even in midair, Danae Johnson manages to stay feminine.



**Outta My Way**  
Denisse Martinez ignores the opponent as she moves down court.



**It's Mine**  
Kamela Jackson protects the ball like a baby, no one's taking it from her.



**Just Passing Through**  
Tatiana Tobemeles through the Coronado Islander defense unimpeded.

MDCHS	62	79	65	77	75	81	71	68	52	67	87	71
Opponent	Southwest	Mar Vista	Montgomery	Castle Park	Hiltop	Olympian	Southwest	Mar Vista	Montgomery	Hiltop	Castle Park	Olympian
	12	46	60	25	50	25	16	31	42	31	22	30

# sweating the *small* stuff

Imagine the bonding experience of getting pushed to the limit, doing lay-up drills over and over, countless suicides under 30 seconds and getting very familiar with the stadium steps. Coach Carla dished it out and the girls took it. After all, misery loves company! But it wasn't for the punishment. These drills helped the team grow strong. Except for the injuries. It seemed that every girl had an Achilles Ankle. Jamie Espino was happy they prayed before each game, "Imagine what it would have been like if we hadn't!" Well, they didn't win all the games they wanted to, but there were some memorial ones. The girls were 14 behind against Otay Ranch. As the fourth quarter came down to the last minute, Vanessa Tanabe took a shot which brought the Crusaders into overtime. Hearts stopped and the crowd sat at the edge of their seats as the Lady Crusaders won.

The freshman team came in strong and stayed strong: their winning streak was consistent and they managed to clinch the South Bay League title. Coach Smyth motivated the girls and helped them grow in their basketball skills. "Yep," says Jessica Baumgardner. "Definitely, we worked hard throughout the season and a lot of sweat, blood, and tears of laughter contributed to our success as the South Bay League Champions." Through patience and hard work these girls achieved a great season.

by Lauralee Johnson



Going Up!  
Isabel Stonehouse starts off the game jumping for the ball.

Court Leader  
Point guard  
Samantha Baxley  
leads the  
team down  
the court.



Listen Up  
Coach Carla talks strategy  
to the JV during a timeout.



**Fat Chance**  
Unimpeded, Barbara Padres shoots the ball to the basket.



**Team Prayer**  
The freshmen team prays before every game; not just for victory but for a safe and fun game.

**Wait a Second**  
Geni Guarnes hesitates to fool the defender in preparation for a drive on the basket.

**Quick Search**  
Diane Acevedo moves around the defender looking for an open teammate.

**Skill Drill**  
Alejandra Castro dribbles down the court during warm up before a game.



(back row); J. Baumgardner, S. Baxley, B. Morales, A. Castro, C. Erb, (front row); Coach Smyth, A. Martinez, M. Ignacio, B. Elenbaas, J. Lira



(back row); J. Villescas, I. Stonehouse, J. Aguilera, G. Guarnes, B. Padres, L. Johnson, J. Rodriguez, A. Pergrin, (front row); Coach Martinez, J. Espino, J. Cota, D. Acevedo, D. Moore, C. Zora, T. Vasquez

# The Little Giants

The boys on this year's varsity basketball team were "little giants," the kinds of players who don't fall short, who shoot high and always make the cut. What they lacked in height, they made up in hustle.

Coach Moeller made sure that everyone was ready with his rigorous training schedule. The boys didn't complain too much, but Jake Marrion states, "The hardest part about training was having to get up for morning practices at 5:00 a.m. It's hard to get your adrenaline going when the sun hasn't even come up yet!" They had big hearts and they battled their way into the playoffs. They finished league with a 7-5 record, an improvement from last year, and went against La Jolla Country Day, but lost in the first round. For Aldo Loera, his most memorable game was against Helix. "Playing the Highlanders was great because they were so good. We played hard and went into triple overtime. It was a great game." Senior Nathan Baugh enjoyed their tournament in El Centro. "We had fun, bonded and had challenging competition which made us better." The team is young, with only three seniors, Nathan Baugh, Michael Hart and Arturo Adame, leaving. Next year the boys will have much of the same talent as well as more from the very competitive junior varsity and freshman teams. As long as they continue to play with heart, there will be hearty fans to watch.

by Bernard Julve



Good Start  
D'Anthony Tobe controls the opening tip in a league game vs. Montgomery.



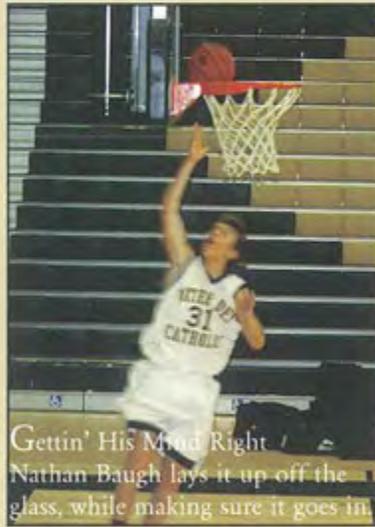
Ricola!  
Moises Lora attempts a three-pointer from the right wing.



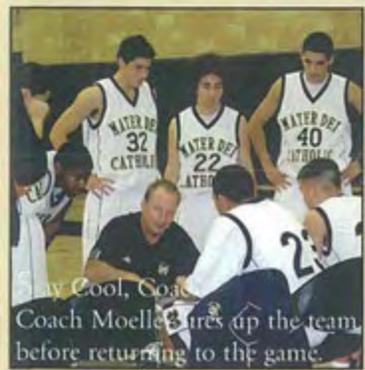
(back row); R. Rowan, W. Stewart, N. Baugh, D. Tobe, A. Loera, (front row); Coach Moeller, J. Marrion, D. Kremer, M. Lora, A. Adame, M. Hart



Eyes on the Ball  
Lake Marrión throws some "D" on the opposing guard.



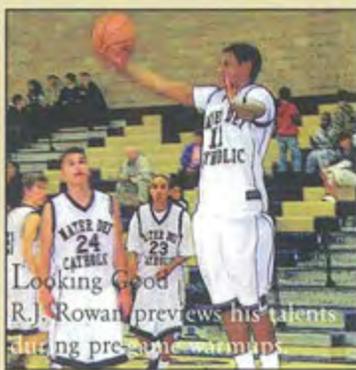
Gettin' His Mind Right  
Nathan Baugh lays it up off the glass, while making sure it goes in.



Stay Cool, Coach  
Coach Moeller fires up the team before returning to the game.



Up Close and Personal  
Aldo Loera gets his hands in the visitor's face while playing some tough defense.



Looking Good  
R.J. Rowan previews his talents during pre-game warmups.

MDCHS	Southwest	Mar Vista	LJCD	Montgomery	Castle Park	Hilltop	Olympian	Southwest	Montgomery	Hilltop	Castle Park	Olympian	LJCD
Opponent	50	47	50	76	59	35	50	62	44	49	50	56	41
	37	65	55	57	40	54	50	57	42	67	56	53	55

# skillsballin' to success

Getting used to Coach Cruz and Coach Cruz getting used to JV was the first task. But some who were there everyday set a great example for the group. Victor Garcia commented, "I admit that the season started out really slow... but we didn't stop practicing and we ended our year working hard and not giving up." James Lynn added, "We bonded well as a team. Perfection was our goal and family was what we got."

The boys continually improved. Although they struggled in close games at the end of the season, they still finished strong. At one point, they were 4-0 in league play. A lot of this wouldn't have been possible without the assistance of Mr. Reed, Mr. Blanco, and Mr. Garcia.

For Coach Sanchez, failing to prepare is preparing to fail. The frosh basketball team trained hard and the rewards were invaluable. The result was that the boys felt comfortable on the court together and ended up playing strong. Guard Ramon Campillo shares the feelings of many players when he comments, "Sanchez made this year tough for us, but it paid off because we went undefeated in league. We've got major skillsballin!" Andrew Chavez added, "Sanchez prepared us well and our team came out the best in South Bay." Spencer Princell is optimistic. "It has been a great and fun year and I can't wait until next year."

With a year of experience under their belts, the frosh and JV are definitely itching to get back on the court.

by Marissa Ornelas



Go to Guy  
Center/Forward Victor Garcia goes up for a layout against Southwest.

Hands Up  
Patrick Mayor prevents the opposition from making a clean pass.



Go Team  
The JV comes back from the court after a quick timeout.



**Beat the Press**  
Robbie Silva-Martinez dribbles up court.



**Lucky Lefty**  
Freshman Matt Burden checks out who's around for the pass.

**Versatile Guy**  
James Lynn dribbles the ball while looking for the open man.

**Sweet Feet**  
Ramon Campillo blows by the defense at midcourt.

**Suffocating D**  
Raul Castillo makes a menace of himself in the opponent's face.



(back row); E. Roman, D. Delacalzada, M. Burden, R. Castillo, A. Chavez, A. Sadighi, J. Martinez (front row); Coach Sanchez, R. Silva-Martinez, R. Campillo, S. Princell, V. Rojas, H. Rodriguez, B. Steed



(back row); V. Garcia, A. Villalpando, M. Lopez, F. Ausler, (front row); Coach Cruz, M. Reyes, J. Lynn, P. Mayor, M. Buffaloe, (not pictured); R. Silva-Martinez, M. Reed

# Check, Recheck & *Recheck*

Shin guards? Check. Cleats? Check. Flawless teamwork, gritty toughness, impeccable determination and tons of heart? For the Lady Crusaders, that's a big check. The team put up 10 wins and headed straight for the playoffs. The road was not easy, though. On their six ties, senior Illissa Fernandez commented, "They affected our standing in playoffs, but we didn't let it get to us and just worked through it." Their attitude carried them through their season. Senior Carley Byrn added, "The bonding was different this year than last year. There was a more positive environment which made me want to try harder for my team." They definitely kicked it in gear for the Hilltop games. The Lady Crusaders won one and lost one. For senior Ivanna Heard, "Hilltop was one of our biggest competitors." The feud will continue, so Ivanna "will leave the tiebreaker for the team next year." For the varsity girls soccer team, next year looks bright with a ton of talent returning to build on the foundation they set this year.

by Bernard Julve



Go, Go Carley Bo  
Carley Bo Byrn breaks away before moving the ball down the field.



Making the Stretch  
Analorena Barron attempts to take the ball from a Coronado forward.



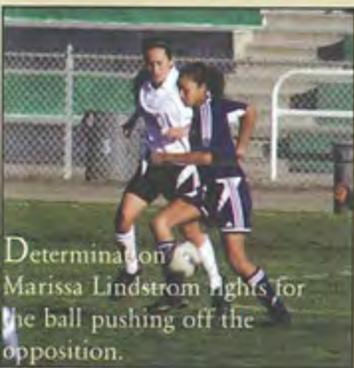
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**Foot Fight**  
Freshman Angelica Smith remains in the fray to take the ball from her opponent.



**Sideline Support**  
The girls leave the bench to cheer their team after a goal.



**Determination**  
Marissa Lindstrom fights for the ball pushing off the opposition.



**Kick it High**  
Rina Elman punts the ball out of the zone.



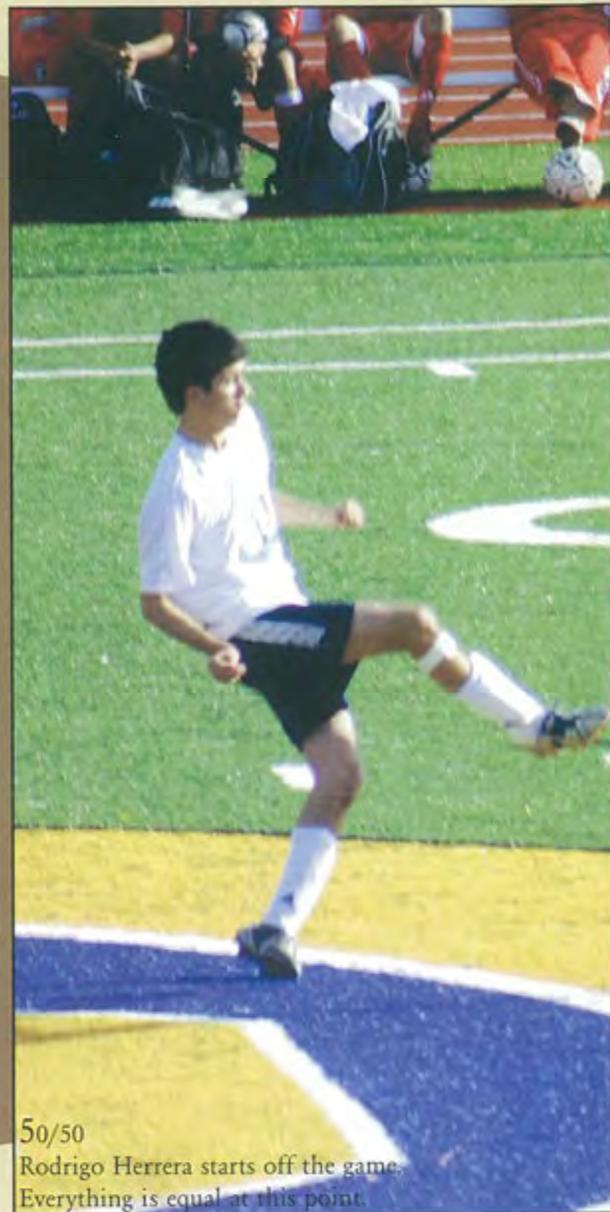
**Locomotion**  
Illissa Fernandez crosses over to kick for a goal.

MDCHS	Hill top	Olympian	Mar Vista	Montgomery	South west	Castle Park	Hill top	Mar Vista	Montgomery	South west	Castle Park
Opponent	4	11	1	1	4	3	0	4	0	0	1
	1	0	1	1	3	0	5	2	0	0	0

# Be a Thing of Beauty

Watching the soccer ball bounce on an open field, with headers, slide tackles, and lightning fast footwork, is simply a thing of beauty. The guys won't admit it, but their game requires quickness, intensity, balance, and a little elegance in addition to gut-busting forays up and down the field and kicks that aren't always intended for the ball. The varsity boys soccer team did everything to get into the playoffs coming off of a losing season last year. The team was essentially the same, with a few important differences. As senior Captain Rodrigo Herrera states, "We basically have the same guys returning, but I told everyone that it was all about wanting to win. Con Todo!" It definitely showed with the guys winning a total of 5 games in league and finishing the season with a 7-5-4 record overall. Luis Torres added, "Last year, we won no games. But we played Mar Vista and won our 1st game in over a year." "It was all heart," added Rodrigo. That heart was enough to carry the team into the playoffs. They rolled over High Tech High with a 1-0 win, and they edged out Santa Fe Christian 1-0. Against Coronado the team gave its all in a 2-1 loss to the eventual division champs. But that was not the whole story. "We played as a team - teamwork," added Rodrigo. "We came together and we won together." Congrats to the team for bouncing back and digging deep down to reach their potential.

by Bernard Julve



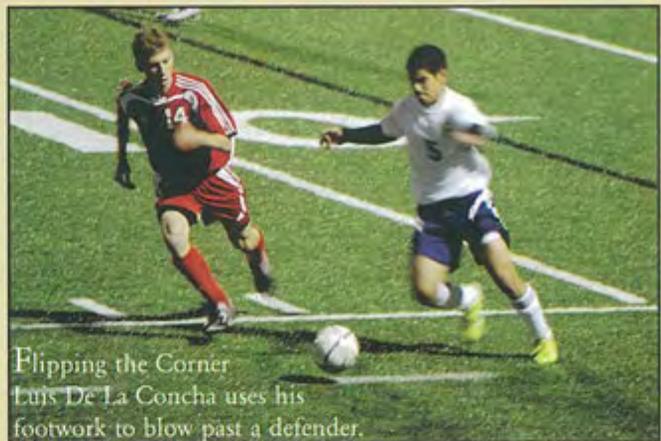
50/50  
Rodrigo Herrera starts off the game.  
Everything is equal at this point.



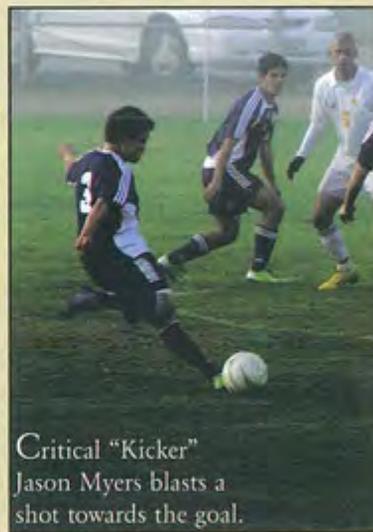
Coming Through  
Octavio Rodriguez passes a recovered ball down mid-field.



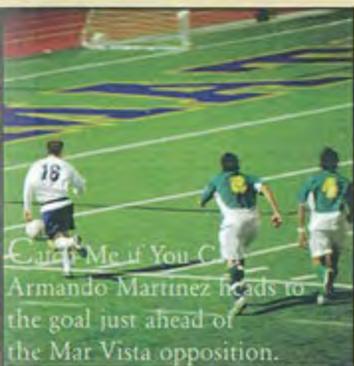
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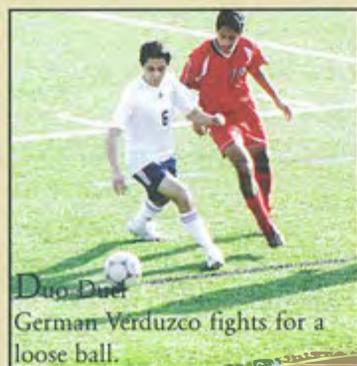
**Flipping the Corner**  
Luis De La Concha uses his footwork to blow past a defender.



**Critical "Kicker"**  
Jason Myers blasts a shot towards the goal.



**Catch Me if You Can**  
Armando Martinez heads to the goal just ahead of the Mar Vista opposition.



**Duo Duet**  
German Verduzco fights for a loose ball.



**High Kick**  
Jose Gomez pops the ball up away from the opponent.

MDCHS	Hilltop	Olympian	Mar Vista	Montgomery	Southwest	Castle Park	Hilltop	Olympian	Mar Vista	Montgomery	Southwest	Castle Park
Opponent	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	5	2	1	1	1
	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	3	5	2

# getting better, + getting stronger

Mater Dei's first JV soccer season went smoothly. Both the girls and the boys finished with success.

For the girls, the first couple weeks were hard workouts, but they did not give up. Instead, they tried harder and got better. With each game they learned more about what they should improve on and what skills they needed to have. Soon, the girls started aiming higher and as a result, they won games against schools like Mar Vista and Madison. Of course, they had hard times throughout the year; they were constantly pressured to be better, stronger, more aggressive and skillful. Many seemed to give up but the rest of the team helped each other out, which led them to stay together until the end. Co-captain, Elaine Guilas explains, "As a captain I was responsible for the whole team and creating teamwork was sure hard, but each of us did a great job and this whole season was fun".

The boys had a very successful season; they worked hard and with the skills they learned, improved a lot which led them to win 10-0 against Olympian. Genaro Camacho shares his idea of the team, saying, "This year our team had good chemistry, and we had a good time. It was fun because we were very close together and we were very proud of ourselves."

JV is just a step before going to a more advanced team, and both girls and boys are happy being able to play. Maybe next year they will play for next year's varsity teams and who knows, maybe they will bring in a CIF title!

by SooJin Kim

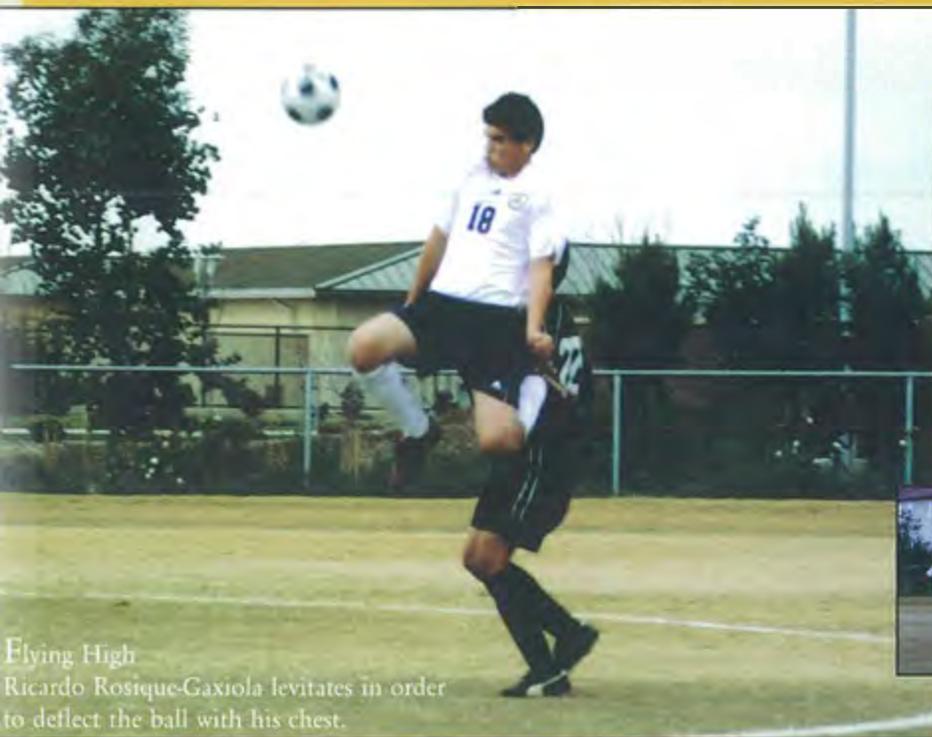


Management Decision  
Daniella Corona moves in to  
take control of the situation.

Keeper Cleaning  
Erica Petway  
defends  
her turf.



Go Getter Galan  
Deigo Galan jukes his opponent to make a pass.



Flying High  
Ricardo Rosique-Gaxiola levitates in order to deflect the ball with his chest.

Fast Forward  
Andrea Velasquez moves into the opposition to take possession of the ball.

Light and Limber  
Isela Ruiz shifts her body to kick hard.

Scoping the Scene  
Genaro Camacho checks out the opposition before completing his pass.



(back row); Coach Santos, E. Crosthwaite, D. Hernandez, E. Petway, V. Cardenas, A. Echeverri, I. Ames (middle row); A. Attisha, S. Kim, M. Schneider, L. Gonzalez, D. Corona, I. Ruiz, A. Velasquez, (front row); M. Guilas, M. Burkle, (not pictured); M. Schneider



(back row); R. Duarte, J. Edgar, R. Rosique-Gaxiola, H. Torres, J. Martinez-Saenger, H. Gomez, (middle row); M. Hall, R. Quijano-Luna, D. Alvarez, A. Garcia, G. Camacho, D. Galan, (front row); J. Baez, D. Sierra, (not pictured); I. Paredes, F. Sansores, C. Tellez

# Visualizing Victory

These girls are ready for another strong season. Veteran players Allyson Burges, Amber Rose Hernandez and Denisse Martinez stand out as leaders in the line-up. Allyson has been pitching power balls on varsity since her freshman year and is eager to go out with a winning season. Besides being a team captain, Denisse is a very strong catcher. She covers the plate and always knows exactly what to do. Versatile athlete and right fielder, Amber can catch the high balls and “wrestle” them into her glove. “We work hard but have a lot of fun out there,” says co-captain Melanie Diaz, “we’re competitive but we still have fun. That’s just the way it should be.”

Junior varsity gives girl athletes an opportunity to master softball skills. Many of them are still pretty new to the game, in fact, one was over heard saying, “Why is she running to first?” But that was probably a little brain freeze. “These girls are really dedicated to learning,” says Coach Greg Smyth. “No one complains about doing the drills or the conditioning.” The team works out daily until the league games begin. Then the prospective varsity athletes start performing. One of the players, team captain Erica Silva has real potential for leadership. “I love the game and just ask that the girls follow their hearts.”

by Hyesu Kim



Looking Up  
Allyson Burges delivers another high velocity pitch towards home



Swing and Drive  
Wendy Tamayo drives another hard shot into the outfield for a base hit.



(back row); Coach Girard, Coach Plata '06, M. Conlin, K. Himan, M. Centrullo, A. Hernandez, A. Burges, Coach Centrullo (front row); V. Vargas, D. Martinez, B. Morales, W. Tamayo, A. Lopez, M. Diaz, D. Moore, B. Acosta, (not pictured); C. Erb



**Ready, Set, Catch**  
Melanie Diaz takes the proper stance to receive a line drive if it comes her way.



**Little Sprinter**  
Iris Maldonado runs to second base on a ground ball.



**Finesse**  
Denisse Martinez easily reaches for the low and away pitch.



(back row); Coach Smyth, S. Tessman, E. Silva, E. Petway, B. Byrd, A. Guerrero, B. Aguilera, (front row); K. Jaramillo, A. Frausto, I. Maldonado, B. Fairley, K. Jaramillo, (not pictured); B. Escobar, G. Figueroa, K. Garcia, A. O' Conner, K. Smith



**Little Fanatic**  
Mr. Souza's daughter is already a fan of the JV softball team.



**Back to Square One**  
Breeana Fairley hustles to home after a tough practice.

# Good Views

This year the baseball team joins the ranks of great teams who have left one beloved field for another.

"It's different," remarks pitcher Matt Milke, "the distance from homeplate to the fence is shorter so we'll have to stop the opponents but we'll certainly be aiming for some windows." "It's a great view," adds Paul Guardado, "from the mound and outfield you can see beautiful sunsets." But ball players only pay so much attention to their surroundings. The conditioning stays the same. "Actually it's harder; Coach Johnson is really working us," admits catcher Alex Medina. "We're doing a lot of running." The players also enjoy a good team chemistry. "We've played together for a long time and we're pretty tight, explains Guardado, who hits with power and is an aggressive base runner. It's early in the season but so far the preparation has paid off. The Crusaders did well in a scrimmage against Calexico with Bernard Julve hitting a home run, then the boys won their first game against Helix. In this game the younger players showed their stuff, especially left-handed pitcher Emmanuel Gutierrez who shut out the competition 9-0. There's a long road ahead of them if they are to go the whole way, but the team feels they have what it takes. "¡Todo es mental!" This is the rally. "If you can see it in your mind," Medina explains, "you can do it." Well, it looks like the views are good outside and inside so hopefully we'll be viewing these boys doing well for a long time.

by Marie Hernandez



High Velocity  
Fastball pitcher, Christian Castro, shows good form on the mound.



## Memorial View

With this bench we remember the love, support and mentoring given by Coach Johnson's beloved dad, Mr. Johnson.



(back row); Coach Meyers, C. Castro, L. Gonzalez, D. Matranga, J. Ramirez, A. Medina, M. Milke, E. Gutierrez, C. Rodriguez, R. Burden, Coach Johnson, (front row); M. Zayas, M. Pitre, D. Villegas, M. Martinez, S. Valenzuela, P. Guardado, B. Julve, R. Sais, D. Chig, (not pictured); N. Wright



**Catcher Goes Uncaught**  
Catcher Alex Medina slides safely into third base against Chula Vista.



**Let 'er Rip**  
Mario Zayas cracks a single between first and second.



**No Disputin'**  
Paul Guardado calls off Matt Martinez as he makes the catch.



**Going the Other Way**  
Jorge Ramirez lines a hard hit to right field for a single.



**Manny Being Manny**  
Emmanuel Gutierrez makes the out at first and runs the ball back in.

# the *other* guys

That team we saw last year has turned into lanky and burly guys ready to hit and run hard. Lead by strong leaders, Denny Kremer, Martin Gorence, and Miguel Hernandez the team has guys to look up to and go to for advice. Hernandez exemplifies the baseball type, he doesn't talk much, but when asked what he likes about baseball, he has a simple answer, "Everything." Of course the loquacious but injured Jacob Coogan has more to say, "I like being on the field a lot more than being stuck on the sidelines." Fortunately the team has some depth with newcomer brothers Robbie and Raul Silva-Martinez. The first will pitch and the second will catch. Both bring a hard work ethic to an already dynamic team. With the help of three coaches, the teams outlook is promising.

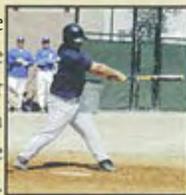
These guys may be only 9th graders, but many have already come a long way together. Ramon Campillo, Andrew Chavez, Matt Burden and David Delacalzada played on the team last year as 8th graders. They all agree having a history helps make a great team chemistry or as Andrew Chavez says, "Our team is legit!" He and D.H Anthony Warner add a little height to the young team; both are well over 6 foot and growing. Center Fielder Ramon Campillo's not so tall but he's got stature, "I have a lot to live up to since Coach calls me Khalil." Speaking of the coach, he's Marian's own Dario Martinez '06. It's great to have Dario back with the team and we know he and his boys will love the season for as he once said, "...even the greatest misery in baseball still has a sweetness."

by Marie Hernandez



*Steady Stare*  
Ace pitcher Denny Kremer focuses on the batter before delivering the fastball.

Thru the  
5.5 Hole  
Power hitter  
James Lynn  
swings at the  
right pitch.



*Home Sweet*  
Ramon Campillo congratulates Alfredo Paullada after making a homerun.



