Seize the Dei

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When you arise in the morning think of what a privilege it is to be alive, to think, to enjoy, to love. -Marcus Aurelius

At the end of the day, let there be no excuses, no explanations, no regrets.
-Steve Maraboli,

If you want to have the time of your life, change how you use the time in your life.
-Tim Fargo

Know the true value of time; snatch, seize, and enjoy every moment of it. No idleness, no laziness, no procrastination: never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.-Philip Stanhope, 4th Earl of Chesterfield

Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great. Weak men wait for opportunities; strong men make them. -Orison Swett Marden

The moments of happiness we enjoy take us by surprise. It is not that we seize them, but that they seize us.-Ashley Montagu

Plunge boldly into the thick of life, and seize it where you will, it is always interesting.
-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

You're never guaranteed about next year. People ask what you think of next season, you have to seize the opportunities when they're in front of you. -Brett Favre

These freshmen friends found their spot early in the year and made it their own.

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Make the most of your high school experience. Make memories you will enjoy forever. Keep God in your life. Seize the Dei!
Stephanie Schaffer and Rica Perez
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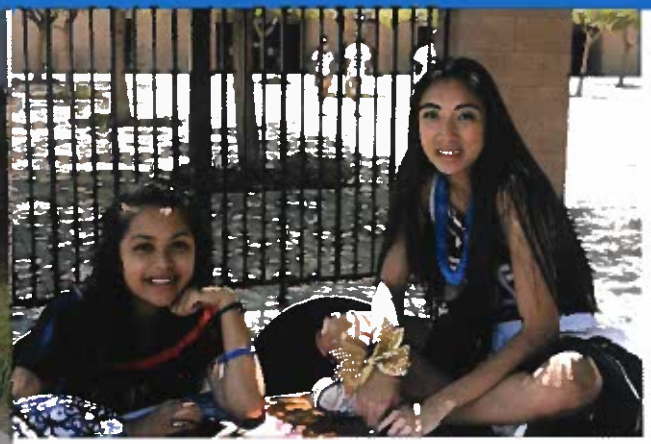
Waste Watchers Science Academy students look over the waste water facility in Santee as part of their field trip activity.

Too Cool Best friends Hector Pena and Jordan Brown are a bit startled at being called back to show off their very cool and matching soccer apparel.

Soccer Rockers At least at lunch time, these guys are inseparable. They all love soccer and they all love hanging together.

Not Quite Yearbook Even though this group is in the infamous yearbook room and they're only looking through yearbook materials, it was the rain that brought them in.

Illustrious Invitation Monica Cooper sits on the masterpiece she used to invite longtime boyfriend Ryan Sartor to Homecoming.



Aloha, Friends Kara Dacanay and Reena Mei Torres use their Asian persuasion skills to get their classmates to join the Hula Club.

Joyous Noel
Aubrey Gardi and Erica Mora are festively dressed and ready to hug during the Christmas season.

When in Doubt
Sergio Villafranco strikes a pensive pose while searching for an answer.

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Student Life In Every Way

By Rica Perez and Stephanie Schaffer

The high school experience is not some coming of age 80's movie that looks like a rendition of The Breakfast Club. It does not consist of a soundtrack with dance sequences or a cheesy storyline that leaves you wishing to be like one of those pretentious but quotable characters. Instead it is late nights and early mornings with tired eyes and tousled hair. It is, what seems like, a tower of never ending homework that just piles on and on and on without end. It is stress. It is mistakes. But it is also a time when we learn to grow from all our mistakes and create our own opportunities.

In high school, we can make the decision to either watch from the sidelines or take a risk, seizing the opportunities that lie in front of our feet. But not everyone may go through high school on the same path. Some may Seize the Dei by pouring over textbooks until the printed words are a part of you. Others may turn to sports where a jersey number is not merely a number, but an identity to carry across your back. Maybe you are one of those kids who find comfort holding a paintbrush rather than a pen, or know musical notes like the markings on your hands. No matter who you are, or what you do, time passes and familiar faces leave, then what will you look back to? A life full of missed opportunities, or memories that define who you were, who you are, and who you aim to be?

Rosary Service at Fatima Court

It is your decision to take risks and make the best of your four years of high school. No one wants to be remembered as just a someone. All people have the power to do amazing things, but it depends on your motivation and drive for success to actually make something happen. Everyone is different in a way. You can be an intellect, a jock, a creator, and maybe even a rebel, but as long as you are the person you want to be, you are Seizing the Dei.

Jumpee Joy Kayla San Pedro finishes the bouncy obstacle course brought by GCU. She tumbled and raced through the menacing maze.

Senior Shoutout Mary Rose Gonzales and the Crusader mascot aka Eric Rodriguez, lead the Senior class to their assigned seats with a sign that is state of the art.

Fab Four Viviana Rodriguez, Paola Garcia De Leon, Juan Paul Ley, and Salma Beltran know that walking from class to class is way more fun when you've got friends to share the journey. In SoCal you get lots of sunshine between classes as well.

Fun and Physics The always playful Chris Braden has forgotten all about the balloon in his hand. He's helping Matt Ireland with a physics problem and his concentration has canceled every other thing out.

#Amyelle Buddies Amy Cabrera and Danielle Bongulto are line judges for the JV volleyball game. Their smiles are definitely "In" point.

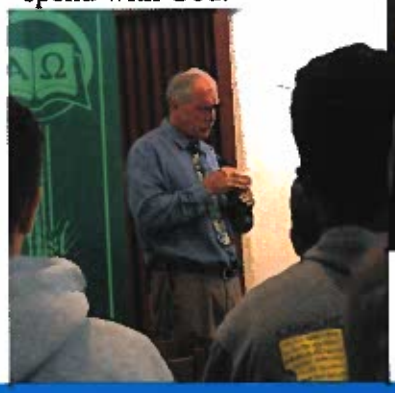
AWP Madness Edoardo Gomez, Carlos Soler, Daniel Zora, and Danny Villegas peer review with intensity. They must get their AWP's ship shape soon.

Rally Round Karla Nineth Salazar, Alexa Salace, Clara Pereyra, Daniella Sanchez, Giselle Rojas, Kellie White, Karla Vargas, Olivia Guevara, E'maniee Powell, Jordan Brasfield, and Giovanna Downing celebrate Karla's birthday at the Homecoming Rally.

The Big Chill Julio Lopez and Beda Galleta pour ice cold water on Mr. Oakman and Dr. Willich for the Ice Bucket Challenge during the school's first rally. They are in a freezing frenzy to support the ASL foundation .

Oh Come Let Us Adore Him

Gigi Downing, a soccer player and musician, loves to spend time in the chapel. She looks at it as "A time to get away from all social media and the outside world." When she's there, she feels as if "It's only Jesus and me having a conversation with each other." She encourages other people to offer a little of their lunch period to spend with God.



Music for the Masses Chris Braden and Mr. Rosales are all tuned up for the liturgy. They both love making a joyful noise for God.

Choir of Angels Michelle Miranda, Mary Rose Gonzales, and Dominique Lozano raise their voices in harmony. The three of them love to perform not only at mass, but also for shows and parties.

Make a Joyful Noise

Every class gets to go on a retreat. Campus Ministry prepares the retreats with games, music, skits, and faith talks. Senior campus minister and retreat master Miranda Campos says, "It's a time to get away from the world and solely focus on God." Her favorite part about retreats is, "Seeing how student lives are greatly impacted."

Circle of Life The senior campus ministers prepare the junior campus ministers during their summer retreat.

The Art of Faith Luis Lopez, Aislin Hilgeman, and Isaiah Cruz show off their small group's artistic skills in the poster contest.

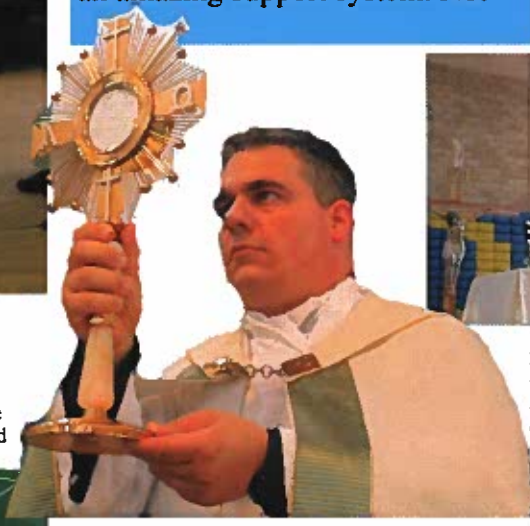
Fear Not I Am With You

I Will Strengthen You

By Amy Cabrera

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Dear God, I've had quite a bit on my plate, with all my homework, sports activities, club responsibilites, everything. It's been hard, and I am incredibly grateful that I am still able to include you in my life. I have so many opportunities to meet with you at Mater Dei. At lunch there's adoration, mass, confession and rosary, or Bible study, and every so often we have all school liturgy. There's also the awesome retreats where we get to really find ourselves and you. And we have an amazing support system. Not only do the teachers support our growth, but there are the Campus Ministers, Sister Luz Maria, Sister Lilia, Father Richard and Father Stephen. Father Richard and Father Stephen provide spiritual direction, a one on one interaction between us and the priests so we can develop our faith. They also run Bible studies, on and off campus. Chris Braden, a campus minister said "I find it easier too see God in my daily life thanks to Mater Dei," and he's totally right. Thank you, God, so much for blessing me with the chance to go here. Amen.

Between the Crosses Madeline Friedrich comes down the aisle with the cross at the end of mass. She has been a faithful altar server since freshman year.



Sacred Sacramentary Kayla San Pedro holds the holy book for Father Lawrence. Kayla has also served as an altar server for years.

Father Richard

Corpus Christi Sister Luz Maria distributes communion to Matthew Ireland. All students receive either the sacrament or a blessing.

A Rosary a Day Keeps the Doctor Away Stephanie Schaffer and Mia Sanchez move on to the next decade of the rosary. They worked hard to make this a touching event.

Mama Mary Mary Machniak spends some quality time with her namesake on the Virgin's birthday. This quiet cove provides a contemplative respite for those who need some time away from the crowd.

I have seized the dei by representing the school, with Crusader pride, in golf and competing against other girls. - Jessica Mangrobang

...will have your back, no matter what.

ALWAYS Forever Friends THERE

By Sydney Gastineau

Dancing Dudes

Alex Golembiewski, Harrison Williams, and Jayden Emberton stick together doing the dances at Homecoming. They are close on and off the floor. And always smooth wherever they go.

Blessings in Disguise

You know you have a real friendship when you plan to match. Michelle Miranda, Emily Miranda, Katherine Newman, and Gabrielle Pimentel, the water girls, have that bond. Another group is los 3 caballeros, Sabino Baluis, Stephen Strauss, and PJ Quinto. They were the real deal and had everyone fooled that they were only Mexicans at heart. There is no hiding how much they mean to each other.

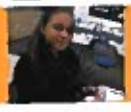
Inspiring Friends

Friends are there to look up to. Harlee Quijuano looks up to Julio Lopez as they warm up their voices before the first rally. Best of friends Ariadna Romandia and Ricky Ortiz are already warmed up in a friendship that has given them a million memories and will give them a million more.

Double Trouble

You become best friends at all different stages of life. Ms. Adams and Ms. Austin as Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dumb are definitely the tag team teachers with a hilarious relationship. Another great friendship that has blossomed is Danielle Bongulto and Amy Cabrera's. They dressed up as bacon and eggs bright and early on the day of the Walk-a-thon and could not be separated.

I have gone out of my comfort zone by joining the Crusader JV football team which has helped me meet new friends and really nice coaches. - Reggie Jackson



I seized the dei by going to Disneyland and riding in the front seat of Splash Mountain. - Marla Salman

Forever Fun

Gorgeous Girls Mariangella Castrejon, Naomi Lizarraga, and Camila Dabdoub are all in red for Clash of Colors day. They cannot wait to spend senior year together.

Stop for a Selfie As King Sabino Baluis and Princess Ivanna Quiceno are walking to their seats. They stop to take a picture and capture the moment.

Lovely Ladies Alexis Armenta, Madeline Friedrich, Sarah Yeaton, and Kaylie Gutierrez all say the higher the bump the higher the jump. Those girls are not kidding.

Tight Teammates

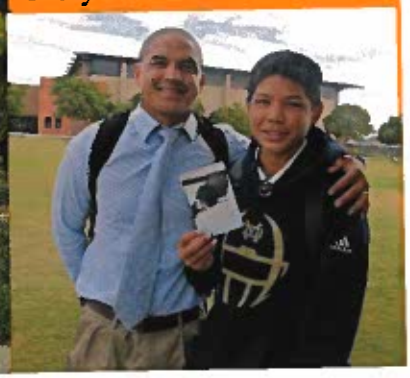
Being able to play a sport is one of the biggest blessings in high school. Sophia Herrera, Alexis Morales, Anissa Carrillo, and Reyna Jamison were all brought together through softball. They share an unbreakable bond. These girls are not the only ones who have made great friendships through sports. Ivanna Quiceno and Jenna Kruse have become very close since the start of the volleyball season. Even though two years separate them, their love for the game has brought them together.

Love to Leap The four varsity sophomore cheerleaders, Arianna Garcia, Alexa Garcia, Teresa Huynh, and Camila Torrez, hop to heaven during cheer. They are a set of friends that have been there for each other since the first day they met.

I remember doing a backflip for the first time; it was frightening and thrilling. Eventually, I conquered this fear, making me more confident when cheering. - Olivia Adams

Doing Double Duty

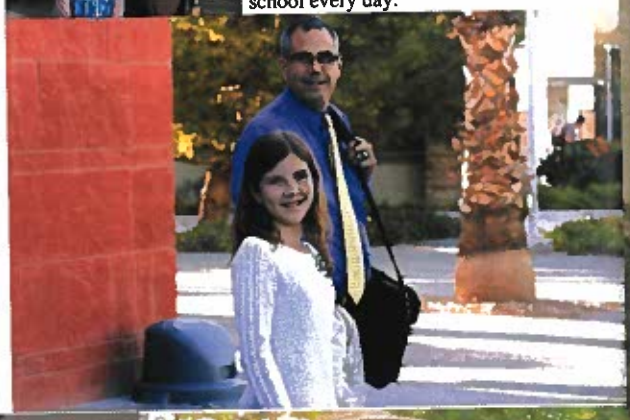
Some folks here have two different jobs on campus. They are teachers and parents. Mr. Cruz has been brining Isaiah to school since he was a baby. Ms. Adam's just welcomed her girl Olivia. Then there are the Ubiquitous U's: Mr. U and Jonas. They're everywhere.



Who? Some people knew Brady when he was only a a little guy and he used to come to school with his dad Mr. Bookser. Now, Brady has mom and dad here at MDCHS while he goes to Otay Ranch Art Academy.

Let it Go is what new teacher, Ms. Gonzalez's daughter is thinking as she's dressed as Princess Elsa on Halloween. Their love for each other is an open door.

Coming to school with Meela Mr. Schnitzius is so happy to have his daughter by his side as they come into school every day.



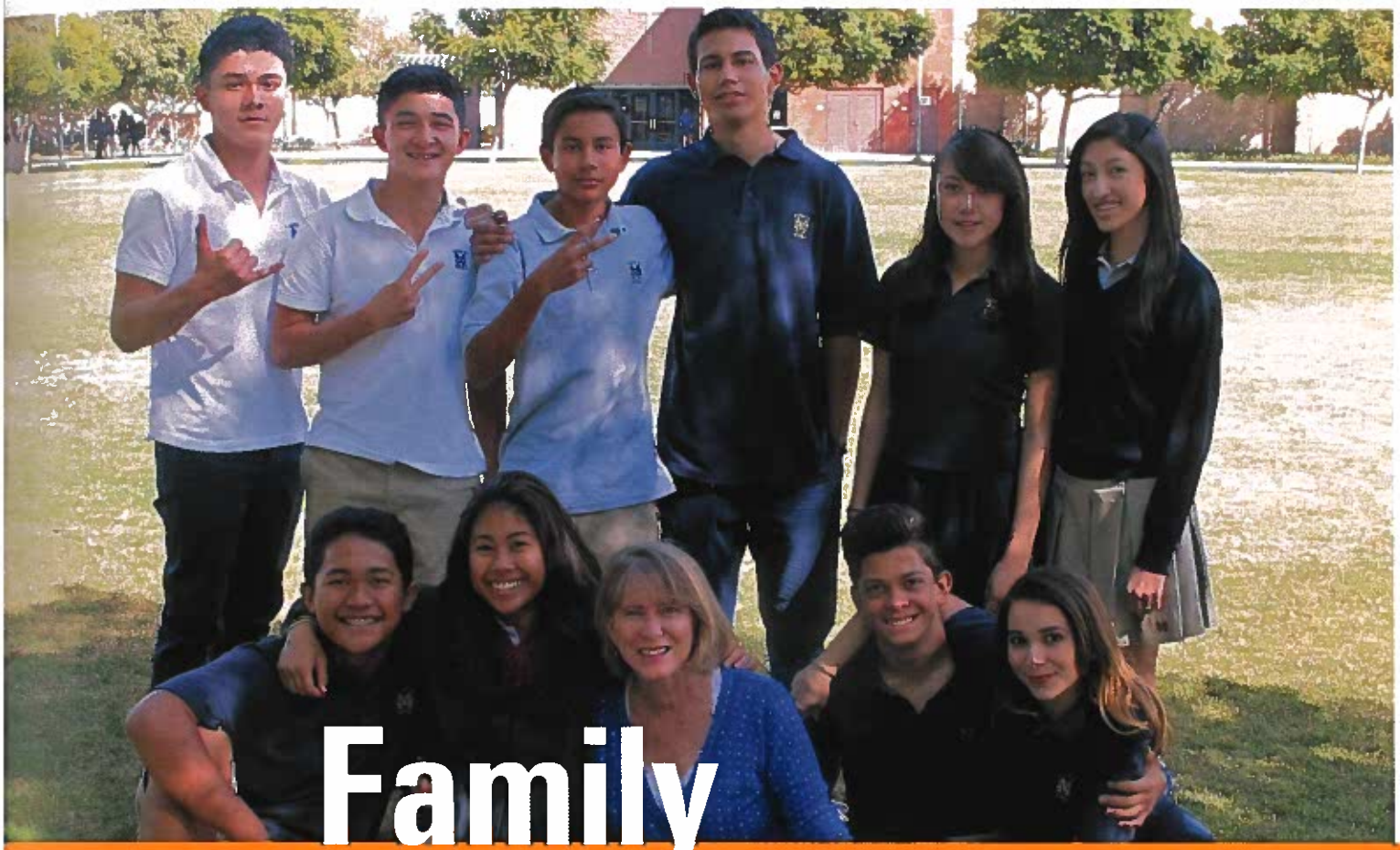
Everywhere Mom People see Alexa Garcia's mom more than they see her. Mrs. Garcia seems to help out everywhere with everything.