**You're Out!**  
Sophomore shortstop Miguel Hernandez makes the tag at second base vs. Grossmont.



**Up and Coming**  
Matt Burden releases the ball hard and fast after a good wind up.

**Good D**  
Kevin Hernandez stretches at first to make the out.



**Sway Time**  
Raul Castillo masters the shuttle drill during practice.



**Calm**  
Catcher Rulie Silva-Martinez sets up behind the plate.



(back row); M. Burden, P. Osuna, A. Paullada, A. Warner, A. Chavez, S. Guardado, R. Castillo, (front row); T. Hayes, D. Delacalzada, R. Campillo, E. Roman, J. Ramos, (not pictured); B. Steed



(back row); R. Silva-Martinez, S. Jarjees, E. Silva, R. Silva-Martinez, K. Hernandez, Coach San Miguel, (front row); M. Hernandez, J. Coogan, J. Lynn, D. Kremer, M. Gorrence, (not pictured); R. Andreoli, C. Hernandez, J. Myers, D. Sanchez

# The Polite Game

Remember when tennis was played in bright white outfits and the only auditory emissions from the audiences were gentle “ohs” and “ahs” and polite clapping at the end of a match? So much has changed since then. Still there’s something very elite about the game. It lends itself to gentlemanliness, too. Take Mater Dei’s top player, Jorge Molina. He’s a polite guy, in fact he’s pretty refined. Molina used to be a soccer player, but about five years ago he started playing tennis and as he explains himself, “Tennis has become a passion.” That’s lucky for us because last year he was able to go to the 2nd round in CIF. Molina has been working with his own coach in Mexico, so maybe this year he’ll be able to go even farther. Other talent includes Antonio Martinez who has a strong forehand and freshman Ricardo Rosique who is also strong. The boys have a new coach this year, Alex Reyes from Tijuana. He’s a very talented player himself and works the athletes hard. So far the team has won their first match against Montgomery. Since the girls team did so well this year, the boys will have to be a little extra competitive, all in a gentlemanly manner, of course.

by Hyesu Kim



Laid Back Rally  
Jorge Molina knows the benefits of warming up before a match.



Wack!  
Antonio Martinez slams the ball into the opponent’s side.



(back row); A. Martinez, C. Garcia, R. Rosique, J. Hernandez, A. Hernandez-Ruiz, Coach Reyes, (front row); S. Acosta, J. Molina, N. Franco, L. Cuen, (not pictured); K. Rah



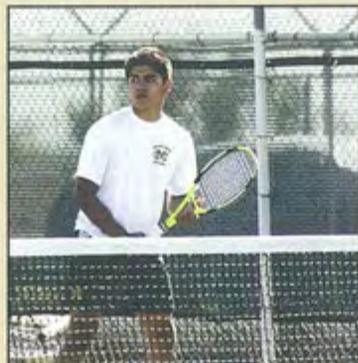
**Full Impact**  
Leonardo Cuen winds up to rip the ball across the court.



**Ready and Waiting**  
Sam Acosta stays close to the net ready for the return.



**Poised and Ready**  
Juan Hernandez is ready to pounce toward his opponent.



**Bodacious Backhand**  
Alejandro Hernandez-Ruiz shows off his killer backhand.



**Fetching Forehand**  
Carlos Garcia uses his footwork and forehand to return the ball.

# A Walk in the Park

Whoever said "Golf is a good walk spoiled" never played a good game of golf. These guys know the supreme and sublime pleasure of a sweet swing, a powerful drive and the quiet 'plink' of the ball as it rolls into the hole. Almost all are experienced players who have loved and lived the game for years. Mater Dei has benefited from their ability. These guys are going for their 6th straight South Bay League title. They'll have to look out for Hilltop, their biggest league competitor. But the team will be lead by returning All CIF golfer, Oscar "Just do it" Casillas, who has been playing since he was 7. "It was quality time with my dad; what could be better than that?" Well, it paid off in quality for the team too. All the players appreciate the devotion of Coach Gerken who has a tough job that somebody's got to do. Senior Max Mesa invokes Coach's name when he admonishes the team, "Don't Gerk around." But there's not much of that. The guys just want to play the game. Other returning seniors are Hector Troncoso and Fernando Fajardo. Juniors David Moreno-Simon and sophomore Cesar Ybarra will round out the starting six and lead the charge to defend their title. Freshmen Gabriel Krasovsky and Spencer Princell show a lot of promise and will get plenty of playing time. It looks like it's going to be a nice walk.

by Marie Hernandez



Hitting the Spot  
After a sweet swing, Hector Troncoso lights up with a sure smile.



It's a Tough Job  
... but somebody's gotta do it!  
Coach Cruz and the golf crew.



(back row); C. Ybarra, G. Krasovsky, H. Ruiz, O. Fernandez-Simon, H. Troncoso, M. Ramos, (front row); Coach Gerken, O. Casillas, T. Allingham, (not pictured); E. Azano, F. Fajardo, M. Meza, D. Moreno, F. Rodriguez



**Beautiful View**  
It's not Scotland. These links are just down the way at the Salt Creek Course.



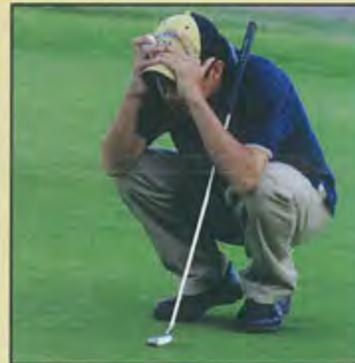
**Fine Form**  
Top golfer, Oscar Casillas, finishes off a practice shot with panache.



**Yes!**  
Octavio Fernandez-Simon knows what it's all about: sinking a 25 foot putt.



**Sand Man**  
But not a problem for David Moreno, who blasts it out to the green.



**Single-minded Surveyor**  
Cesar Ybarra checks the lay of the land before taking his last shot.

# Boot Camp

As the opposing team gets ready to serve, the Crusader boys have a stern yet eager look on their faces. In their keen minds each determined player is thinking the same thing: we will return the ball! Coach Brian's and Coach Quinlan's voices run through the boys' minds. The whistle blows. Yes! All those pushups paid off! At the beginning of the season it's hard to tell if the boys are practicing volleyball or are in a conditioning class. They spend so much time on the floor doing pushups for their mistakes. But little by little, with the military style admonitions of the sibling duo, Coaches Quinlan and Ritz, the motley crew becomes a team. Boys volleyball started out recently at Marian and with a small group of guys, but it's grown in popularity ever since. Newcomer, Kacy Espinoza explains why he likes the sport, saying "It is so insanely intense when the ball is coming at me." We're sure Kacy loves to give it back. For Aldo Loera volleyball is a family tradition. His mom, his dad and his sister all played. Victor Garcia has another story. "I was in it for basketball. I wanted to improve my vertical jump. Then at practice I found it was a lot harder than I thought. But I like it... it's a fun game." Whatever the reasons are, volleyball has a lot of appeal and if enough guys make it through boot camp, it's going to be better than ever.

by Cassandra Pimentel



**Hit the Floor**  
The volleyball team is the first to know the new gym's floor up close and personal.



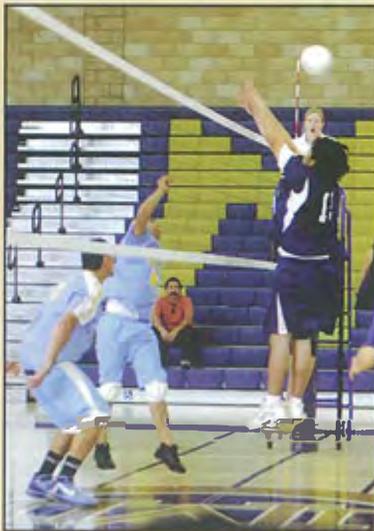
**True Teamwork**  
Jesus Garcia-Rios and Alfredo Brambila clasp hands until the serve is completed. Then Alfredo takes his place as setter.



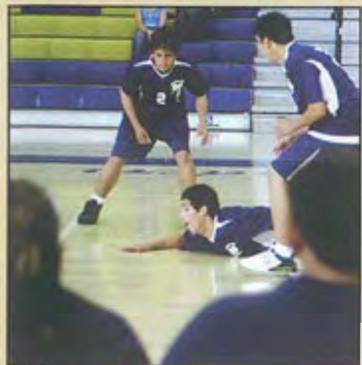
(back row); J. Martinez, J. Villescas, W. Stewart, M. Lara-Ponce, A. Loera, V. Garcia, (front row); Coach Ritz, A. Peralta, R. Hernandez, A. Adame, J. Brambila, Coach Quinlan, (not pictured); K. Espinoza, L. Lopez, J. Garcia-Rios



**Founding Fathers**  
Boys volleyball at Marian/Mater Dei began with these '06 grads: Chris Williams, Jordan Hickman and Michael Fajardo.



**Try and Try Again**  
Judah Villescas attempts to block against San Ysidro.



**Back on the Floor**  
Aldo Loera makes a sliding dive to save the ball as teammates look on.



**Tandem Play**  
Victor Garcia waits for the set before going up to spike.



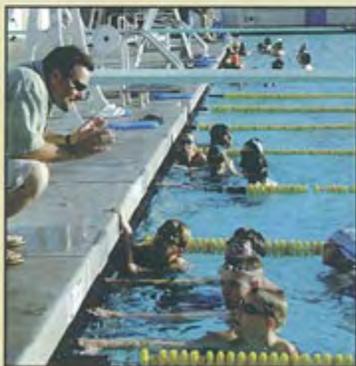
**Coaches Corner**  
Teammates rally around Coach Quinlan for pointers and pep.

# Just Keep Swimming

Just keep swimming, swimming, swimming. These words of Dori from Finding Nemo are the mantra for Trini Muffley. "They help me lose myself in a timeless world." She's not the only one who feels at home in an underwater haven. Coaches Smith and Biedenbach are thrilled to see a variety of freshman, as well as returning sophomores, juniors, and seniors. While the team is growing the talent of the returning seniors has stayed tough. David LeDuc is the strongest. He swims the 50 yard freestyle, the 200 yard freestyle and completes the 100 yard freestyle in under a minute. Between surfing and swimming Michael Porter spends as much time in the water as out of it. He races the 100 yard breaststroke. David Martinez is another strong swimmer specializing in the 50 yard free style. Chardonay Ray swims a quick 100 yard and Trini Muffley is as delicate in the 100 yard butterfly as she is in ballet. The team still uses the Loma Verde pool until Mater Dei can replace the alyssum field with their own blue haven. Until then the swimmers will ignore the inconvenience of not having a "home." At least this year's practices are after school and not at 6:00 in the morning as they have been. California's afternoon sun will make the training easy as the swimmers concentrate and condition for competition in the CIF championship.

by Mark Laturno

Water World  
Sophomore swimmer Genaro Camacho disappears into beads of blue.



Words of Wisdom  
Swimmers catch their breath as Coach Smith explains the next set.



(back row) C. Yeas, D. Montes, D. Martinez, A. Thein, M. Laturno, D. Le Duc, M. Potter, (3rd row) K. Rueda, C. Ray, R. Lugo, K. Figy, R. Espe, I. Stonehouse, P. Gonzales, (2nd row) Coach Biedenbach, M. Gonzales, L. Gonzales, E. Brunner, B. Zaragoza, D. Janowicz, J. Rhein, D. Aguilar, (front row) M. Ornelas, A. Griffin, J. Estrella, L. Gonzales, K. Muffley, P. Hernandez, P. Rodriguez, (not pictured) A. Barron, A. Beltrones, G. Camacho, I. Chavez, A. Felix Diaz, C. Gage, S. Gonzalez, J. Gonzalez-Sanchez, A. Gutierrez, M. Lindsrom, D. Long, I. Mejia, N. Paredes, E. Parra, R. Parra, J. Rivero, H. Rodriguez, G. Soto, L. Soto, G. Suarez, M. Szkopiec, V. Vigil



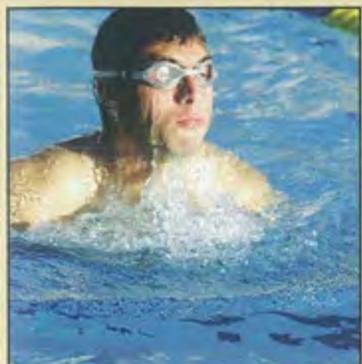
**The Force**

Michael Porter, Chardonnay Ray, David Le Duc, Allana Griffin, David Martinez and Trini Muffley compile compelling power for the Mater Dei team.



**Jersey Girl**

Coach Beidenback gracefully instructs swimmers on proper techniques.



**Smooth and Easy**  
Adan Beltrones cruises to the wall doing breaststroke.



**The Big Gulp**  
Gisela Soto catches her breath.



**Ball Stops Here**  
Roger Espe propels easily in a freestyle stroke.

# From Third to Fourth Gear

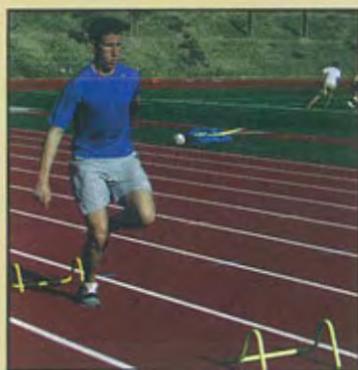
That's what Coach Craig says; he wants people moving fast, just the way he did when he ran for Ohio State. This year is revving. First, of course, is the school and the awesome facilities, everything is new. Many of the coaches are new too, including Mater Dei's own science teacher, Mr. Rice, who qualified for national competition in the shot put which he coaches along with discus field events. This year for the first time there is no boys and girls team; there's only one team. It makes for more unity and efficiency as well as draws in participation. 68 athletes signed up to race and they are still going strong. The team will also host a Crusader invitational for grammar school kids to compete in.

It's looking like a fast race for the new athletes and some of the experienced runners like Johanna Rhein, Camille Alvarado, Lauren Elise Judal and Vanessa Tanabe. These best friends don't just like racing, they like getting there together. The team will say good bye to just a few seniors. Roman Owens will be flying high soon at the Air Force Academy, Bobbie DelaRosa will stay closer to home at SDSU. One runner may take a nostalgic look back. Michael Hart has run on the team for four years. He's seen a lot of change. "It has evolved. We've had a number of coaches, our status in the community has grown and it will only grow stronger. Now I've reached the finish here and it feels good to finish strong."

by Marie Hernandez



Zonic Ricardo Rosales looks like he's about to enter the zone.



Important Impediments Luis Ramirez uses obstacles to strengthen his muscles and increase his speed.



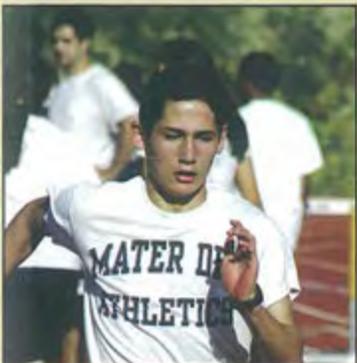
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**This Line Moves**  
Sarah Papapietro, Marisol Padilla and Bernardo Sandoval enjoy doing the distance on the new track



**Twist About**  
Michael Hart spins like a top to stay in top shape.



**Almost There**  
Ivan Tornel pushes his pace to complete the race.



**Hop, Skip and Jump**  
Camile Alvarado completes her long jump at JSerra.



**Leg Out and Up**  
Vincent Vazquez grimaces as he completes the lawn exercises.

# Something for *Everyone*

**M**ater Dei is diverse. Students come from a plethora of backgrounds. But instead of seeing this as a negative thing, we see it as a source of strength. With so many different people, we can contribute so many unique talents. We are unified in our diversity. And like any school, we have a ton of clubs. But what makes ours so different? The people.

There's definitely something for everyone. If you want to learn about cultures from around the world, make new friends from completely different backgrounds, and maybe even learn a whole new language, the APIC, the Hispanic Alliance, and the French Club are perfect for you. Whether it's in Korean, Spanish or French, you can be sure that you can find out about foreign customs, exotic places, and most important of all, food!

If you're dying to make music, Steel Drum and Music Ministry are the clubs for you. You can try to dance to the beat of a Jamaican steel drum or you can sing your heart out to Christ as the lead singer you always imagined being.

If it's plastic you've been dreaming of, then the Ecology Club is the right place for you. Mater Dei is never short of students who want to save the environment one recycle bin at a time.

And let's not forget Drama, Dance, and Yearbook. If you have a passion for acting, an urge to tap your feet, or an unexplainable desire to pull out your hair trying to write an article before a looming deadline, then you can find good company among the most creative and artistic students on campus.

Clubs aren't signs of division - they're celebrations of diversity. Mater Dei's strong embrace of a multicultural student body with unique talents and interests will ensure that everyone has a chance to be, well, different.

by Bernard Julve



Brian Lacey

Alyssa Gamez



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Brian Rodriguez



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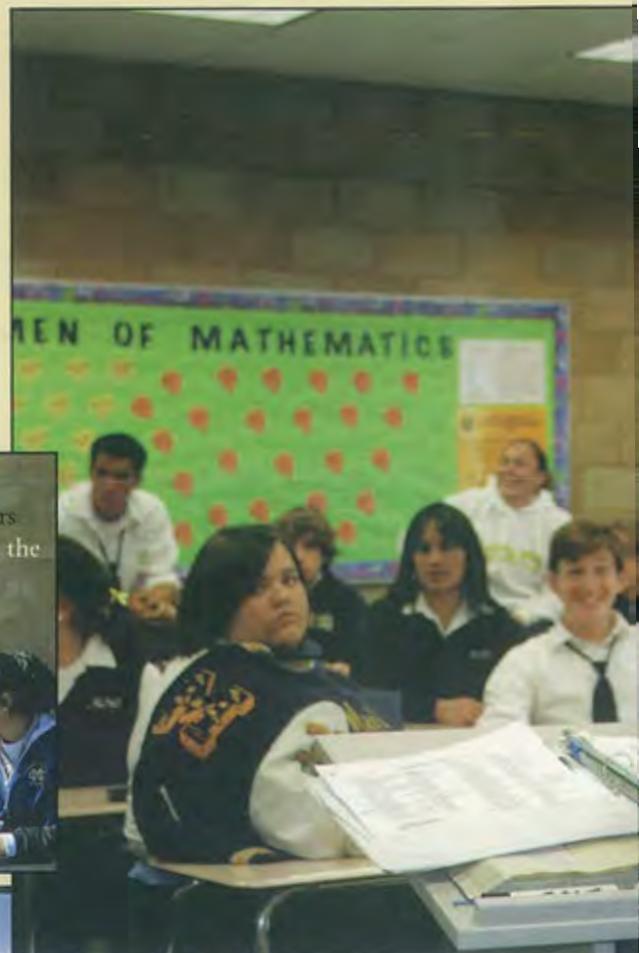
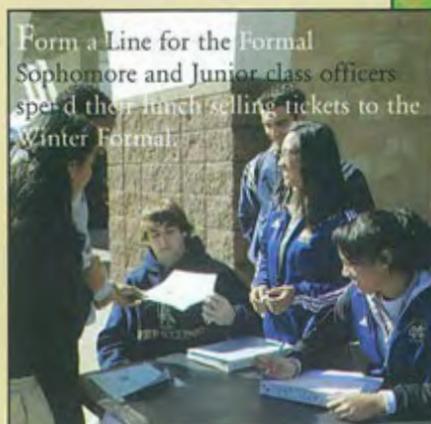
# People with Passion

ASB is the focal point of student activity. They are the most passionate group of students with an overflowing love for Mater Dei. The passion can only be summed up by Ariel Hunt, senior class president, when she says, "ASB is like a fire that sparks the spirit for the school. The love we have for the student body outlines the drive for our future."

Many challenges come with a new school. From figuring out how to advertise for the latest event to getting the gym homecoming ready, they just keep coming. Even with these challenges, Jasselle Garcia, executive vice president, knows that "ASB is hard work, but we are tough and we pull through it."

ASB devotes every Wednesday afternoon to planning how to make school a more enjoyable place. They spend the rest of the week making sure all plans flow smoothly. In ASB, even the smallest voice in the form of a freshman is heard. It gives students the ability to shape and create a perfect school year and make the school reflect their likes and dislikes.

Creativity is key and ASB allows students to let their imaginations take hold and manifest itself through out our campus.



Michael Hart  
President



Jasselle Garcia  
Vice President

by Marisol Ros

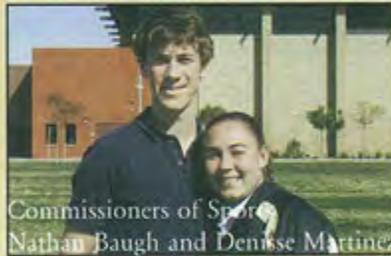
Sandwich & Serenade  
ASB keeps the music  
blasting as Crusaders  
relax and eat lunch.



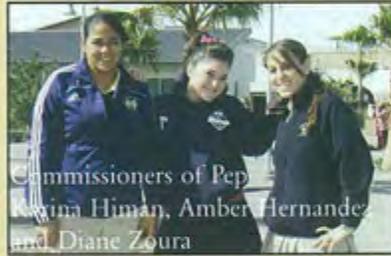
Commissioners of Publicity  
Jazzmin Estrella and Carly Byrn



Commissioners of Public Affairs  
Jamie Espino and Frances Fernandez



Commissioners of Sports  
Nathan Baugh and Denisse Martinez



Commissioners of Pep  
Keyina Himan, Amber Hernandez  
and Diane Zoura



Commissioners of Sound  
Jonathan Briggs and Oscar Casillas



Step Up, Sweethearts  
Woo your baby with a  
Valentine's Day Gram.



Calling All Crusaders  
Mariela Contreras and Mi-  
chael Hart help pass out ice  
cream to celebrate Catholic  
Schools Week.



ASB Artists  
Sign making expertise is a  
pre-requisite for a successful  
ASB career; just ask Frances  
Fernandez, Ana Ramirez,  
and Jamie Espino.



Come to Order  
President Michael Hart takes the floor as  
the ASB quiets down.



Brianna Baca  
Secretary

Chelsea Largoza  
Treasurer

Marisol Ros  
ACC President

# God's Little Stewards

Who says you can't make a difference? Campus Ministry and the Pro Life Club prove that anyone can step up and fight for what they believe in. Gandhi once said that "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Whether it is leading the mass or marching for life, Mater Dei Crusaders are working hard to demonstrate the Gospel in everything they do.

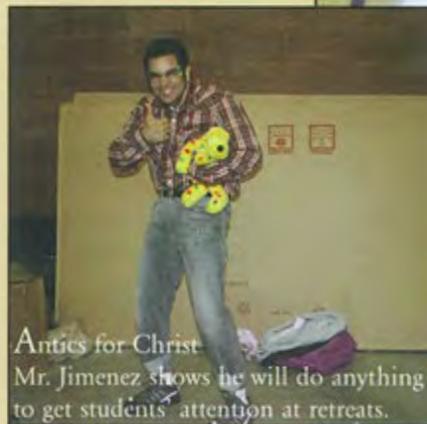
"I love Jesus," says senior Campus Minister Chardonnay Ray, "so I might as well be in a club that loves Him too." Campus Ministry is a group of selected juniors and seniors who love the Lord and are willing to be role models for other students on campus, leading by example to apply the teachings of the Church to everyday life. Some of their ministry includes organizing retreats, reading and planning all liturgies, and running food and clothes drives during the holidays. According to junior Kamela

Jackson, the work is all worth it. "I enjoy being a role model to other students on campus and hope that through this experience I, myself become closer to God."

"I do believe in having an opinion," says sophomore club member Johanna Rhein, "but I also believe in life and that everyone has a voice."

Pro Life is a club on campus that is strongly against issues such as abortion and capital punishment because they threaten life. They have taken a firm stance for life and according to Catholic Social Teaching, they are working to preserve it at all stages of life.

by Jordhan Briggs



Antics for Christ  
Mr. Jimenez shows he will do anything to get students' attention at retreats.



Campus Ministry: (back row); B. Lacey, A. Schramm, L. De La Concha I. Mejia, K. Rodriguez, M. Rosillo, F. Loustanau, K. Jackson, C. Ray, D. Long, D. Martinez, M. Contreras, A. Atkinson, M. Martinez (middle row); J. Arballo, F. Rodriguez, Dr. Threatt, M. Zavala, Mr. Jimenez, J. Estrella, K. Himan, S. Ibarra, M. Martinez, J. Rhein, A. Ruiz, M. Hart (front row); M. Ros, C. Byrn, B. Baca, M. Ornelas, C. Wright, L. Elise, J. Espino, J. Briggs, K. Muffly, C. Largoza, A. Lopez

A Rest for the Weary  
Priscilla Hernandez,  
Marisol Ros, and  
Brianna Baca get  
refreshed after  
completing the  
Pro-Life Walk.



Marian Devotion  
The Lady from Lourdes paid a visit to  
the campus offering believers a once in a  
lifetime opportunity.



Miles with a Message  
Pro-life members join with  
others to walk for life.



What a Man  
Father Stan presides at High  
School Youth Day; he is  
beloved by all Mater Dei  
students.



Wrapping it Up  
Campus Ministers finish  
off 2007 by giving to others  
during a Catholic Charities  
Toy Drive.



Long Lying  
Sophomores connect hands and send pulses in an  
honesty experiment that isolates prevaricators.



Pro-Life: (back row); R. Silvia, S. Baxley, B. Elenbaas, B. Rodriguez, A. Gallegos,  
M. Ros, Ms. Salazar, B. Baca, A. Lopez, J. Rivero, J. Villescas, G. Guarnes,  
D. Corona, A. Echeverri, (front row); R. Ros, J. Estrella, P. Hernandez, C. Yeats,  
J. Rhein, K. Muffley, I. Ames

# The Night Owls

Drama and Yearbook people must have to like the night for that is when they do some of their best work. Chelsea Anne Largoza, Yearbook Editor says, "Let's just say I've seen many beautiful sunsets." The Revelers, Mater Dei's drama ensemble, often made a party out of their evening practices. The aroma of pizza wafted through the Lima Center, courtesy of Mr. Brown, Director Mrs. Brown's very supportive husband.

The Revelers had many new experiences this year—not only a new school but a beautiful new theater, the first home theater ever. They also had a new Director, Mrs. Rebecca Brown who brings prodigious energy to her endeavors. Though so much was new, the first production was a throwback. "You Can't Take it With You" by Moss Hart was presented by Marian's Revelers in 1969. In fact, Mrs. Kelleher '69 had a part in it. She and some of the original cast members came back to watch the 2008 production.

After having a blast with this comedy, the Revelers are getting into gear for their dramatic spring production, "Twelve Angry Men," which will be renamed "Twelve Angry Jurors."

Yearbook has a fabulous new room, which is much appreciated since certain yearbook

people practically live there. Most other yearbook components: photos, copy, design and deadlines are very much the same. The all-senior staff works together very well and can be seen working intently during block 1. After school is when the bulk of the work gets done. No one works harder than EIC Chelsea Anne Largoza. Even though she is involved in a host of other activities, she has joined the prestigious few who can say, "Yearbook is my life." Photo Editor Alex Lopez also belongs to that club. Additionally, she has learned how to be

in more than one place at a time, quite a feat, but necessary for a yearbook

photographer. Yearbook was lucky to have talented writer Bernard Julve. As Copy Editor he worked miracles. Like Rumpelstiltskin, he was able to spin straw into gold. Doing the impossible is part of Yearbook so when you pick one up, you're looking at a little miracle.



Madame Serpentine  
Mrs. Brown holds what looks like a real snake but is really a rubber replica used as a prop.



(back row); S. Acosta, S. O'Hara, M. Meza, H. Troncoso, A. Gamez, F. Lopez, S. Lazo, A. Hunt, D. Aguilar, E. Go K. Celaya, B. Coogan, (front row); J. Bensen, B. Rodriguez, Mrs. Brown, R. Ortega, D. Fierro, C. Chenelle

by Marie Hernandez

**Dynamic Duo**  
EIC Chelsea  
Anne Largoza  
and Copy Editor  
Bernard Julve  
work together at  
the main MAC.



**Lush Lady**  
Bridget Coogan fakes a snooze to portray  
an inebriated Gay Wellington.

**Good Eye Girl**  
Alex Lopez watches the field carefully  
to get the best shots.



**Russian Rusher**  
Max Meza as Kolenkhov  
puts the moves on Ariel  
Hunt as Rheba in "You  
Can't Take it with You."



**Mood Intentio**  
Yearbook students are  
oblivious to everything, but  
the task at hand.



**Grandpa Ponders Painting**  
Alvin Almazan as Grandpa  
considers his daughter  
Penny's (played by Chelsea  
Chenelle) dubious talent.



(middle row); K. Garcia,  
zalez, B. Gamez,  
, R. Hernandez,



(back row); P. Gonzalez, J. Briggs, J. Tinoco, C. Largoza, Ms. Kelleher, A. Hernandez,  
L. Samano, A. Lopez, (front row); A. McCain, B. Julve, I. Fernandez

# Francophiles, Filipinos & Friends

**B**on voyage! Bon appetite!  
Omelet du fromage! Never  
taken French? Well, in the French  
club, the language of love is more  
than just a collection of great  
sounding words. It's a lifestyle.

Madame Bergeron is  
no stranger to French culture.  
Her club exhibits all the ideals  
of French society - they speak  
français, they think français, they  
s'embrassent français, they LIVE  
français. At lunch you can some-  
times find them over in the  
Guadalupe Center coming togeth-  
er to learn about French society.

Joining the French club  
is just like stepping into a whole  
new world. Members get to per-  
sonally experience what it's like  
to live in French, literally trans-  
porting them to the illuminated  
streets of Paris, the sights and  
sounds of the ports of Marseille  
or the beautiful mountains and  
the St. Lawrence River in Quebec.

It must be Wednesday:  
all the APIC kids are rushing to  
Mrs. Angeles' classroom. APIC is  
short for Asian Pacific Islander  
Club and represents all the Asian  
diversity at our school. Some  
of the heritages represented are  
Guamanian, Hawaiian, Filipino,  
Korean, Chinese, Japanese and

Thai. Of course anyone can be  
a member no matter what your  
cultural background is because  
everyone should be proud of  
who they are and where they  
came from. The APIC has fun  
dressing in a variety of costumes  
that are usually colorful and  
sometimes exotic. In the past  
members have attended cultural  
conferences at UCSD, as well  
as other schools. Kayla Pega  
found her experience at the AB  
Samahan High School Youth

Conference  
held at SDSU,  
"Really cool.

It was great  
sharing  
experiences  
with so many  
people."

Members  
of APIC  
were largely

responsible for  
performing  
at Culture Night which invites  
all students to perform and  
otherwise show off their culture.  
It's definitely the place to go for  
a fun night of seeing, hearing  
and tasting from all over the  
world.

by Bernard Julve



APIC: (back row); A. Kim, H. Na, J. Espino, T. Vasquez, F. Fernandez, K. Pega, J. Dacayo,  
K. Barangan, M. Jimenez, W. Kim, C. Valenzuela, K. Rah, M. Hernandez, J. Erdelyi,  
(middle row); Mrs. Angeles, L. Leon, J. Sumayo, T. Guzman, A. Griffin, A. Atkinson,  
C. Largoza, C. Bayaca, G. Kim, C. Pimental, E. Guilas, (front row); A. Pergrin, J. Farol,  
G. Barroga, A. Estrada, J. Mara, B. Julve, C. Yong

All Hands on Deck  
 APIC members are  
 raring to volunteer  
 for the upcoming  
 Culture Night.



Lingua Franca  
 Why are Fabiola Watts and Michael Rodriguez  
 laughing? ...because they speak French  
 and get the joke Madame Bergeron makes.



Filipino Frocks  
 Catherine Valenzuela and Cassandra  
 Pimental show off their native  
 Filipino dresses.



APIC: Thinkers and Doers  
 Executive and class officers  
 discuss ideas then make  
 them come to life.



Flirting in French  
 Valentina Tena and Octavio  
 Perez know that French is  
 the language of love.



Ecouter et Reflechir  
 Class, those who have stud-  
 ied will understand the joke.



French Club: (back row); A. Bustillo-Moreno, M. Rodriguez, I. Paredes-Vizcarra,  
 L. Lopez, Ms. Bergeron, (middle row); Ms. Saddock, K. Paez, D. Avila, H. Del Real,  
 I. Mejia, D. Villegas, R. Warner, (front row); I. Cruz-Chong, L. Beltrones, L. Watts,  
 O. Fernandez-Simon, V. Tena

# Feeling the Rhythm

Everyone is proud of their heritage; Hispanic students are no different. “We love to help out our Hispanic brothers,” says Mario Delgado, president of the Hispanic Alliance club. One of the things the club was most proud of was organizing a green shirt day where students made donations to wear the color of Mexico’s flag to help flood victims in Tabasco, Mexico. Another big hit was organizing a soccer tournament. Futbol fans watched and played on the Big Green everyday competing for an enormous trophy. This will definitely become a tradition. By being active in the community, the Hispanic Alliance exposes everyone to real Hispanic experiences. “I love showing everyone what being Mexican is all about,” says Maria Fernanda Martinez-Zapien.

By sharing their heritage with others, members of the Hispanic Alliance add diverse rhythm to our lives, enriching everyone and making the world a better place.

Dance is the spice of life. The Dance Team gives students the chance to express themselves and add a little rhythm to their daily routine. Whether they’re bursting with energy or just can’t wait to sparkle in the spotlight, the Dance Team is always ready to

bust a move.

Between homework and tests, school can be very stressing. Dance is a way of releasing some of that pressure by loosening up the shoulders and leaning back with it. Tracy Guzman says that dancing is way to “relax” and let go some of the energy that builds up during the day. That energy showed in the ecstatic performance they gave for the fall rally.

The Dance Team has performed at several major events. Tracy comments on her feelings before some of the rallies. “At first, I feel overwhelmed, but as

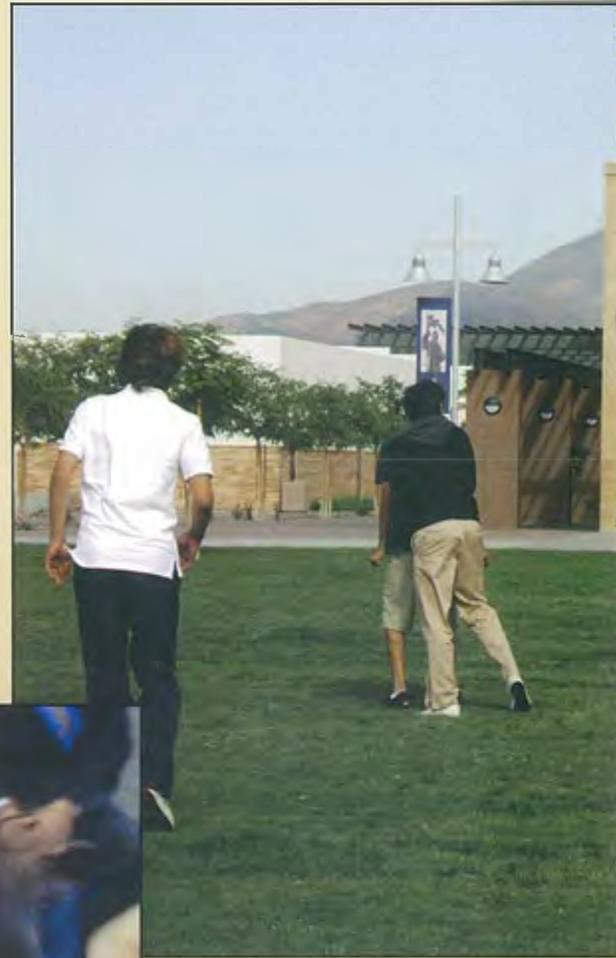
soon as I hear the music, I do my routine and I feel excited and just go with the flow.” Each

performance has a special intensity. Tracy states, “I don’t think about it. I just do it.”

No one can deny that every once in a while you need to relax and let out some energy. The Dance team has proven that not only can you shake it to the music, you can do it as a team.



Captive Motion  
Ericka Brunner twirls delicately, caught in a dancing trance.



Dance Team: (back row); N. Paredes, E. Brunner, A. Frausto, (front row); L. Soto, B. Byrd, T. Guzman, E. Bruno, G. Soto

by Jose Tinoco

Sideline Supporter  
Sra. De La Parra  
cheers the teams as  
they compete in the  
Hispanic Alliance  
Soccer matches.



Feel It!  
Tracy Guzman and Erika Bruno have got  
the rhythm and moves as they perform.



Command Performance  
The 2007 Court watches in  
enjoyment as dance members  
entertain during the  
Homecoming Rally.



Fun Sums  
Marifer Martinez-Zapien,  
Eric Aguilar, and Miguel  
ArchigaRomero count the  
proceeds they made for flood  
victims in Tabasco, Mexico.



Halloween Queens  
The Dance Team presents a  
haunting performance at the  
Fall rally.



Lunch Hour Moves  
Competitors in the Hispanic Alliance  
Soccer Tournament find it's more fun to  
play on the Big Green than sit on it.



Hispanic Alliance: (back row); J. Baez, Mrs. Groz, C. Celaya, L. Priego,  
M. Del Castillo, C. Peraza, (middle row); E. Romero, V. Ayon-Heredia,  
P. Odriozola, C. Valverde, (front row); I. Angulo, S. Santana, Y. Lozano, A. Navarro,  
Sra. De la Parra, K. Lopez, P. Mejia, A. Vasquez, N. Paredes

# Notes and Beats

Playing music brings everyone together. Being a part of the Steel Drum Band, you find a lot of things to do and laugh about. It is a good way of making friends and keeping the school spirit alive.

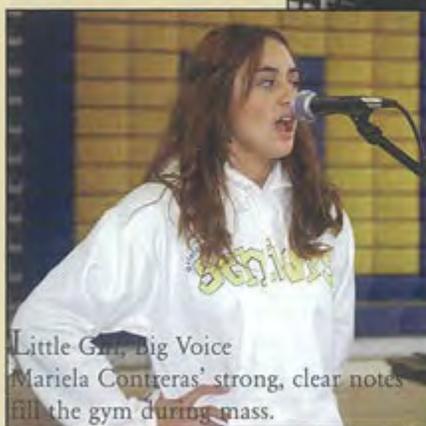
Since it's Mater Dei's first year, the pressure is on the members to live up to their old reputation. "We love playing here at Mater Dei! We get to have our own music room now!" says senior Anna Kim. "After school practices are the best!" says senior Sean O'Hara. Just like any other after school activity, the Steel Drum members practice for hours rehearsing and planning for their music concerts and competitions. These long, hard practices pay off in the end when the members learn those catchy beats and rhythms.

Not only do the members get a new room dedicated to only Steel Drum, but they are also able to keep their old equipment to keep the feeling of Marian alive. Feeling comfortable is crucial in music. "Once you feel comfortable, the music just flows out of you. It's the greatest feeling ever," says Sean. Keeping the tradition alive, our Steel Drum members keep the beat going.

Think of the difference just two teachers and four students can make. Without them our masses in the gym would be solemn affairs. These make up music ministry: Ms. Gallman, Mr. Sanchez, Amber Hernandez, Deirdre Long, Mariela Contreras, and Chelsea Largoza. The girls have been singing together for years. Ms. Gallman has also been singing for years. She sang in high school at masses and then at USD in Founders Hall all through college. Singing with Music

Ministry is an important part of her life, "It allows me to continue being a special part of mass."

Mr. Sanchez is the director. His energy inspires all the singers and his musical influence has changed the sound from traditional to contemporary. With patience and practice these voices come together to transform a sports arena into a spiritual space.



Little Girl, Big Voice  
Mariela Contreras' strong, clear notes fill the gym during mass.



Steel Drum: (back row); S. O'Hara, A. Kuzukian, A. Almazon, R. Nesbit, T. Allingham, (front row); T. Peets, J. Cormode, E. Uribe, A. Perez-Madriral, M. Medina, M. Lopez, B. Truffa

by Illissa Fernandez

Got the Beat  
Band members  
watch as Alejandra  
Perez-Madrigal beats  
out the rhythm  
during a lunch  
concert.



Rock Star Wannabe  
Mr. Sanchez strikes an attitude pose  
showing he's got what it takes.



Musical Angels  
The music ministry team  
hits the high notes with ease.



Getting it Right  
Mauricio Lopez looks over  
the shoulders of Andrea  
Lucero-Canaan.



Make a Note  
Deirdre Long, Amber  
Hernandez, and Mariela  
Contreras watch the notes, as  
well as music director,  
Mr. Luciano.



Happy Days  
The Steel Drum Band entertains students  
during lunch making a nice day even better.



Music Ministry: D. Long, A. Hernandez, Ms. Gallmann, C. Largoza

# Clean and Clear

The ecology club will save the world, one can at a time. There are two groups in the club. One focuses on recycling and getting bins for our new school. The other group focuses on beach cleanups that the club goes on once a month. Senior Jaclyn Sumayao, who has been in the club since her sophomore year says, "It's fun because you get to help improve the environment. You also get free food if you go to the meetings!"

They help the world the best they can and they have fun doing it. What better way to protect the environment? As Lucero Leon states, "Our mission is to save the Earth. Recycle, recycle, recycle!" Enough said.

Ecology isn't the only club that serves the community. The newspaper gives students a chance to show off how smart they are. Writing and speaking are forms of art. Finishing that one fantastic story is just like winning the Super Bowl- except maybe for the football. English may not be the language of love, but it definitely is a great language for expression.

Newspaper articles require both passion and objectivity- an enthusiasm to

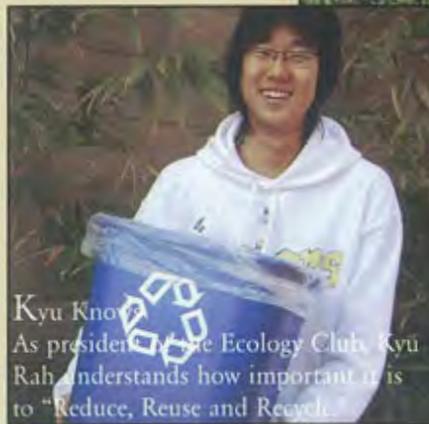
write the story and an unbiased eye to catch all the details. For senior Deirdre Long, her experience in the newspaper has given her a big boost in her proofreading skills. She feels like a better writer because of her contributions to the school newspaper, the Crusader- the proud product of Ms. Delahunty's innovation and hard work. Deirdre's favorite articles to write include an unpublished exclusive on Mater Dei and a story on the October fires. On the "firestorm," Deirdre felt a "personal connection" in writing the article because it touched so many people and had such a big impact on our community.

Deirdre felt that writing and proofreading for the Crusader was a rewarding experience. She not only improved her feel for writing, she also had a say on some of the newsworthy stories of the year.

by Lauren Samano



Natural Beauty  
Soojin Kim enjoys the benefits of picking up trash and debris at the Tijuana Estuary.



Kyu Know  
As president of the Ecology Club, Kyu Rah understands how important it is to "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle."



Ecology: (back row); R. Owens, Mr. Wraith, H. Na, W. Kim, S. Kim, K. Rah, A. Bustillo, R. Porter, M. Laturno, M. Porter, B. Lacey, (middle row); Ms. DiTomasso, M. Rodriguez, K. Rodriguez, F. Loustanau, M. Rosillo, D. Le Duc, B. Gates, (front row); S. Huerta, F. Watts, J. Garcia.

The Big Guys Strongmen, Brian Lacey and Roman Owens, heft a few bins to keep in shape for saving the world.



**Crusader Columnist**  
It may look like school, but this is newspaper. Students work intently on getting another edition of the Crusader out.



**Brag Board**  
These inkslingers, Jacki Bennett and Victoria Vigil, are proud of the work they do on our school newspaper.



**Surfer Guy**  
Michael Porter's inspiration to be in the Ecology Club came from his love of the sea.



**Eyes on the Monitor**  
Dominique Avila stares into white space waiting to be inspired.



Newspaper: (back row); J. Mireles, B. Rodriguez, Ms. Delahunty, A. Kuzukian, D. Harding, F. Huerta, D. Matranga, (middle row); D. Fierro, B. Coogan, D. Avila, (front row); C. Peraza, C. Lopez, V. Vigil, J. Bennett, C. Wright

# It's Why We're Here

**H**OMEWORK .... an all too familiar word that has one time or another tormented almost every student during their high school career. Everyone knows from experience how much of a killer homework can be, especially when you totally draw a blank and completely forget to do it. Lunch in the library is not such an uncommon thing. The sight of people on computers and books spread all over the tables are definite tell-tale signs that the school year has finally come into full swing.

We all know that "advice" from our "academic peers" can be a lifesaver. English and Math tutoring is always available. Learning from other students is often very easy to understand and enjoyable. And teachers are never too tired to lend a helping hand at break or after school.

The National Honors Society and the California Scholastic Federation show how Mater Dei excels at academics. Students from all grades are encouraged to combine academic performance with personal integrity, responsibility, and leadership. The Ambassadors for Christ Corps enlists students who both excel at school and who want to help out their community. Mater Dei is not just about learning in the books: it's about learning how to be a good person.

Cramming in hours of studying and homework may seem hard at times, but at the end of the year, all that hard work pays off. Whether you're in tutoring, the National Honors Society, or just a student working to do the homework, you can be sure that the academic life of Mater Dei is alive and vibrant.

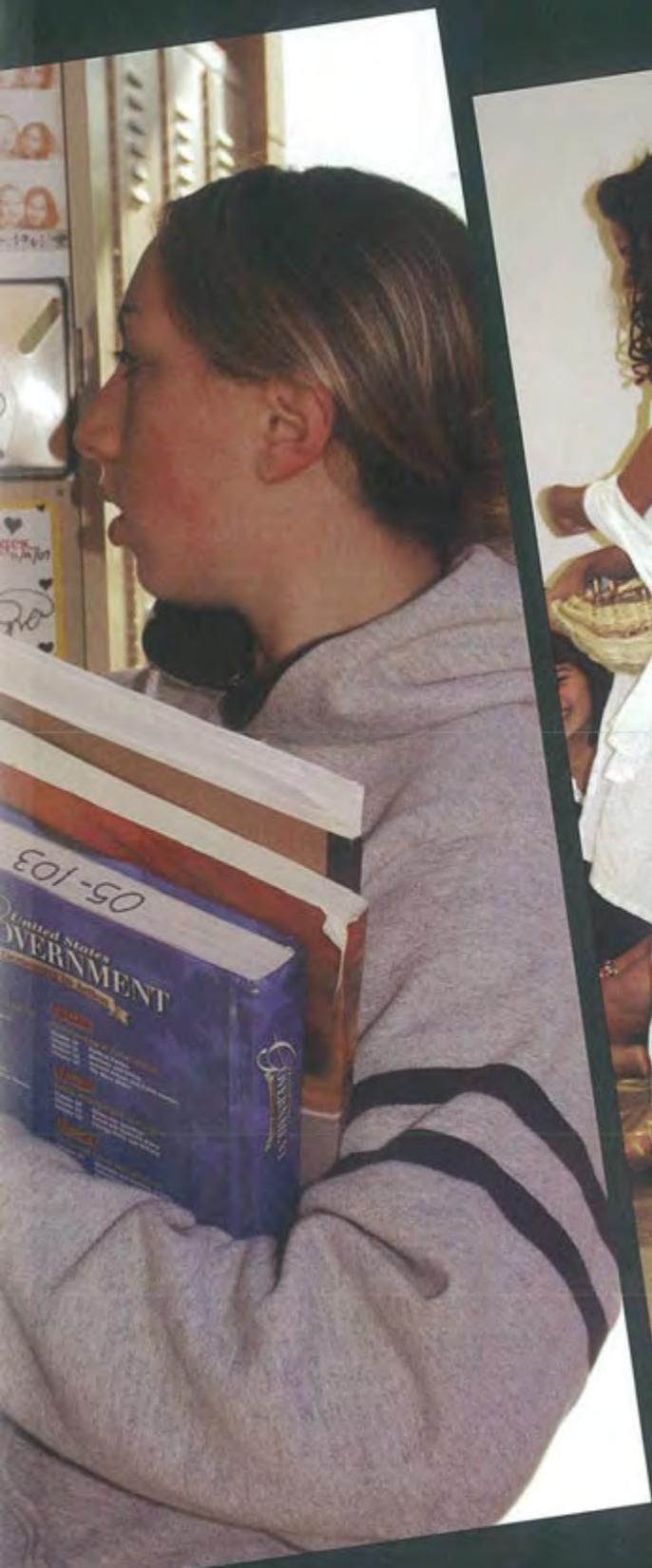
by Bernard Julve



Valentina Tena

Iresema Mejia

Mr. Heineman



Erika Bruno



Chloe Slovinsky



Chubs

Ivan Paredes

It's what we learn after we think we know it all, that counts. - John Wooden  
 The National Honors Society and the California Scholastic Federation form the pinnacle of high school academic performance. Members must have a 3.8 GPA or higher, teacher recommendations, and approval by a special panel of teachers. There is no doubt that NHS and CSF graciously awards students for their hard work and looks great on college applications.

Some people think that NHS and CSF seem like a galaxy away. However, the school offers something for everyone. You don't need a 4.0 to enjoy it. School is what you make of it.

Take Jaclyn Sumayao, a senior and a member of the Varsity Academic League team. When she first joined, she felt nervous competing against other schools. But after a while she didn't feel the pressure anymore because she realized that her teammates and the other schools were going through the same thing. So she started having fun with it. And although some might want to leave as soon as the bell rings, Jaclyn chooses to stay for practices. "More school after school doesn't seem fun, but at the end of the day it's all worth it because you get to show how smart you are and at the same time laugh with your friends."

by Bernard Julve



Hearts and Minds  
 Anna Kim, Megan Alcock and Leticero Leon are the core of the league.



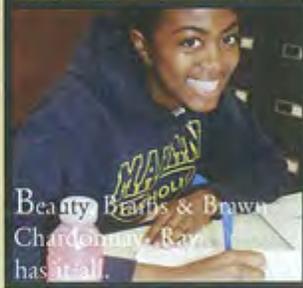
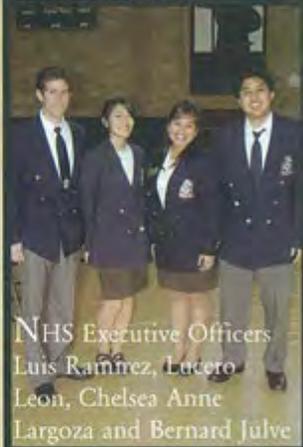
Hands Up  
 Mr. Smyth gets so excited when his Academic League kids know the answers.



Full Focus  
 Diane Zoura listens intently to each step.

Academic League: (back row); A. Estrada, M. Alcock, L. Leon, J. Sumayo, H. Kim, H. Na, D. Le Duc, (front row); G. Barroga, A. Pergrin, C. Pimental, E. Guilas, J. Mara, C. Valenzuela, J. Farol

# EleIt's Elemental



# NHS & CSF

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Ballet Folklorico  
Alex Lopez twirls and  
swirls in her colorful  
Jalisco gown.



Attitude and Attire  
Aaron Estrada has  
attitude and style as  
he and Casey Pimentel  
model Filipino attire.



California Cool  
Foreign exchange  
friends and host sister,  
Estella Uribe enjoy a  
sunny day on the Big  
Green.



Little Miss "Popular"  
Amber Rose Hernan-  
dez delights the crowd  
with a saucy rendition  
from *Wicked*.



Loud and Proud  
Jose Tinoco, and  
brothers Andres and  
Alejandro Orozco  
blows out the audience  
with hXc sound.



Tango or Pandanggo?  
Chelsea Anne Largoza and Jamie Espino are part of  
a traditional candle balancing dance from the Philippines.



Country Girl  
Christine  
Hillmann belts  
out the blues.

The Dancing Girls  
Dance team Pamela Mejia, Claudia Ordaz,  
Monserat Hernandez and Ericka Brunner  
have the moves to the music.

Mater Dei  
Masters  
Nathan Baugh  
and Marisol Ros  
keep the show  
moving with  
humor and style.



Behind the Scenes  
Jordhan Briggs  
keeps it all together  
backstage.



Ballet Beauty  
Years of dance are  
apparent in Katrina  
Muffley's form.



Football Fanatics  
Mr. U cheers  
with his foreign  
exchange friends:  
Anne Quermann,  
SooJin Kim,  
Kyu Paek Rah,  
HaeMin Na,  
Won Chul Kim  
and HeeJin Kim.

# Here, There & Everywhere

Hula Hunny  
Analorena Barron  
danced to drums this  
year to everyone's delight.

Culture Night is the night when Mater Dei students get to show off their stuff as dancers, singers, musicians, models, even filmmakers. Since the theme is "culture" there's a wonderful variety of sights and sounds. Hosted by Marisol Ros and Nathan Baugh, the show began with a mystery video by Cody Brown which juxtaposed drama and comedy. Numerous singers graced the stage. Amber Rose Hernandez showed true Broadway pinache as she belted out a "popular" hit from *Wicked*. She wasn't the only one who could hit the high notes. Christine Hillman shined with a little country twang and Chelsea Anne

Largoza's crystal clear voice was enjoyed in two languages. The dancing was fabulous. From Analorena Barron's lively hula to Trini Muffley's delicate classical ballet, there was color, movement and music. Jose Tinoco stayed busy as he went from drums to guitar as needed. And it wouldn't be a complete show without the sound of Team Chaunsey blasting away a very animated audience with scores of "groupies" in the front row. Yummy ethnic foods were served during the break along side an art exhibit to complete the cultural experience. Culture Night was great fun for everyone.

Our Foreign Exchange stu-

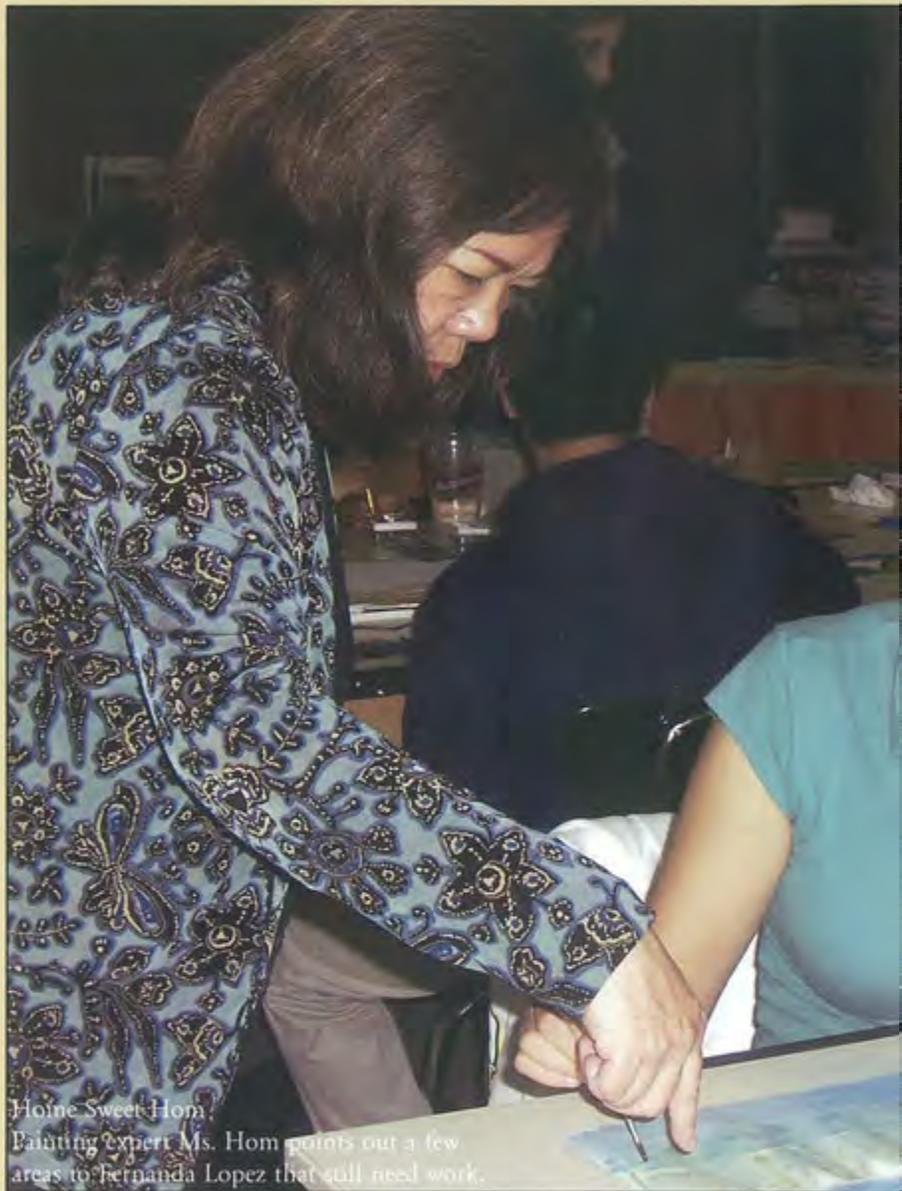
dents love Culture Night, too. It gives them the opportunity to pull out native costumes or eat specialties. "It's amazing how much of Korea I can find in California," says SooJin Kim. "I can even go to a Korean market. But I love how many cultures are here in America." Exchange students notice differences between their countries and America as soon as they step off the plane. "My first impression of America was that everything was bigger, the people are way nicer, and the prejudices against America were wrong," said Anne Quermann from Germany. It's nice to know we have good friends!

by Marie Hernandez

Great Gatsby's Ghost!  
Gene Barroga  
peers over his  
notes to discover  
the illusive  
reality in  
Fitzgerald's  
book.



Just a Little Dab  
Susan Dabdoub  
puts a few  
finishing touches  
on her canyon  
view painting.



Home Sweet Home  
Painting expert Ms. Hom points out a few  
areas to Fernanda Lopez that still need work.

Dainty Duo  
HaeMin Na  
and HeeJin  
Kim get the  
notes just  
right in Mr.  
Luciano's  
Choral class.



Mac on Floor  
Ariel Cabrera, Chris Weller and Kristin Gonzales  
cosy up to the Yearbook's iBook.

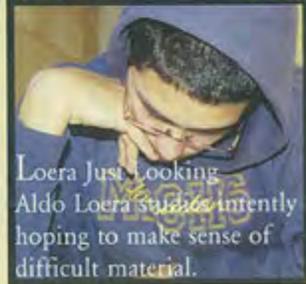
Sweet Soo  
SooJin Kim  
warms up with  
the accompani-  
ment of master  
musician  
Mr. Luciano.