Second Home

Some students practically live at school with all their sporting events and extracurricular activities. Maybe they are active because their parents are active too. We all know who they are. People we see over and over helping out, taking part, seizing the dei, being there with their kids. We owe a great deal to them. Thanks Mr. and Mrs. Strauss for all your hours of volunteering. Thanks Mrs. Mangrobang for your dedication to golf. And thanks to all the regular crew, dedicated parents who help our school.

I have gone out of my comfort zone by doing more community service in my free time. I also participate more in school activities and help other students. - Kevin Li Zhang

I make the most of each day by being grateful for all God has blessed me with. - Quentin Frazier

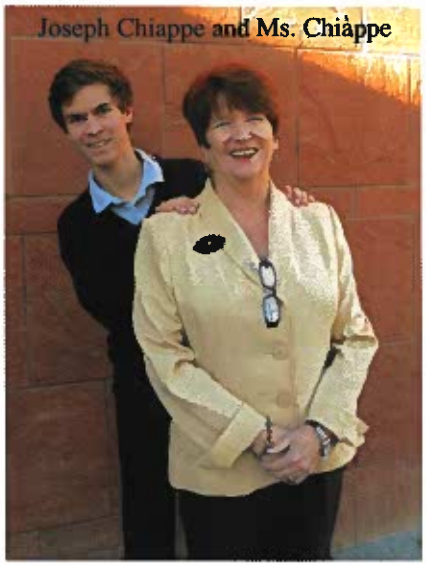


Family Means Nobody Gets Left Behind Or Forgotten

By Madelyn Tassiello

Your family offers you love and support that is irreplaceable. Mater Dei is a family too. Everyone here is loved and supported. And quite a few of us are related.

Some people have even made the school their second home. The Strauss family are in their second generation of Crusaders. Ms. Strauss still comes back every week to help with myriad activities, she also likes to keep an eye on her rascally but lovable sons, Josh and Stephen. The Coopers are another family known for spending hours on campus. Along with their star performing children, Monica and David, they have all the bases covered. Mrs. Mangrobang, Jessica's mom, helps with golf as well as saying rosaries for us all. Now, Alexa Garcia's mom is here so often, people sometimes think she's a teacher or even a student. Throughout Ms. K's years of teaching she has "adopted" students and their siblings. Even though she sometimes calls the younger siblings the older one's names, they know she loves them all. Some teachers have their actual children like Mr. Cruz and Isaiah. Isaiah was practically born at Marian as indicated by the picture he's holding, Baby Isaiah on Daddy's shoulder at a Marian football game. Ms. Chiappe and Joseph, Ms. Adams and Olivia, Mr. U and Jonas are all family to each other and family to us here. Mr. Schnitzius, Mr. and Mrs. Bookser, and Ms. Gonzalez will have family here for almost forever. Their children all go to the charter school on campus. By the time they are ready to come in as freshmen they'll all feel they have been family forever.



Joseph Chiappe and Ms. Chiappe

I have gone out of my comfort zone by doing a 10 minute speech during speech class even though I don't like to publicly speak. - Alberto Herrera

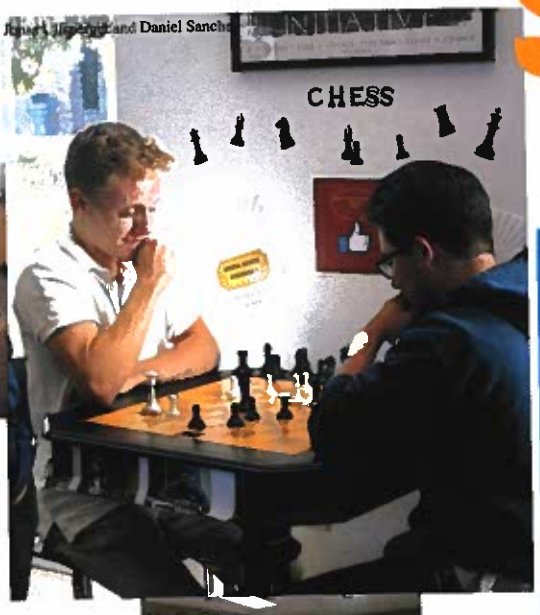
I have shared my talent of beat boxing with a massive crowd. - Markis Paez- Custodio

Stay Awhile

Hang outs

By Cristina Fuentes

Inside Spaces



Even though we've got one of the best outsides in the world, it's nice sometimes to come inside. The library is one great place.
Ms. Day keeps it quiet and colorful with posters and pictures. The chess area is always popular. And there are plenty of tables to study or do last minute homework. Some classrooms are popular like Ms.K's and Mr. Smyth's. Both are filled with kids who call these rooms their home away from home.

With 53 acres there are plenty of places for people to hang out with their friends. In fact, one of the nicest things to do is stroll around campus and see people all over the place. At lunch dozens of groups sit in the shade under the trees around the Big Green while the soccer aficionados play a fairly intense game of fútbol. Fatima Court is another active place. But at the lunch tables the groups mix each day depending on who gets there first and who you feel like hanging out with that day.

But some places are very specific. The really smart kids, at least some of them, hang out in front of the library, of course. That's Maggie Holsher and Susie Shoemaker and ---and Data aka Sergio Cuadra. If you want to talk sports you can go to Jocks' Corner where you'll find football, basketball, and wrestling dudes who like to talk sports among other things.

Last Hangout

Everyone knows that one. It's where you are after school when you don't have a car.

Special Places

These girls have reserved their own special place to enjoy dappled sunlight under jacaranda trees and, best of all, best friends.

Stairs make a good place to congregate, of course, you have to move over often when someone tries to go up or down..
Some people like to hang out inside and there are favortite rooms for this like Ms. K's, Mr. Smyth's, Ms. Gonzalez' and the library which is a haven for the chess players and anyone who still has homework to finish. Hanging out is a lot of what high school is about, so hang out there!

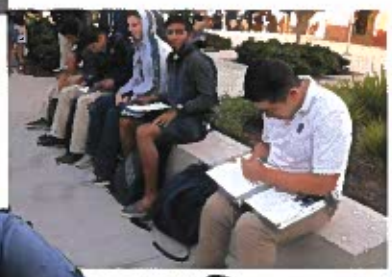
I went off roading on the Otay Mountain Jeeps Trails with my friends. - Karla Vargas

I seized the dei by snorkeling with leopard sharks. - Manuel Sobol

The Brainy Bunch and the Renassiance Men

This group of scholastic wizards meets, of course, in front of the library. If you walk by them, you might hear tantalizing trivia when they are prepping for Academic League. And not far away a guy group sits at their turf. They do homework and play all the latest electronic sports games (but only before school, of course).

Temporarily Homeless This displaced group may look happy but they have been banned from the Big Green for littering. Go Green, Gang, to return to the Big Green.



Unidentified Sleeping Object
Sometimes a hangout is just you and a patch soft lawn.

Jocks' Corner

I danced with nuns at an auction to raise money for their retirement. I grabbed their hands and brought them to the dance floor. - Gigi Downing

I went to Comic Con and met Matt Bennet from Victorious. - Danielle Bongulto

Young love is so sweet.

I WILL Never STOP

Together Forever

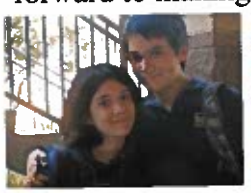
By Arianna Inferrera and Sydney Gastineau

Hand in Hand

Cene' Willis and Kahtrel Maynard come into the yearbook room. It's one place they spend a lot of time together. Kahtrel is happy to help Cene' with sports expertise on her pages.

Love Buddies

The two couples, Dahlia Salazar and Maxwell Montes and Ana Maria Ancheta and Steven Bradley share many memories together and look forward to making more.



Blushing Beauties

As Martina Lopez gives her boyfriend, Brannon Dillon, a kiss, he can not help but blush. Their new relationship is definitely one of the cutest.

Candlelight Kiss

Alexis Armenta has a big smile on her face after Isaiah Faue asks her to Homecoming. That moment was one they will never forget.

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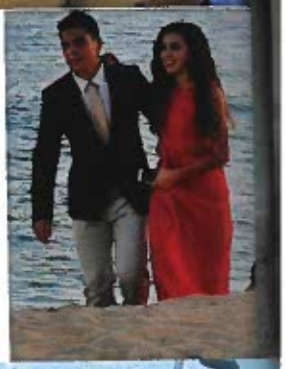
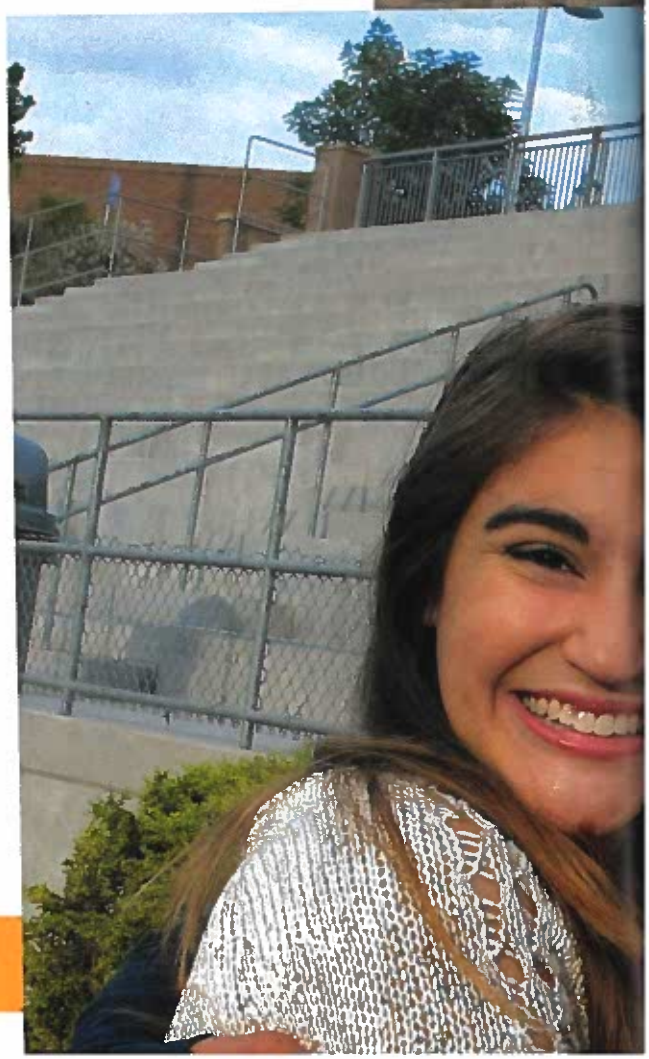
Picture Perfect

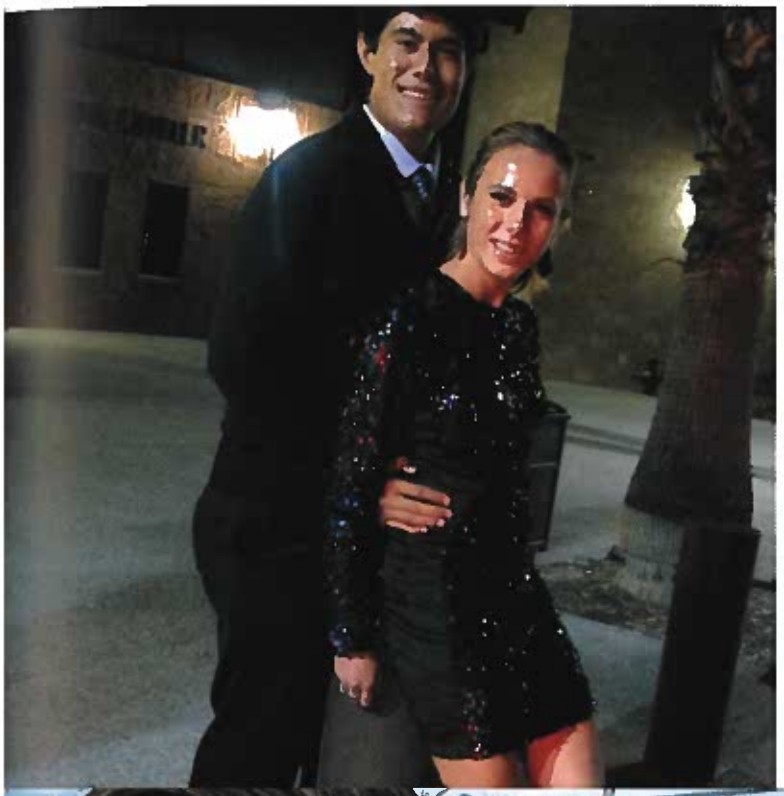
Ximena Paredes and Luis Gutierrez take a romantic walk down the beach. The two have been together since freshman year. Their relationship is by far the most romantic.





I seized the dei when my teacher asked me to teach the class origami, or paper folding. - Micah Scott

Match Made in Heaven Luis Gonzalez and Madelyn Healy look like stars on Homecoming night. This power couple has been through thick and thin. Both of them support one another unconditionally in school and in sports.



When Love Arrives

Love comes in different ways. Some people, like Nick Lopez and Samantha Ulloa, fall in love instantaneously, others, like Allison Malunes and Felix Hernandez, discover that they have mutual crushes on each other, then there are those who start off as friends and decide to take a risk like Chava Orozco and Naomi Lizarraga. Regardless of how it happens, when love arrives, it arrives exactly when it is supposed to.

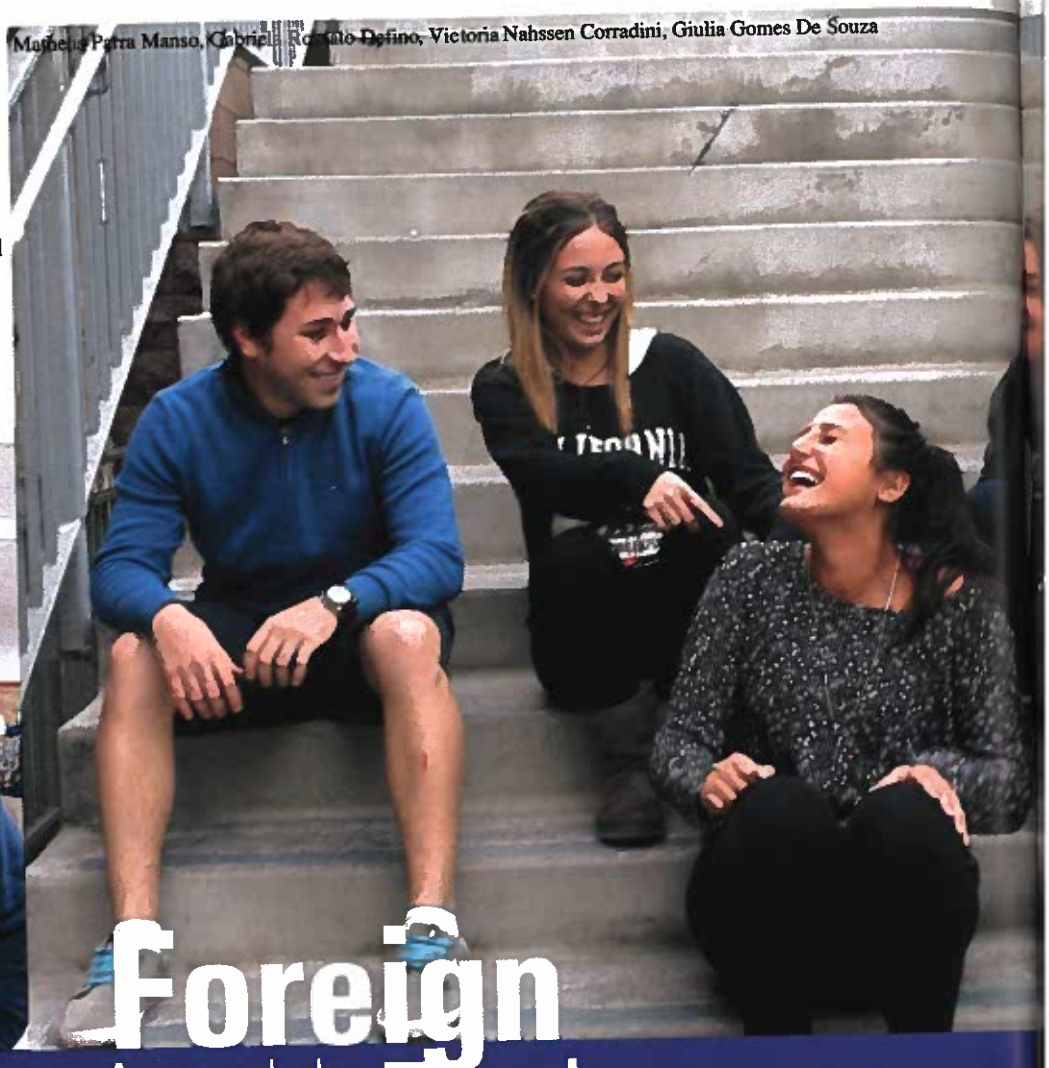
Wheely in Love Dillan Patel and Arianna Inferrera celebrate Dillan's 16th birthday. Even though she is in a wheel chair, she surprises him with gifts and balloons. Arianna and Dillan make a picture perfect couple.

Together Forever Ben Mullendore and Nicole Madrazo set the bar for the relationship that everyone wants. They are committed to each other 100 percent and they do not mind if anyone knows that. These two have been together for over a year. Talk about goals!

I have gone out of my comfort zone by opening myself up to new people and making new friends. - Jose Olazabal

It's Reigning Cats and Dogs

Jack Zhao is from Dalian, China. Since he's from a totally different culture, he has noticed many things about America that are different. "In China," Jack says, "we eat a lot of dogs and cats, especially on America's Thanksgiving Day. Turkeys, though, are considered pets where I am from." Holy Cow, Jack, are you serious? We had to Google it and guess what, he's right. But one food Chinese don't eat is cheese. They think mold is yucky. Besides this, Jack's interests are just about the same as a typical American student. He loves photography and being up to date with the latest technology.



Mathelus Petra Manso, Gabriela Rosario Defino, Victoria Nahssen Corradini, Giulia Gomes De Souza

Foreign Exchange Around the World

By Arianna Inferrera

Every year students from all over the world such as China, Brazil, Vietnam, and this year, our first student from Lithuania, spend about one semester here as a Crusader. They live with families who volunteer to house them and they participate in American culture. Adomas Aleksandravicius is an exchange student from Lithuania. He was born in its capital, Vilnius. Adomas is Mater Dei's first Lithuanian student to come study abroad. And, would you believe, he came to play baseball. He played baseball for the BK Vilnius team. Who plays baseball in the Baltic States? Adomas explains, "There isn't much baseball played back home. And things are differ here, we don't have any sports offered during the school year, especially not baseball." But America's pastime is growing in popularity. Adomas continues, "I started pitching around 6 years ago. Then my coach needed a catcher so I started catching. That was four years ago. It wasn't very hard to learn." Adomas doesn't realize, because he is so good, just how hard catching is. Adomas travels all around Europe playing baseball. It is his passion and he hopes to help our Crusader baseball team win games. Maybe some day Adomas will be a famous baseball player in Europe or maybe he'll play for the San Diego Padres.

I have seized the day by going to the missions in the different villages of Mexico and preaching to the people. - Sebastian Duran

I went to an orphanage and delivered food and clothing to the orphan children. - Paulina Rodrig

Faraway China

All the way from China, our Crusader nation has welcomed both Tim Zeng and Jing Xing Bai. Both students love the American culture and embraced it full heartedly. Tim Qineng comments that, "My favorite part of Mater Dei is learning all the new traditions here in America." Jing loves to play guitar and states, "In China they don't offer musical classes, so its cool to take guitar here."

Home Away From Home Bessie Yang is an excellent student who strives for perfection. She has found a solid group of friends at Mater Dei who make life here feel like home.

Tall and Small Ruinali Zhu and Kitty Yu have become very close during their time in the US.

Study Star Jasmine Ho smiles while she works studiously on her AP Government worksheets.

E aí, What's Up?
Julio Goncalves Gouveia is from Sao Paulo, Brazil. He came here in August and leaves the end of December. He enjoys playing Brazil's favorite sport, soccer, of course. Still life can be very different compared to home in Brazil. Julio explains, "At home, I don't live near beaches and if my friends and I wanted to go, we would have to drive an hour. Schooling is very different too. It's a lot harder here, but I am learning a lot." We hope so Julio and we hope you come back to visit.

Girls From Brazil

We can almost always tell the girls from Brazil. How? Because they are beautiful and lively. All our Brazilians enjoy living in America and two have become fast friends: Gabriela Rossato Defino and Victoria Nahssen Corradini. Isabella Raucu is on the shy side, sometimes, but when she speaks, she speaks with a smile.

I went to Hawaii with my family and drove around the backside of the island. We met many natives and had dinner with them. - Aiden Sharp

I was dauntless when i climbed a tall tree and jumped off the tallest branch. - Bethany Colgrove

Runway Paradeisos "Paradise" Students walk down the red carpet to share their extravagant posters about Greek gods with their fellow school mates.

Seize the Greek...

GREEK OUT!

By Arianna Inferrera

Parade of Gods

Freshman Hanna Taglinao and O'Hara Wickham, prepare to display their poster about Athena. Another great partnership is freshman Maria Alonso and Samantha Ulloa who present a poster about Persephone.

Ride in Style

Greek Week gives all our gods the opportunity to come out in full regalia. The transformation is ambrosial. Hera, Natalia Banales, and Zeus, Emilio Davila lead the Parade of God's in their heavenly conveyance from Mount Olympus. Look closely at their driver; it's Dionysus, aka our almost divine Bob.

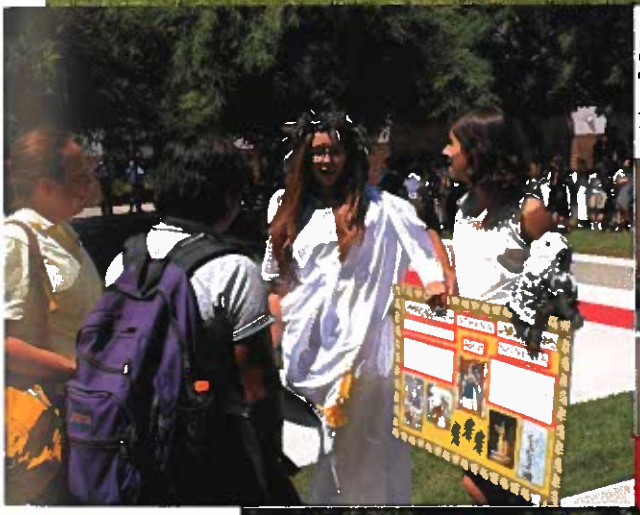
I went on Disneychannel.com without my parents permission! #rebel. - Alexandra Rodarte

I seized the dei by going to concerts and One Pilots, Grouplove, Panic! At the Disco, Petricca of Walk the Moon. - Maria Galvez

Trojan War

"You want us to be sheep in front of the whole school?" This is becoming a traditional lament. And who would have thought it would lead to supreme confidence. Every year after Labor Day. Ms. Kelleher's English classes dress up and act out scenes from the Trojan War among other things. Being the new kids in school, this was alarming, but the brave Freshmen took up the task, grabbed their togas, and began to rehearse. After the whole ordeal, Freshman, Zeke Oakley, states that "I enjoyed it immensely because it allowed our class to come together and conquer our fears as one unit."

Going out of your Comfort Zone



Step right up and listen to the tales told about Ancient Greek gods. These noble Greeks put whatever fears they might have and dove head first into Greek Week. Students had to prepare a poster presentation about a specific god or goddess. Freshmen, Michelle Krumweid and Vanessa Leon show off their poster about the accalimed goddess, Athena. Another Freshman, Pablo Hernandez, shows off his impressive trifold to the students and staff sitting around the lunch tables.

Zorba the Greek

In honor of Ancient Greek traditions, students of the freshmen class volunteer themselves to continue the new tradition of Zorba, the Greek flash mob dance. Starting with only a few students, this flash mob grew and grew adding to the amount of people out on the Fatima Court. Freshman Anastacia Ramirez commented, "It was a good experience to conquer fears and laugh along with all my friends. It was a memory I will never forget." All the students agree that this week allowed them to expand beyond their comfort zones and become spirited Greeks.

meeting band members. I went to see Twenty AJJ, and Walk the Moon. I also met Nicholas

I went scuba diving in Puerto Vallarta and got stung by a jellyfish. - Ariadna Romandia

A Club For Everyone

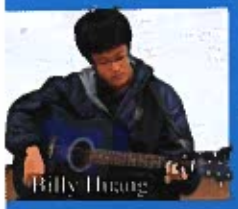
Markis Paez is proud to represent the Robotics Team, one of the most technically advanced and fun clubs on campus.

Trent Lilley ponders his next move against Luis Foglio in an intense and rather out of proportion game of chess. Both are members of the Chess Club. The French Club lays out a feast avec la pâtisserie, le gâteau moulé nappé de chocolat, and le biscuit. If you don't know what that means, take French.

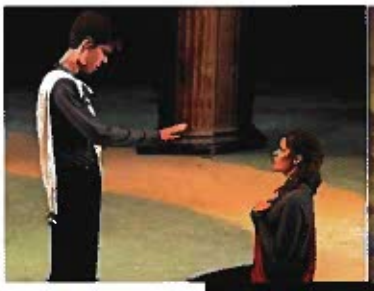
Come Together

By Cristina Fuentes

Culture Festival stepped out of the box, or theater, literally, and went outside. "The idea was to create a street festival," explai Amy Cabrera who was largely responsible for the event. Booths were set up around Fatima Court, which also had two inflatabl jumpers for children. Strollers could look a artifacts made by children of the C.V. Art Academy, could answer questions provide by Academic Decathlon, follow the movements of a very agile robot built by the Robotics Club, and even don pirate hat and get a picture with Blackbeard at the gala booth sponsored by orthodontist Dr. Clayton Fuller. Of course, a cultural celebration isn't complete without good food: French pastries, lumpia, and tostadas



After everyone's tummy was content, the last part of the evening unfolded as our talented singers, dancers, musicians, and poets came out to entertain. Veteran singers Martina Lopez, Mary Rose Gonzalez, Ivanna Quiceno and Michelle Miranda sweetened the evening with their diver voices. Michelle Krumwied added a spla of color in her bright yellow Jalisco dress and Madelyn and Bridgid Healy stomped in style to intoxicating Irish music. One of the highlights our Chinese Cuties whose performance was sweet, savvy and stylish. The night was punctuated by The Speech Impediments: Omar, Braden, Jose, and Nick. It was a time to savor.



Poetry Perfection Maggie performs her poem, "Perfectionist" at Rebecca's Coffee House.

To a Summer's Day Maggie participates in the 2014 Old Globe Summer Shakespeare Intensive. They put on both Julius Caesar and The Comedy of Errors.

Take a Bow Maggie joins her cast for a final bow after the performance of her own play.

Maggie Holscher

2015 has proved to be a major success for senior Maggie Holscher. From writing and putting on her own play, to performing her own poetry, Maggie's bright future is evident to all.

I seized the dei by getting myself back in shape after tearing my ACL. And then, I was able to help Dillan when it was his turn on crutches. #cripple_couple. - Arianna Inferrera

I went to Coachella. What vibrant, and I felt energize

Dynamic Duo Madelyn and Brighid Healy show of their traditional Irish dance routine with high kicks and authoritative stomps. It's not hard to guess with their names that they're Irish.

Maxwell Montes

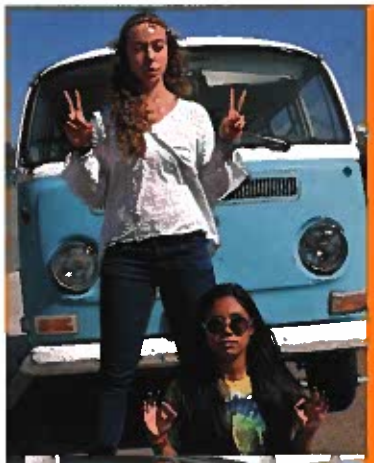
The Poetry of Love Dahlia Salazar unlocked the music of words in her poetry. Dahlia performed her new age love poem to the lucky man in her life. That's Maxwell Montes. And it's easy to see he's entranced.

The Power of Song Matthew Ireland, Chris Braden, Joshua Strauss, Dallas Freitas, and Marvin Isaac Dagoc have been playing songs and just playing together for years. And it's been awesome.

2015 Culture Festival Participants

a thrill! It was hot, loud, colorful,
- Fernanda Lutteroth

Every summer, I teach children how to swim one stroke at a time. I tell them to "Just keep swimming." - Kaisha Serrano



Where, I mean when are we?

ASB built a time machine this year, and it wasn't kept secret for long. Danielle Bongulto and Lauren Malouf stumbled upon it and found themselves in the 60's. They dared freshman O'Hara Wickham, Hannah Tagliano, and Gio Sorrentino to try it, and they came back addicted to dance aerobics. The seniors went after them, but got lost in the 50's!

Teen Time Travelers

Happy in Hawaii Alexa Garcia, Sarah Yeaton and Arianna Garcia show the tourists how it's done in their local wear.

Tacky Tourists New to campus, these freshman wander around, a little lost. but they have a lot of time to find their way.

A Great Garb Guide

How do you dress up for spirit? Spirit Week is about school spirit and individual expression. Some people prefer to take a subtle route which is definitely an elegant choice. Pajama day? A comfy shirt and some sweatpants is perfect. Others take the extreme route and show off their spirit boldly. Clash of Colors Day? A red shirt, pants, headband, and shoes does not suffice. The look is only completed once red paint has successfully covered the entire face. Either way, Spirit Week is the perfect time to express oneself, and one's Mater Dei pride!

I work for my mom at our clothing store to give her time off. -Emilly Contreras

I went outside my comfort zone by presenting a speec front of my Speech class even though I am terrified of public speaking. - Mitzel Alonso

FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

We're quirky Crusaders

By Amy Cabrera

It's the week that everyone looks forward to: Spirit Week. It's the best opportunity for students to express themselves and show off their school spirit and pride. It's the rare time of the year when students can come to school in their pajamas, paint their faces blue and gold, be hippies and poodle -skirted gals, or show off that gold tutu that seemed like a good purchase at the time.

Madeline Robertson said, "Spirit Week is probably my favorite time of the school year because I love seeing everyone stepping outside the box and having fun. The costumes are always great, too."

ASB worked really hard to make each day fun filled and open to everyone. Executive President James Ricketts said, "We spent all summer planning out the days and making sure that some were new and unique. I couldn't be happier to be a Crusader."

Spirit Week was an array of classic spirit days and fun new ones. Students were able to enjoy a comfy Pajama Day on Monday, rock their class color on Tuesday, show their tropical side on Waikiki Wednesday, travel back in time on Throwback Thursday, and finally really show their Crusader pride on Blue and Gold Day.

The students and the teachers jumped on the opportunity to dress up, and found creative ways to approach each day. Ms. Adams especially took advantage and expressed a tremendous amount of spirit. She wowed everyone with her tacky tourist costume, scared some people with her clown costume, and astounded the school with her crazy colorful get-up.

I try to make the best of a bad day and go out of my way to make people happy. - Alexa Garcia

I seized the dei by going zip-lining through the jungles of Jamaica and climbing Dunn's River Falls. - Monica Cooper

Down But Not Out

Homecoming Game

By Sydney Gastineau and Cene' Willis

The Crusaders played a fierce game against the Castle Park Trojans. All of the players worked hard but, game MVP was CJ Verdell. Recovering from a fractured foot, CJ ran a total of 224 yards. He also scored 4 touchdowns, although, one was called back because of a controversial offensive blocking penalty. Another player who showed his talents was Chris Jones (7). It was the first game he played as a Crusader. Chris is above the national average in yards gained per game, and definitely used his skills during the game. That night Chris helped score a touchdown, using his talent of reading the other team's defense to assist fellow player CJ Verdell in scoring.

The football game was not the only thing that people were watching that night. All of the attention was on Paulette Cruz; as she opened her white rose when she was crowned Homecoming Queen at halftime. She strolled across the playing field and her face sparkled in the spotlight proving that she was the true star of the night. After the crowning of the Queen, the crowd witnessed a dazzling display of fireworks. The fireworks lit up the sky for the remainder of halftime until the game picked up again.

After halftime the Crusaders came out to play with a new found determination. In the second half the Crusaders scored two touchdowns. The fourth quarter was a nail bitter, and at the end of regulation time the game was tied forcing the teams to play overtime.

The first overtime ended in a tie pushing the game into double overtime. The game ended in an upset. The Crusaders wound up losing 35-34. The loss was disappointing for all of the seniors. They wanted to make their school proud; but they did. The players did not let that loss get to them. They pushed through the weeks after winning their next 2 consecutive games.

Wonderful Walks Mr. Quiceno escorts his beautiful daughter, Ivanna Quiceno, during Homecoming. Neither one of them could be any happier.

Bang Bang Cheerleaders, Nicole Madrazo, Maggie Sanz, and Karina Curumilla, put on a show stopping performance at the Homecoming Rally. Their hardwork paid off.

Superb Smiles Prince Beda Galleta and Princess Mariangella Castrejon laugh so hard through out the Homecoming rally. Their royal cheeks hurt at the end of the event.

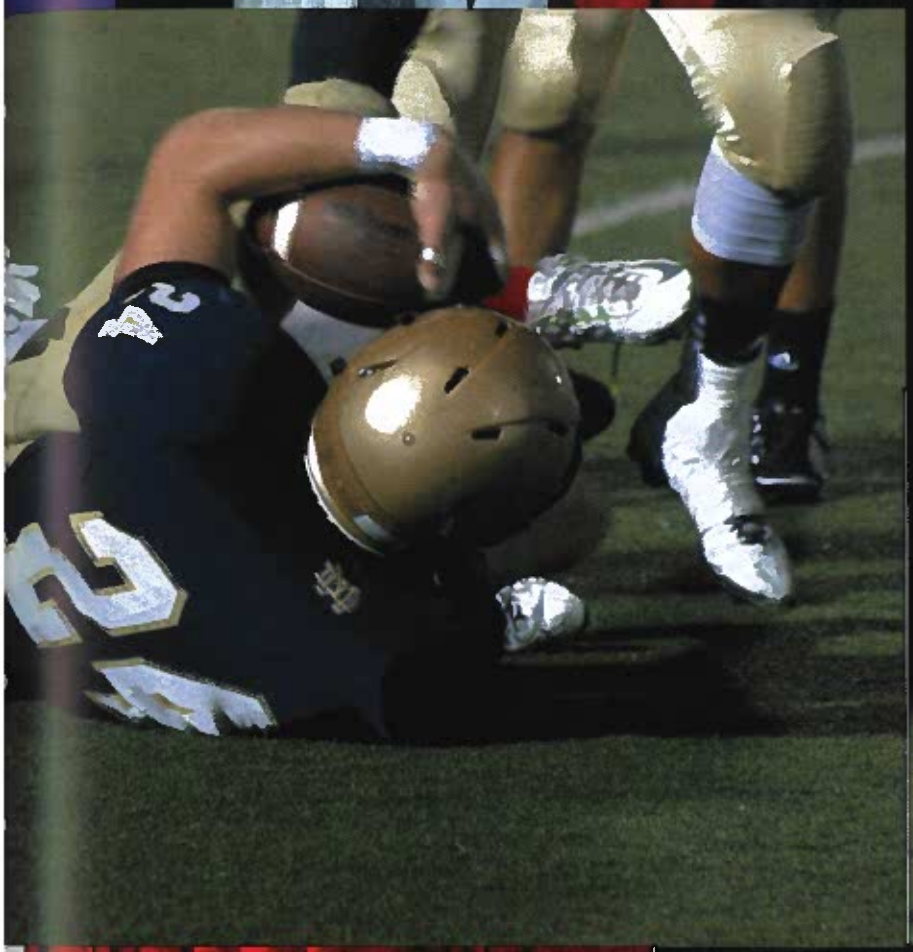
Tackling Trojans Linebacker Donovan Williams tackles Castle Park's runningback for a loss of yardage. This adds to his 50 terrific tackles.