**Stuck with Stingo**  
Toni Vasquez goes over her essay with Mr. Stingo.



**Yearbook Groupies**  
Daniel Melendez, Karen Lopez, Miguel Arechiga-Romero and Mariana Gomez peer into the main MAC.



**Loera Just Looking**  
Aldo Loera studies intently hoping to make sense of difficult material.



**Cruisin' in Class**  
Tristan Labuguen finds peace in painting.

# Food for Thought

Where there's a will there's a way! Students throughout the year may find themselves confused about many things they learn. Others are just hungry for more. Whether it be in science or English, music or art, there is tutoring and special classes after school for the spirited learner.

Tutoring is offered to students at almost any time of the day. The "laid back" environment makes it easier for students to focus and relieves any pressures they may have in class. Tutoring offers an environment where there is one-on-one assistance

amongst peers and teachers. Cheyanne Yeats says, "It is great that Mr. Smyth gives up his extra time to tutor us. It helps my comprehension with math and improves my grade. It is interesting and helpful!" Jordhan Briggs adds, "I love tutoring!"

Besides tutoring, there are several new classes after school during seventh period. Mr. Stingo and Mr. Rey help raise SAT scores, Ms. Hom helps cultivate the artistic spirit, and Ms. Kelleher gets a head start training future yearbook editors. And we can't forget Mr. Luciano and

his seventh period Choral Music class. The Mater Dei Choral Ensemble performed at Mater Dei's first Christmas show.

Teachers in tutoring and seventh periods feel their work is rewarding. Mr. Smyth adds, "Yes. Tutoring is everything for me...Give me a break!" The dedication of these teachers to give their extra time towards students is tremendous, and even though they may joke about needing breaks, it is always refreshing to have students with the will to learn.



by Anitra McCain



Yes, we know everyone should be good. But Ambassadors have to be really, really good. Not only do they represent Mater Dei, they represent Christ. Ambassadors are experts and models in many areas. They need to know the Ten Commandments and of course practice them and they must be able to set up a table beautifully, as well as make polite small talk with guests to the school. It's a lot of work doing everything. Sometimes the hours are long, especially if there's a lot of recruiting to do or there is a gala affair. Nobody complains, in fact most are like Mariela Contreras who says, "I think it's a great experience to be involved with our school and community. It's very rewarding." Jordan Briggs adds her own comments, "By volunteering my time, I feel like I'm setting a good example for other people." Ambassadors are a great example to all of us. In all the ways they serve, they model a gentle goodness that is the spirit of Christ working in the world.

by Paloma Gonzalez

Our Pal, the Principal Michael Hart gives a big hug to Mrs. Tollefson, who many Ambassadors know from St. Rose.



**Making a Bridge**  
Ambassadors discover yet a new way to make people feel welcome. This time it's Lauren Elise Judal and Kamela Jackson, two of their own.



The 2008 Ambassadors for Christ Corps

# Gentleness, Goodness & Faith



Peace from Japan  
Michael Hart, Marisol Ros, Aireen Atkinson and Nathan Baugh join in the obligatory peace sign with our sister school.



Renaissance Man  
Matt Milke demonstrates his more genteel attributes as he helps set tables for a reception.



Top Dawgs Executive Ambassadors, Chardonray Ray, Brianna Baca, Chelsea Anne Largoza, Aireen Atkinson, Michael Hart, Alex Lopez, Deirdre Long, Marisol Ros and Nathan Baugh have a sense of humor to accompany their dedication.



Hello, How are You?  
Toni Vasquez chats with parents at the Verbum Dei Awards. Friendliness is next to Godliness for Ambassadors.

- Dianne Acevedo
- Megan Alcock
- Miguel Arechiga
- Serina Armenta
- Matthew Atchley
- Aireen Atkinson\*
- Briana Baca
- Analorena Barron
- Nathaniel Baugh
- Lorena Beltrones
- Jordhan Briggs
- Ericka Brunner
- Allyson Burges
- Mariana Burkle
- Carley Byrn
- Genaro Camacho
- Ariana Cano
- Mariela Contreras
- Bridget Coogan
- Jacob Coogan
- David Cosio
- Mario Cortez
- Jasmine Cota
- Lilia Covarrubias

- Janine Dacayo
- Melanie Diaz
- Jaime Espino
- Kacy Espinoza
- Aaron Estrada
- Jesdin Farol
- Frances Fernandez
- Michael Fox
- Alyssa Gamez
- Jasselle Garcia
- Brenna Gates
- Lily Gonzalez
- Genevieve Guarnes
- Elaine Guilas
- Andrew Haines
- Michael Hart\*
- Amber Hernandez
- Priscilla Hernandez
- Karinna Himan-?
- Stephanie Ibarra
- Kamela Jackson
- Danielle Janowicz
- Melissa Jimenez
- Danae Johnson
- Lauren Judal
- Bernard Julve
- Alyssa Kuzukian

- Alec Kuzukian
- Perla Laborin
- Chelsea Anne Largoza
- David LeDuc
- Lucero Leon
- Deirdre Long
- Alexandria Lopez
- Alicia Lopez
- Fernanda Loustaunau
- Alfredo Lucero
- Andrea Lucero
- Michelle Lyle
- James Mara
- David Martinez
- Denisse Martinez
- Patrick Mayor
- Matt Milke
- Katrina Muffley
- Paola Odriozola
- Claudia Ordaz
- Diana Paredes
- Ivan Paredes
- Kayla Pega
- Alex Pergrin
- Cassandra Pimentel
- Kyu Rah

- Luis Ramirez
- Shantal Ramirez
- Chardonray Ray
- Jayne Rhein
- Johanna Rhein
- Kristina Rodriguez
- Michael Rodriguez
- Marisol Ros
- Mariana Rosillo
- Carolina Sanchez
- Stephanie Sanz
- Andres Schramm
- Vanessa Soosan
- Jaclyn Sumayao
- Valentina Tena
- Catherine Valenzuela
- Toni Vasquez
- Vincent Vazquez
- Judah Villescascas
- Fabiola Watts
- Nicholaus Wright
- Diane Zoura



True Blue Judah Villescascas escorts a young Verbum Dei Award winner and his father.

\*Executive Ambassadors

# Here's lookin' at You Kids

It's easy to see the obvious things people notice about Mater Dei. The new name for one thing. It's a huge change of course, and we're still getting used to it. But it's been a while since Jazzmin Estrella signed off announcements by saying, "Have a good day, Marian." More and more Mater Dei is growing on us.

And then there is the physical space. The beauty of Mt. San Miguel and the Otay Mountains in the distance, the color and delicacy of all the flowers and trees, and the crisp, clean lines of the buildings. It's all big and new and beautiful.

But there is one element that hasn't changed. It's us. And even though the name is grand, and the buildings are fine, we are the most essential resource of Mater Dei. Okay, we're not perfect. We still don't pick up all our trash, we like to chew gum when we shouldn't and we don't always get our homework in. But we get along with each other. Everyone who comes into our midst feels like family. People from Korea or Germany, Mexico or just out of state, they all feel at home and safe. We are multi-cultural and multi-caring. And this is one thing that won't change if we don't let it. Crusaders, don't lose sight of what we are and what we have. It's not the place that makes the people; it's the people that make the place. So, here's lookin' at...well, us!

by Marie Hernandez



Ixchel Beltran

Rebecca Parra



Denny Kremer



Estefania Romero  
Aileen Robledo



Carlos Velderrain-Macedo

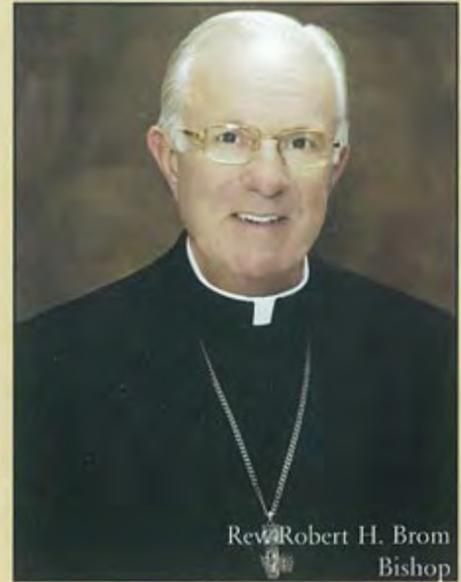


Marcos Ramos

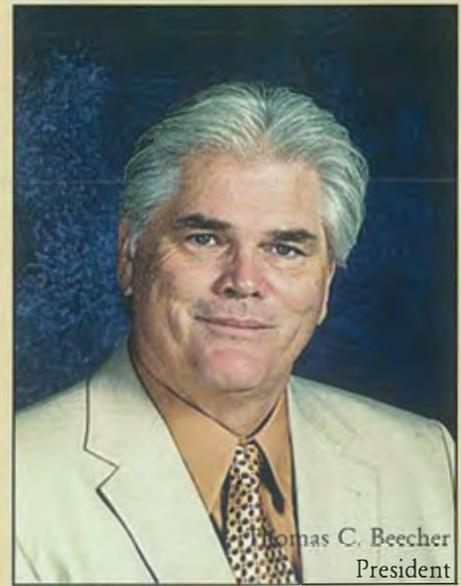
# Smoothing Out a *Long* Road

Brand new buildings with unfamiliar names, learning to walk twice as fast to get anywhere in time, choosing the best new places to hang out, preferably with shade; there's a lot to get used to with a new school. Now try to imagine what it's been like for the people who got the school planned, built, running. You can't. No one would believe how many details went in to making Mater Dei a reality. Thanking everyone, let alone describing the endless hours of labor, is impossible. Still there are a few. One is Mr. Skaggs. You don't hear too much about him because he preferred to work quietly. But Mr. Skaggs made Mater Dei possible. He was the major donor for our school. And though he didn't ask for his name to be placed in any prominent position, it should be kept in our hearts. Let's also remember Dr. Kassebaum. She worked tirelessly to make a dream become reality. Though she also could not be here to see Mater Dei completed we can honor her by doing our part to make it the best school possible. Some of the others who have helped bring Mater Dei Catholic into being are people we can still see about. Bishop Brom not only has visited several times but was the main celebrant in our opening Mass. He is very much involved with our school as well as all Catholic education in San Diego. Mr. Beecher had the difficult job of taking over as president after Dr. Kassebaum. But he stepped up to the plate with stamina which served him well in the myriad details he had to confront. Mr. Milke, Dr. Hardin, Mr. Moeller, Ms. Torres and Ms. White all work hard to insure that things go smoothly at MDCHS. But it can be a rocky road for them. So, if you happen to see an administrator, say thanks.

by Marie Hernandez



Rev. Robert H. Brom  
Bishop



Thomas C. Beecher  
President



George Milke  
Principal

*Administration*

Thwack! What could be more terrifying than the “Thumper” smacking inches from your face after you just wanted to take an afternoon nap?

He may seem tough on the outside, but Dr. Threatt really has a big heart – well, for “people he likes.” In any case, Dr. Threatt is an example of how excellent the teachers at Mater Dei are and how they make learning enjoyable. And more importantly, students do not just learn about the facts in his class, they learn life lessons that they keep forever.

Keeping a class interested in learning can sometimes be hard, but Dr. Threatt explains,

“Well, I make it enjoyable by teaching the truth, and if they don’t participate, they are gonna get thumped!”

People also forget that the teachers are in their class too. So what would a teacher like to do in class? “Ma favorite thing to do is to hear the student’s comments and clarify, and also I like to traumatize them of getting thumped,” explains Dr. Threatt with a big smile. He has always taught by example – being a part of the Civil Rights movement and also recently traveling to Africa and helping the Invisible Children. His compassion rubs off on his students – and if it doesn’t, the Thumper will!



Amazing Grace Mr. Jimenez and Fernando Rodriguez are two of the many who are so thankful Dr. Threatt offers his insights and powerful presentation to the retreats every year.



Threatt's Thumper Some of Dr. Threatt's favorite students surround him and his famous thumper.

by Paloma Gonzales & Vanessa Soosan



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Assis. Principal for Student Services



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French  
French Club



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Dir. of Lang. Acad. & Juan Diego Adult Center



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Chair



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Social Studies  
Football



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Newspaper



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Theology



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Science  
Track



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Math



Amy Gallman  
English  
Music Ministry



Michael Hall  
History



Steve Heineman  
Science  
Science Tutor



Betty Hom  
Art



Cesar Jimenez  
Religion  
Campus Ministry  
Pro-Life Club



John Joyner  
English  
Football



Sherry Kelleher  
English  
Yearbook



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Spanish



Katie Laaperi  
English  
Writing Center



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Peggy Sadock  
French



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Theology



Brian Sanchez  
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Basketball



Annette Shinn  
Science  
Cross Country



Kevin Smith  
History  
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Invisible Children



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Math  
Wrestling



Steve Van Wyk  
English



Kristen Willert  
English  
Cross Country



Peter Wraith  
Theology  
Ecology Club



Alejandro Zavala-  
Chaparro  
Juan Diego School

# It's the Network

You know the advertisement where the guy has all those people standing behind him ... but in real life you don't see those people even though they are there working quietly to give support? We have our network too. People like Ms. Chudy, Ms. Gonzales, Ms. Hodges, Ms. Plazola, Mr. Gerkin, well, you get the idea. Look on this page to see a few of them. They help keep a million things running and because a school is not just some scholars sitting on some grass around a mentor, we need a whole lot of support. Do you know who these people are? Find out and say hello. Then say thanks.

by Marie Hernandez



Super Nice and Super Efficient  
Ms. Varela



Everyone loves Bob and Leo, and if you're lucky, they might give you a lift.



Three Little Angels  
Ms. Gonzales, Ms. Plazola, and Ms. Hodges work miracles every day.



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Director of School  
Advancement Pres. Assistant



Robert Adams  
Security



Christine Alvarado  
Attendance  
Coordinator



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Monica Brown  
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Coordinator Crusader  
Store Manager



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Sec. Juan Diego  
Center



Leo Henderson  
Security



Margarita Hernandez  
Receptionist



Carsten Kroon  
Librarian



Elena Plazola  
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Principle's Executive  
Assistant Human  
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# The 1st Blues

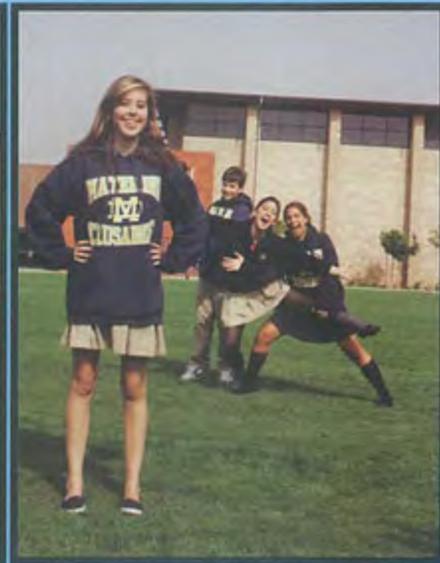
'07 to '11



Jacki Bennett  
President



Nick Day  
Vice President



Christine Hillmann  
Secretary

The excitement freshman have about their new job is easy to see. That is if you can understand text messaging ... "OMG, I'm so happy to be treasurer. It's 2G2BT." "FWIW ull be GR8!" "THX, Christine." "I just hope I can b a GR8 pres." "NP u will b Jacki." "OT Did u c that 2 cute boy in Math?" "TYVM, I did!" "Ladies, 1st, let's get back to the subject.

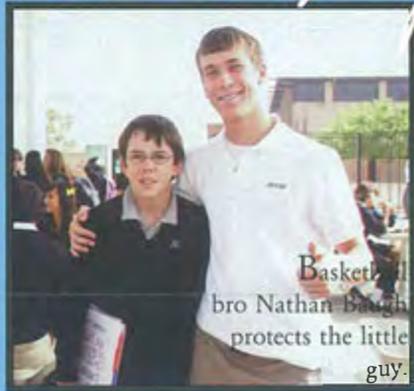
2nd, am I going to have to learn all this to keep up with you?" "O Nick, u CMU, don't worry, we'll let u R TM& ull b as cool as us." "Thanks Christine, i'm LOL." "I cnt w8 4 r 1st pep rally. But the sophs took our p8brushs." "That's so sad, Sarah :(" "K g2g eat. TTFN!" "Cya l8r." "BTW, there's a meetin 2moro!" "We'll b there! xoxo :)"

by Marie Hernandez



Little Beast and the Beauties  
The homecoming court gets a kick out of posing with Chris Crusader.

# Spencer



Sarah Papapietro  
Treasurer

Adjusting to high school is a big deal. It can be overwhelming at times, but with friends, teachers, and family by your side, high school can be an exciting new journey. So what's fresh about a frosh? Spencer Princell shared some of his thoughts.

Who's Spencer Princell? Our Chris Crusader, of course! He came from Rancho Del Rey Middle School, one of our neighboring schools, and is currently here on a basketball scholarship. He may look small, but he certainly is much bigger on the basketball court!

What does he like to do? Spencer likes hanging out at Kateri Café for lunch. "It's fun because that's where everyone is, and I can go from table to table talking to people." Spencer loves the food. He thinks that the pizza is delicious.

So, what's his biggest surprise about high school? "The lockers!" Spencer expected to have no lockers, so he was surprised to end up with his own. Spencer came here not knowing anyone, but he said that because of the friendly atmosphere it was easy to make friends quickly.



by Illissa Fernandez

Eric Aguilar  
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 Gabriela Alvarez



Jeffrey Alvarez  
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 Julissa Armenta  
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 Jessica Baumgardner  
 Samantha Baxley  
 Karla Becerra



Nallely Beltran  
 Adan Beltrones  
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Down Under  
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 Matthew Burden  
 Christopher Burritt  
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 Ariel Cabrera  
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 Valeria Cardenas



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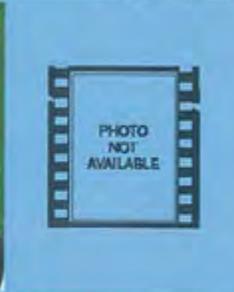
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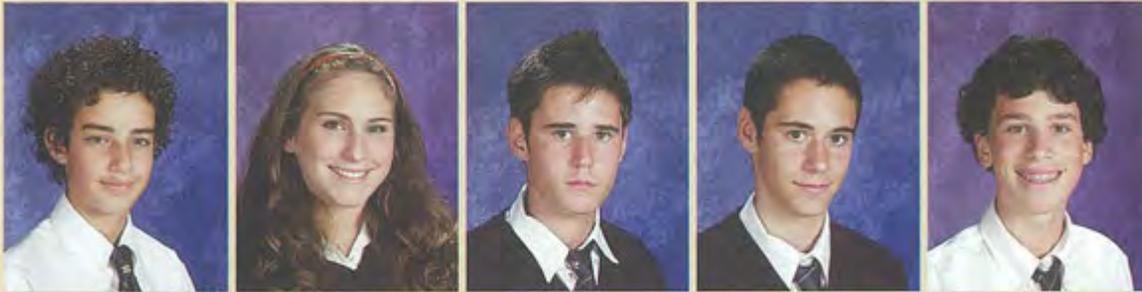
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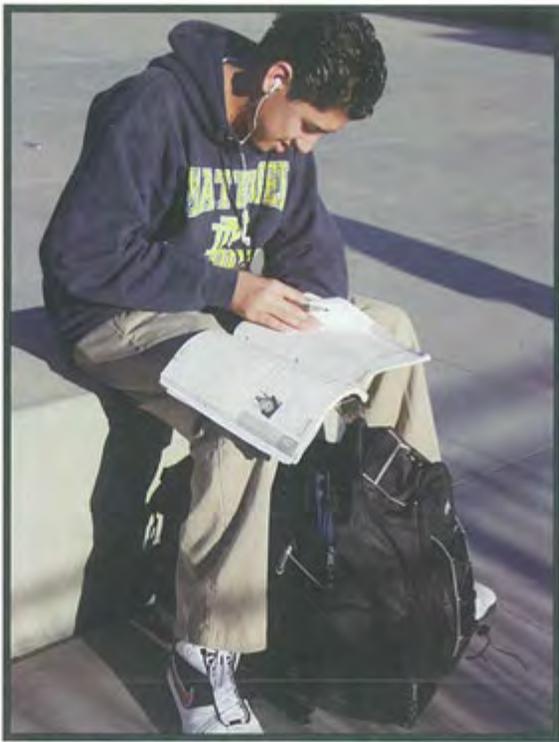
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Jeanette Lira  
Armando Lopez



Frances Lopez  
Jose Lopez  
Raymond Lugo  
Christopher Luu  
Mitchell Mackay



**H**urry Up Hector!  
Hector Rodriguez quick reads his workbook so he's all ready to go when the bell rings for class.



**F**reshmanville  
It didn't take the class of '11 long to establish their own "city" limits.

Marcela Mafud  
Felix Magallon



Iris Maldonado  
Marissa Marchesano



Jonathan Marquez  
Ryan Marrujo



MacKenzie Martin  
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Daniel Monarrez  
Daniel Montes



Kristina Moore  
Brina Morales  
Brittany Morales  
Gustavo Naranjo  
Carlos Nava



Lilliam Navarro  
Heidi Nguyen  
Alexandra Orozco  
Lizbeth Ortega-Ounigian  
Daniel Ortiz



Jose Ortiz  
Pedro Osuna  
Victor Padres  
Kevin Palacios  
Sarah Papapietro



Jose Paredes-Ruvalcaba  
Alfredo Paullada II  
Paola Pavon-Perez  
Josue Peinado  
Christina Peraza



Luis Perez  
Jorge Peterson  
Chelsie Plascencia  
Sean Prevo  
Spencer Princell

Roberto Quijano-Luna  
 Maryel Quintero  
 Lucia Ramirez  
 Jesus Ramos  
 Ray Rangel



Genaro Reyes  
 Marissa Rios  
 Angelina Rios-Balladares  
 Aileen Robledo  
 Bruno Rocha



Luis Bernardo Rocha  
 Brian Rodriguez  
 Hector Rodriguez  
 Victor Rojas-Rodriguez  
 Efrén Roman, Jr.



Ramon Ros, Jr.  
 Ricardo Rosas  
 Jose Manuel Rosillo  
 Ricardo Rosique-Gaxiola  
 Humberto Ruiz



Isela Ruiz  
 Maria Ruiz-Rivas  
 Alexander Sadighi  
 Carla Sanchez  
 Jesus Sanchez-Robles



Daniel Sandoval  
 Steven Sayasy  
 Carolina Silva  
 Raul Silva-Martinez  
 Chloes Slovinsky





Daniel Slovinsky  
 Angelica Smith  
 Olivia Smith  
 Gisel Soto  
 Alan Stahl



Brandon Steed  
 Isabel Stonehouse  
 Gisele Suarez  
 David Tamborell  
 Margherita Tarantino



Ana Barbara Tellez  
 Florencia Tena  
 Andrew Thein  
 Ivan Tornel  
 Ivan Torres



Lorena Troncoso  
 Brandon Truffa  
 Mariel Uriarte  
 Aleck Urrutia  
 Mariel Valladolid



X=1  
 Heidi Nguyen  
 helps Lauralee  
 Johnson  
 with Algebra.  
 Fastidious  
 frosh know  
 they need to  
 stay on top  
 from the  
 start.

# Wiser than Fools

'06 to '10



Johanna Rhein  
President



Camile Alvarado  
Vice President



Jasmine Cota  
Secretary

Sophomores are still debating on what to do. "Come on, you guys, we need to come up with some new ideas for the new school." "We hear you, Jesdin, but what do you have in mind?" Sophomores get a lot of business done on the phone. "Hey, Camile, do we have an ASB meeting tomorrow?" "Sure do, Johanna, and we need to talk about rally ideas for the new school year. Remember what...oh, wait, I have a call coming in. Hi Jesdin, what's up?" "I was just wondering if you and Johanna came up with any ideas for this year. Jasmine was saying it's going to be well, challenging because

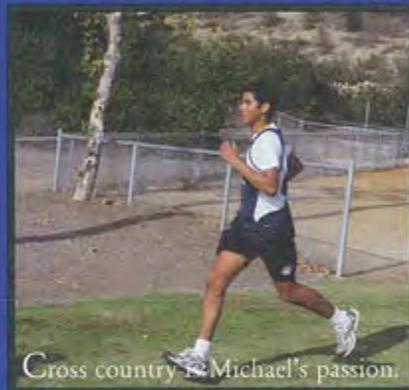
we've already had tricycle races, tugs of war and cream pie contests." "Yeah, we've got to come up with something different...hey, Jesdin, let's go three way, 'cuz Camile is on the other line." "Hi, Camile," "Hi, Jesdin. Wait someone else is on the line, oh, it's Jasmine. Hi, Jasmine, let's go three way because Johanna and Jesdin are on the line too." "Hi, everyone, I just had a really great rally idea. What if we had a hula hoop contest and the contestants were in hula skirts and then the losers had cream pies thrown at them from people on roller skates..."

by Marie Hernandez



Two Talking  
Michael shares the day's news with Ryan Nesbit.

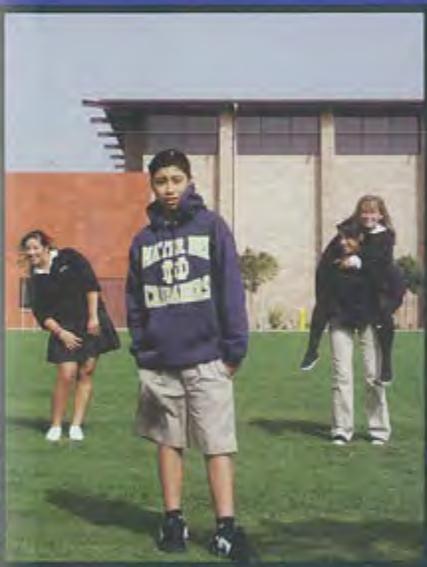
# Michael



Cross country is Michael's passion.



Michael and friends Marto Winata and Alvin Almazon spend break at their favorite spot.



Jesdin Farol  
Treasurer

So you're not a rookie anymore. But you start to realize that there's a lot more to school than you first expected. You start to see that there's a lot in yourself that you still need to discover.

Sophomore and son to Mater Dei's very own Mr. Fox, Michael Fox is adjusting quite well to the new school campus. "It's a big school," he says, "but it's not as hard to get around as I thought it would be." Michael still feels comfortable because of his friends. He can easily catch them hanging around Loyola Hall in front of their lockers. A friendly laugh once in a while always cheers him up.

Michael decided to become more involved for his sophomore year. He is participating in cross-country as well as the ecology club. He enjoys having a super clean campus and is working hard to help it stay clean. He feels great to find something he really enjoys that at the same time helps out a good cause.

Michael not only likes the new campus, but he also likes the new atmosphere as well. "It's very refreshing and it helps me to feel more comfortable in a bigger environment." The new faces have made it an exciting experience, but Michael feels that there is still the Marian spirit in each of us. Everyone is together as a family.



by Lucero Leon

Ivan Abarca  
 Dianne Acevedo  
 Samuel Acosta  
 Jessica Aguilera  
 Regina Alcalá



Alvin Noel Almazan  
 Camile Alvarado  
 Carlos Alvarez  
 Norma Anaya-Valdez  
 Ryan Andreoli



Ivonne Angulo  
 Marisela Arechiga-Romero  
 Bianca Armstrong  
 Jisselle Attisha  
 Franklin Ausler, Jr.



Edward Azano  
 Joaquin Baez  
 Kendis Barangan  
 Tania Batista  
 Ixchel Beltran



Sophomore  
 Sanctuary  
 A slew  
 of sophs  
 sit to  
 study  
 or stand  
 to chat  
 and chew  
 the fat.





Joshua Patrick Bensan  
Rafael Blanco  
Maxwell Bloch  
Jose Brambila  
Anthony Brandon



Jesus Briones  
Mariana Burkle  
Genaro Camacho  
Samuel Cantu-Reyna  
Kristen Carcano



Oliver Caro  
Brenda Carrillo  
Rafael Carrillo-Baylon  
Jocelyn Castillas  
Hector Castaneda



Ronald Allen Castillo  
Christian Castro  
Gerardo Castro  
Carly's Celaya  
Michelle Centurion



Ramon Cevallos  
Ricardo Chavez  
Christian Chavoya  
Jacob Coogan  
Michelle Coria



Mario Cortez, Jr.  
Jasmine Cota  
Lilia Covarrubias  
Gino De Simone  
Jesus Diaz

Kenny Duzyk  
 Jesse Edgar  
 Brianna Escdoar  
 Kacy Espinoza  
 Aaron Eustaquio



Jesdin Farol  
 Kalum Figy  
 Danielle Flores  
 Michael Fox  
 Jorge Gamiez



Denisse Garcia  
 Jacqueline Garcia  
 Victor Garcia, Jr.  
 Alexander Giery  
 Maximiliano Gochicoa



Héctor Gomez  
 Mariana Gomez  
 Maria Del Mar Gomez-Rodri-  
 guez  
 Lucia Gonzalez  
 Martin Gorence



Alba Guerrero  
 Marie Elaine Guilas  
 Andrew Haines  
 Christian Hernandez  
 Ivanna Hernandez



Juan Hernandez  
 Kevin Hernandez, Jr.  
 Melissa Hernandez  
 Miguel Hernandez  
 Richard Hernandez





Alysha Isaacson  
Baltazar Jaramillo  
Karla Jaramillo  
Vere Jaramillo  
Steven Jarjees



Melinda Jernigan  
Erickson Julve  
Denny Kremer III  
Alec Kuzukian  
Perla Laborin



Alexa Lemus  
Nora Leyva  
Caileigh Long  
Alicia Lopez  
Cesar Lopez



Lizeth Lopez  
Mauricio Lopez  
Sergio Lopez  
Yesenia Lozano Cardenas  
Leonel Lua



Angels on Angles  
Alexa Lemus  
and Paulina  
Perez  
get a  
chance  
to help  
each other  
on a  
devilish  
problem  
in geometry  
class.