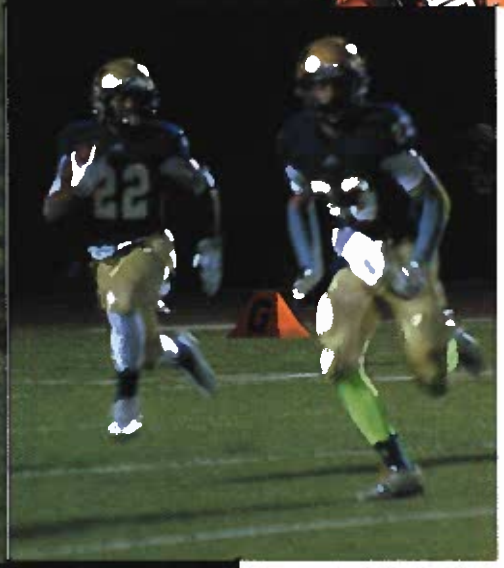
I have seized the dei by jumping off of sunset cliffs in Ocean Beach. - Susana Lopez

I won free SDSU Aztec football game tickets. - Ben Mullendore

There is No Fault In Our Stars The court, Ivanna Quiceno, Sofia Correa, Queen Paulette Cruz, Estefania Corona, Mariangella Castrejon, surround a jubilant Chris Crusader (Eric Rodriguez).

Daddy's Little Girl Queen Paulette Cruz is escorted across the field by her proud father. This is a walk he will always remember.





Left Hand Man CJ Verdell (22) runs down field next to Quentin Fraizer (23). The two friends will celebrate after the touchdown is scored.

Looking For Ten Chris Jones (7), quarterback, reads the Trojan defense and rushes to the end zone. His advance helps the team score a touchdown.

Royalty in Reality King Sabino Baluis' face is priceless after he is crowned at the Homecoming Rally. Sabino's friendly and quirky personality delights all.

I once saved my little cousin from drowning.
- Daniel Sanchez

I saved my flyer from falling on her face during the homecoming game. - Sara Yeaton

Paparazzi Performance

Our beautiful Homecoming Queen Paulette Cruz and her handsome and color coordinated prince Dayan Tassinari enjoy the night. Dayan migh have been camera shy last year but he's delighted to be in the spotlight now with Paulette. Meanwhile, King Sabino stays balanced with dancing partners, Andrea Stonehouse and Alex Rodarte, on either side.

Break It Down Freshman Reggie Jackson makes his was to the center of the dance floor to show everyone "How it"s done." He blew them away with his killer moves.

Sweethearts' Sashay Freshmen Marianna Hernandez and friends do not miss a beat when it comes to the Cupid Shuffle

Self and Selfie Sensation

"Let me take a selfie." What would an enchanted evening be without recording every part with a selfie? Adriana Robledo, Blanca Perales and Sendy Herrerra record their beauty even before they arrive. Our Queen Paulette Cruz and princesses Ivana Quiceno and Mariangella Castrejon use the powder room to make sure they are perfect for selfies, too. All the ladies are selfie worthy.

I seized the dei by jumping into a water hole while I was vacationing in Cancun. - Nicole Gonzalez

Night at the Oscars

Who were you wearing?

By Emilly Contreras

All the stars were out that night and they were shining. Girls' dresses sparkled, shimmered, contoured and twirled. And the boys looked dapper, daring, and debonair.The traditional red carpet allowed all to strut a bit and show off their movie star personas. Dedicated fans were even able to catch a glimpse of starlet Kiersten Morales who usually prefers pants but arrived instead in layers of pink chiffon with a satin ribbon and looked ready for any romantic role.

Once inside, aspiring actors could perform in front of a camera with an array of props. Hats, stashes, glasses,and scarves were some of the notions that transformed the players.

The decor was interactive. Glittering table lights could be tuned to a cache of colors to fit the mood.

Then it was time to dance. The star of the evening was Reggie Jackson. Not only did he know all the moves, he motivated others to join with him. Soon he was the center star as dozens of dancers encircled him. It was a two thumbs up and five star performance which transformed the evening into dramatic fun.

Everyone had a "star lit" evening they will remember even after the lights are down.

Homecoming Court 2015: Luis Rodriguez, Salvador Orozco, Beta Galleta, Julio Lopez, Ivanna Quicenio, Estefania Corona, Sofia Correa, Mariangella Castrejon, Sabino Bahuis, Paulette Cruz

TA DA In what appears to be an optical illusion, Jazenn Dutra has seated himself atop Harlee Quijano. She certainly knows how to handle a heavy load and look great.

Kiersten Morales

Bow Tie Cutie
Nick Lopez looks ready for drama in his nifty bow tie, and dazzling white smile.

Frosh Royals
Maid Marian Kaylee Perez and Chris Crusader Danny Villegas remind everyone how adorable the 9th graders are.

Too Cool Dudes
This squad is always ready for the camera. How do they do that? It takes lots of practice.

Seize the Dei

Academics With Every Essay

By Rica Perez

If you ask any student on campus to describe their high school experience in a couple of words, one word would come up for sure: stressful. Not surprising. This is high school, a place where half moons underneath sleepy eyes are a norm; stress is your long time enemy, and procrastination is a sickness that you just can't shake off.

Your four years of high school are built upon tests, projects, Dr. Willich's precise expectations for AWPs, and Mr. U's one hundred or so math problems a night. To be frank, it's a scary thing. In high school, you're treated like the very person you are; a young adult with goals, ambitions, and of course, high expectations.You can recall all the times your parents constantly told you to do better in school, pass classes, and study relentlessly to achieve that A. Your teachers, on the other hand, pummel you with a boatload of work, reminding you that the next big chapter test is just a few days away.

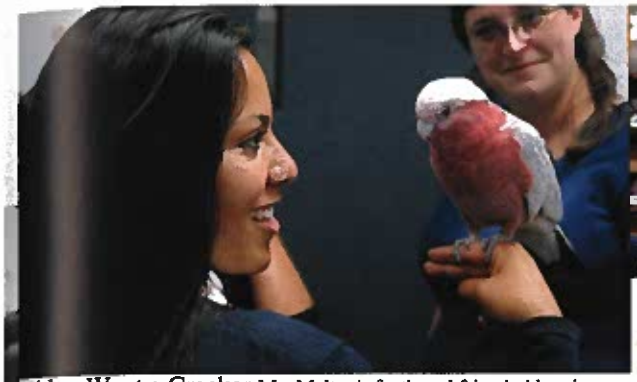
Tough, right? But remember, even though you may have done poorly on your last history test or completely bombed that math exam, one grade does not define the person you are. The one thing that defines you is your determination to do better.

Allison Malunes, Felix Hernandez

Everyone has the capability to be successful. Whether you are the smartest or the not so smart, taking baby steps in a positive direction is what truly defines seizing the dei. In order to do this, however, you must stay organized, get enough sleep, do not pull an all nighter – trust me. Most importantly, do not attach your self-worth to your academic success. If improvement as a student means finally understanding that confusing math lesson, then that's great. Or if it means having the courage to raise your hand and participate in class discussions, then that's pretty awesome. As long as you take the initiative to become a better learner, then you are seizing the dei. That's what counts.

The American Life Juan Parra is not afraid to show off his completed work, proving that he knows a thing or two about a thing or two in US government.

Flashy Flashcards Sophie Herrera takes the time to jot down some vital information on her notecards. Notecards, especially the colorful ones, are good studying tools to use when learning new material.



Alex Want a Cracker Ms. Melton's feathered friend, Alex, is calm and collected as he rests on Karla Vargas' hand.

Alex in Her Element Alex Scott finds her voice in her love for art as she creates three drawings that depict her true self.

Plugged Roman Flores attempts proficient annunciation in spite of a major impediment.

The Force is with Them Sergio "Data" Cuadra, Ashlyn O'Hara, Lily Contretras, and Myles Domingo argue the nuanced properties and ramifications of lightsabers.

Destiny of Death Fabric blood spills out of Juliet's body played by Ana Dorentes in the pen ultimate scene of Romeo and Juliet.

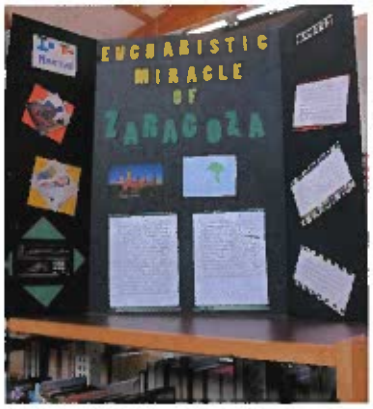
Rock n' Mold Lucas Martinez uses his time in ceramics to create a little clay craft as he lets his music keep him focused and motivated.

A Lil Breather Sergio Paredes and Marco Sanchez hang by the pool edge after practicing some various stroke techniques. Swim PE is a class that really relaxes the mind and gives students a little break in between hectic classes.

Don't Fret, My Friend Learning the guitar teaches students basic music theory and hand eye coordination skills which Jing Xing Bai is well versed in. With a little help from Eddie Huang, he's got that C chord down and is ready to rock!

Pascal Passion Students listen intently to Mr. Wraith, sensing his faith and commitment.

Mural of Miracles Colorful displays of eucharistic miracles festoon the library for all to examine.

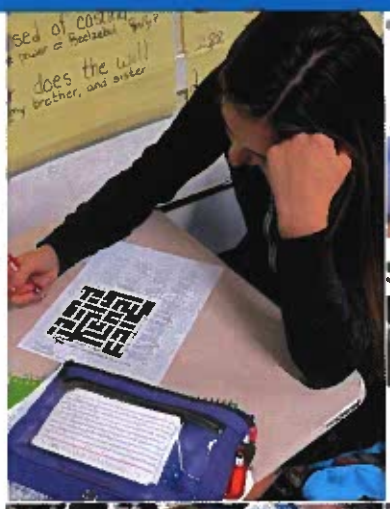


Spirited Seniors In Ms. D's religion class, she makes sure the kids are passionate about what they are learning. Students are comfortable talking with her about their faith.

Attitude of Gratitude Sophia Herrera writes her teachers thank you letters for an assignment in Sacraments class.

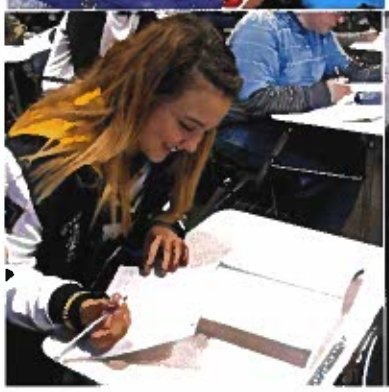
Concentration Confident

No matter what grade you are in, religion is always something to focus on. Juniors Adomas Aleksandravicus and Daisy Powell, and sophomores Malia Noble and Sabryna Whitely, surely know how important it is to stay on topic while working in religion. People of faith know religion class is not a piece of cake.



Bible Bookworm Malia Noble reflects over a Bible passage in her prayer journal. This is a daily practice in Mr. Wraith's class.

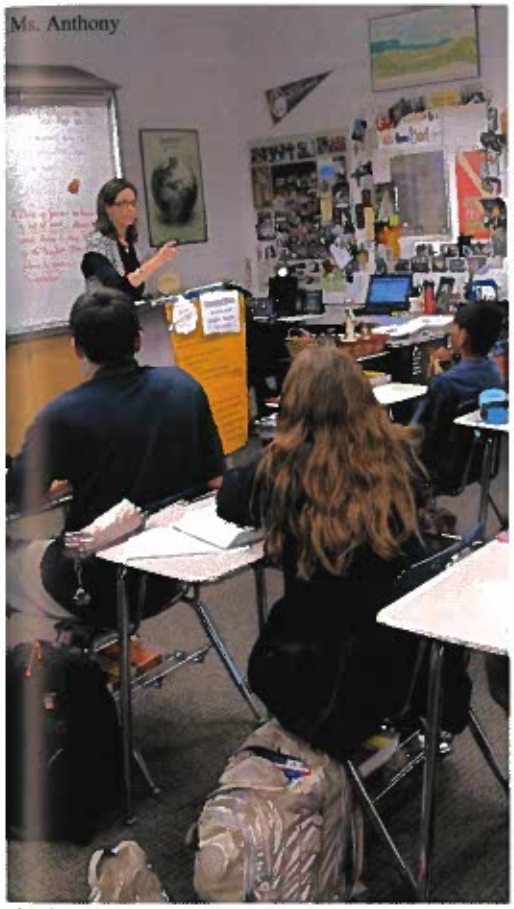
Festive Faithful Freshman Ms. Correia's love her almost as much as they love Christmas. Time to celebrate.



Let It Shine All the Time

People who love to praise

By Sydney Gastineau



Anthony's Enviornment Ms. Anthony is dauntless in teaching all her students. She has passion, perseverance, and a powerful presence.

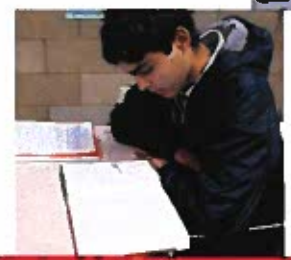
Here at Mater Dei, students are taught to focus on three important things in life: family and friends, school, and most of all, God. Sophomore Celeste Lettieri believes that, "Religion class helps us stay focused on important aspects in our life and stay on the right path." Without religion class the students would not have the morals and values they do. Teachers do not lay all of these things on at once. They build up each year until students realize what is really important. When freshmen walk through the gates of the school on their first day they have little grasp of how much religion class is going to build them. As sophomores the students start to realize how the teachers are using their lessons to build on their character. Juniors are opened up to new experiences, like leading in church by joining Campus Ministry. Graduates leave realizing that they would not have the life or experiences they do if they had not been touched by God's presence.

Reena Torres

Note Savvy Maryann Zora writes rapidly as she struggles to keep up with everything Mr. Wraith is teaching. Since he's filled with the Spirit, he always has a lot to share.

Passionate Posters Ms. Salazar always thinks of colorful and creative assignments for her students.

Busy Bible Bees Andoni Vallejo and Steve Bradley pour over Bible passages to ensure they receive 100% on their religion test, as well getting a little religious inspiration.



Un-Frazzled Freshman Roman Flores studies his notes before a big test in Ms. Anthony's class. Roman always prepares for everything academic.

I seized the dei by coming to the United States and going to Mater Dei.
- Jasmine Ho

We Are Science Academy and Science Steam-in

By Emilly Contrera

Science Academy is one of Mater Dei's most outstanding organizations and classes. Run by Dr. Suzanne Till, the class has grown to include over 150 students. It is a STEAM-based class, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. The class introduces students to myriad topics in these fields through speakers, field trips, and project based learning. Ultimately, the Academy is geared toward creating knowledgeable and well-rounded students who are prepared for college.

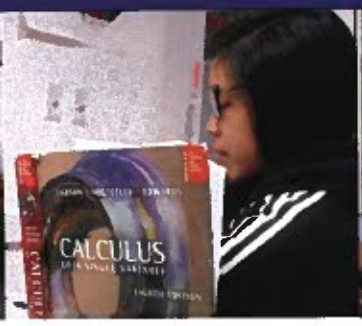
The curriculum is filled with interactive activities that deal with real life experiences as well as a lot of hands on activities. "My favorite project was the density lab. We took materials from outside, weighed them, and examined their densities. It was fascinating" explains, Arianna Inferrera.

Students continue with lots of hands on learning and they also focus on scientific writing and attaining a summer internship. Daisy Powell comments on how S.A. "opened up opportunities and really helped me with searching colleges that are right for me." Finally, seniors in the class work on research posters, college applications and scholarships, and create their own project.

The other science classes: Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy, Forensics, and Physics are taught by a variety of teachers from Marian alumuna, Ms. Nerat to business women turned teacher, Ms. Gonzalez. Maritza Curtice comments, "Her previous experiences make us see how applicable science is, especially in San Diego." How true, all this science can lead to great jobs.

Science Academy: Snorkeling with Leopard Sharks

Measuring Up Samantha Ruiz and Christopher Trovato work together on the Triple Beam Balance. It's a delicate balance.



Kalculating Kristine When Kristine Sellona feet aren't on the court, her heads in a book. She's our go to, well-balanced super star. Or wait, is she sleeping?

Mini Physics Freshmen Daniel Zora and Jorge Contreras have a little taste of Physics in their Physical Science class. The lesson: fun with force. They may have had more fun playing with the balls than the lab itself.

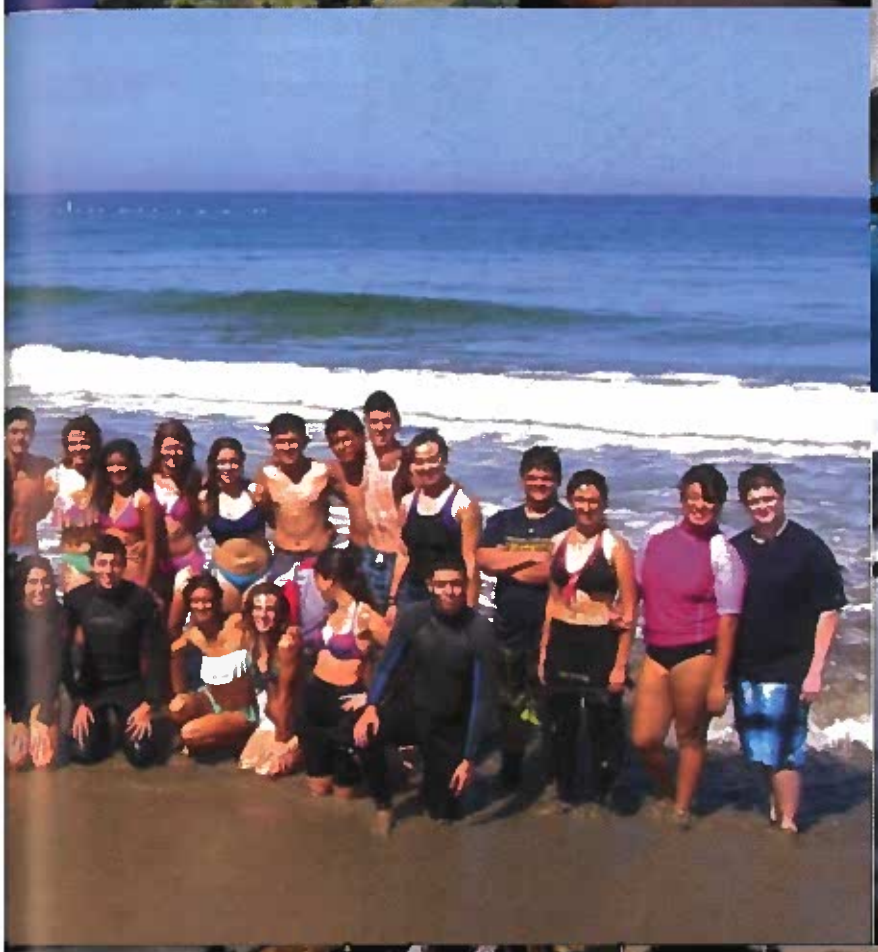
Potato Power Fernanda Lutteroth, Zek Campos, and Sergio Velafranco are experts at one thing, looking comtemplative. Here they tackle the mystery of how cells absorb and utilize nutrients, one of Ms. Neret's Bi labs.