**Making a Point**  
Melinda Jernigan uses lots of body English to tell her story.



**The Cool Kid and Cutie**  
Eddie Parra and Wendy Tamayo check out the action on and off the football field.

Alfredo Lucero-Canaan  
Andrea Lucero-Canaan



James Lynn  
James Mara



Jacob Marrion  
Eric Martinez



Patrick Mayor  
Ashley Medina



Monserrat Medina  
Juan Moctezuma



Diane-Leah Moore  
Vivian Moreno





Fernando Morlan  
Andrea Navarro  
Ryan Nesbit  
Angelina O'Connor  
Paola Odriozola



Andres Orozco  
Carolina Ortega  
Ryan Ortega  
Marysol Osorio  
Marisol Padilla



Diana Paredes  
Nerli Paredes Ruyalcaba  
Edward Parra  
Steven Pena  
Victoria Pena



Aldo Peraltu  
Cassandra Peraza  
Paulina Perez  
Eduardo Perez-Cano  
Alejandra Perez-Madrigal



Erica Petway  
Cassandra Pimentel  
Darius Pitre  
Luis Priego-Padilla  
Paola Prieto



Daniel Puffelis  
Daniella Puffelis  
Araceli Ramirez  
Daniela Ramirez Gonzalez  
Emilio Rangel

Yazmin Razon  
 Mark Reed, Jr.  
 Mayra Reynoso  
 Johanna Rhein  
 Jazmin Rodriguez



Estefania Romero  
 Marisa Russo  
 Francisco Saavedra  
 Erik Salazar  
 Azalea Sanchez



Hadrian Sanchez  
 Michel Sanchez  
 Bernardo Sandoval  
 Stephanie Santana  
 Stephanie Sanz



Marcella Schneider  
 Michael Scollan  
 David Sierra-Mattos  
 Erica Silva  
 Ernest Silva



Robert Silva-Martinez  
 Laura Soto  
 Wendy Timayo  
 Ricardo Tamborrell  
 Carlos Tellez



Stephanie Tessman  
 Tatiana Tobe  
 Hiram Torres-Ramos  
 Cesar Trejo  
 Paulina Uyibe-Matamoros





Estela Uribe  
Martiniano Valdez-Davis



Catherine Valenzuela  
Sergio Valenzuela  
Cristina Valverde



Vanessa Vargas  
Andrew Vazquez  
Andrea Velasquez



Diego Velasquez  
Jose Velasquez  
Andrew Villalpando



Natalie Villalpando  
Marto Winata  
Cesar Ybarra



Crystal Zora  
Miranda Zora

# Working

# Hard

'05 to '09



Lauren Elise Judal  
President



David Matranga  
Vice President



Ana Ramirez  
Secretary

Working hard or hardly working? Juniors take a laid back attitude towards ASB because they have got it down ... Lauren and David have been class officers ever since their freshman year. Nothing fazes them. "Hey, Matranga, we've still got 10 minutes to get to the ASB meeting. That's time to get a white gummy!" "Oh, we could stop at Starbucks too." "Ana, I can't drive the Benz to Jamba Juice and the mall. Besides, I'm helping Ms. Angeles with flyers." "You're

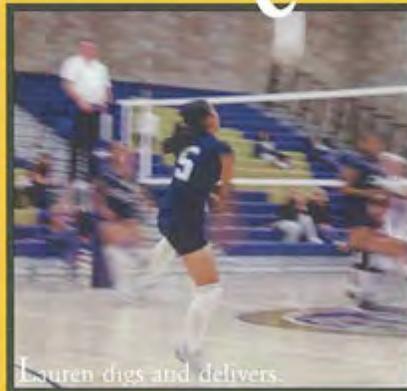
the best flyer maker ever!" "Thanks, Matt, you're not so bad yourself. But seriously, we need to be careful not to be late, Chelsea might get mad." "Don't worry, we have this timed to a science, we can have our juice and our Starbucks too." "Some things just get a lot easier with age and experience, don't you agree?" "Absolutley, Ana." "Say, David, are you ever going to clean up your poor car?" "It's all in the ambience, Lauren."

by Marie Hernandez



Step Sisters  
Lauren and fellow Ambassadors Jamie Espino, Kamela Jackson and Toni Vasquez take a break on the steps waiting for their next job.

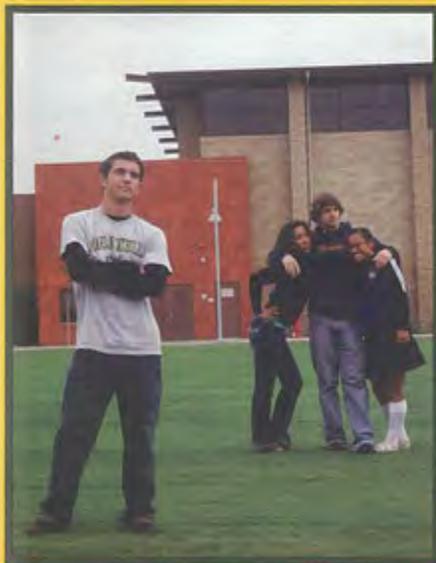
# Lauren Elise



Lauren digs and delivers.



Lauren and a few good friends.



Matt Martinez  
Treasurer

One more year to go! Junior year is the most important one in high school. With sports, homework, ASB, and a million other things floating around your head, how do you find the balance?

Have you ever noticed at every assembly that when Mr. Milke talks about academics, he emphasizes extracurricular activities? That's because it really is necessary when you're filling out college applications. The one person that we all know of who won't have trouble with this when the time comes around is junior Lauren Elise Judal.

When asked how it feels to be recognized as most involved in the junior class she says, "It's cool and very surprising." From sports like volleyball, soccer, and track to religious clubs like campus ministry and ambassadors and also ASB, her favorite is sports. "Sports keep me active and fit and it's fun being with my friends."

The one thing she does advise people on is keeping up with their schoolwork. "I'm doing pretty well right now, but English just gets tougher every week." Her sister Megan Marie Judal, a graduate from MCHS was always one of her role models. "My sister was always involved so I felt like I should be like her." With support from loved ones like her sister, Lauren has been able to juggle everything and have fun at the same time. Lauren's three main goals for senior year are one, to enjoy and have fun; two, to be involved and at the same time keep her grades up; and three, "graduate of course!"



by Gaby Torres

Brianna Acosta  
 Victor Aguero Aragon  
 Miguel Arechiga  
 Violeta Arista-Palacios  
 Matthew Atchley



Fernando Baez  
 Amber Baker  
 Felipe Balagtas  
 Gene Barroga, Jr.  
 Analorena Barron



Christine Bayaca  
 Lorena Beltrones  
 Michael Blas  
 Oliver Bloch  
 Jackae Bridges



Nataly Briones  
 Samantha Brown  
 Ericka Brunner  
 Michael Buffaloe  
 Aaron Bustillo-Moreno



Determined Duo  
 Exchange students  
 Soojin Kim  
 and Anne  
 Quermman  
 look very  
 serious  
 as they  
 start another  
 day at  
 school in  
 America.  
 Both girls  
 manage to  
 have fun and  
 maintain top  
 grades.





Alexandria Camargo  
Lizbet Carrillo  
Luis Carrillo  
Ana Ceballos  
Priscilla Cerrillo



Diego Chig  
Sergio Crosthwaite  
Jackie Cuen  
Janine Dacayo  
Laura Del Castillo



Mario Delgadillo  
Melanie Diaz  
Gianncarlo Downing  
Ricardo Duarte  
Roxanna Enriquez



Jamie Espino  
Aaron Estrada  
Hector Andres Fajardo-Santillan  
Alexis Felix-Diaz  
Frances Leane Fernandez



Octavio Fernandez-Simon  
James Fischer  
Oscar Flores  
Julie Fox  
Jose Gaitan



Alejandro Garcia  
Carlos Garcia  
Jose-Antonio Garcia  
Jesus Garcia Rios Acero  
Alexandra Garcia-Cuenca

Arturo Garcia-Sierra  
 Brenna Gates  
 Jose Gomez  
 Marvin Gomez  
 Gabriel Gonzales



Axel Gonzalez  
 Carlos Gonzalez  
 Lorena Gonzalez  
 Maria Lilia Gonzalez  
 Wilberto Gonzalez



Jose Gonzalez-Sanchez  
 Genevieve Guarnes  
 Luis Gutierrez  
 Jesus Emmanuel Gutierrez-  
 Nunez  
 David Harding



Ebone Henry  
 Adriana Hernandez  
 Danel Hernandez  
 Monserrat Hernandez  
 Ricardo Hernandez-Gomez



Karina Himan  
 Andreas Hubbard  
 Christian Huerta  
 Frank Huerta  
 Sandra Huerta



Kamela Jackson  
 Maria Jimenez  
 Melissa Jimenez  
 Danae Johnson  
 Lauren Elise Judal





Paulina Kayachanian  
 Ga-Young Kim  
 Soo-Jin Kim  
 Manuel Lara-Ponce  
 Justin Liang



Julius Liebrecht  
 Joaquin Linares  
 Aldo Loera  
 Ana Karen Lopez  
 Fabian Lopez



Luis Lopez  
 Luisa Lopez  
 Michael Lopez  
 Miguel Lopez  
 Salvador Lopez



Salvador (Chava) Lopez  
 Daniela Lozano  
 Hector Lutteroth  
 Michelle Lyle  
 Jhazmine Lynch



**Football Family**  
 Even without their uniforms on, it's plain to see this is a team. These guys spend as much time off the field as they do on it.



**Friends First**  
 Danae Johnson and Will Stewart share another smile, one of a million they've had with each other.



**Religious Concentration**  
 Ms. Salazar's students are oblivious to the camera as they scrutinize copious copy.



Jonathan Madrid  
 Francisco Mafud



Lucas Martinez  
 Matthew Martinez



David Matranga  
 Pamela Mejia



Daniel Melendez  
 Ailin Mendez



Kevin Mercado  
 Paulina Millan



Thania Morales  
 David Moreno



Yvette Munoz  
Christian Murguia  
Jason Myers  
Jonathan Naranjo  
Claudia Ordaz



Janine Pacayo  
Christina Padilla  
Barbara Padres  
Ivan Paredes-Vizcarra  
Rebecca Parra



Cynthia Paullada  
Kayla Pega  
Lizette Pereyra  
Adolfo Perez  
Alejandro Pergrin



Giancarlo Pisano  
Marcel Pitre  
Tanya Plascencia Llitas  
Rebecca Porter  
Anne Quermann



Ana Quinonez  
Mario Quintero  
Ana Ramirez  
Jorge Ramirez  
Marcos Ramos



Mariano Rayon  
Alejandra Reyes  
Matthew Reyes  
Andrea Rios  
Benito Rios

Allan Rios-Balladares  
 Jeancarlo Rivero  
 Michelle Robles  
 Carlos Rodriguez  
 Jose Martin Rodriguez



Michael Rodriguez  
 Octavio Rodriguez  
 Jimmy Rosales  
 Roderick Rowan  
 Estefany Rubio



Kenneth Russell  
 Robert Sais Blanco  
 Donovan Sanchez  
 Edward Sanchez  
 Fernando Sansores, Jr.



Andres Schramm-Flores  
 Victor Soriano  
 William Stewart  
 Monica Szkopiec  
 Vanessa Tanabe



Joseph Thobaben  
 De'Athony Tobe  
 Andres Torres  
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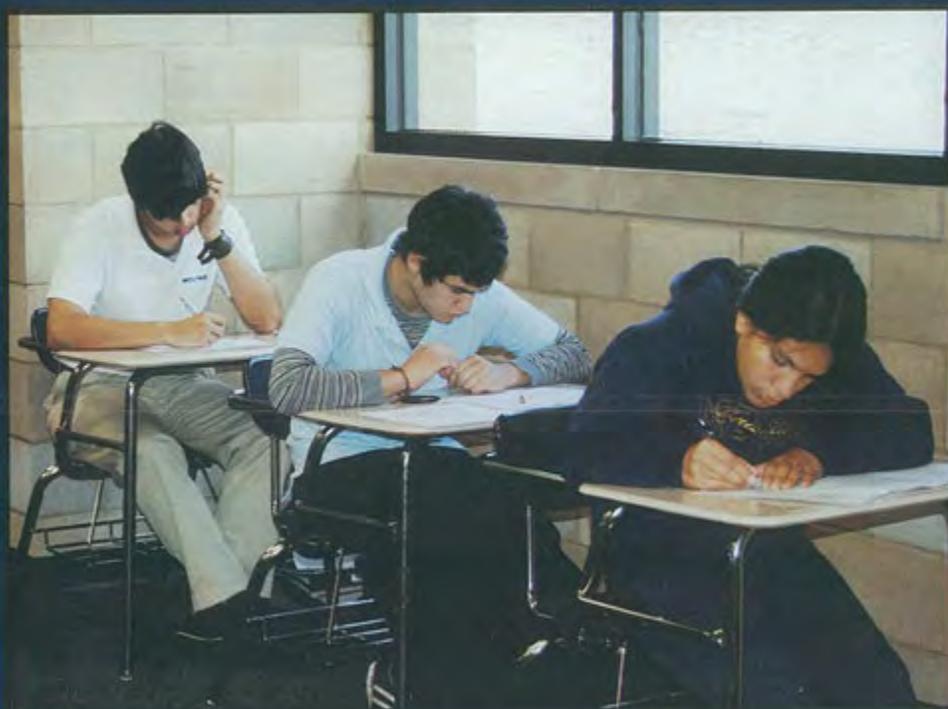
Rocio Villalvazo  
David Villegas  
Judah Villegas  
Jose Viruete  
Raymond Warner



Laura Fabiola Watts  
Shakiyla Williams  
Vanessa Wood  
Celia Wright  
Nicholaus Wright



Mario Zayas  
Diane Zoura



See No Evil, Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil  
Adolfo Perez, Gabriel Gonzales, and Violeta Arista-Palacios can't get into trouble when they're working this hard.



Ariel Hunt, Danielle Janowicz, Marilee Capetillo, Nancette Mendoza, Allyson Burges



Hector Troncoso,  
Krasov



Alex Medina



Senior Field Trip: San Diego Courthouse



Carolina Beltran,  
Ivanna Heard,  
Paula Rodriguez,  
Blanca Zaragoza



...iana Cano, Illissa Fernandez, Olivia Wright



...drigo Herrera, Luis De La Concha, Memo Max Meza, Miguel Torné, Carlos Velásquez



Paloma Gonzalez, Georgina Martin, Kathia Rueda, Conserrat Gonzalez

# Clear Skies Ahead

The class of 2008 has had the distinction of being the first class of Mater Dei Catholic. Having been at Marian longer than any of the other classes, they also felt the change the most.

Adjustments had to be made and some were stormy. But now as the school year quickly progresses, most seniors have begun to see the new school in a new light.

Look around at the open space, big skies and softly rolling mountains. It makes a difference. There's so much room. And people are affected by it. Alex Lopez explains, "Things are more open here than at Marian. I think it makes people more relaxed." Alex also enjoys seeing people in new surroundings. "I've seen people I never saw before, I guess because they were crammed together. Now people have room to spread out." Deirdre Long admits that the new school is beautiful but for her, people are the most important thing. "You could put me in a ditch and if I had my people

there, it would be alright." But Deirdre also acknowledges the benefits of the new campus. "The fact that it is so large and open gives the students the opportunity to take the initiative and be more independent. We're not always with our teachers. It's more like college where we are on our own. Nathaniel Baugh appreciates the sports facilities. "There's room for everything now. All the teams have a place to practice and they can only get better as a result."

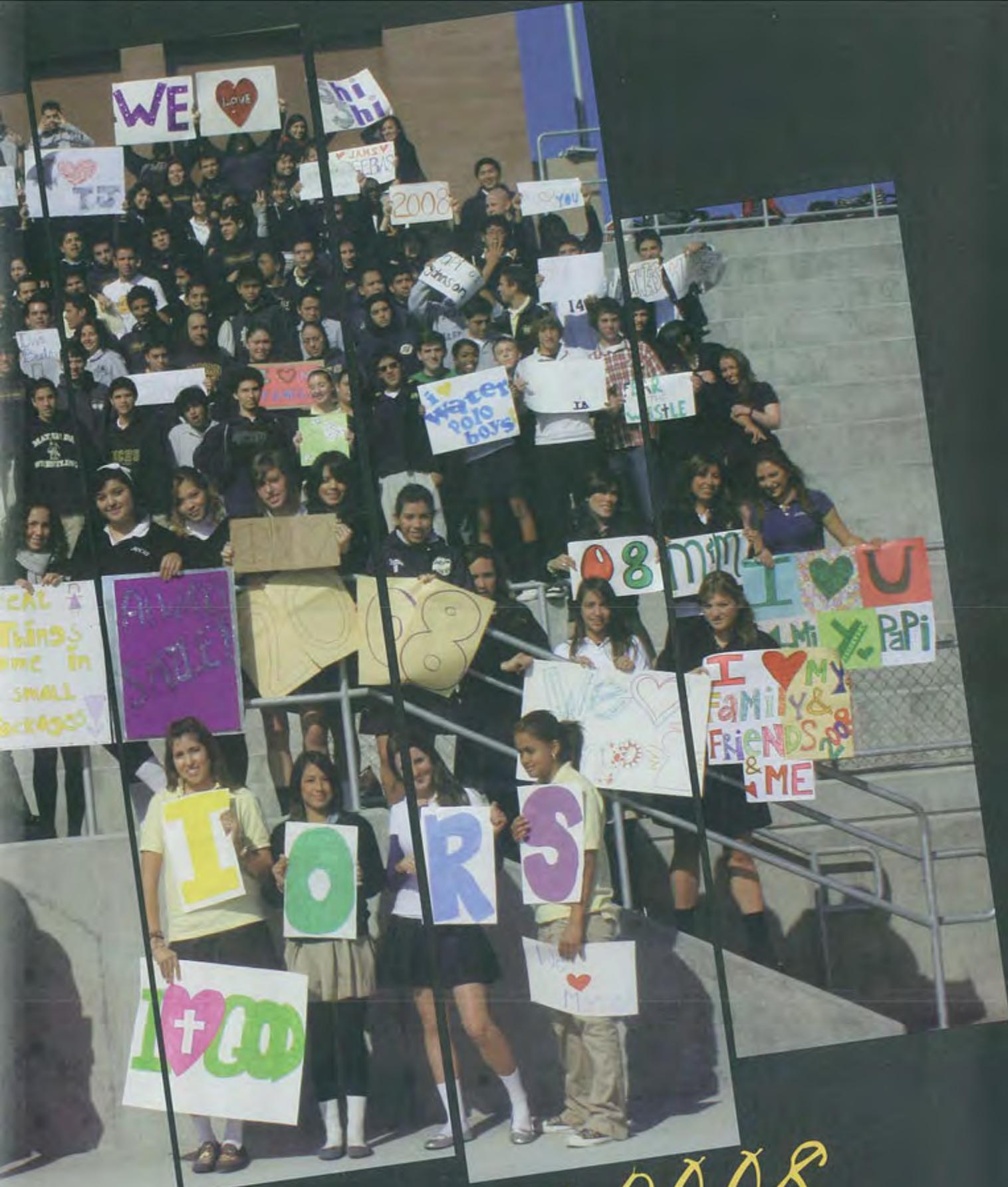
Mater Dei has beautiful buildings and fine facilities. With the Great '08 Senior Class lighting up the way, nothing but clear skies will we see.

by Marie Hernandez



# MDCHS





*Class of 2008*

# Keeping it Classic '04 to '08



**Ariel Hunt**  
President



**Kyu Paek Rah**  
Vice President



**Mariela Contreras**  
Secretary

This year's senior class officers are all new to ASB. For them working with their colleagues has been a great opportunity to get to know each other and become good friends. And as savvy seniors they know their time is almost up so they just kind of kick back and enjoy. Did you see the Senior Class photo in Ms. K's room?" "Yeah, it looks awesome." "We did a great job this year with all the signs." "I love Shi Shi," "How did you get that nickname, Ariel?" "Chardonnay's was cute, 'I love the water polo guys.'" "Yeah, she was quite the fan." "I like 'Fear the whistle."

"That's because you haven't had to run laps every time you hear that thing go off. Maybe we'll be like Pavlov's dog and start to run whenever we hear any kind of whistle for the rest of our lives." "Hey, the Senior Sweatshirts are in. Remember we're all supposed to go the the ASB store and help pass them out." "Oh, oh, oh, Ms. Angeles showed me the Winter Formal ads. They look great. I'm so glad we're having one this year." "We're also doing Valentine Grams. That'll be fun." "Sheeze, can you believe how fast this year is going by?" "Yeah, what can you do but enjoy it?"



### Warming Up

Luis warms up at his favorite place in the world; the baseball diamond.

# Luis



### Seeing Double

The Luises, Gonzales and Lopez, team up to make a double duo.



### Beaux and Belle

Luis becomes a Blue Beaux to match his Blue Belle, Chelsea Anne Largoza at Homecoming '07.



**David Le Duc**  
Treasurer

Luis Gonzales is one of those guys you may not notice at first but when you get to know him, you're glad you do. He's on the quiet side, doesn't bring attention to himself, but he's a really good friend. Maybe being a baseball player has something to do with it. Luis or Gonzo, as his friends call him, has played baseball ever since he came to Marian as a freshman from St. Rose. Luis loves everything about the game, even the conditioning runs that begin when Coach Johnson calls out, "Hit it!" He's happy working with Johnson because, "Coach knows the game so well and loves it too." When asked how he feels about the new school, Luis responded that he likes the smoothness of the new field and the mountains in the distance. Even though Luis is taciturn, like most baseball players, he can recount a favorite play. For him it was against Otay Ranch. While playing 2nd base, his usual position, Luis ran to his right, caught the ball and shot it back-handed to first for a sure out. Baseball is not the only thing that defines Luis. His favorite classes are science, specifically chemistry and biology. Gonzo also appreciates quality when he sees it. Dr. Threatt and Mr. Domonic Cruz are teachers he has great respect for because they know so much about life. Luis has his own philosophy and can sum it up in just three words, "It's all mental."



by Marie Hernandez

# Valedictorian

To my parents, for reading to me as a child and sending me to this school, despite the distance and the difficulties.

“Imagination is more important than knowledge.”

-Albert Einstein



To my sisters, for setting the bar so high and then helping me to reach it.



“Do I contradict myself?  
Very well, then I contradict myself,  
I am large,  
I contain multitudes.”

-Walt Whitman



To Mariz, for the unwavering and amazingly sincere optimism that has never failed to make me feel more positive.



“The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.”

-Socrates



To Lucero and Jaelyn, for putting up with me at my worst, making me laugh, listening to me rant, getting me tissues when I need them, feeding me when I'm hungry, and doing the million and one other things that make them two of the best friends anyone could have.

# Megan Alcock

To my family, especially my parents, for always loving me no matter what I do.

# Salutatorian

"If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, even if we're apart... I'll always be with you."

To all my friends, especially my best friend, Jaclyn Sumayao for always being here for me through thick and thin and to her parents for being a second family to me.

"Live, Laugh, Love"

To all the teachers here at Mater Dei for helping me grow as a student and an individual.

"If at first you fall, pick yourself up, and try again."

Thanks to Miss Valedictorian, Megan Alcock, for encouraging me to be where I am now, Salutatorian!

"Always remember that the future comes one day at a time."

# Lucero Leon



# Ten fingers, ten toes. God sent us these angels long ago.



1. Basketball Baby



2. Baby Blues Bro



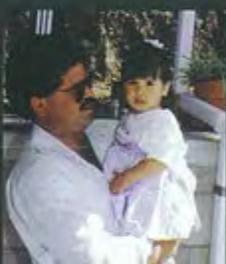
3. Raring to Go



4. Professional Tanner



5. Little Angel



6. Daddy's Girl



7. Backseat Action



8. Brown Haired Boy



9. This cutie  
is no burden



10. Little Princess



11. Puppy Love



12. What's Cooking,  
Good Lookin'?



13. Curls To Crave



14. Angelic Blondie



15. Captain Cutie



16. Curly and Cute



17. Feed me!



18. A Spoon Full  
of Sugar



19. All American Girl



20. Ballerina Baby

# Look at each then ...



21. A Precious Baby



22. Swinging for a Pose



23. What are you looking at?



24. Halfway Up the Stairs



25. Don't Chew it, Kick it!



26. Carebear Stare!



27. Bow Belle!



28. Little Prince Charming



29. Dress Up Diva



30. Sun Bunny!



31. Future President



32. Doll Face



33. I didn't do it!



34. I'm All Shook Up



35. Mousie Munchkin



36. It's showtime!



37. Say cheese!



38. Sunbathing Cutie



39. Little Miss Cutie Pie



40. Future Scholar



41. Pink Ribbon Baby



42. Cute as a Song



43. I'm a Charmer



44. One Step at a Time



45. Rawr!



46. Michelin Babe



47. Cheese Anyone?



48. Biker Babe



49. Maybelline Model!



50. Just Too Cute



51. Angel Eyes



52. Frilly Filly



53. Spaghetti Head



54. Darling Doll



55. Brown Eyed Beauty



56. Bathing Beauty



57. Dancing Queen



58. Polkadot Princess



59. Superman



60. Not Quite Ready for Bed



61. Teeny Tot and Ice Cream Cone



62. Most Wanted Baby



63. When do I get my wings?



64. Happy Baby



65. Little Liberated Lady



66. Baby Blue Eyes



67. Oh my gosh, the osh kosh, kid



68. Tell me a story!



69. Wagon Woman



70. Ride 'em Cowgirl



71. Beach Ball Baby



72. Pensive and Pretty



73. Sitting Pretty



74. Little Stinker



75. Little Shy Smile



76. Bright Eyed Crawler



77. Celebrate Good Times, Come On



78. She'll Have the Whole World in Her Hands



79. Rose Bud Lips



80. Sailor Girl Artist



81. No Curls Yet!



82. Play Ball!



83. Dreamy-eyed Boy



84. Baby in Red



85. Down and Dirty



86. Hey Fans, Let's Clap our Hands



87. I'm Zuave

and see  
how each grows.

# Senior Class Will

I, Nathan Baugh, leave my dancing skills to David Harding and David Matranga; and my 3 point shot to Jake Marrion.

I, Ivan Sanchez, leave Adolfo, Kenny, and Matt all my jokes and impersonations; lots of hugs to Vicky, Christina, and Paulina; my time and patience to Erin, Gabriel, Rosa, Steph and DeAnna to make up for all the lost time since they left; my passion for art to Mr. Hall; my many memories as a junior/senior to Marifer, Donovan, Shantal, Johnny, David, Sean, and Jose; and lastly, my love to all my friends who have been there for me when I needed them or when they needed me.

I, Valentina Tena, leave my happiness and dedication to my beloved sister Florencia; to Paola Pavon the leadership of the golf team; my love to Octavio Fernandez; my French skills to Ivan Paredes; my Spanish skills to Madame Bergeron. I leave my golf skills to Ana Barbara Tellez, my friendship to Susumo Azano and Pamela Mejia. I will all my effort during the golf season to Mr. U, and I leave the amazing time I spent during golf, and my "shoes story" to Mr. Gerken. I leave a "thanks for everything" to Mrs. Alvarado and Mrs. Angeles and finally, I leave my smile and dedication to the best teacher in the whole wide world: Mr. Hall.

I, Irasema Mejia, leave all my precious moments, my love, intelligence, and last name to my sister Pamela. I will my math skills to Paola Pavon; my luckiness to Mr. Jimenez's classes; the best for all the teachers and also Bob and Ms. Alvarado. My golf skills to Ana Barbara; my legs to "el vecino" and my friendship to Susu, Tapy, Floren, Ana Vanessa, Dany, Charlie R. & Ericka Brunner. I leave my happiness to "atorada", my English and Spanish skills to Ms. G & Mrs. Chiappe; and last but not least, my best wishes for the next Mater Dei generation.

I, Paloma Gonzalez, will my tennis skills to the varsity tennis girls; my Spanish to Mr. Brunner; my patience to

Ms. K; my awesome job in math to Mr. Smyth; my social coolness and locker to Oliver Bloch; and finally my Crusader pride to all.

I, Paulina Mendoza, will my French skills to Fifi, and my love to Michelle, Monica, Roxanna and Cruzii and my ability to make the best out of a soccer season to the future Mater Dei soccer girls.