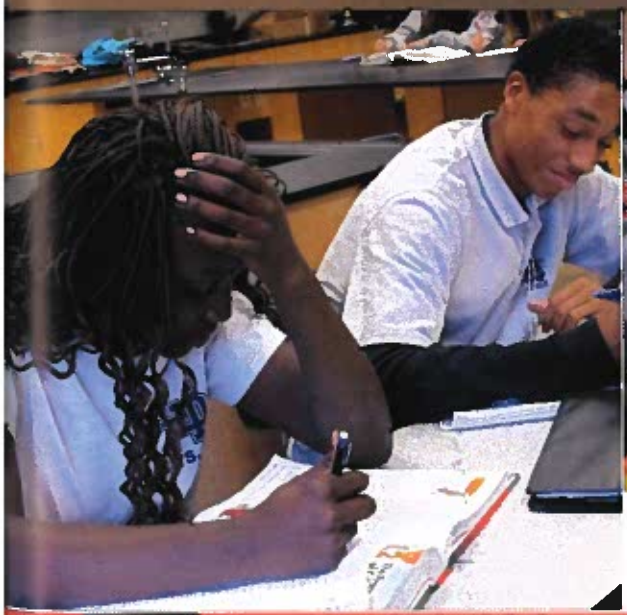
I seized the dei by building up my courage and performing a public speech in front of a thousand people without looking nervous. - Ricardo Cardoza

I have helped my mom and her co-workers serve senior citizens and homeless people Thanksgiving dinners. -Antonio Enriquez

The Princesss and the Frog Allison Malunes works to make a very comfortable living environment for the Science Academy frogs. Allison is a bodacious bog cleaner.

Fare Well, Fishies A volunteer with the SeaWorld Sea Bass Program helps Martina Lopez insert a GPS chip in a fish so it can be tracked after being returned to the ocean.





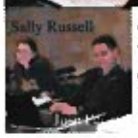
GPS Chipping Alex Golembiewski works with squirmy White Sea Bass. Alex works better with his feet so grabbing those gushy fish is harder than making a field goal.

It's Like Chemisty In Science Academy there is a little Chemisty. Quinten Frazier, Kyle Moses, Peyton Zizzi, and Madelyn Tassiello work on a Chemical Composition lab together.

Time Management Joice Beda and Anthony Vasquez are hard at work in Biology. Some concepts are easier to grasp than others, but they both know how to use their time to study.

I volunteer at my church to help three year olds. It makes me smile to see the children so happy.
- Logan Pay

I have seized the day by dressing up as a god during Greek Week even though I am shy.
- Daniel Zora



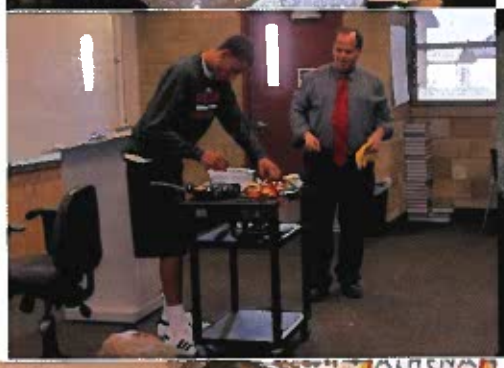
Sometimes It's Good to Relax Kids need to decompress and talk a little but not too much.

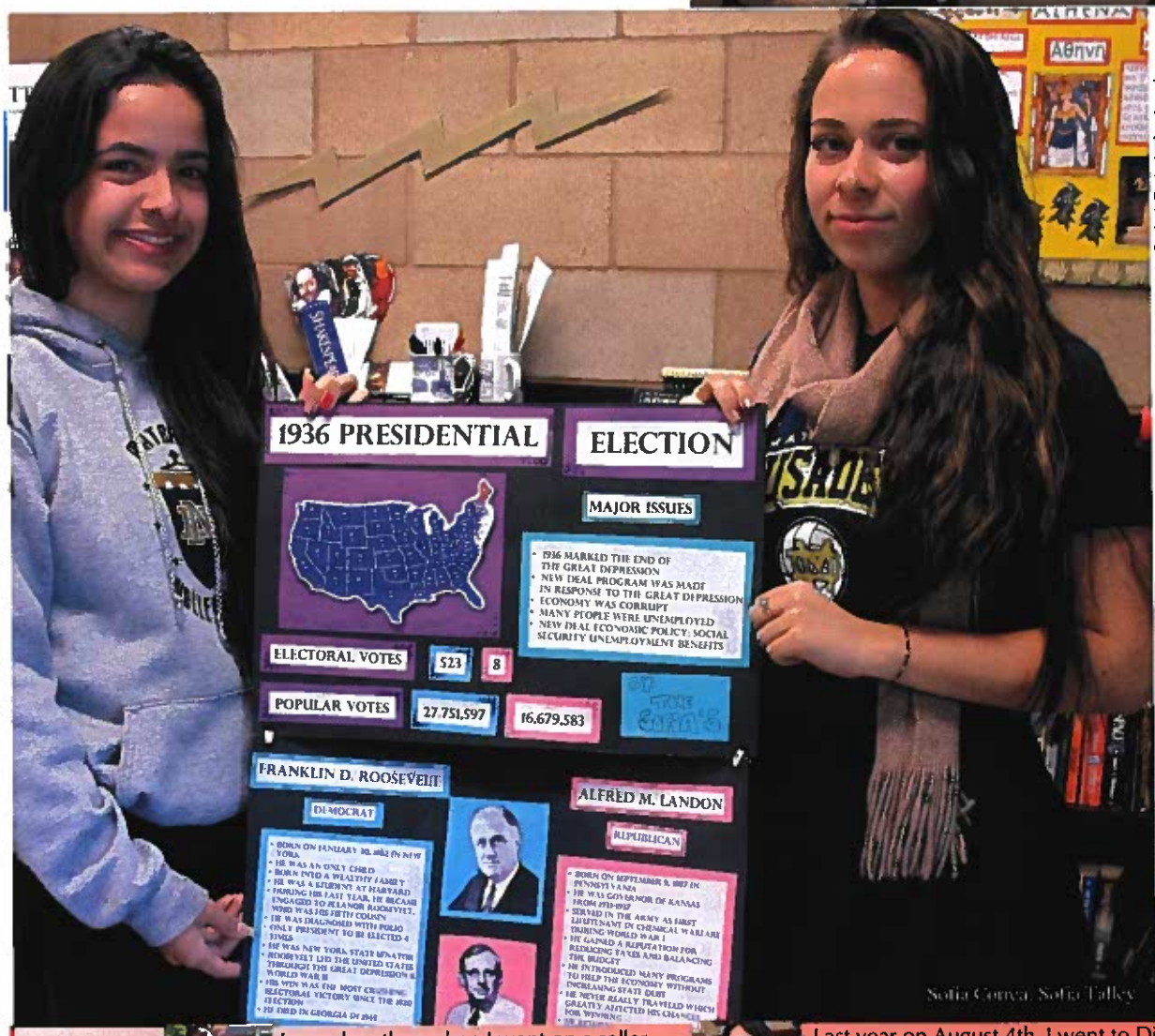
English/ History

Curricular Story Telling Overlap

By Teresa Huynh

Mr. Rachlin knows that writing an AWP is like sautéing vegetables...you have to start with the right ingredients. Kyler Attisha displays a frying pan and Trey Anderson volunteers to pick the veggies used for the process. With such a delicious lesson plan, students are willingly to learn the components of a perfect paper.

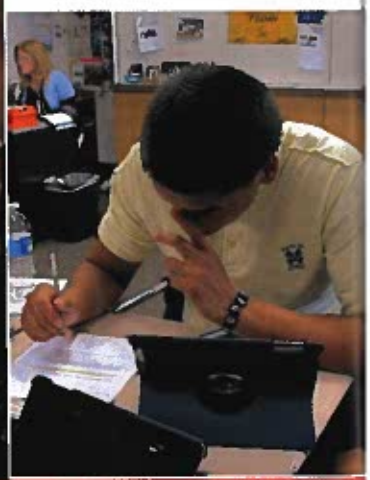




Sofia Correa, Sofia Talley

Hoppin' Into History

Who needs time machines when history can take you to the past and the future? Madelyn Tassiello, AP student extraordinaire, loves AP European History because she enjoys how the, "Class brings focus to specific eras from the past such as the Scientific Revolution and the amazing thinkers at that time." Meanwhile, senior Beda Galleta, who takes Government with Mr. Souza, admits, "Sometimes it's boring, but I know I must look to the future." So, in the end, history is an opportunity to go back and look ahead.



I was dauntless when I went on a roller coaster named the Excelerator at Knotts's Berry Farm. -D'briannna Nuno

Last year on August 4th, I went to Disneyland with my family. During th announce she had One Direction concert tickets for the front row. We we could. We made it just in time and it was definitely worth it.

Intertwining Themes

Papers Precision Dr. Willich is the master of perfection for AWP's. When students learn and follow her guidelines, they produce top quality papers that will probably pass anywhere.

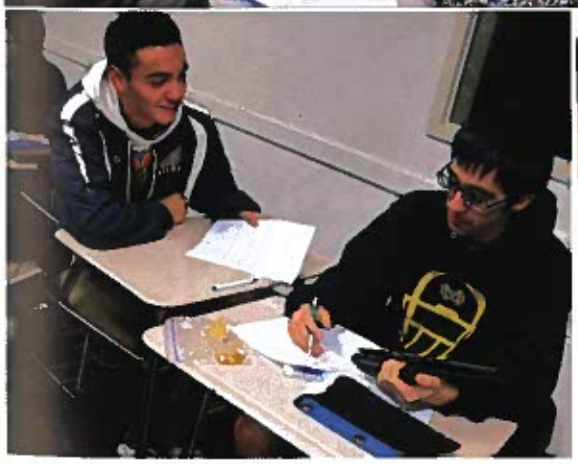
Stingo's Stars Susie Shoemaker, Madeleine Robertson and Glenn Beltran are ready to dissect, discuss and dissipate Mr. Stingo's declarations with aplomb.

Firmly Focused Ana Felix is so focused on studying she is unaware of the rest of the world.

Classroom Conference JC Licerio debates the virtues of George Washington over Thomas Jefferson with Mr. Cruz.

English and History have so many elements in common. In both, you have to do thesis papers in AWP and MLA format with proper citations. But that's not all. Both look to the past for inspiration. The Freshmen learn about the ancient Greeks through their myths and stories. A few weeks later they take another look at the Greeks in their World Culture classes. A year or two down the road, they'll find that their Junior curriculum overlaps as well. Alexis Armenta realized this and had an epiphany after studying the American Civil War. She realized that, "We learned so much about the politics and concepts but once we read Walt Whitman's poem Oh, Captain, My Captain in English class, it really hit me that he was suffering over the death of Lincoln and it brought it all together." Later on students get a chance to delve into American life during the Roaring Twenties as they read The Great Gatsby and look at politics, economics, and people from this era. Government classes are more unto themselves. However, there are subtle connections. For example, the seniors in World Literature read Anthem by Ayn Rand, which discusses collectivism and how people are totally stripped of their individuality. Kirby Galon connects the book to her Government class and finds that she is, "So glad to live in a free, democratic society where I can be me or whoever I want to be." Part of the fun of learning is making connections. And English and History connect well.

Questions and Collaboration



ESLR stands for Expected Student Learning Results. These are core values Mater Dei stresses to the students in order to help them grow. Two important ESLR'S are that of effective communicator and collaborative individual. Through partner assignments, like the one Johnny Alcaraz and Franco Faucher are working on, and group projects, such as the one Trisha Oquendo and Quen Cintia are completing, students learn to efficiently convey their ideas and work. with one another.

my older sister called me up to rushed to the car and drove as fast as - Maria Alonso

During my last year of middle school, I was in a jazz band. I spent half the year creating and improvising a piano solo for our ensemble. Everyone was counting on me and at our last concert of the year, my solo was perfection. - Hanna Taglinao

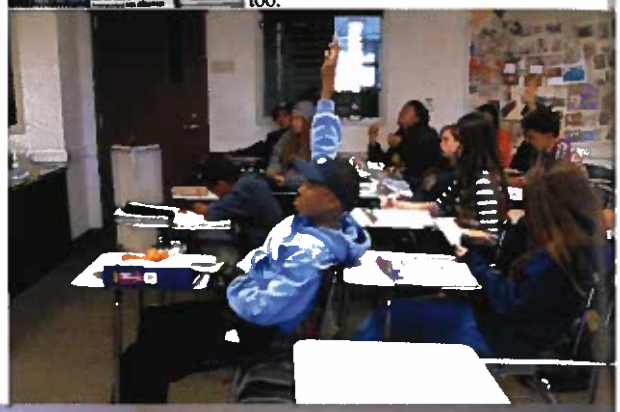
Focused Frenchmen

Madame Saddock and Madame Bergeron keep their French classes in order. Both teachers emphasize having a studious work ethic, and reviewing all material every day. Madam Saddok always tells them, "study 40 minutes a day if they want to be successful in French."

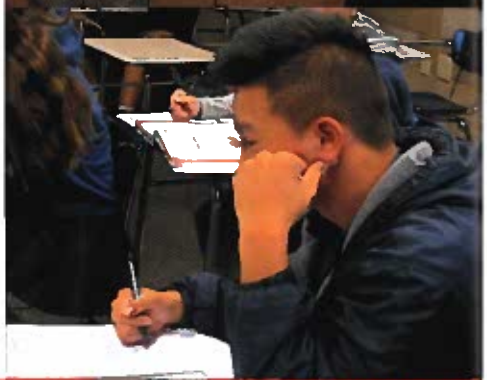
Families in French In French 1 students learn how to speak about family members. Ms. Bergeron has them draw family trees once they are done with their lesson.

School Sketches Madame Berrgeron's students took a field trip to MDCHS. While there, or here rather, they made sketches of all the sites so they could make a colorful map for visitors who may only speak French.

Hands up Reggie Jackson loves to get the answers right and he is quick about it too.



Prayers in Paradise Kelsey Munoz recites the Padre Nuestro to Ms. Edgar. That was a prayer she said twice, once to God for guidance and once to Ms. Edgar for a grade.



Spanish Studs

Learning a language can be tough for high schoolers. Our Spanish teachers know how important it is to immerse the students in the language through a variety of teaching methods. Mrs. Chiappe always makes sure to review their homework out loud. She also loves to give art projects, as you can see by Jesus Piceno and Miles Norris' colorful artwork. Of course, you can't escape exams, but it's alright when you study hard like Anthony Ngyuen.

I was dauntless when I went to the beach and jumped off a cliff that a lot of other people were jumping from. I was afraid of heights but did it anyways. - Manuel Gandara

I joined the Mater Dei experience and am not t chance and it is the best

Mr. Chiappe's Spanish 3 Honors Class

Express Yourself

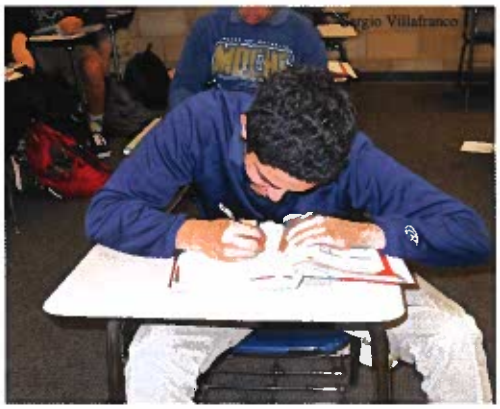
Study Hard Speak Great

By Sydney Gastineau

Whether you come to school speaking Spanish, Chinese, or even Lithuanian, there is always room for another language like Spanish or French.

Sophomore Anthony Vazquez reflects on his class, "Spanish is challenging, but Ms. Edgar has helped me become a better speaker and made me strive harder."Spanish class has helped him learn more about his Mexican heritage.

Spanish is so useful especially in California. You can speak it anywhere and unlike English, it's easy to spell. Now French isn't easy to spell at all but it sounds so romantic. Often students in French dream of going to Paris or Provence and exploring a beautiful country that also has the best baguettes and cheese in the world. Rica Perez is one such student whose dream of France came true last July. She visited the City of Lights. "I'll never forget being in Paris on Bastille Day with all the red, white and blue flags, and looking at the whole rain glazed city; it was enchanting." Another great thing was Rica could order her own food. "I had croque monsieur and escargot, (that's a grilled ham and cheese sandwich and snails for those of you who don't speak the lingua franca).



Sergio Villafranco

One person not associated with French because he teaches AP Euro and World Cultures is Mr. Smith. But Mr. Smith speaks French pretty well because his wife is French, and almost every year he goes to France with his family. One of his favorite activities there is biking. "I can see alps, vineyards, wildflowers, and medieval castles, all in one jaunt; it's another world." Bon voyage!

wrestling team. I had no previous biggest person around. I decided to take a decision I have made. - Pablo Hernandez

I have helped my fellow Peruvians by volunteering in many projects. I help boys and girls without families how to confide in God for confidence. - Alessandra Salas

Let's Get Physical

PE and Dance

By Cene Willis

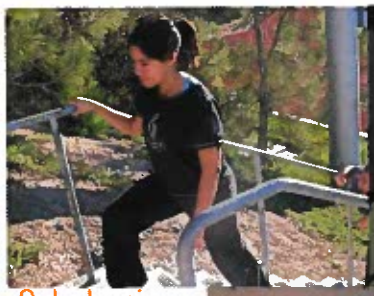
Students work out the muscles in their bodies as well as the ones in their minds. In the PE classes offered, students are given an opportunity to take a break from the books, and get active. In dance, the dancers learn basic choreography in genres such as jazz, ballet, and hip-hop.

Guest artists are brought in to help the students learn choreography in whatever type of dance they specialize in. The dance program was the brain child of Ms. Cox She choreographs, and teaches most of the dances to the girls herself. Ms. Cox leads a double life, teaching not only dance, but regular girls PE as well. Unfortunately for us, Ms. Cox will be leaving. After ten years, she has left a legacy of excellence in physical education and has given us myriad and marvelous memories. Coach Johnson teaches boy's PE next door. In these classes students learn about their bodies, and how they work. In addition, they get to learn, and practice different sports, such as soccer, tennis, football, and basketball. Sophomore Isabelle Rojas says, "PE is a great way to relieve some of the stress of school, get some fresh air, and get active." Coach Joyner offers his football players a chance to get some homework done before practice. The players who choose to take football PE come together in the coaches room for fourth block. The players study independently, or work collaboratively on any work they need to finish.

Jack Zhao

Make a Splash

Swim PE is a great way for all our amphibious students to get active. Instead of running laps, the students swim them. Coach Souza helps the beginning swimmers learn the different strokes, but lets the more advanced swimmers swim laps on their own. They use kick boards when they want to strengthen up their leg muscles. "Swim PE is a great way to cool off on a hot day," says sophomore Dillan Patel.

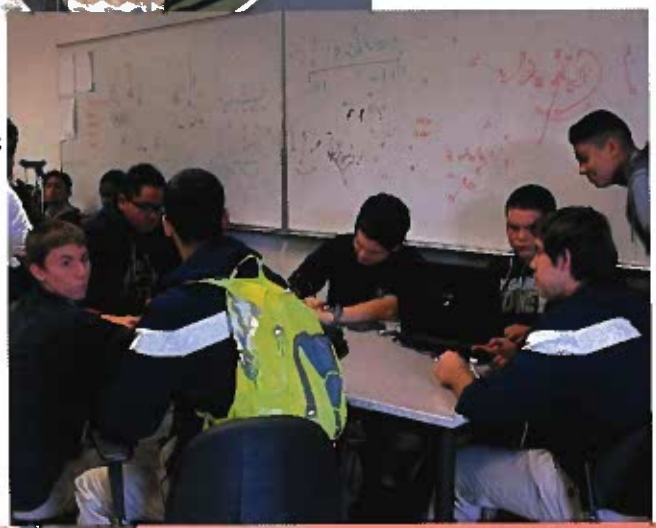


Stretch It Out Senior Melissa Ramos, uses the railing to help balance while stretching out her sore muscles.

You Got Served During the tennis unit of boys PE, sophomore Aiden Sharp, works on his serve.

Scholastic Studs

JV and Varsity football players work together on their homework during football PE. This gives them a chance to complete assignments before a long night of practice.



I have seized the dei by being outgoing and trying new sports my senior year. - Alyssa Carranza

It took me over a year, but character in a video

Santa's Little Helpers The Crusader dance team, under the guidance of Erika Brunner, put on a smashing performance during lunchtime. Everyone watching, and that was most of the school, was transfixed.

Karla Vargas

Walking Women Taking a less exasperating route to fitness, sophomores Kaisha Serrano and Camila Torres walk laps around the track.

Baby Got Back 7 months pregnant but still in shape, guest artist, Mrs. Sawrson, leads the dance class in her jazz choreography.

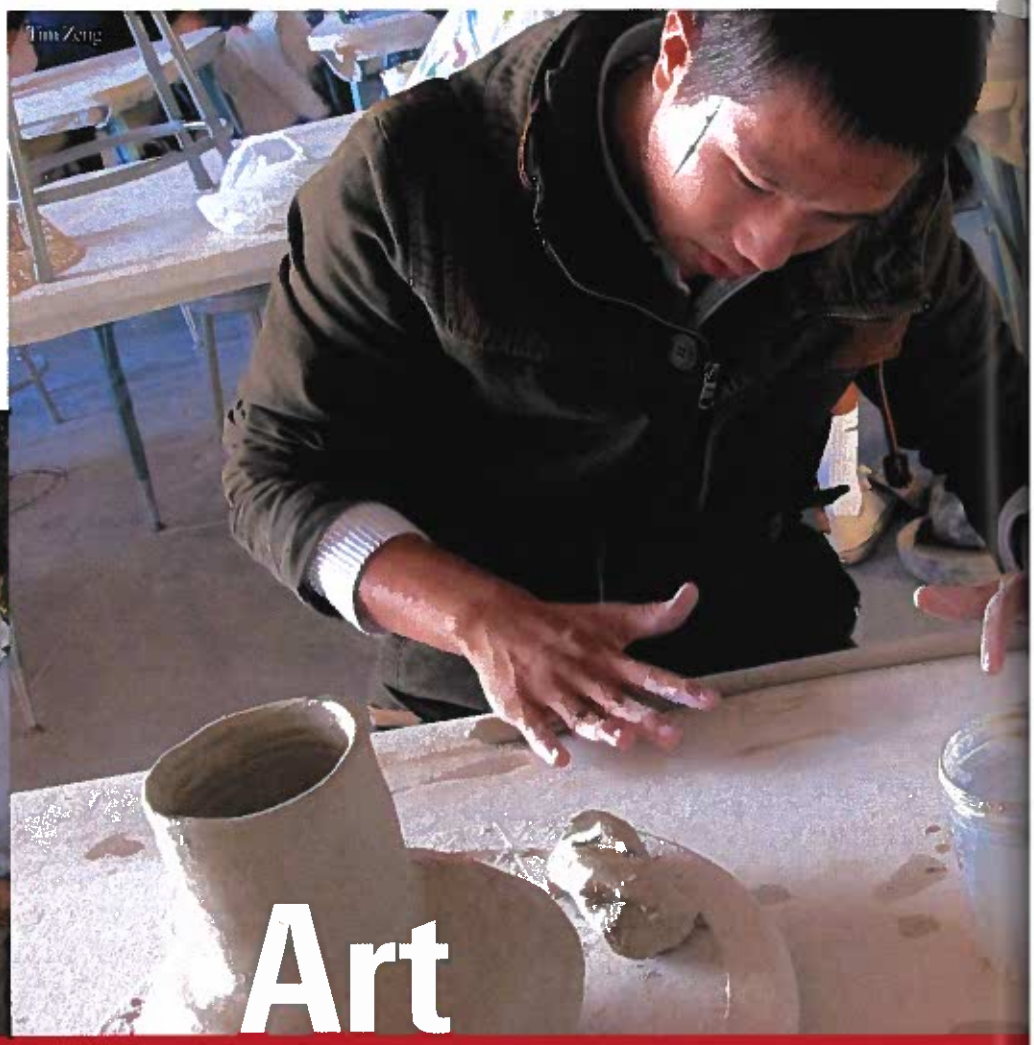
We love you Ms. Cox. Thanks for all the memories.
Daniela Espana, Ms. Cox, Olivia Guevara, Isabelle Rojas

I finally beat this really hard game. - Dominique Lozano

Once I stopped a group of people from bullying a freshman. - Jaryd Joyner

Art Club

Artists and writers join forces to produce script and sketches for the Artist and Writer's Guild. This Bohemian bunch revels in the arts and is responsible for producing the school literary magazine, The Quill.



Art Medium is the Message Smarts

By Arianna Inferrera

Art is one of the most relaxing way to escape the dilemmas and doldrums of life. Painting or drawing a landscape, molding a unique pot, or creating a new graphic design, can put you into a passionate or peaceful place. With patience and determination, students who take either ceramics, art, or computer graphics classes are exposed to and practice a variety of arts. Sophomore, Aubrey Gardi comments about the peaceful characteristic of art, saying, "Ceramics is a time where I can get away from the stresses that school brings throughout the day."

If you can dream it, you can make it. Artists add a bit of themselves to their work and being able to see their final product is rewarding. Student, Taty Rodriguiz says that, "Every piece of art means something special." Ceramics is one of the most time consuming yet tranquil arts of the many different forms. Students in Ms. Adams class are challenged to create the best project while learning new things such as sculpting. Along with the art of while learning new things such as sculpting. Along with the art of carving and sculpting, Ms. Austin's art class is known for drawing self portraits of themselves in mirrors and stippling.

Anyone can draw a stick figure or a 2-dimensional object, but her students are taught special techniques to make their drawings come to life. Step into a world of peace and creativity where the only thing you focus on is the clay between your hand, the strokes of paint on your canvas, or the pixels on your computer screen.

I overcame all fears and jumped off the stratosphere in Las Vegas. - Giovanni Sorrentino

I stood up for a friend - Liana Malunes

Black and White Nick Caruana finishes his magnificent high contrast self portrait using charcoal. His passion for art is immense and allows him to perfect it.

Art 1,2,3

Anyone can draw a little and Zaid Lares knows that's true. Even in a cast, nothing can hold her back from putting her thoughts onto paper in picture perfect form. Art is not all about the perfect strokes or sketches, it is about letting your mind wander and expressing your inner thoughts. Kayla Lawthorn indulges herself, drawing while letting music seep into her private world. Many of the art students find it comforting to play music to relax them.

Charcoal Creations Sophomores, Roy Medina and Cory Stahl work on light and dark values with three objects. By smudging and smearing, they create a contrast of light and dark. Another sophomore, Norris Taylor, works deliberately on his project. With dedication and hard work, you can master the arts.

It's All Worth It Ricardo Carrillo and Kelsi Munoz are engaging into the art of ceramics. Both are patient and determined to create their own master piece, even if it means getting their hands a bit dirty. Wet clay between your nails may sound disgusting, but the end product is worth it. "After the endless hours of concentration put into designing the object, sculpting, then glazing it, I feel proud and satisfied," says Ricardo.

Computer Graphics

Ms. Austin's computer graphics class learn how to use 21st Century technology to create digital family trees and bring art work to life on screen.

who was being picked on.

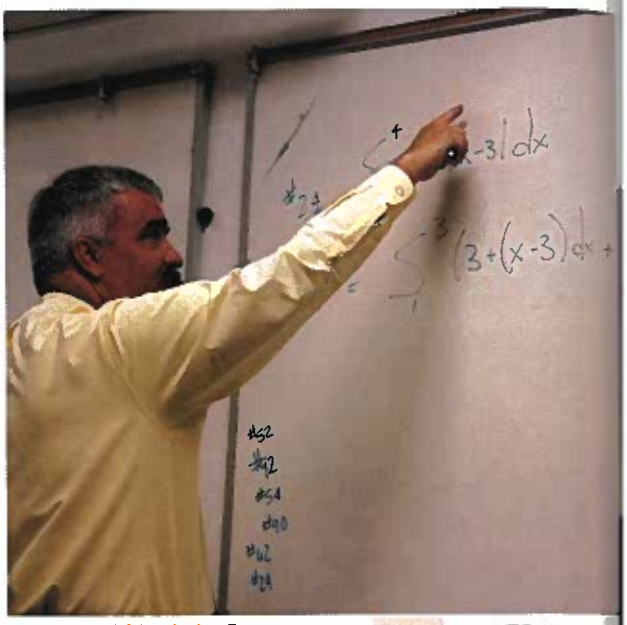
I seized the dei by overcoming my fear of heights when I went to the Del Mar Fair and tried the bungee jumping attraction. - Johana Rachlin

Where Math and Music Meet

Numbers and Notes

Math, Guitar, and Choir

By Amy Grace Cabrera



Contemplative Thought

The highest level of math you can take is AP Calculus AB and BC. Those who dare to try know that it requires a lot of thinking and logic to solve the intricate puzzles that calculus supplies. Franco Faucher and Trent Lilley are great students who take the time to step back and analyze their problems before attacking them.

Noteworthy

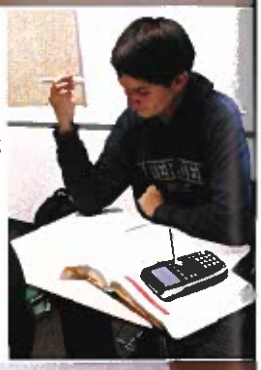
Music is not just hacking away at instruments and expecting it to sound good. Music requires care and thought. An important skill for musicians to learn is to read music. Being able to sight read opens up a door to a whole world of musical pieces to master. Jonas Ullsperger and Monica Cooper have been learning how to read music for a whole semester now, and realize the importance of being fluent in the language of sheet music.

Choir of Angels

Cassie Esparza, Dominique Lozano, Mary Rose Gonzales, and Danielle Bongulto prepare for the Christmas Concert, one of the choir's biggest recitals.

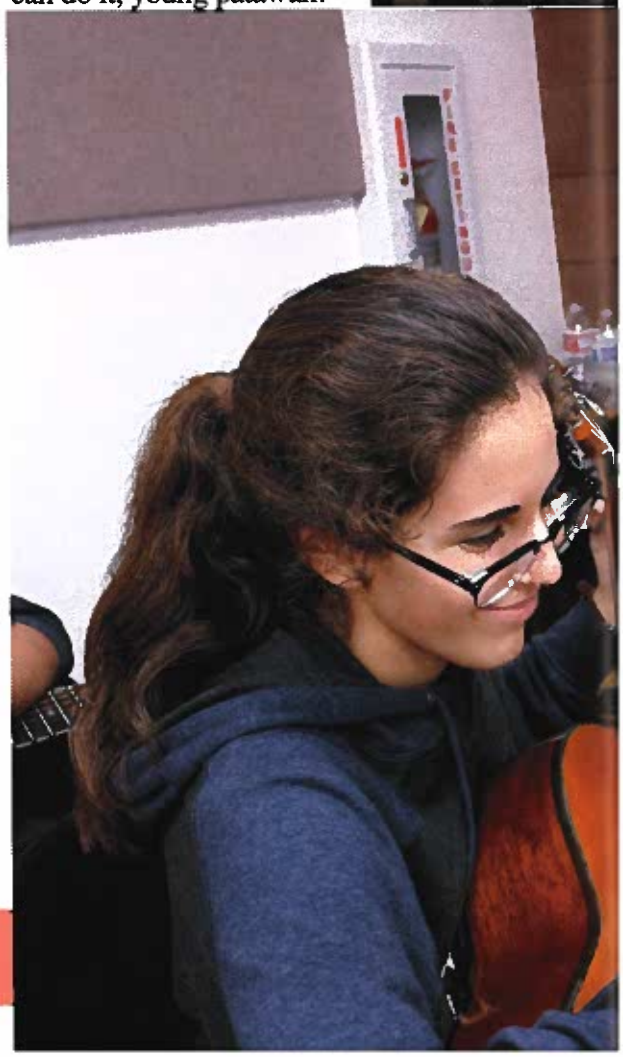
Work It Out

Maxwell Diaz is hard at work on his pre-calculus homework. As a sophomore, he has a lot of math ahead of him. He will definitely have a blast taking AP Calculus AB junior year and AP Calculus BC. As Mr. Heineman would say, "You can do it, young patawan!"



Jamming Out

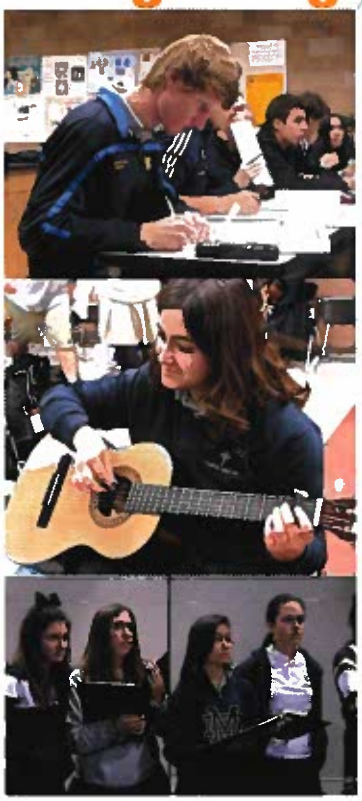
Fernanda Luteroth and Mr. Rosales play a Brazillian piece for several guitars. Fernanda has played for four years now. She loves guitar because "it is basically a whole orchestra in one instrument and because I play classical; I can play any genre I want.



I started studying after realizing that high school is much more difficult and paying attention in class just wasn't enough. - Dionisio Saucedo

Male Melodics Kyle Myers and Jonas Bongulto raise their voices up o the heavens as they practice for the Christmas recital. As two of the few boys on choir, Kyle and Jonas are essential to the bass sounds of the chorus.

Integrating Music



Math and music are usually not associated with one another. People also tend to be only good at math and science or good at art and music, because they don't correlate. Or do they? Think of it, math and music both use numbers and symbols to accomplish their goals. For example, Michael Cain is using integration to find the area under a sine wave. Hannah Otte strums away, making sounds which are actually sine waves. And as the choir harmonizes, they create sine waves at different frequencies, resulting in beautiful music.

The Quintessential Quiz Man Mr. Smyth is always excited to collect quizzes and tests from his students, even when he is subbing. Bree Castillo is just happy he won't be grading her work.

I found a large, stray Akita dog that was hungry and lost, and eventually adopted him. - Amanda Esquivel

Life is a Stage

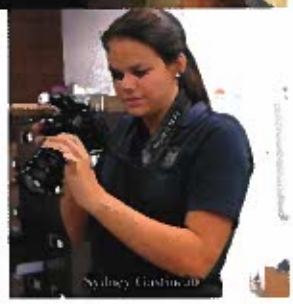
Make it Yours

By Emilly Contreras

A bit of history was made with the production of The Fourth Door. This was the first time Marian/Mater Dei has ever performed a full length play written and directed by a student. Maggie Holsher was just the student to do it. She has been a perceptive and eloquent writer since forever but it was just in the last year that she decided to do a full play. Her method is innovative, she thinks of a theme first, then writes the storyline. In The Fourth Door she grapples with all the things writers are told not to do, then she made those elements characters in her play where muses and critics, as well as the characters themselves all have a say and the protagonist ignore them. The result was a delightfully original, witty, and entertaining production. The Yearbook staff hears voices too, mostly from adviser Ms.K, but Deadlines have a way of talking pretty loud too. Actually, they end up shouting until they are met and silenced, until the next one. Staffers learn to enjoy the rush that comes at deadline time, and nothing feels better than accomplishing a feat that seemed almost impossible but you and your team pulled it off. Editor Stephanie Schaffer says, "It is a relief to finally click that dreaded submit button, knowing that all your time and effort is in that electronic page being sent off to Herff Jones until the book is printed. Once it is, and you are reading this page, I know my job as editor was worth it."