I, Amber Rose Hernandez, will my spirit to the cheerleaders; my voice to Mr. Sanchez; my throwing arm and driving ability to Rina Himan; my heart and hugs to my love; my creativity to the ASB; my patience to Ms. K; and my joke telling ability to Bob.

I, Karla Paez, leave my jokes to Florencia; my math skills to Mr. U.; my sense of humor to Ana Barbara; my good grades and love to my cousin Alfredo; my Spanish skills to Mr. Brunner; my hugs to Axel; my smile and my crutches to Paola; and my advices and best wishes to my good friend Octavio Fernandez (TOPO).

I, Nanette Mendoza, will my artistic abilities to current or incoming Mater Dei Catholic artists.

I, Brianna Baca, will to Ramon Ros the passion to keep the Crusader spirit alive; to Matt Martinez the #34; and to the incoming seniors, the desire to work hard and have fun, and my love to Mr. Joyner.

I, Mariana Rosillo, leave my angelic presence as well as my wackiness to Stingo; my laughter to Mr. Smyth; and my love for Kennedy and Cohen to Dr. Hardin.

I, Carolina Sanchez, will my nerdiness to Mr Stingo and my math skills to my cousin, Tuti.

I, Carley Bo Byrn, will my pow-pow-ness to Lauren Elise, the track memories and chocolate times at M.M. to Camile Alvarado, all my uniform violations to

Mr. Moeller, my ability to drink out of a can to Cesar Ibarra, so he wont need anyone to clean him when I'm not there, my determination to Dominique Hernandez, and lastly, all my love to Mr. Cruz and of course...Mr. Joyner.

I, Jazzmin Estrella, will all my love to Cesar J., Mr. Tiger Milke, Dr. Threatt, Mr. Wraith, Bob, and my new favorite teacher Mr. Joyner; to my cousins Leo Lua and Ixchel Betran my flirtatiousness. I will to Lucas Martinez my GPA and all the -ables in the world, to Kamela all the good days and the smiles, to Lauren Elise our special ways of greeting each other. I will to Andrea our Saturday nights together, and to my little brother Ramon Ros, my mornings.

I, Bridget Coogan, will my upperclassmen status to my brother Jake; my humor to Jenny Borck; and my good luck to next year's tennis team.

I, Arturo Adame, leave some of my hair to Mr. Moeller, some to Mr. Milke and what's left over to Mr. Sanchez. To all future Mater Dei students, I leave my ambition, motivation, patience, and perspective to keep going when things are not going their way.

I, Matt Milke, will my height to Jason Myers and my hair to my dad.

I, Alyssa Gamez, will my theatre knowledge to Briana, Ryan, Alvin, Francis and Alex; my "Civil War-ness" to anyone who wants it. To Mr. Hall's future students, I will my enthusiasm for history and to my brother Jorge, I will my excitement for school.

I, Jorge Arballo, will my height to Jorge Gamez.

I, Lucero Leon, will my giggles with Jaelyn to Mr. Stingo and my master skills to my son/daughter/mother/father Judah Villescas

I, David Martinez, will my patience to Coach Souza, my speed to Mark Laturno and my good looks to my little brother Alex.

I, Roman Owens, will my attitude to Sunshine.

I, Samirah Smith, leave my uncanny singing abilities and confidence to my little sister Olivia. I leave my spirit and "cheerness" to the Lady Crusaders who will come after me and my stunt abilities to the girls who need them.

I, Jasselle Garcia, leave my brother Victor Jr., my outgoing personality so that he will be more talkative like me; my dance moves to my lovelies Alejandra, Brianna, & dance partner Andy so they can break it down on the dance floor; my soccer number 11 to Alex Garcia (B), because he's my twin. And last I leave my boyfriend Tony to Mr. Joyner so he won't have to steal him away from me at dances.

I, Pryscilla Hernandez, leave my speaking abilities to my brother Christian so he can open his mouth and speak more clearly; my tardiness to Mrs. Alvarado and Mr. U; my luck to Spencer so that he can always get away with things; and last, my party skills and bossiness to Olivia.

I, Dominique Avila, leave David Sierra my French skills; Arturo Garcia my funky hair; Mr. Smyth my math wisdom; and the whole school my love.

I, Roger Espe, will my hair to Mr. Sanchez.

I, Isabella Cruz-Chong, leave a big hug to Mr. U; my smile to Mr. Hall; my laughs to Ana Barbara Tellez; my food to Axel Gonzalez; my French skills to David Villegas and Ivan Paredes; my understanding of best friends to David Byron; my moves and kicks to Octavio Fernandez and my friendship to Valeria Cardenas.

I, Chardonay Ray, will my hopes for success to Julissa Armenta; my organization skills to Mr. Stingo; my cheers to the swimming and water polo team; and my love and blessings to all my seniors.

I, Ariel Hunt, will my salsa dance moves to my cousin Cassie; my determination to the ASB; and my voice to the choir.

I, HeeJin Kim, will my drawing and singing abilities to those students who love and know how to enjoy them.

I, Denisse Martinez, leave my remarkable hitting and fielding skills to Mario, so that one day he may win a bet; to my buddy Rina my softball ability; my Shamu dash to Kamela; a lost and found detector to Danae; and my math journey to Mr. Smyth.

I, Mariela Contreras, will my smile and grades to Ivan Paredes; my tennis spirit to Jenny and Vivian Moreno; my voice to Mr. Sanchez; my compassion to Ms. Ditomasso; my morning mood and Crusader spirit to Bob; and my angelic presence, philosophical knowledge, girl power and love for lemonade to Mr. Stingo.

I, Danielle Janowicz, will my cheer flying skills to Olivia Smith, so that she may be "just like me". I leave Christian Henandez a pack of gum, so that he may speak clearly; and my car that he loves oh so much. I will Mr. Stingo my sanity, and lastly I will all the juniors, Priscilla's, Ariel's and my party throwing skills so that they may have at least one awesome party their senior year.

I, Marissa Ornelas, leave my language to Michelle; my faith to Mr. Jimenez and Lily, and my Spanish skills to Tapy.

I, Erika Bruno, give my dance talent to the little ones on the dance team and California burritos to Mr. U. for away games.

I, Tracy Guzman, give my dancing skill to my dancers, including Shakiyla, my crazy cheer moments, Alejandra, my screams when we score a touchdown, and confidence to Aaron for his nervousness around girls.

I, Gilberto Erick Watts Cesena, leave my football skills to Diego, Chig, Fluti, Charlie, Martiniano, Kike, Matranga, Blas, Harding and Panchito because they will need them next year; my intelligence to Lucia Gonzales because she really needs it; a send it to Cruz and my dancing moves to Michelle Lyle and Lily Gonzales.

I, Luis Torres, will my blue Puma shirt and soccer ball

to Mr. Moeller; my soccer skills to Jose Gomez, Hector Gomez, Genaro Camacho, Joaquin Baez and Jessie; my Chivas T-shirt to Carlos Teyes; my cross country spirit to Jose Lopez, Sarah, Diane and Captain Johanna; my gratefulness to Mr. Hall; my bad writing skills to Ms. Willich and a thank you to Nerli Paredes and friends for my junior year.

I, Deirdre Long, will my spirit and loud voice to all of the Mater Dei cheerleaders to come, my willingness to recruit to Mr. V, an eternal hug to Papa U, and finally, I bequeath the campus of Mater Dei my voice to forever echo the halls.

I, Aireen Atkinson, will my tennis girls another wonderful, unforgettable season; my smiles and hugs to Mr. U, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Brunner; a bag of bits-o-honey to Mrs. Alvarado, a gift card to Jack in the Box for Mr. V; my laughter and love to Amber Baker; to Alisha Issacson and Melanie Diaz our unforgettable jokes and car rides to practices/matches. And to my favorite frosh, Jenny "Blondie" Boreck, my perfection in doing hair and make-up.

I, Michael Hart, leave Mater Dei Catholic High School to Bob so it can become the new Raider Nation; to Coach Johnson the number to Pimp My Ride so he can deck out the truck; to Mrs. Angeles, my knowledge and patience to help make next year's A.S.B. the best yet. I will my lettermen to my bro Jose to help him down the road of glory, to Jenny a couple of inches so she can be the next best baller in the Mesa League; to Frances and Christine my Egyptian heritage, and to Martin the stamina to try and beat my track and field records.

I, Alexandria Lopez, will my great picture taking skills to all future yearbook photographers, my Spanish to Coach Joyner so he will be able to coach our Spanish speaking Crusaders, my organization skills to Ms. K, and my parking spot to anyone who is willing to walk the extra mile ... #572.

I, Cheyanne Yeats, leave my little cheer sister, Tati, all the great times to come in cheer; Big O my ability to do a cartwheel on a bench; all my cookies to Cesar; to the

greatest sophomore, Andrew, props for standing up with me in art when no one else would; my kind heart to Lauren Elise, and all the good times to come to little JoJo!

I, Sarah Lazo leave my patience to Mr. Smyth, my sarcasm to Gabe, my best hugs to Chris, my note taking skills to Ms. D, my memories to Christine B., my playwright to Mrs. Brown, my improv to Frances, my secrets to Brian, and I leave my homework and notes to Andy.

I, Jorge Molina, leave Andreas Hubbard my routines and French abilities, to Ivan Paredes my ability to be a nice person, to Fernando Sansores the ability to play tennis, so he could beat me one day, to Ascan Lutheroth the ability to play ping pong, because he really needs it.

I, Adriana Ruiz, leave my little cheer sister, Margherita, all of my cheer memories, the future cheer team my awesome spirit, and to the students of Mater Dei I leave the traditions of Marian and all of its memories.

I, Jordhan Briggs, will Coach Johnson headphones that actually play music; Mario Zayas endless hugs and math "intelligence"; to Johanna Rhein a gangster lifestyle; and to all my favorite juniors the right to party!

I, Robby Burden, leave all the Yankee fans the Red Sox Nation and a World Series Championship.

I, Chelsea Anne Largoza, will everything about me, especially my confidence to sing on stage, to my twin Toni Vasquez so teachers will continue to mix us up and my computer skills to Ms. K ... but only for her own fun! I bequeath my photogenic-ness to Frank Huerta so he will start to like taking pictures; my hugs to Alvin Almazon; my "Asian-ness" to Rina Himan; my Pacman shirt to Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Jimenez; my spot on Music Ministry to Christine Hillman; my can of gold glitter hair spray to my little "seestar" Casey Pimental; a sign that says "Group 1 SUPER fun!" to my "lil' sis" Jamie Espino and finally, my love to Sam Acosta.

All the rest, residue, and remainder of our estate, real or personal, wheresoever situated, that we may leave seized or possessed, or to which we may be entitled at the time of our departure, we bequeath to our beloved Mr. Joyner.

# Class of 2008



Arturo Adams



Dulce Aguilar



Megan Alessi



Jorge Arball



Serina Armenta



Aileen Atkinson



Dominique Avila



Brianna Baez



Javier Batista, Jr.



Nathaniel Bayle

## Most Spirited



Erick Watts

Derrdre Long



Carlina Beltran



Judhan Briggs



Cody Brown



Erika Brown



Lucie Brucis



*Robert Bardenes Jr.*



*Allyson Borges*



*Carley Byrne*

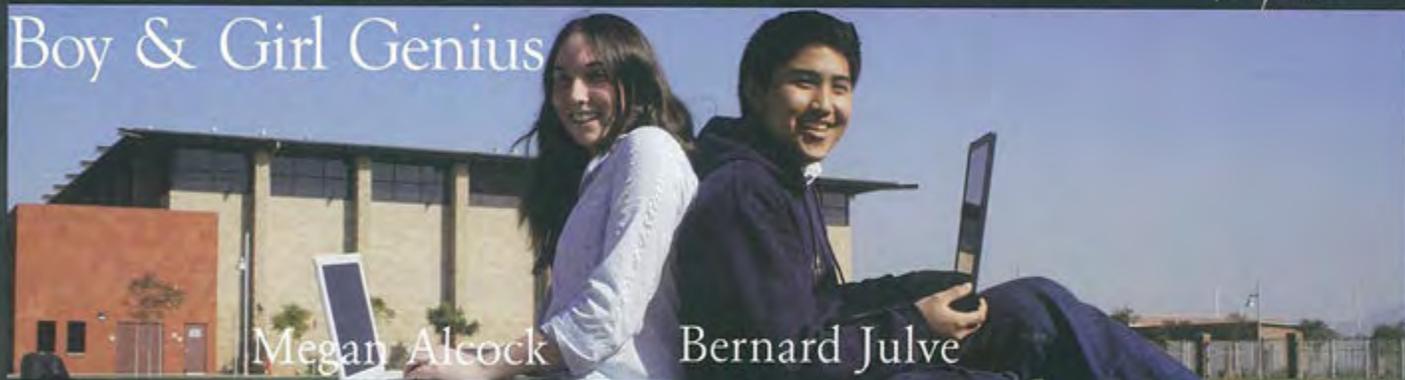


*Ariana Cano*



*Maria Fernanda  
Capetillo*

## Boy & Girl Genius



*Megan Alcock*

*Bernard Julve*



*Sarahi Carrero*



*Alexa Cartier*



*Oscar Casillas*



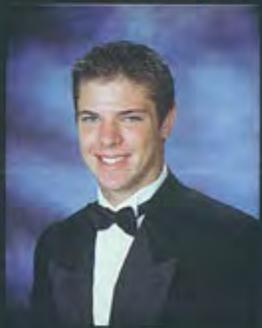
*Angelica  
Castellanos*



*Luis Daniel  
Chacón*



*Victoria Chavez*



*Jack Connolly*



*Mariela Contreras*



*Bridget Cogan*



*John Corrao*

# Class Clowns

Georgina Martin

Fausto Gutierrez



Leopoldo Cortes



David Cocio



Isabella  
Cruz-Chong



Michael De Anda



Luis  
De La Cruz



Robert  
De La Rosa



Ailda Del Real



Juan  
Delgadillo Jr.



Therie Erdelyi



Roger Espe



Jaymin Estrella



Bernande  
Pardo-Krasovsky



Cyntia Bernandez



Illissa  
Bernandez



Alyssa Sanchez



Jasselle Garcia



*Karla Garcia*



*Emily Luyales*



*Luis Luyales*



*Aniserrat Luyales*



*Palma Luyales*



*Allana Griffin*



*Paul Guardado*



*Prastin Luterrey*



*Tracy Luyman*



*Michael Hart*



*Luanna Heard*



*Amber Rose Hernandez*



*Daniel Hernandez*



*Madelynn Nicole Hernandez*



*Peter Hernandez*



*Priscilla Hernandez*



*Alejandro Hernandez*



*Rodrigo Herrera*



*Ariel Hunt*



*Stephanie Ibarra*



*Danielle Janniez*



*Bernard Jube*



*Brittany Kaiser*



*Stefani Kim*



*Guillermo Krausky*



## Biggest Flirts

*Fernando Rodriguez & Jazzmin Estrella*



*Alyssa Kuyshian*



*Tristan Labrue*



*Brian Lacey*



*Chelsea Anne Largoza*



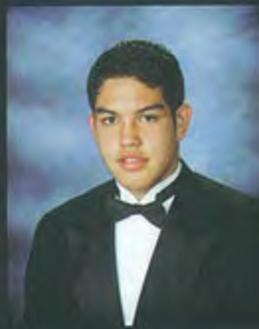
*Sarah Lazo*



David Le Duc



Lucero Leon



Brian Limon



Deirdre Long



Alexandria Lopez



Luis Lopez



Maria Lopez



Fernanda  
Lustanman



Cristina Macias



Rebeca Macias



Armando Martinez



David A.  
Martinez



David J.  
Martinez



Denisse Martinez



Luis Martinez



Luis Martinez



# Most Contagious Laugh

Georgina Martin & David Le Duc



*Marifer Martinez Anitra McCain Alexander Medina Irasema Mejia Stanelle Mendiza*



# Best All Around

Marisol Ros

Nathan Baugh



*Paulina Mendiza*



*Maximiliano Mejia*



*Matthew Miller*



*Jorge Medina*



*Gloriza Montalvo*



*Katina Shuffley*



*Ismael Murguia*



*Hae Min Na*



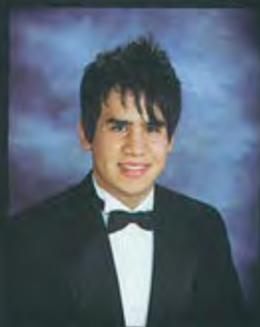
*Sean O'Hara*



*Michelle Olmos*



*Marissa Ornelas*



*Alejandro Orzes Jr.*



*Roman Owens*



*Karla Paez*



*Joel Pallares*



*John Perry*



*Michael Porter*



*Kyo Paeck Rah*



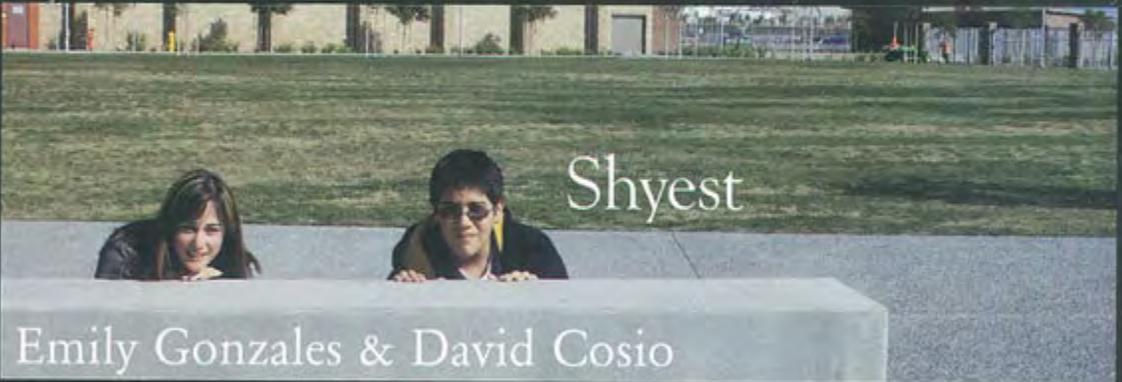
*Luis Ramirez*



*Shantal Ramirez*



*Chardunay Ray*



Shyest

Emily Gonzales & David Cosio



*Edgar Rayon*



*Dustin Reidinger*



*Jayne Rhein*



*Fernando Rodriguez*



*Kristina Rodriguez*



*Paula Rodriguez*



*Carlos Rodriguez*



*Marisol Ros*



*Jorge Rosas*



*Mariana Rosillo*



*Kathia Rueda*



*Adriana Ruiz*



*Lauren Samson*



*Carolina Sanchez*



*Juan Sanchez*



Most Athletic

Roman Owens

Denisse Martinez



*Zachary Sandidge*



*Patricia Sandval*



*Cynthia Sansores*



*Samirah Smith*



*Vanessa Susan*



*Jaelyn Sunayaa*



*Valentina Pena*



*Deshaun Thomas*



*Jose Ponce*



*Miguel Pineda*



*Hector Ponce*



*Carmen Valadez*



*Carlos Velderrain*



*Carlos Vilchis*



*Ruby Villegas*



*Gilberto Erick Watts*



*Jessica Well*



*Olivia Marie Wright*



*Cheyenne Yeats*



*Blanca Paragoza*



*Guillermo Pavala*

## Most Changed in Four Years



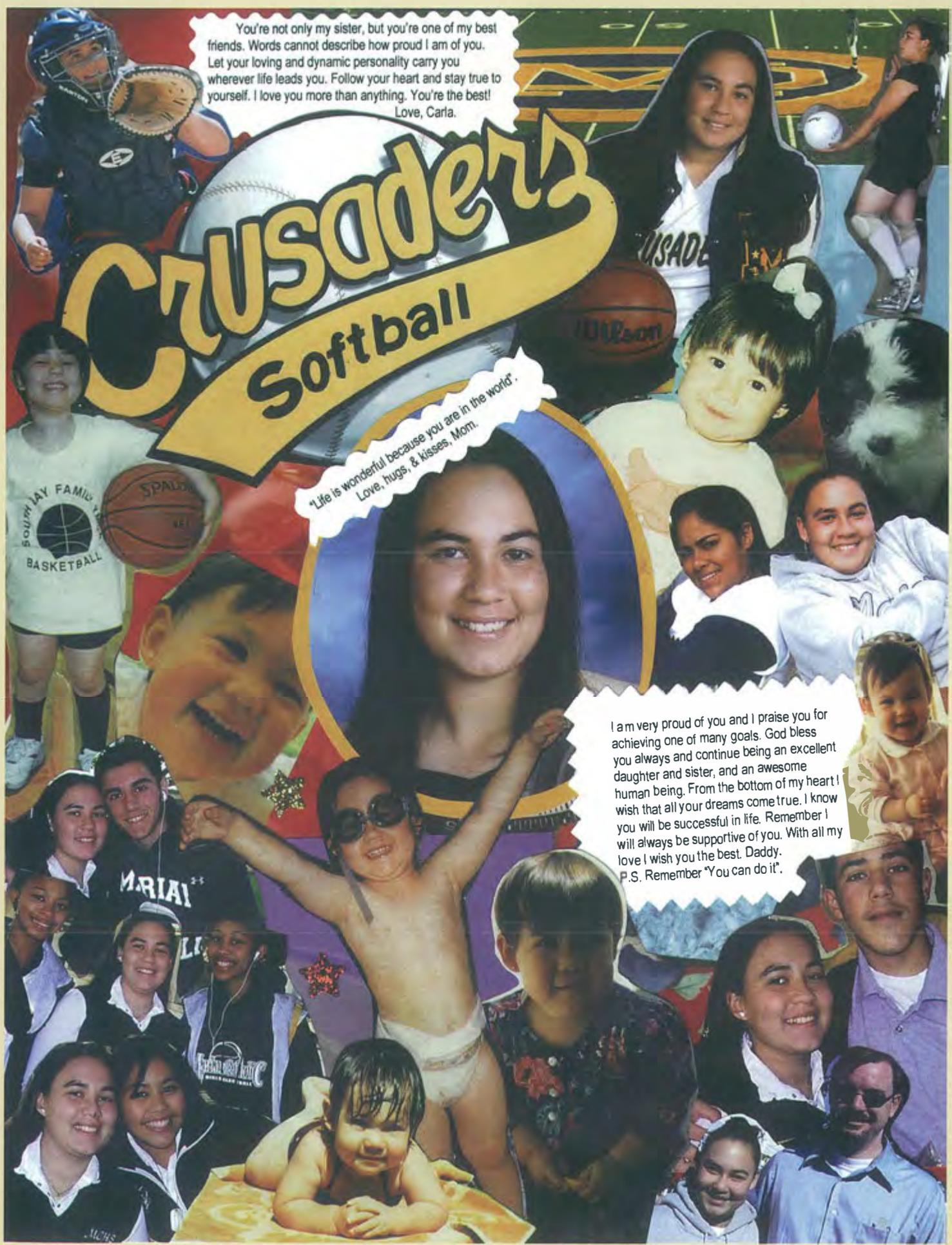
*Luis Martinez & Karla Garcia*

You're not only my sister, but you're one of my best friends. Words cannot describe how proud I am of you. Let your loving and dynamic personality carry you wherever life leads you. Follow your heart and stay true to yourself. I love you more than anything. You're the best!  
Love, Carla.

# Crusaders Softball

"Life is wonderful because you are in the world".  
Love, hugs, & kisses, Mom.

I am very proud of you and I praise you for achieving one of many goals. God bless you always and continue being an excellent daughter and sister, and an awesome human being. From the bottom of my heart I wish that all your dreams come true. I know you will be successful in life. Remember I will always be supportive of you. With all my love I wish you the best. Daddy.  
P.S. Remember "You can do it!"





Admission - 2007  
Forever for Tonight



Cody, you have been the most special and important person in my life since the middle of my sophomore year and hopefully forever. You have gone from being my 'bodyguard' to becoming my boyfriend and I am so thankful for that. You have helped me to become a stronger person, both emotionally and mentally. It wasn't for you, I wouldn't be the person who I am today. I love you very much and good luck in everything that you aspire to. -Melanie



Hello Joyce?

I am so proud of you and all you have accomplished & I know you are going to do amazing things in life as well as meet amazing people. But always remember as Chris Brander's mom says as he's looking through his snowglobe collection...Be yourself, be yourself, be yourself.

Love you,

Yana



Dear Codeman:

It is rare nowadays to find a young man as courteous, respectful, kind, loving and lets not forget, fun as you are. You are somebody that we can count on anytime. You have given us and will continue to give us much happiness; you have made us and will continue to make us proud. We ask God to always take care of you and protect you. With immense love we congratulate you on your graduation from MDCHS Class of 2007 The First Graduating Class.

Love,

Nino John, Nime Chiu, and your cousins Aubrey & Amanda.



# CODY BROWN

Cody,

Congratulations on reaching this milestone of your young life with apparent ease & confidence.

You have faced numerous challenges, diversity and a few stumbling blocks along the way. These experiences have helped to shape you into the winner that you are. Keep on this path and you will have continued happiness and success. We are proud of you and we appreciate you!

Love, Mom & Dad



Cody,  
I'm really proud of you!  
And even though we fight



I hope you know I love you. Good luck in college! Sammy





From the day you were born we knew God had sent us something special! You have such an amazing amount of talent, drive and determination that is unending and not only beautiful on the outside but more so within. Please keep the faith. Our wish for you is that this life becomes all that you want it to. Your dreams stay big, your worries stay small. You never need to carry more than you can hold and if one door opens to another closed, we hope you keep on walking till you find the window. Thank you for making us so proud.

We love you berry berry much!  
Mom, Dad & Scooter

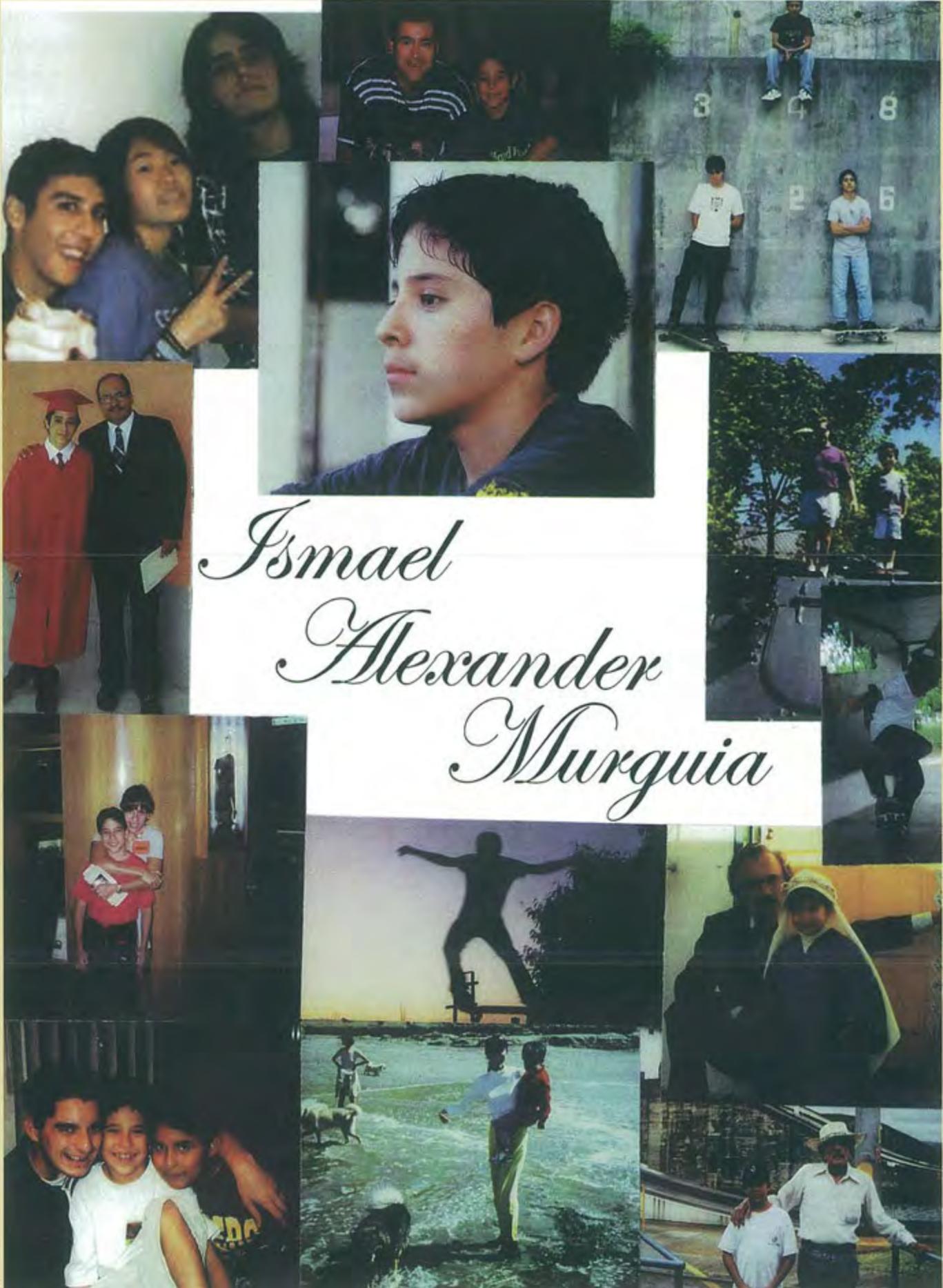
P.S.  
Did I ever tell you that you are my hero!