Girls Call the Shots

A new year, a new crew. Ms. Kelleher found herself a team of sophomores Emilly Contreras, Cene Willis, Teresa Huynh, Sydney Gastineau, Arianna Inferrera, and senior Amy Cabrera. With Editors in Chief Stephanie Schaffer and Rica Perez. All Girls, oh, yes. And they all worktogether to make a beautiful Yearbook for you.



Spot the Imposter No, Addomas doesn't belong, but he's happy to be visiting the Yearbook room with all its cute girls.

The Buck Stops Here Every page, every picture, every paragraph, every punctuation mark and much more is checked by these two. . "Thanks heaven for Steph and Rica," says Ms. K.

Make Memories

The yearbook can only come together with the help of every one all over campus. This group of girls captures all the great memories of the school.

I went to Australia, Croatia, and Italy.
- Adomas Aleksandravicius

I try to go to as many concerts as I ca
- Hector Pena

Behind the Scenes

The show could not go on without the help of everyone back stage. Nathalie Utrilla and Daniella Sanchez used their hair and makeup skills to prepare the cast, while moderator Ms. Brown and tech aid Mr. Thomas tinker with lights and sound.

A Star is Born Maggie Holscher's smile says it all. At the final curtain call the audience gave a huge round of applause, making her first play a big success.

Maggie Holscher

Mary Rose Gonzales, Kirsten Mae Gilon, James Ricketts

I seized the dei by living my life on the stage. - Daisy Powell

I went outside of my comfort zone by going ziplining. - Marina Taitano

Striving for Success

Seniors

Diego Alvarado*
George Arce*
Maria Jose Aguirre*
Benjamin Antioguia*^
Joel Anthony Blanco*^
Christopher Braden*^
Daisy Brito*
Amylene Cabrera*^
Michael Cain^
Miranda Campos*
Breanne Castillo*
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Natalia Corradino*
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Samantha Fluharty*
Rebecca Friedrich*^
Kirsten Mae Galon*
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Luis Gonzalez-Flores*^
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Karina Quiroz*^
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Juan Reynoso*^
James Ricketts*^
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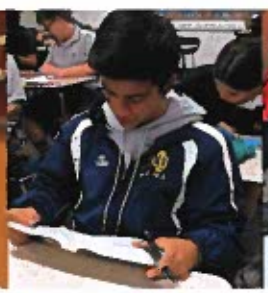
All For One Robby Carpenter and colleagues independently begin their classwork to receive points.

Studious Stud Senior Trent Lilley immediately gets to work and stays fully concentrated throughout class.



Best of Both Worlds Freshman Paolo Tassinari has to balance school with sports.

Time Management Juniors Matthew Mejia and Eric Rodriguez get some homework done outside of class to save themselves some home time.

I helped the poor by feeding a hundred hungry and tired people in the streets of San Diego. - Ryan Flores

I helped my friend my friend recover.

NHS/CSF

by Teresa Huynh

Michael Cain

Along with the eight hours of school students have to push through, they're also given a minimum of four hours of homework. For some it's easy, but not so much for others. "I feel proud of myself because I saw all the "smart" people in my class receive acceptances from both associations but now, I am one, too," comments sophomore Maryann Zora.

The eligibility for both the National Honors Society and California Scholarship Federation is anything above a 3.8 GPA. For NHS alone, students have to apply and answer questions created by a panel of teachers. Once admitted, there is a honorary induction ceremony. For CSF, an application must be filled out after each semester. After completing four semesters, students can officially become a CSF member.

On Task Junior Kristabel Mendoza refuses to let any distractions get into her head while finishing her assignments.

Smarticle Particles To help him study efficiently, freshman Eduardo Navarro copies down important notes for later use.

Academic League

Who, What, Why, Where and When? Under the tutelage of beloved advisor, Mr. Van Wyk, the Academic League has blossomed into a highly competitive group of brainy, fact loving ind.viduals who represent MDCHS well Be sure to catch them on TV when their competitions get televised..

Super Star Susie Shoemaker shows her consternation over a tricky answer. Her mental acumen is a beacon for the younger competitors who look up to her drive in mastering not only trivia but general knowledge.

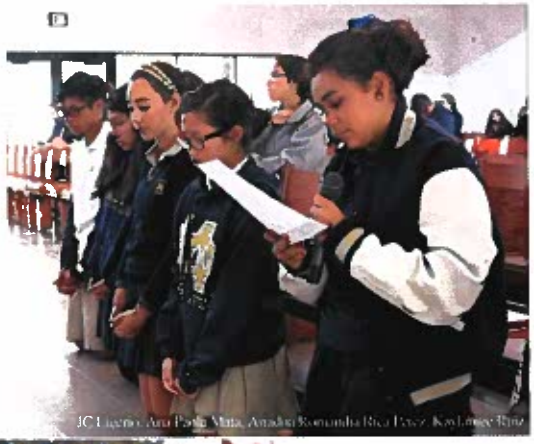
through a tough period. I helped
- Juan Fuentes

I completed my POL in front of my class, parents, and students. - De'Vion Sneed

Campus Ministry and Ambassadors

Let Go And Service with a Smile Let God

By Amy Grace Cabrera



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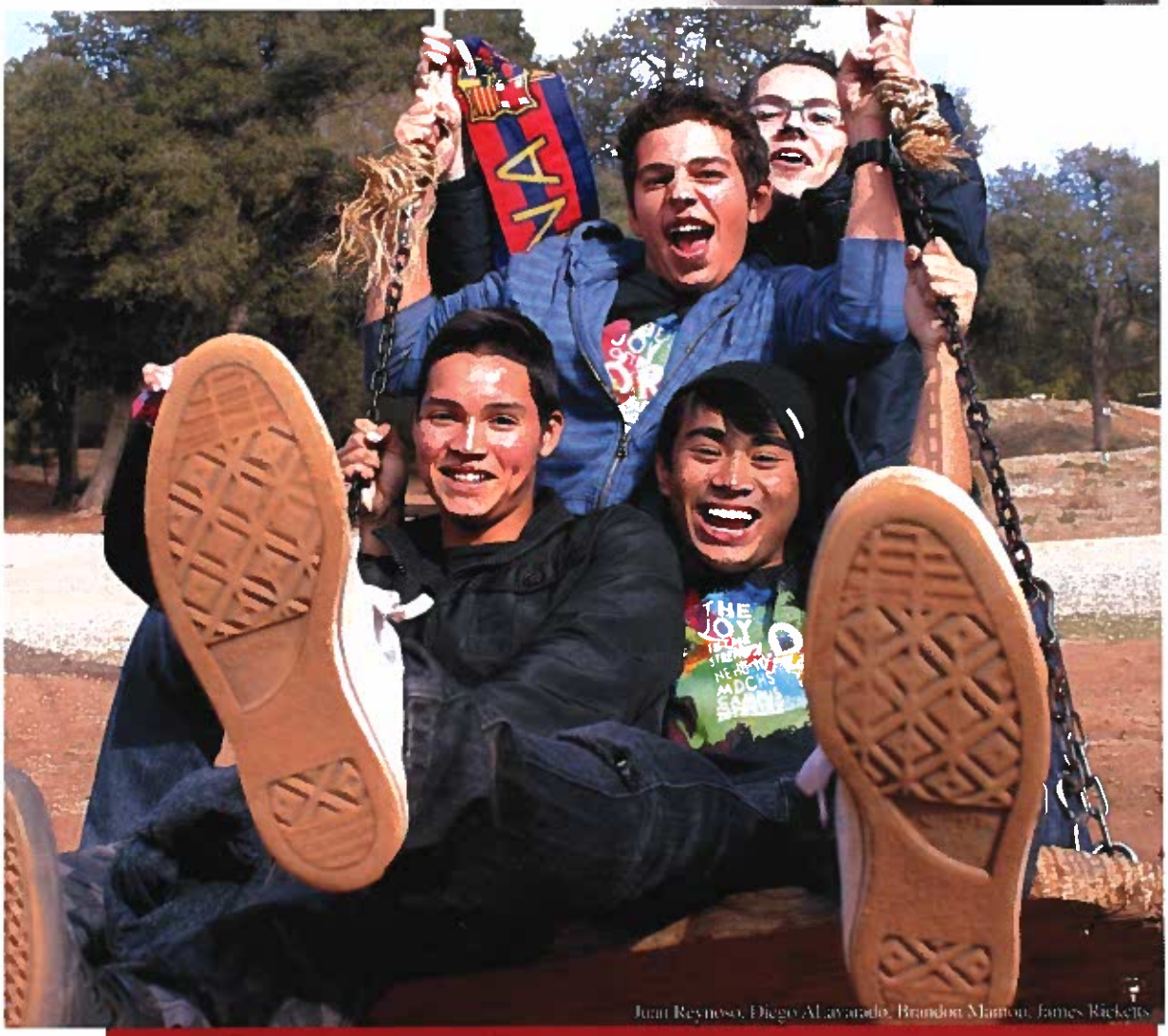
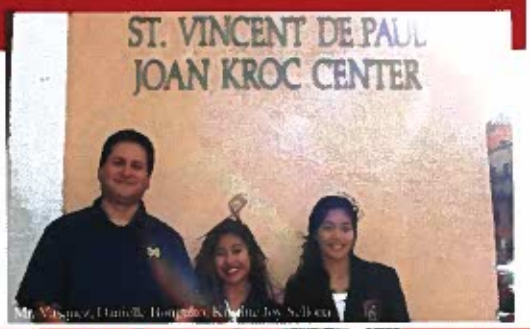


Juan Reynoso, Diego Alcaraz, Brandon Marrou, James Ricketts

Ambassadors

The Ambassadors of Christ Corps was established by Dr. Kassabaum in 1994. She wanted to have students who were willing to serve and represent the best of Marian and Mater Dei. The Ambassadors help at on and off campus events, like hosting for the Japanese Sister School and volunteering at Father Joe's Village.



Mr. Vasquez, Daniella Bourgeois, Kabrielle Joy Solberg

Find the Campus Minister

Campus Ministers are indigenous to Mater Dei. The Campus Minister is equipped with a loving and open personality. They can be identified by their blue sweater or retreat shirt. They tend to hang around orientation, mass, the chapel, and retreats. If you look to your left, you can observe a pack of junior Campus Ministers hosting Adoration and a squad of Senior Campus Ministers having a blast on a swing at the Junior Retreat.

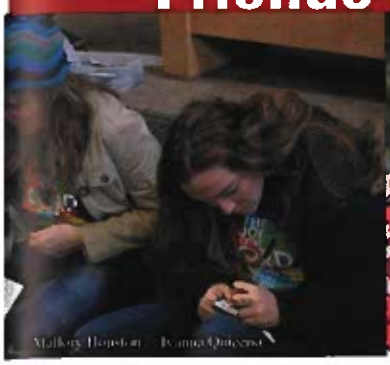
Spot the Ambassador

Similar to the Campus Minister is the Ambassador. You can distinguish the males by their sharp blazers, khaki pants, and dress shoes. The females typically wear the same blazer, a beige pencil skirt, and heels or dressy flats. To your right are examples, such as Luis Foglio, Maggie Holscher, and Franco Faucher working at Father Joe's Village and Miranda and Zek Campos helping out Sister Lilia. Ambassadors love to serve, as you can see by Ana Maria Ancheta, working double duty as an Ambassador and a steel drum band member at the Christmas Concert. Look fast! Stephanie Schaffer and Katerina Britschgi are warmly welcoming you, and they wonder if you'd like a program.

I have gone out of my comfort zone by joining the Crusader JV football team which has helped me meet new friends and really nice coaches. - Reggie Jackson

I seized the dei by going to Disneyland and riding in the front seat of Splash Mountain.. - Marla Salman

Friends in Faith

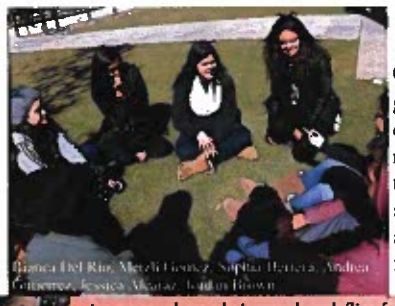


Retreats are the Campus Ministry specialty. They boil it down to a science, organizing committees for skits, logistics, music, icebreakers, and finally retreat masters. They work incredibly hard to make sure each aspect of the retreat gives the class the best spiritual experience possible. Retreat master Madelyn Healy says, "The whole preparation is an exercise in teamwork. By bringing the juniors closer to God we all grow together in our faith as a school."

Campus Ministry

The Campus Ministry mission is to bring Jesus' love to all of Mater Dei. The ministry, run by Mr. Schnitzius, consists of junior members who run masses and chapel events during lunch, and senior ministers who prepare and carry out retreats for each class. The Campus Ministry theme for this year is "The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength." Campus Ministry has done an excellent job of bringing God's joy and happiness to the school through their energy and enthusiasm.

Alexis Hernandez, Michelle Miranda



Circle of Life Small groups are an important part of all retreats. At the junior retreat, the groups work together to contemplate serious issues in life as well as how God can help us forgive.

I remember doing a backflip for the first time; it was frightening and thrilling. Eventually, I conquered this fear, making me more confident when cheering. - Olivia Adams

It Takes Two ASB moderators, Ms. Angeles and Mr. Brunner, crown Sabino Baluis asking during the Homecoming rally.

We Love Our Santa Our beloved Santa waves hello, surrounded by Mrs. Claus and two trusty elves who stand by him to take pictures with the students.

All for One and One for All Musketeers Daisy Powell, Madeline Friedrich, and Alexis Armenta include Magy Sanz in their elite group. They walked the mile in style.

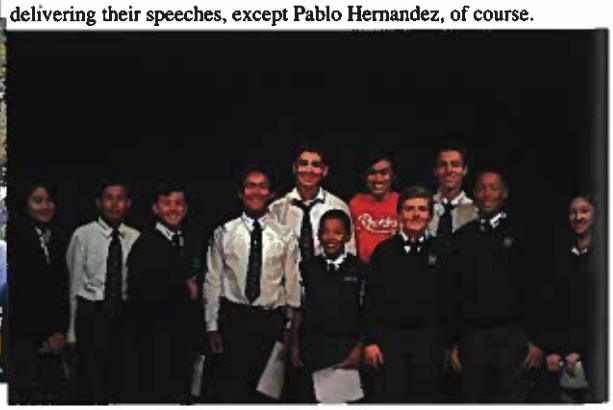
Seeing Red Senior ASB gals cause a commotion in a clash of colors during Spirit Week.

Bud not Buddy

Every year, ASB plans Buddy Week. This is a time for the freshmen to get acquainted with the school through the people who know it the best: the seniors. ASB assigns every freshmen a senior. The partners complete a series of tasks, like bringing each other lunch and completing a survey about each other, throughout the week. By the time Buddy Week is over, the freshmen have a senior they can go to whenever they need a friend.

Get Your Candy Grams Sophomores Jenna Cruz and Madeyn Tassiello sell Christmas candy grams during lunch.

Fresh New Faces The freshmen ASB candidates all smile after delivering their speeches, except Pablo Hernandez, of course.



I seized the dei by playing volleyball. I made the freshman team but was scared to dive for the ball. Now I go for it everytime. - Rashi Shah

Loveable Leaders

Association of the Student Body

By Cene' Willis

Forty students join forces to plan events for the student body. From dances to rallies to parades, ASB is on top of it all. The council is made up of ten students from each grade. They plan and decorate all of the memorable dances throughout the year, such as Homecoming and Prom. Other events commissioned by ASB are Buddy Week, and all the rallies. During Buddy Week, ASB helps the freshmen get integrated into the student body by assigning them a senior buddy. They also plan the interactive activities that happen during the rallies. Their dedication to the school runs so deep that they meet at 7:30 a.m. every other morning to confer with each other about what's in store for the students. ASB uses social media, such as Instagram and Twitter, to interact and connect with the student body. Alexis Armenta loves ASB saying, "It's a is a great way for me to get involved with the student body, and help make the school a better place with my own two hands." Fortunately, there are many Crusaders who, like Alexis, are always willing to do the work.

Bleed Blue and Gold Senior Reyna Jamison paints faces during lunch to help spread school spirit.

Executive ASB President James Ricketts

Early Bird Gets the Worm Senior Reena Torres, and moderator Ms. Angeles confer bright and early in preparation for a 7:30 ASB meeting.

Snow Too Soon The ASB generated a frenzy of support at the CIF final. Unfortunately, the celebration was crushed when the victory was snatched.

Stupendous Seniors Senior executives Reena Torres, Amy Cabrera, Monica Cooper, Brandon Mamou, and Estefania Martinez sport big smiles, something ASB Execs excel in.

We've Got Spirit Harlee Quijano, Reyna Jamison, and Giselle Rojas are thankful ASB provides so many opportunities to dress up and even get a little rowdy.

Seize the Dei

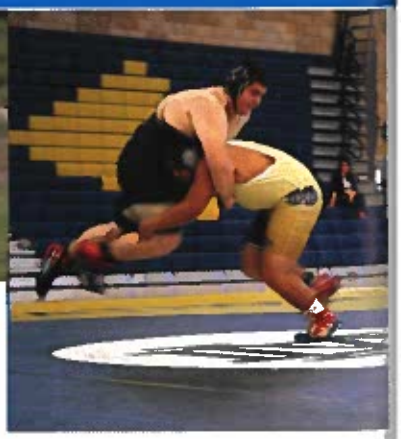
Athletics When You Play

By Stephanie Schaffer

Some people watch paint dry, grass grow, birds fly, and gardeners mow. This is the highlight of their evening, day, or maybe even the year. But others want more in life. They try to seize the day by participating in a plethora of sports that could summed up in a classic montage with an inspirational song playing in the background. Some students run for miles, going farther than any one would ever dare. Others take the Hail Mary and sprint to the end zone with only two seconds on the clock in the fourth quarter. They are the athletes, but not the vacuous high school jocks seen in the classics; they are student athletes. They strive for intelligence as much as the win. They are the kids that help make Mater Dei great. They wear their Crusader jerseys as a part of their being. It is on their bags sweatshirts, and lettermans. Wherever they go, one can tell they are an athete.