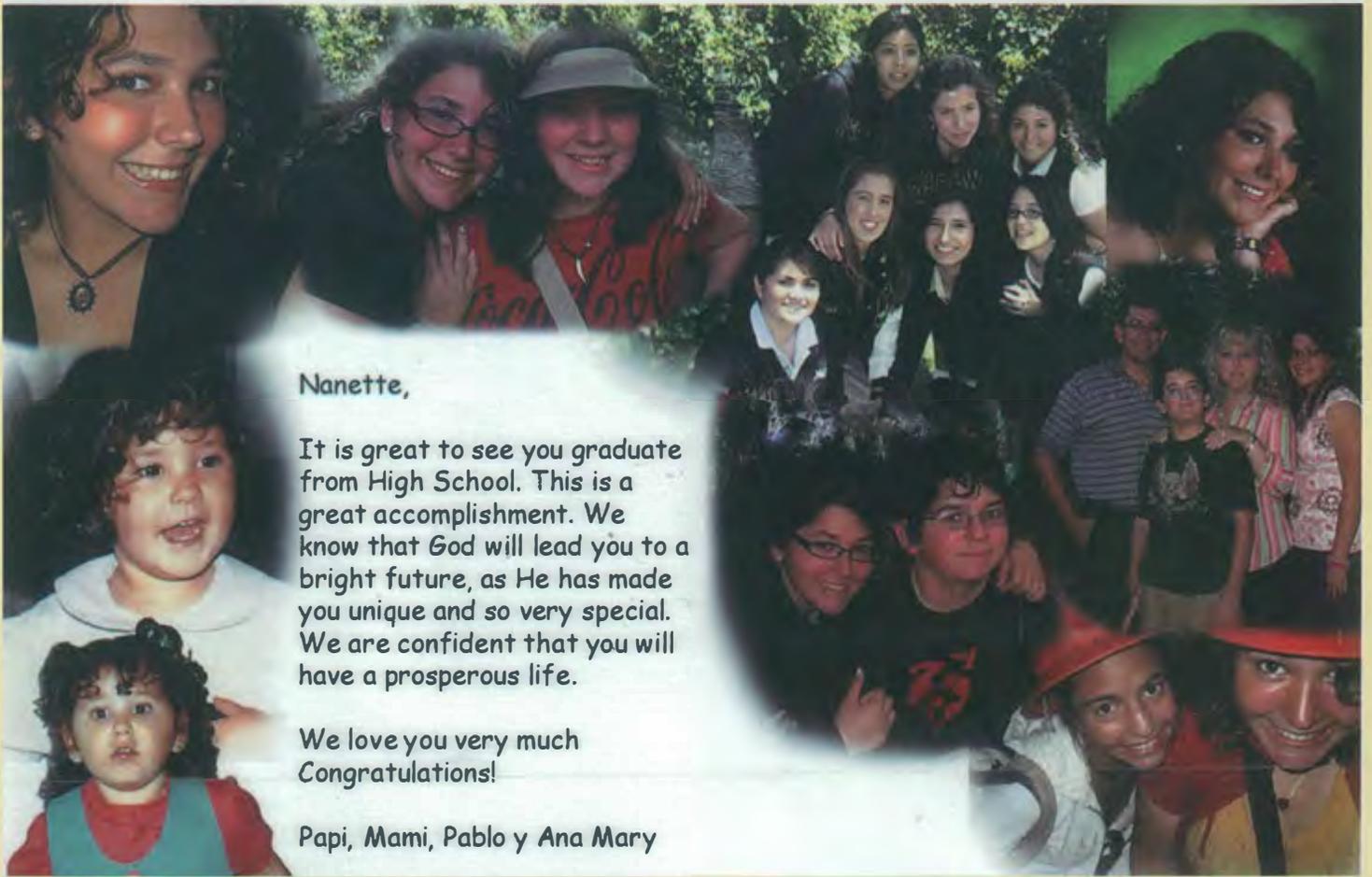
# Jordhan

Congratulations on a job well done, Jordhan! These past four years have been filled with great friends, new experiences, and caring teachers and coaches, which have influenced who you are and will undoubtedly have some impact on who you will become. You have developed into a remarkable young woman with conviction, loyalty, and a great sense of humor. We are so proud of your accomplishments but more importantly we are proud to have you as our daughter and sister. You are the glue that keeps our family together. As you begin your journey to college, we will be here to love and support you through it all. Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. Love Always, Mom-Dad- Josh





*Ismael  
Alexander  
Murguia*



Nanette,

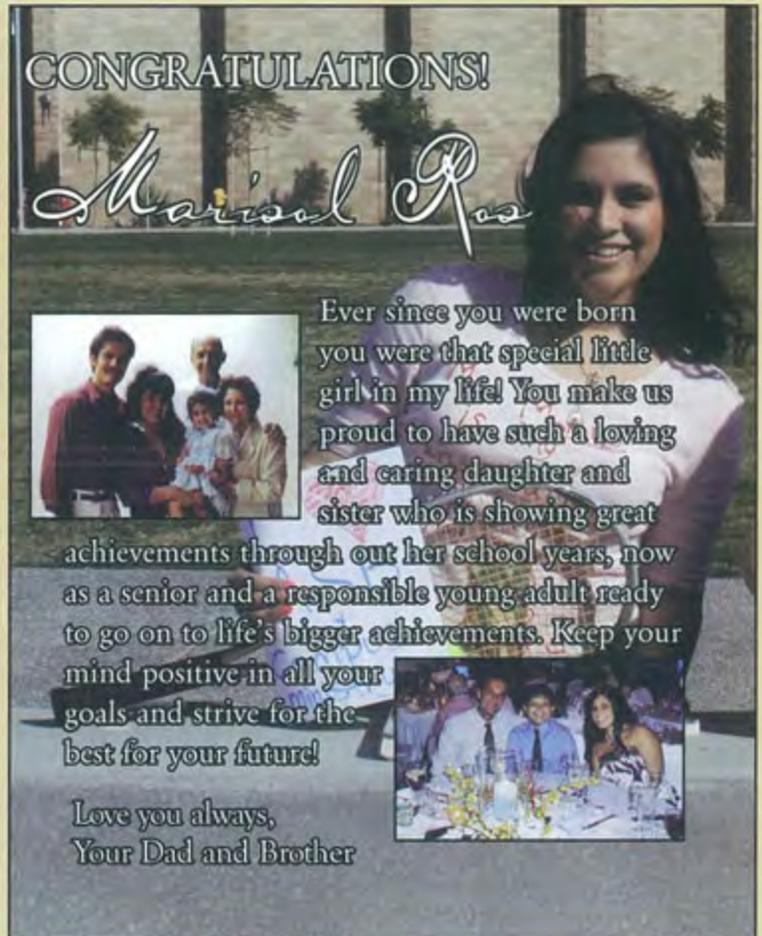
It is great to see you graduate from High School. This is a great accomplishment. We know that God will lead you to a bright future, as He has made you unique and so very special. We are confident that you will have a prosperous life.

We love you very much  
Congratulations!

Papi, Mami, Pablo y Ana Mary



Dear Trini,  
We are very proud of you. May God's love always surround you as you follow your dreams and goals in life.  
We love you always ...  
Mom, Dad, and Family



CONGRATULATIONS!

Marisol Ros

Ever since you were born you were that special little girl in my life! You make us proud to have such a loving and caring daughter and sister who is showing great achievements through out her school years, now as a senior and a responsible young adult ready to go on to life's bigger achievements. Keep your mind positive in all your goals and strive for the best for your future!

Love you always,  
Your Dad and Brother

# John Perry



Johnny,

Wow, how can we put into a few words how very much we love you and how very proud we are of you. From the moment you were born you have been the love of our lives and brought us so much joy. We have watched you go from a cute, curious little boy to a handsome, responsible, funny and intelligent young man. No two people could be prouder. Remember there is nothing that you can't accomplish. You just have to want it, work hard for it, and reach out and grab it. We will always be here to support you—unconditionally. You are our only child because after you no child could compare. Thank you for being our son.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

Mijo,

Letting you grow up has been the hardest thing for me. Every time I look at you my heart swells with pride. I wish I could have stopped time and kept you my little boy forever. But I see the you man you've grown up to be and no mother could be prouder. You are everything I could have hoped for and more. As you move onto your next phase in life.... college... just remember to keep your goals in sight and enjoy life.

All my love,  
Mom

P.S. Hidee Ho!

JJ,

When you were born you were the most precious and beautiful baby any grandparents could possibly want. You made our lives complete. We thank God for such a wonderful grandson. We wish you the best at your upcoming graduation. May you do well this coming summer and prepare yourself for your pursuit of a higher education. We know you will do well in whatever you decide to do. There are many decisions coming up for you, but that is part of growing up and we know that you will make the correct ones. Have fun and do well. We love you and we are so very proud of you.

Love,  
Grandma and Grandpa



“Aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life.”



# Luis M. Ramirez



Son,

We are proud of you. May God lead your way into the future.

Love you forever,  
Mami, Papi, Gaby



# Arturo R. Adame

We are proud of your accomplishments.  
We will always be there to offer our unconditional love.  
May God Bless & Guide You Always,  
Dad, Mom, Joseph, Nana & Tata,  
Grandma Dolores Adame †





Dearest Turtle,

Well, I wasn't going to cry when writing this but dang it seems to happen every 4 years. I can't believe this part of your life has been completed. Wasn't it only yesterday that you were electrocuted from trying to drive the house? Wasn't it just a few weeks ago that the couch was removed from the girl's bathroom at Marian when you were found sleeping on it? Time does go so fast!

And off to the next chapter in your life and times. You have an ongoing mission to search for personal and professional authenticity and I know you will discover it. You will also, as you have already, encounter personal missteps, toxic relationships and private demons. You will confront them, conquer them and I will always be there. Whether you need a shoulder to cry on or shared laughter that leaves us both breathless- I will never be far away. I am so proud of you and know that this will be continuous as you climb through college and those years that follow.

And with that, I leave you with a little Dr. Seuss. Under these circumstances I know that he won't mind a little editorialization.

And today at the great Mater Dei, that marvelous She  
Will go by the wayside, that's how it will be  
And the turtle, of course ... THIS turtle is free  
As turtles and maybe, all creatures should be.

Congratulations and with all my love,  
All the day!  
Mom

P.S.  
Eamon says, "Congrats, Goldilocks, bloody noses and super powers forever."  
P.P.S.  
Caileigh says "Congrats- and stay on your own side!"



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*Ariel*  
*Raschelle*  
*Aunt*

We have watched you grow from a little girl with pigtails to a young lady who exhibits confidence and determination. We are so proud of all that you have accomplished through your elementary and high school years. As you travel through life, decisions you will be faced with may seem difficult at the time, but God will always be there and with his love & guidance, making a decision will be much easier.

Always remember that your family will support you in all that you do. We believe your wonderful confidence and determination will help you make the right decisions throughout your life. As you forge your path, may god's love and grace always be upon you through the wonderful journey of life.

We love you very much,  
Mom, Roy, Dimitri, Matt, Chris and  
Nino & Nina Mayer

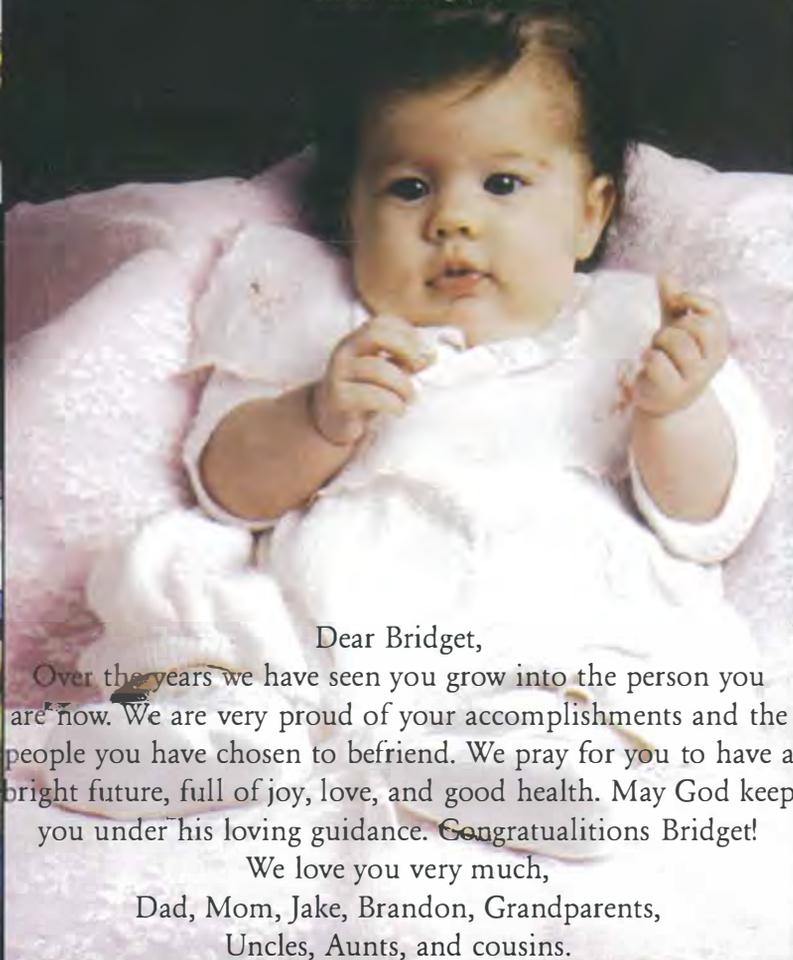




*Bridget & Kathleen  
Coogan*



High school has gone by so fast I cannot believe it is ending! I am grateful to my parents for everything they have done for me. Jake and Brandon: You guys have been good brothers to me and I love you two with all my heart. To my friends: Without you guys, I wouldn't be the person I am today. Thank you very much I appreciate you all!  
Love, Bridget



Dear Bridget,  
Over the years we have seen you grow into the person you are now. We are very proud of your accomplishments and the people you have chosen to befriend. We pray for you to have a bright future, full of joy, love, and good health. May God keep you under his loving guidance. Congratulations Bridget!  
We love you very much,  
Dad, Mom, Jake, Brandon, Grandparents,  
Uncles, Aunts, and cousins.



# Brianna

# Brea



Beautiful  
Resourceful  
Innovative  
Ambitious  
Noble  
Never Dull  
Articulate

You did it! We are so proud of you. We wish you the best as you go on to college. Always keep God with you and things will go well in whatever you do. Never forget your moments at Marian/Mater Dei, especially your teachers and friends.  
Love, Mom



Brianna B. (spib):  
Wow! It seems like all your hard work & endless time pulling all nighters finally paid off. You made it! Time really seems to fly by, I can't believe that you are all done with this chapter of your life. I wish you nothing but the best of luck in everything that your future holds for you. I know that you'll go far in this world. I can't express enough how much of a blessing you truly are! Always remember you are the cheese to my macaroni!  
Much love. Your sister, Emy





*Jesselle*

*I is for joyful, in all that you do.*  
*A is for angel, so thoughtful too.*  
*S is for special brilliant mind.*  
*B is for sugar, you're always kind.*  
*G is for eternal, heart of gold.*  
*L is for lovable, a darling soul.*  
*E is for laughter, a gift from Above.*  
*G is for outstanding, precious and loved Jesselle,*  
*so precious and loved.*



*Jesselle*

*With each day that passes, we*  
*grow increasingly aware of how fortunate*  
*we are to have you as a daughter. Your*  
*intelligence, caring goodness, determination*  
*and faith will surely lead you to the road of*  
*success. Please know that wherever God's*  
*path may lead you, we will always be there*  
*for you. Congratulations on your*  
*achievements and remember we all*  
*LOVE YOU!*

*Mom, Dad, Victor Jr*  
*and Alexa*



Wow... I can't believe I'm finally here!! A SENIOR, can you believe it?? The year is rapidly coming to an end and graduation is just around the corner, and I know that I couldn't have done it w/out the love and support from my family and friends. **Mommy:** I literally don't know how I'm going to make it in college w/out you!! You are my rock, and I love you SOOO much. I know that I have been a pain sometimes, but just know that you are what made me who I am today. I know we might argue at times, but I always knew you would be there for me, and I appreciate that. I know I can tell you everything and to me you are not just a mom but a best friend. I love you mommy and thank you for everything. **Daddy:** I love you w/all my heart and I want to thank you for all that you've done for me. I know you LOVE arguing w/me to prove your point, but I know it's only to make me a tougher and stronger person. At times we may bunt heads, but what can I say?? I get my stubbornness from you!! I love you daddy and you thank you for putting up with me. **Jr & Alexa:** man have we been through a lot together or what?? I want you two to know that I love you both very much and that you are the best brother and sister, anyone could ever ask for. Jr, I want you to always believe in yourself, and never give up on your dreams. I know you will become the NBA star you always wanted, and YES you still need to buy me a car ok?? I love you and NEVER let anyone put you down. Alexa, you are the cutest thing that God has ever made and you have the biggest heart anyone could have. Never change that about you! Always follow your dreams and reach for the stars stinker!! Haha... I love you both!! **Grandma, Kaul, & Yesenia:** Thank you all for everything that you have done for me!! Thanks for putting up w/me for the last 15 years of my life. I love you all and thanks for everything!! **MY B's...** Brianna Baca: I barley met you about 3 years ago, and seriously I feel like I've known you my whole life. You are like a sister to me, and I know that we will always be best friends!! Remember, you're saying the toast at my wedding ok?? I don't care how far apart we are from each other, I will find you to make sure you there!! My little wedding planner, thank you so much for EVERYTHING these past years and I LOVE you with all my heart!! **Marisol:** you have been my best friend since the beginning of freshmen year and I don't know what I'd do w/out you!! We have grown so much since then, and I want to thank you for always listening to my stories, even the ones where we sat in the rain... I will never forget that!! I love you friend forever and always ;)... **Carley:** you were sooo mean to me when we were little, and look where we are now!! You seriously always know how to wake me up, before I make dumb decisions, and I love you for that!! I know cochina for being tough with me, cuz with that I've grown stronger. **Jazzy J:** my secret love... you are seriously the sweetest girl I know, and I love your flirtatious ways!! We must reveal your secret identity before the end of the year, so that people understand how you are like me, because I'm not the only one, if you know what I mean?? **Jordan:** I love how you tell it like it is. Even though at times it may hurt, I know you're only saying it because you LOVE me!! Haha... whenever I eat a salad I'll always think of you stealing my croutons. I love you Jordan, and you are my favorite bball girl that I cheer for ;)... **MY B's...** All of you are a big part of what made me who I am today. You all are my bestest friends and I will always cherish the memories we made, even the ones back at Marian on the neat sheet. I love you all and I will never forget you... **Pryscilla:** wow the adventures and weird phone conversations we had together!! You will always be my camping buddy, and the only one I can share adventures with... Remember we still have to go sky diving and return to Pio Pico for our tradition??!! Haha and Heaven!! I love you pp, my princess Pryscilla... **Trini & Cynthia:** I love you both with all my heart and thank you for all the years we have shared together. You guys are like sisters to me and I love you both VERY MUCH!! **Tony<333:** Baby, I don't even know where to start. Before I met you my life was so different and now I can't even imagine how I lived life w/out you. You are the one person I know I could always rely on and could come to w/anything. Baby, you know me better than I know myself and I appreciate everything you've done for me. College is just around the corner, and no matter where life takes us, I want you to know that I love you w/all my heart. Thank you for always pushing me to do better and remember just breathe ;)... **C/O 2008:** I want to wish you all the best of luck in your futures and thank you for all the memories we shared. **God:** thank you for believing in me and helping me grow as a person with the challenges you put in front of me... I love you<33

LOVE, Jesselle Garcia



*Congratulations our  
"Precious Moon!"*

*We are very proud of  
you and what you have  
accomplished. Keep on  
grasping each day and  
making the most of it.  
We know you will  
achieve what ever you  
set your mind to do!*

*Love You,  
Mom, Yiya, & Nina Lily*



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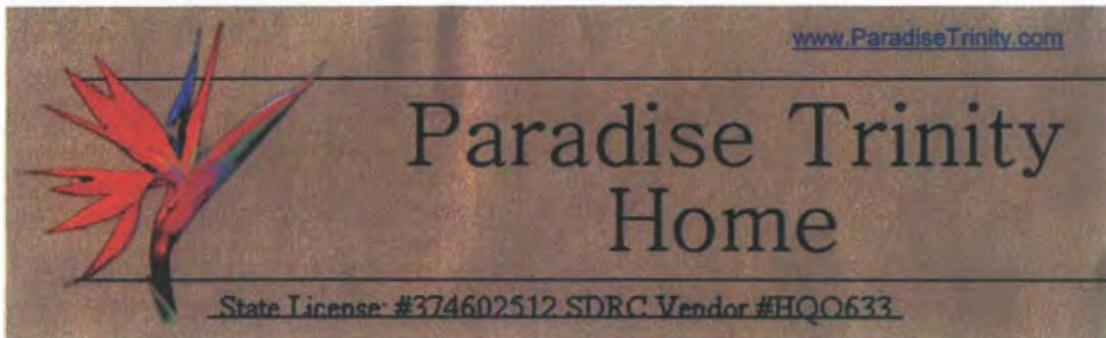
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Congratulations BJ,  
We are so confident that you are ready to face the reality in  
life. Always remember to ask the Lord above to enlighten your  
mind and spirit on any decision you have to make.  
Let faith be your guidance for a successful life.

Love,  
Mom, Joelle, Erickson & Dad



Amber,  
I am so proud of who you are, and the way you honor God through your life. Always be true to God, believe in yourself, and be a good example for others. Pursue your goals with passion, and your dreams will come true. I love you dearly, and will always be here for you.  
Nino Abe, Zach and Emily



Class of 2008,  
These past four years have been great! I have made so many friends, made some good friends and I have made countless memories. \*Momma (Susan) Deirdre, my best friend, without you, I don't think you'd have half of these memories. \*Daddy (Paul) Houting, \*Tina, \*Liz, talking to you about Deirdre broke my back, was her death, made her so mad. \*Roll away! \*Nicky, my 20, \*Amor, and everything, I can't believe that you're still running into people! \*Zach, my shorty, well not so much anymore. Somehow, we always had at least one class together. My favorite English 4, your soccer and Miguel, my two sports fanatics. Who else could I get my information from? Lastly, my love. No matter what, you always have and always will be my freshman love. Without all of you guys in my life, I don't think that I would be the person that I am today. Thanks to everyone.  
Amber,  
Can you believe I made it this far? Yes, me either. Thank you so much for all the support that you have given me over the past 18 years. You are my inspiration towards life and because of you I have to be the best only for the best. And Nino, even though you're so far away, you are always there for me somehow. I am so glad to have you in my life for that extra little push. Thank you mom and dad, because without you guys, I would be nothing. \*Goodbye \*Amor, \*Nino, \*Daddy!  
All the best,  
Amber Rose

Amber Rose,  
There are no words that can express the joy that you have brought to each of us. Your kindness, generosity, and understanding will allow you to continue to be the spirit-filled person that God made you to be. Thank you for all these years of happiness and know that we will always be here for you. We are so proud of you!  
Mommy, Daddy, Amor, Alexis, Daniel & Vivienne





Fifi,  
If ever there were a time to celebrate,  
it's now. You made your dream come  
true! Congrats to incredible you!  
Love,  
Tess

Fifi,  
Congratulations, I am so proud of you.  
You are an inspiration to  
the Lopez family!!  
Love,  
Andres

Alexandria "Fifi" Lopez

Fifi, you have been our pride and joy since the day you were born. Pa and I have been very fortunate as parents to have a daughter who is responsible and respectful of those who surround her. Throughout your school experiences, you have overcome challenges that have molded you into a strong, independent, talented young woman. Your interest in Ballet Folklorico has developed into a passion that has broadened your cultural. Every time you perform, your eyes reveal the dedication and compassion you have as a dancer. Your interest and participation in sports, photograph, Mater Dei activities demonstrate you are versatile, not a tedious bone in your body. Our family outings have been memorable. The padre games we have attended have been an ear full, all your yelling (hopefully you won't have another favorite player b/c we can not afford to buy another jersey, Klesko and Giles were the last ones). Many friends, who we have been fortunate to meet, who depend in you, and who have marked a positive role in your life, surround you (the group from your Quince, we will ever forget). As parents, we are grateful that you are in great company since many friendships established will be forever. Now that you are exiting high school and beginning your college experiences, we will always continue to support you. You are a person with morals, dedication, and high expectations that will attribute to your awaiting future success.

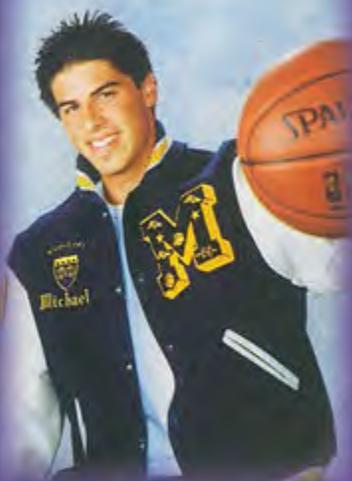
Love Ma and Pa w/ love from Greene, Jeter, Klesko, & White

Doesn't it feel as if we just had freshmen orientation? Going to Marian the only people I knew were my friends from Our Lady School and new friends who I made in summer school. Ma y Pa: First I want to say thank you for giving me a wonderful life that I have b/c if it weren't for you I don't know where I would be and sacrificing so much just so I could have a Catholic education and having many memories to cherish. Pa, thank you for always being there for me especially when it came to teaching me how to drive, decorating the house, fixing my car and coming all the way from work to jump start it. You're a very hardworking person & that's the one thing I look up to. Ma, I know that your love for me is endless & even when we argue you always want me to learn my lesson and going to college w/o you will be hard but I know that you will be there for me when I get home. GO PADRES! My 6 Crazy Friends: I don't know where to start w/ you girls. We've gone through so much together that we can call each other sisters. Each gathering that we've had, each joke that we've made, every memory in the past will always stay in my heart b/c you girls have influenced my life in many ways. Each one of us is different & b/c of that I have learned so much of myself & of you girls. I will never forget our endless nights at B's house and we can all agree that B's house is home away from home. The main thing we all are diff. in is our laugh b/c when one starts laughing it never ends. I LOVE YOU GIRLS & can't wait to KIT w/ each other after H.S. OLS Gang: Samirah, Alex M, Jessica, Gilberto aka Paul, Daniel, Michelle, Jorge R, and my BFFANGELICA. I've known you guys since the 4<sup>th</sup> grade & I'm glad we've KIT ever since. Even though at times we don't talk, I know that we will always be there for each other. You guys are very fun & we always make each other laugh when we especially need it. I can't believe it has been 8 years since we started school in North Campus. All the hilarious memories either at quince practices, 6 to 6, or at school will remain w/ me for the rest of my life. I LOVE you c/o '04 OLS gang and wish you the best God can bring. Yearbook: Being part of this year's yrbk I have come to appreciate sleep and nice warm dinners, jejeje. Still remember the famous German gummy bears and the snacks Ms. K always brought & how fast AMBER H. ate them all, I love you girl. I will never forget the football games w/ my sideline buddies DENISSE and RINA & how I was better off taking pics that stats's. I came to get used to being up on the sideline and almost getting tackled but thanks to AMBER BAKER I was spared more than once. C/O 2008: I like it how even though we have our own groups in which we hang in, we can walk into each other's group and start having a convo. To the new friends I have made and to those who have been w/ me for almost my childhood I wish you the best of luck in college & in life & you will always remain in my prayers. I LOVE YOU c/o 2008 & Go Lady Crusaders! Love Always,

*Alexandria Natalie Lopez*

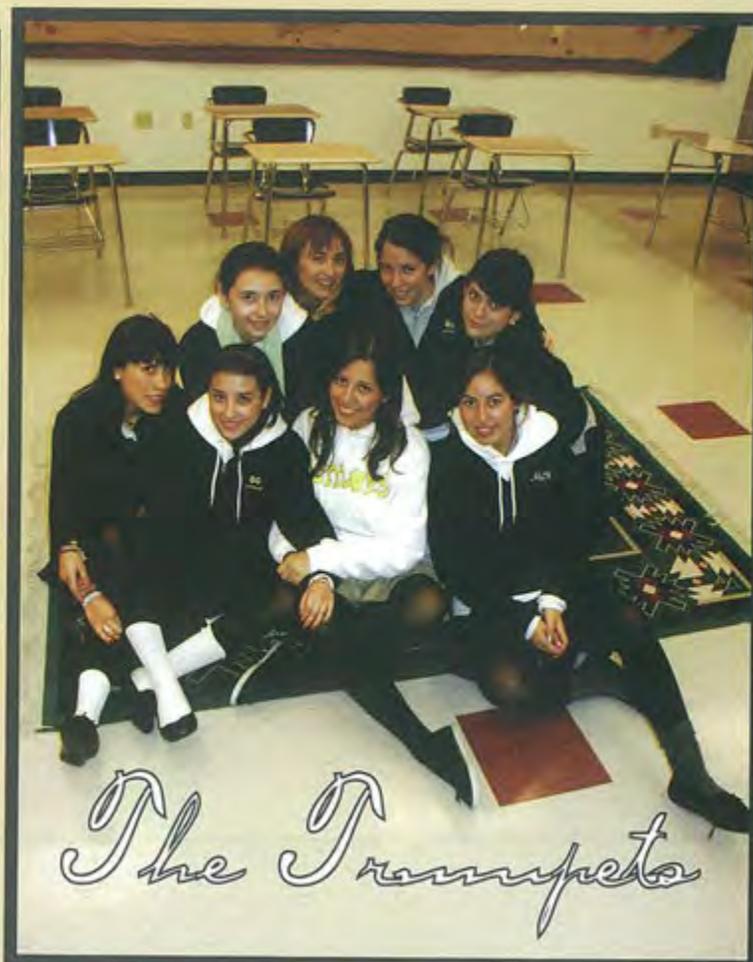


# MICHAEL HART



We are so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. (Mr. President) You are a very special person and we are blessed to have such a wonderful son. God has given you so much, keep him close to your heart. Good luck in college and all of your endeavors! God Bless you and remember to follow your dreams!

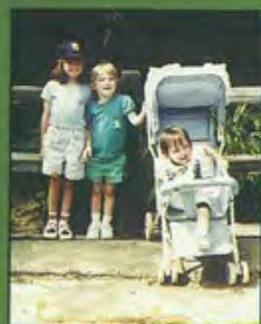
*We Love you!*  
*Mom, Dad & Marla!*

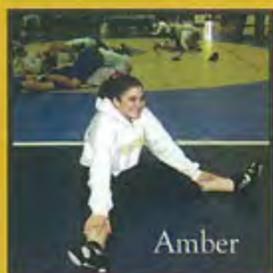


# Megan Alesh

For a Dancer  
Keep a fire burning in your eye  
Pay attention to the open sky  
You never know what will be coming down  
I don't remember losing track of you  
You were always dancing in and out of view  
I must have thought you'd always be around  
Always keeping things real by playing the clown  
Just do the steps that you've been shown  
By everyone you've ever known  
Until the dance becomes your very own  
Love, Mom and Dad

"Sisters, Sisters, there were never such devoted sisters..."  
Okay, I admit it, I don't remember the day you came home from the hospital. But I also don't remember a time before you. When we were younger, you were my side kick, my partner in crime. As we grew up (some might say matured) you became my confidant and my best friend. I can't wait til you're up here next year, and we get to giggle and squeee every day of the week. World watch out, here we come. Love, Mo





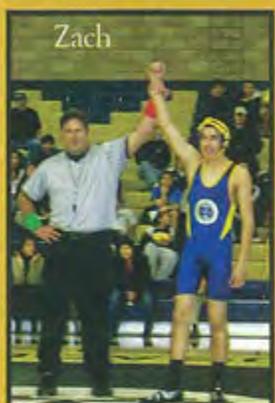
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Kalun, Raymond, Chris, Cesar, Jorge, Bobby, Roger, Justin, Mark



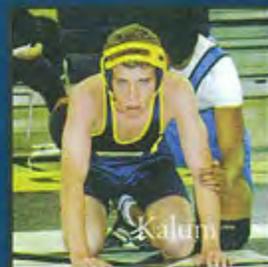
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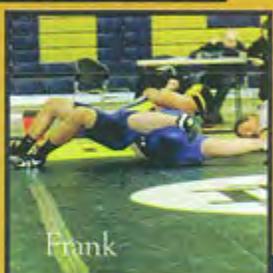
Zach

## After nearly 22 years of hibernation, Crusader Wrestlers make a resurrection.

Along with many other changes that have come with the construction of the Mater Dei campus, Wrestling makes a comeback in the 2007-08 school year. Although it is difficult to take a new sport and learn to compete against teams with established success, we found a core of more than 25 brave wrestlers to do just that. Because of a delay in ordering the wrestling mats, we wrestled the first three weeks on the hardwood floor of the Wrestling Room. Our schedule was comprised of a variety of tournaments, during which, our wrestlers gained invaluable experience. As the season progressed, more and more members of our team started to amass victories. As a fine completion to our season, our JV team finished 10th out of 13 teams at the Metro Conference Championship Tournament.

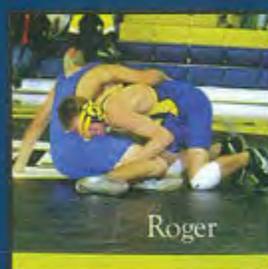


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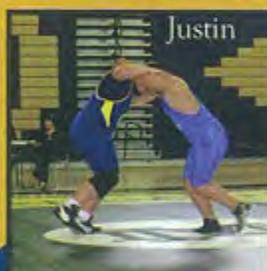


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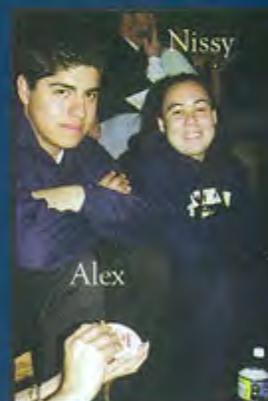
Two wrestlers earned 2nd place finishes and four wrestlers earned 4th place finishes. Proud of what we have accomplished, the team is hopeful for a promising season next year when we can use our experience to garner even more success.



Roger



Justin

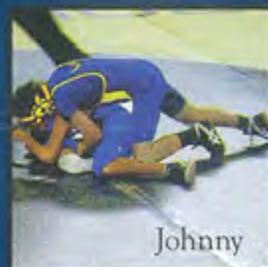


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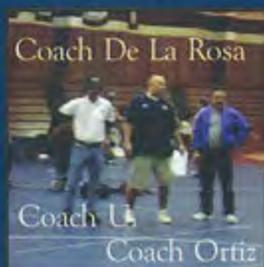
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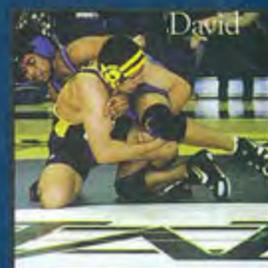
Coach De La Rosa

Coach U.

Coach Ortiz



2008 Mater Dei Wrestling Team



David



Dearest Chelsea,  
 Congratulations on your completion of high school! 12 good years of hard work! I'm so proud of you and wish you the best of luck into the next phase of your life. Keep it up, your accomplishments are well-recognized!!

♥ Ate Christel

Hey Hey Ate Chelsea :)  
 It's 08! You did it! Good job. Now you're off to bigger and better things and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. I luhhhhh you :)

♥ Therese

Congratulations Chelsea!  
 You finally did it! Can you believe it? All your hard work and studying has finally paid off. Keep it up because it has only just begun. I love you and wish you the best in your future.

Your Best Friend,  
 ♥ Kay

It is hard to believe that 18 years or more have passed. It seems just like yesterday when we were cuddling you as a babe in our arms. Now you are graduating. Graduation is a happy occasion. It is also an occasion for thanksgiving to God for all the blessings He has given these past years of your studies. You have all the reason to rejoice because you have successfully finished High School with honors. We, too, thank the Lord not only for the success and triumph you have achieved but we are doubly grateful that you practiced and lived the values of a Catholic Family and the virtues of obedience and respect, among others, which we taught you and your cousins in your childhood.

Let's pray together. Dream! Aspire!  
 Congratulations CHELSEA!

♥ Lolo and Lola

To Our Dearest Chelsea Anne,  
 Young woman, our daughter,  
 our joy and our heart,  
 You've reached the end  
 only to find a new start.

The world sees the young woman  
 with her charm and her smile,  
 but behind the woman,  
 We will always see the child.  
 We do not know beneath what sky  
 Nor on what sea shall be thy fate;  
 We only know it shall be high,  
 We only know it shall be great.  
 You have brains in your head.  
 You have feet in your shoes.  
 You can steer yourself  
 Any direction you choose.

Dearest Igin,

Those verses are not ours, but they might as well be for this is what we really and deeply feel. No words can truly express how proud we are of you, but you can see it in our eyes, you can see it in our stride. You have done what we have continually asked of you - since your elementary school days- to give it your best and to not stop improving. And, soon, you will be entering college. There will be moments (many of them, too) when you think the courses you have taken are daunting, the professors stricter beyond strict and the A's are impossible. Just remember Mom's favorite saying - "What you decide in college will dictate your future." Never forget, too, that you have a multitude of uncles, aunts, Lolo's, Lola's and cousins who are ready to help. As Lolo and Lola have taught you, never forget the Blessed Virgin Mary (whom we fondly call Inang Katipanan and Our Lady of Penafrancia), your Guardian Angel and God. The only meaningful legacy we can leave you is education - once you have it, no one can take it away. You are a lady of many talents - develop and use them well and for the good!

"After a long time, the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness.'"

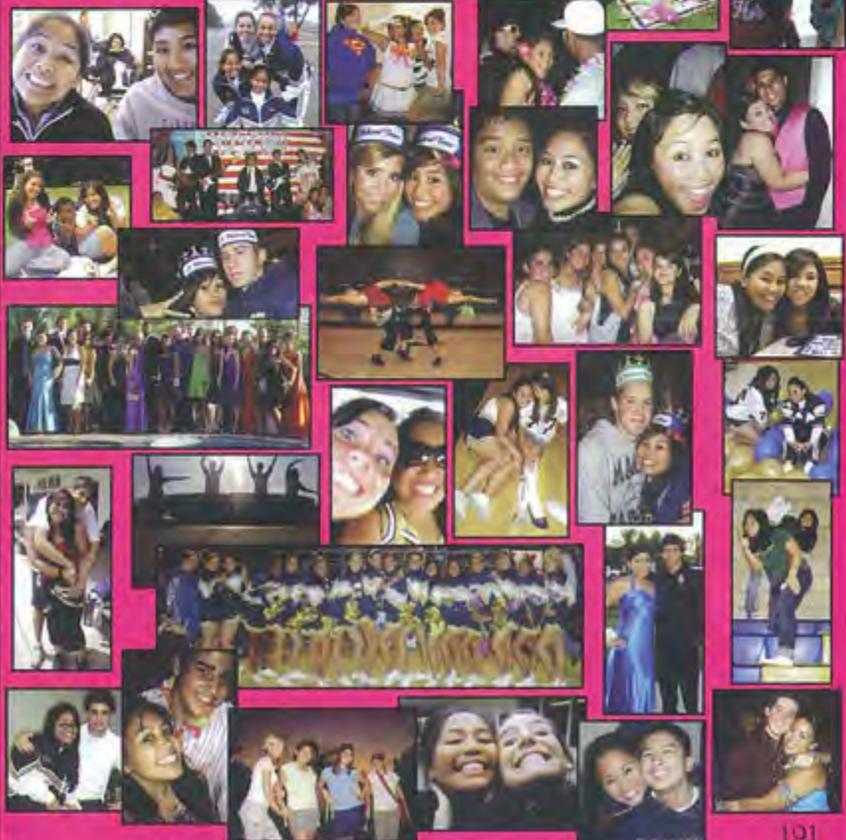
Matthew 25

Congratulations!  
 With All Our Love,  
 ♥ Mom and Dad

Good morning, Marian! You know you loved hearing my voice every morning. I still remember freshman orientation like it was yesterday. How could four years have gone by so fast? I honestly never thought my senior year of high school would come, but here I am about to GRADUATE! The past four years have been the best years of my life. My happiest moments, my worst moments, I have experienced within these hallowed & beloved halls of Marian & Mater Dei, sometimes all in one day. I met the most amazing people in the whole wide world, which explains why these pictures are about the width of your finger. [Mom & Dad] Who would of thought, right? Thank you so much for everything you have done for me. You both did anything & everything that you thought was best for me, even if I thought it was the worst. When I needed you at 2 in the morning, you were both there right next to me, like Dad the night we went to Kinko's three times? Or Mom when you stayed up making my homecoming wreaths so I could sleep? I love you both so much & I am so honored to be your daughter. [Jordan] Oh best friend, where has time gone? When we started volleyball our freshman year & went through hell week & a half, I was never scared of being alone because I knew that you would always be there, & you know what? You really have always been there. Our friendship got a lot of kicks in the stomach, but I saw them as a test, & we passed! Thank you for always keeping me in check. You don't take nothing from no one, & that's what I love about you. "Things change because nothing gold can stay, but our friendship can't falter." [Madelynn] My twin soul. Where are my letters? You & I can relate on so many levels. Remember, we've got that twin telepathy thing (waving the peace sign behind my head) going on. All the drama & the boys, you have always been there to listen to me. We've had our share of broken hearts & it's like we went through the same thing at the same time! I probably still owe you \$30 from freshman year, but I'll pay you in Heaven, ok? Oh & Twins! I'm sorry for having ADHD & always leaving you mid-sentence to talk to Roman. [ToniBABY] After I met Emma & realized I was exactly like her, I wanted to have a girl who was exactly like me & then I found you! Well, I guess it was Ms. K who found you, then kept calling you "Chelsea" & me "Toni." Remember when we switched classes? Or when we had to ask Tracy to make our twin shirts cuz we're weird Filipinos who can't draw? When all hell broke loose, you were the first person I turned to, & I want to thank you for staying by my side when no one else would. Oh & thanks for letting me blow out my candle on my 17th birthday! Never forget our amazing performance at Culture Night & for those Kundirana Boys! [Amber & Deirdre] Can I get a "WHAT WHAT?" Can you guys believe we cheered every single freshman JV football game sophomore year? Coach Janelle still owes us lunch! We've gone through a lot together, & I want to thank you for always staying by my side. Amber, thanks for sharing Chris with me and for finally spelling my name right! HACEFREAKIN' frijo! Deirdre, thanks for breaking my DVD player, or did the couch do it? Peanut butter! [Roman] Oh Calvin, where do I start? Our friendship has grown from nothing into one of the best friendships I've ever had. Your constant dedication & determination have inspired me in ways unimaginable. I am so proud of everything you have accomplished. I loved cheering for you every Friday night, even though that promise of ours never happened, then you ditched me in NYC & now you can't be in my Debit because you're going to the Air Force. But I'm so glad that you came into my life. I don't really remember how that happened, but who cares? You've shown me how to look at things from a different view & for that I thank you. Sorry for being a big mouth! [Chardonnay & Trini] It's a good thing we're all smart in math, or else we wouldn't have the relationship we have today. I don't know how we got so close, but I'm glad we did! Thank goodness we finally went out to Christmas dinner in February. You both have been there for me in ways that no others ever have, & I really appreciate that. Go Team, Cee! I can't wait for you to be a candle in my "taboo" Trini. Just don't burn my hair off, please. [The B's] Thanks for bringing out my wild side! I'd probably be an over-stressed nerd freak if it hadn't been for you six. Jordie, thanks for the sleepovers & for taking me on your adventures. Bb, my picture buddy, thank you for our 4th block Grey's Anatomy talks & for keeping my deep dark secret. Marisol, thank you for taking me in & making me feel like part of you guys. Jasselle, I'm sorry you never look good in my camera, but I do owe you for introducing me to getting my make-up done at MAC! Carley, thanks for being the best flyer ever; yes cheeta! Jazzmin, you've basically been my muse when I do my make-up. I hope you guys like your shirts. [Mr. Stinger & Mrs. Angeles] Thank you for always believing in me. Just knowing that you both had genuine faith in me was enough to keep me going when I didn't want to finish all those math problems or write those essays. Keep doing what you're doing, because it has really made a difference in my life, like I know it will for future students, too. [Ms. K] My favorite yearbook adviser. This year has been complete chaos for us, but somehow we managed to get through it. Just reading this now is total proof that anything is possible. We just had to look at things from "A New Perspective." Thank you for staying by my side even when you wanted to leave & not going completely insane on me. Keep working on those computer skills! To anyone I may not have mentioned, especially Frank, I apologize. I can't go any smaller than 7pt font! But please know that all of you have made an impact in my life in some way or another. I love you all so much. My hope for all you underclassmen is that you get the same experience from Mater Dei that I got from her. All the rallies, portfolios, 8th grade visitations, Slingo essays, football games, geometry proofs, dances, homecoming floats, labs, cheer stunts, APIC food fairs, singing at masses & who could forget yearbook deadlines have made my high school experience worth every sweatdrop, cramped hand, laugh, lateslip, tear, notecard, grunt, & smile. Even the drama! & to the Class of 2008, I wouldn't have wanted to go through these last four years with anyone but you guys. We did it! Please never forget all the memories. From the bottom to the top of my heart, Thank You.



# Chelsea Anne



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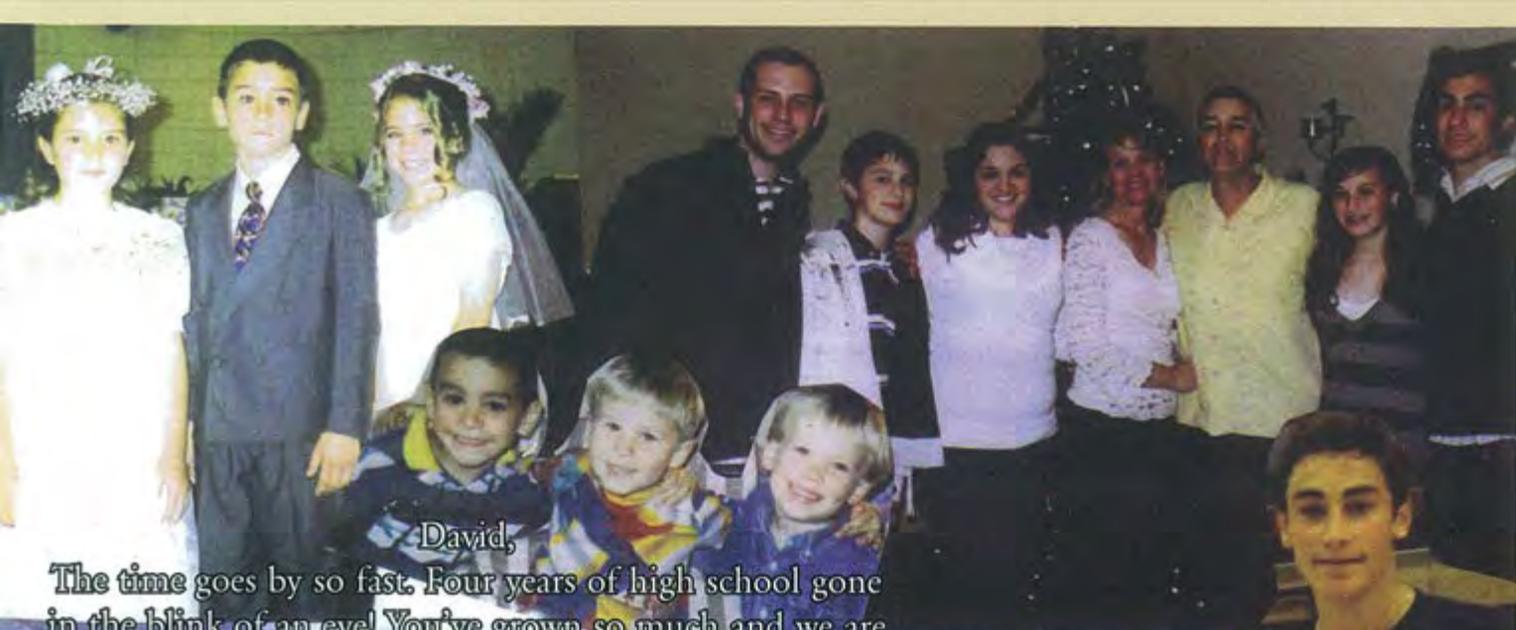


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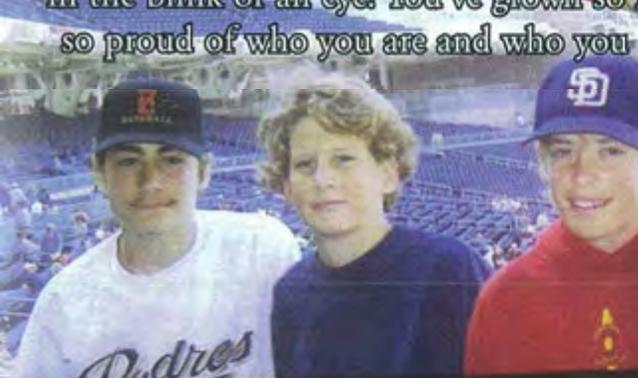
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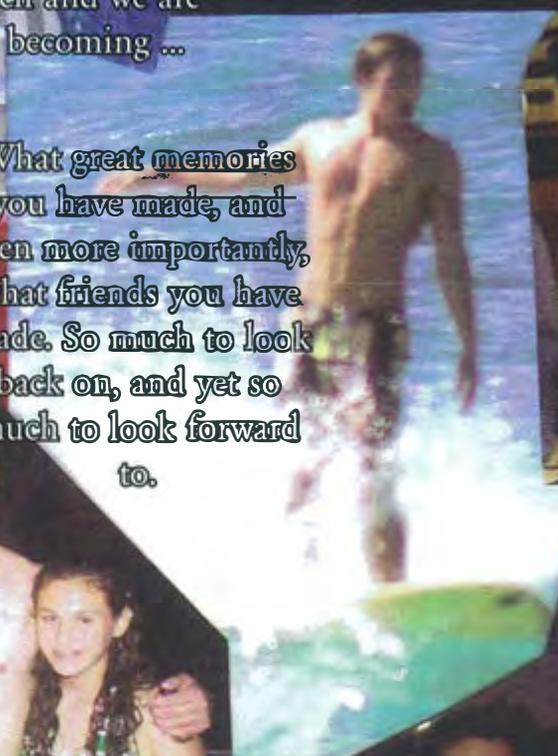


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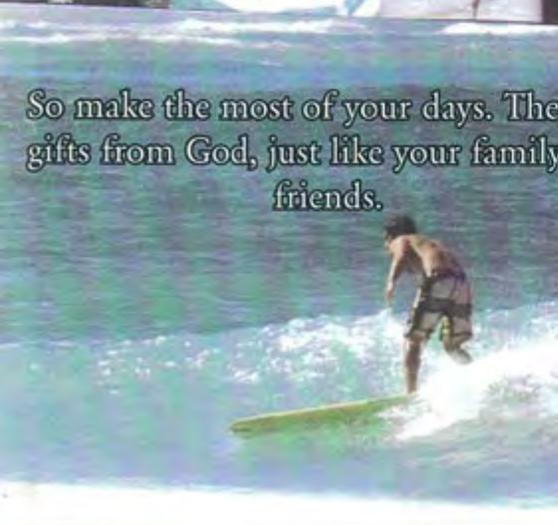
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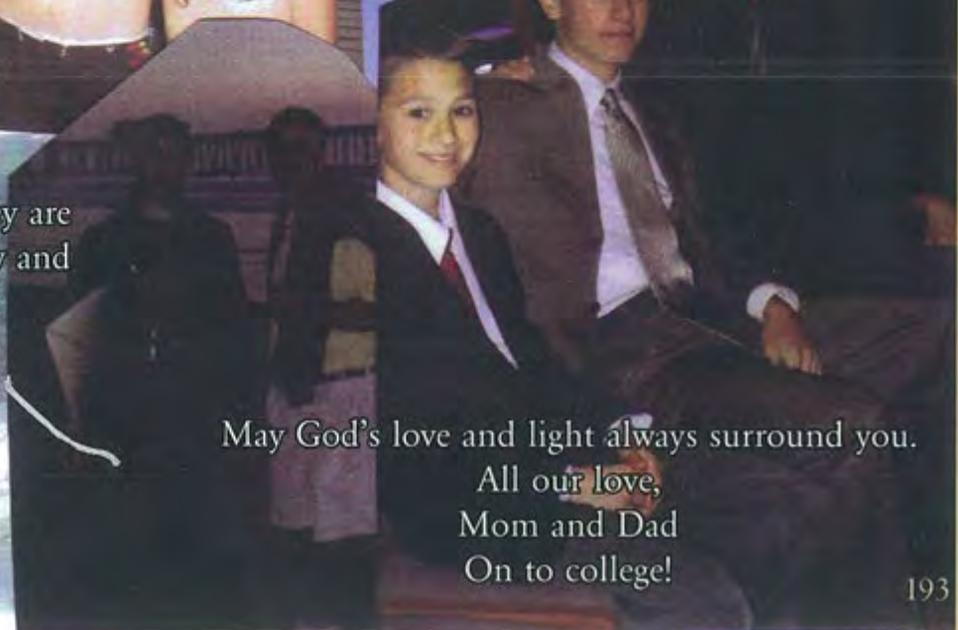
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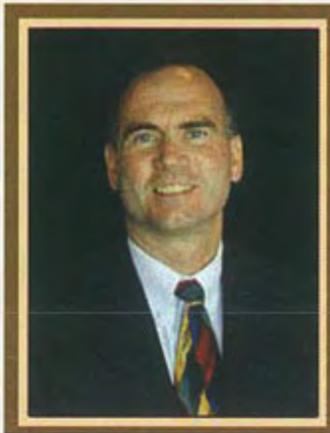
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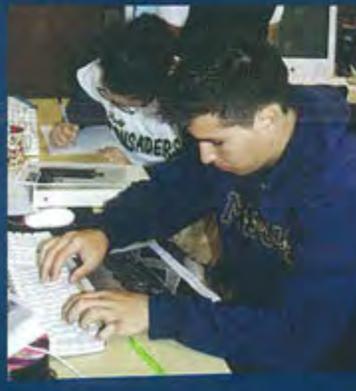
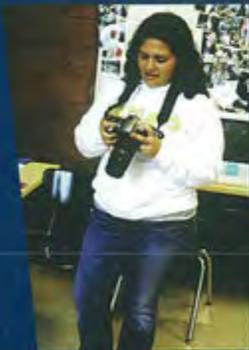
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This is Mater Dei's 1st volume of "The Gauntlet." It was produced in Chula Vista, CA and printed by Herff Jones in Marceline, Missouri. It was serviced by representatives Steve and Tamra Bailey and Julie Sullivan (We love Julie!) and customer service adviser Amanda Stufflebean.

Our cover, along with just about every page in our yearbook, was inspired by collective ideas from various sources and designed by Ms. K herself. It incorporated a 4 color design which was lithographed onto Kivar Stock material. The endsheets were printed on Vibracolor white paper, using 4 color printing. The book's 207 pages were printed on 100 matte. We made it through the whole book with only three fonts this year. It was love at first sight with *Cast of Cassidy*. We used it along with AHJ Goudy Old Tooled for our headline fonts; and for our body we used AHJ Garamond.

This year was a year of many firsts for us. We were lucky to have the whole book in color, being Mater Dei's as well as Marian's first ever. We also found out how to upload and submit our pages via e-page. This allowed us the maximum time to complete deadlines.

Cover photos were shot by our various staff members, including past EIC and alumna, Aubrey Hodges '05, using our two Canon Rebels. Our senior portraits and team pictures were provided by Lifetouch Photography. The majority of the photos were taken by Alex Lopez.

We were lucky to have six computers to work with: a Mac iBook, used for indexing; four eMacs, used to type articles, scan pictures with our Lexmark X1185 scanner and play music on Pandora.com (thanks Mr. Heineman!); and of course there's my computer, an iMac, a.k.a. the Main Mac, to make our layouts on inDesign CS2.

Moving to Mater Dei was by far the biggest challenge our student body was ever faced with. It was a whole new world. We felt

that this year's theme, "A New Perspective," embodied not only that challenge, but the challenges that each of us faced as individuals. Our theme inspired many new layout designs. We designed in ways never done before, coming up with ideas that had a unique feel with a hint of geometry to them. Each section had a unique shape and was used as a folio for each of its pages.

Because of the expense of color, we had slightly fewer pages. But we think you'll enjoy all 207 vibrant pages.

Creating this book has been by far the biggest burden and blessing I have ever received. Yearbook became my life. I fulfilled every qualification on our "Yearbook is Your Life" poster and even created a few of my own. The word itself became two very important things for me: a job and an excuse. Most of my hours at Mater Dei were spent in Lima Center 07-08. It's been a while since I got to eat lunch with my friends. I didn't even use my locker second semester because everything I brought to school stayed in the Yearbook Room. However, I don't and never will regret becoming EIC. This book has made me stronger in so many ways. I have learned so much about myself as a leader, student, friend and most importantly a young woman. I realized that everything just had to be looked at from:

*A New Perspective.*

-Chelsea Anne Largoza

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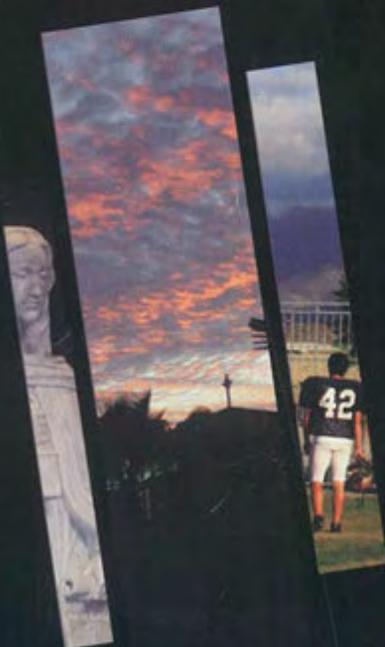






Mary,  
*Mother of God.*

Lead us to your son,  
*Jesus*



*Crusaders*