Even without a single word or facial expression, the tireless hours spent in practice, working till the wee hours of the morning or night, the unending pressure and heartfelt games when the win was stealthily taken from right under their feet, and the joyous celebrations after they steal the win, never letting it go, exudes as they simply walk down the halls to class. They fight for every last point, game, match, win. They seize the dei with their final tread, their final swing, their final spike, and their final run to victory. They are the Crusaders.

Know the Green
Jessica Mangrobang takes a moment to read the green before smoothly rolling the ball into the hole. She knows that reading the green is an essential part of putting.



Up In the Air Tyler Buenviaje is just about to take his opponent down with a double leg. In wrestling, you are never up for long.

We're All In This Together The cheerleaders keep the spirit high by going down to the goal post and cheering the team after they scored a touchdown. The girls put in as much hard work and practice as any athlete to reach perfection in their sport.

Puppy Love Alan Rojas, Madelyn Healy, Diego Oliveras, and Eduardo Gomez don't mind giving Casey the dog some post-race love at Rohr Park. And it is quite obvious that neither does she!

Tip Tip Boom Volleyball players know that the cheers they do after each good play keep their spirits high and their plays strong.

Poolside Pointers During a game, Coach Souza gives his players some words of advice. He may be tough, but he wants to see his teem succeed

Minion Jordan Brasfield doesn't let her size keep her from dominating the scoreboard. She is both fast and quick on the court.

Friendly Field Even though Matheus Parra Manso is an exchange student, he feels right at home on the soccer field.

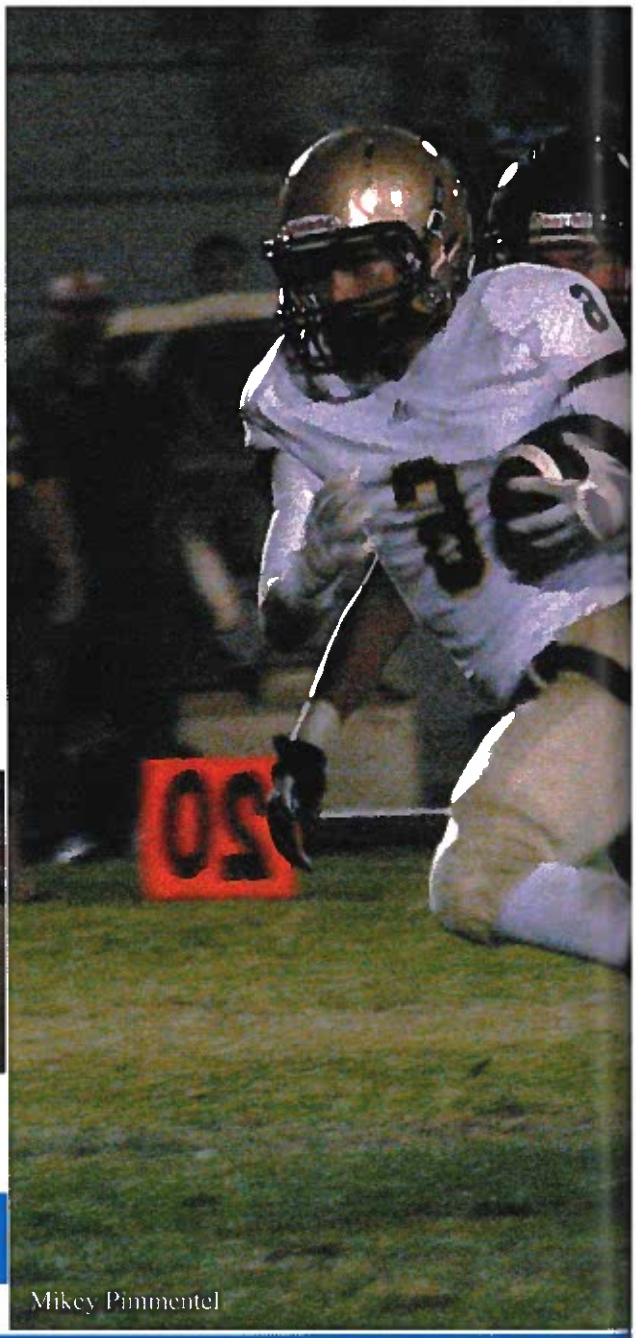
Junior Varsity

The team started off as two different squads: Freshmen and JV. They played two games and a scrimmage separate. But after that, they joined forces. Kahtrel Maynard(14) reflects on the season, "It was tough at first. As time went on we learned how to trust each other while learning strengths and weaknesses."

Almost Heisman Kahtrel Maynard fights off an opponent while continuing his run unimpeded.

Reach for the Stars De'Vion Sneed jumps high to catch the ball thrown to him by Cade Congden. The two make a great duo when the going gets tough.

Ready to Run Niklaus Wetter runs up field and catches the ball. He helped advance his team to score a subsequent touchdown.



Mikey Pimmentel

Clairemont	Central	Bishops
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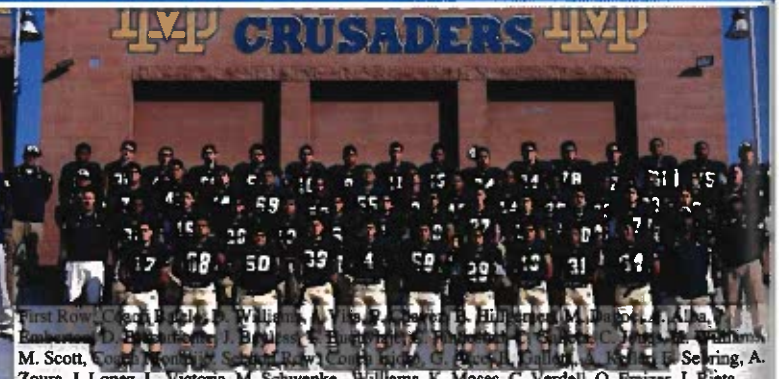
Kearney	El Cap	Parker	San Ysidro	Castle	Montgomery	Mar Vista	Hilltop	Sweetwater
30-6	0-35	13-33	41-6	34-35	42-14	31-14	42-12	7-23

Top Row: Coach Roji, N. Wetter, J. Fuentes, G. Sorentino, C. Smith, R. Moreno, D. Garate, J. Sartor, A. Herrera, C. Morales. Bottom Row: J. Bolnguto, R. Florez, T. Daives, R. Jackson, S. Jones, I. Cruz, E. Hagerty, D. Sneed, K. Maynard.



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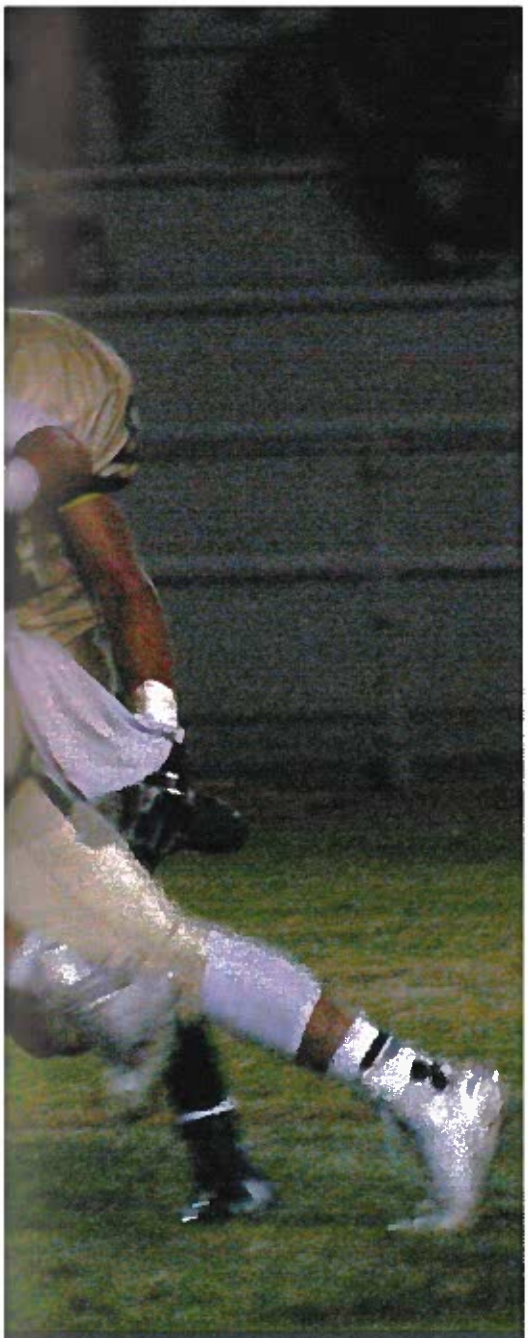
I seized the del by winning my first tennis tournament. - David Hawley

I found an IPod in the grass and decided to return it to the office instead of keeping it. When I went into the office, the owner was there looking for it. I returned it to them. - Camila Torres

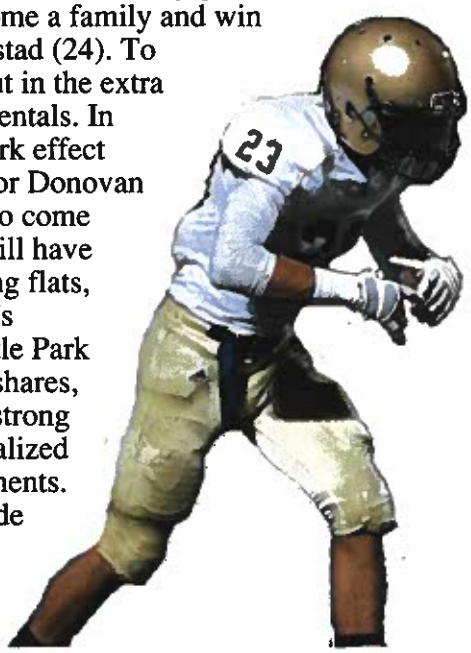


OTF It's What Defines Us

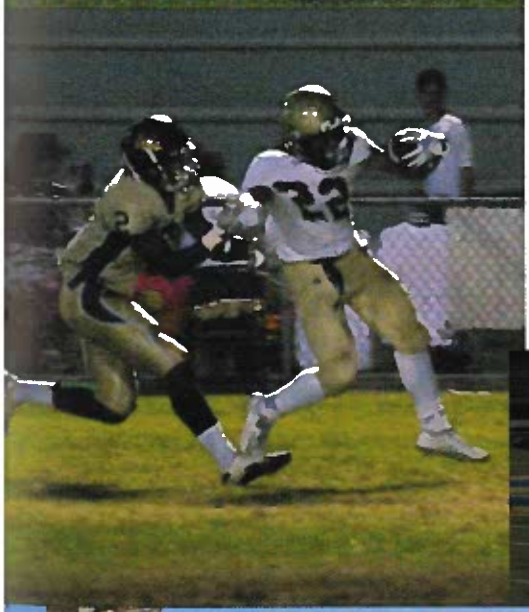
Varsity Football

By Cene' Willis and Sydney Gastineau

The football team is not just a team; they are a family. However, they did not start out that way. "We set many goals, but our two most important were to become a family and win League," explains Senior Conner Finnestad (24). To achieve this goal the Crusaders had to put in the extra effort at practice working on the fundamentals. In some games the players let that extra work effect them, and they quickly regretted it. Senior Donovan Williams (56) tells us, "We learned not to come into a game overconfident because we still have fundamentals to work on such as covering flats, not fumbling, and learning the opponent's tactics." This became evident in the Castle Park game. Sophomore Quentin Fraizer (23) shares, "Our team learned that you are only as strong as your weakest link." Since the team realized this they have blown through their opponents. The team beat Montgomery. Conner made an impressive sack that forced a fumble recovered by Mario Williams. Who then, scooped and scored. In the Mar Vista game, Jarrod Rieta threw a touchdown pass to Mike Pimentel. The Crusaders wanted to succeed because of their commitment to their team, to their family, that brought them together. Their goal of winnig league may not have been met, but they surely succeed in making to the CIF championship.

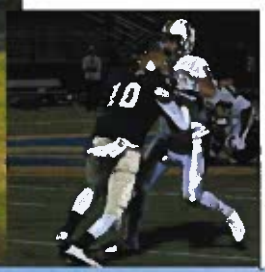


Quentin Frazier



Hold Me Back
Sophomore CJ Verdell (22) is pulled by a Mar Vista player, but he still manages score the touchdown.

Power Through
Senior Adrian Alba (10) plows through Francis Parker's offense.



Crusaders vs the Knights

The game began with a shock. On the first play from scrimmage QB Chris Jones ran 67 yards for a touchdown. The Crusaders remained in the lead 10 to 0 until midway through the 4th quarter. Bishops rallied with 2 TDs

in the 4th but the Crusaders got a last minute field goal tying it up 13 13 forcing an overtime. Sudden death. Mater Dei took a 3 point lead with a field goal but the Knights ended with a touchdown. The Knights got the win but they didn't leave the field cocky. And with young talent and the taste of glory, the Crusaders will be back to fight again.

I am a very shy person and stepped outside of my comfort zone by joining Ambassadors of Christ Corps. I am really glad I did because I have made many good friends and met a lot of new people. - Mary Donivan

I seize the dei every time I dance and go to dance class to get better.
- Andrea Romero-Flores

Rumbling Tumbling

As one of Mater Dei's only tumblers, Kaylie Gutierrez surely can steal the spotlight with her mesmerizing stunts. She makes her flips look so easy, but they're definitely not. With her amazing stunts, she can get the crowd on their feet and hyped up in no time.

Step it Up

Arianna Gonzalez, Mary Machniak, Kaylie Gutierrez, Bree Castillo, and Sarah Yeaton are at the top of the stunt at the Homecoming Rally. These girls will perform anywhere to show off their hard work. Even with a last minute change in their routine, these spirited girls perfect the dance.

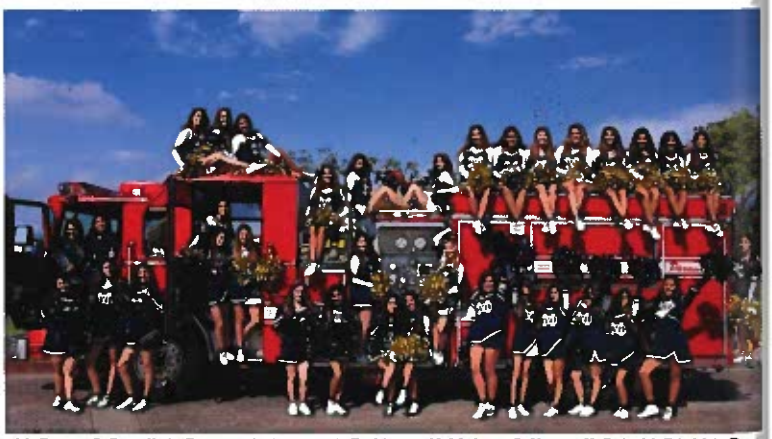
Work It

The girls finish off their Homecoming half time routine by posing and flashing their bright smiles to the audience. With a mash-up of different songs, these ladies know how to put pep in their step and finish off the show with a smile. These bright eyed wonders are full of spirit every game.

Combined Teams

The Lady Crusaders cheer side by side with the El Cap cheer squad. The girls know that all cheerleaders are family. They gather together to perform routines and showcase their talents, even if they are from different schools. They are all there for one reason: to spread their spirit across the stadium.

Propelling Paper The cheer team makes a banner for the football players to run through after halftime. Their loud cheers and supportive gestures mean so much to the players.



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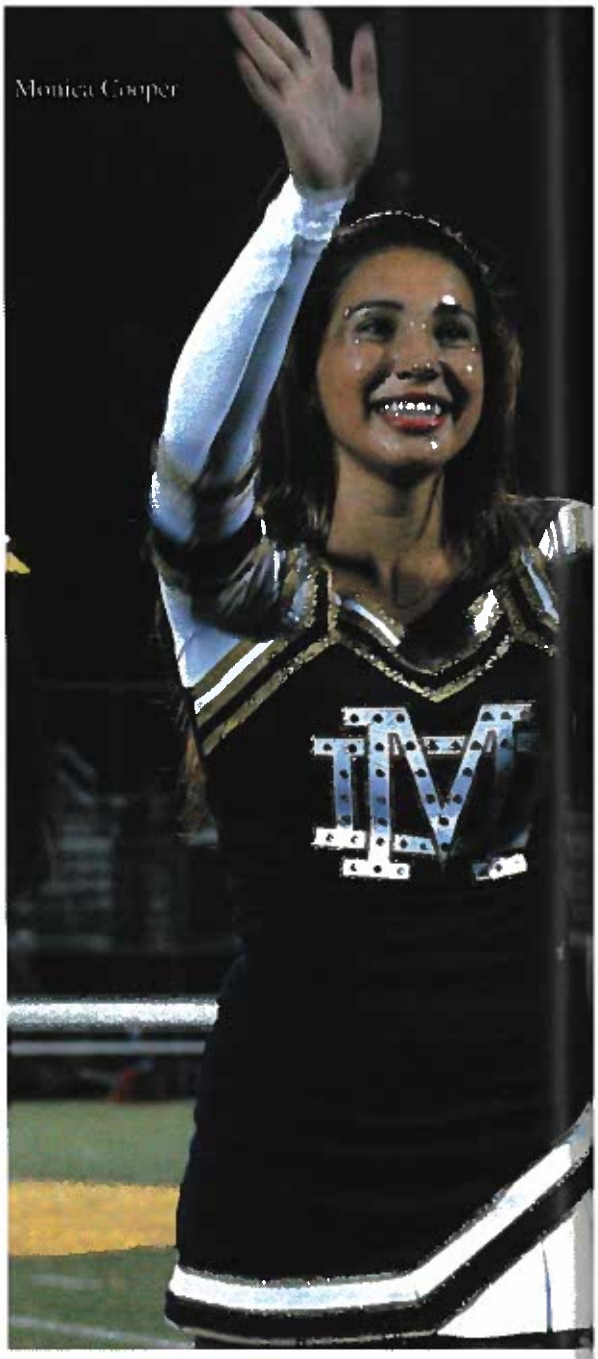


I seized the dei by being more interactive during group discussions. - Dillan Patel

I go out my way to talk to classmates I would not usually interact with in my usual routine. - Cene Willis

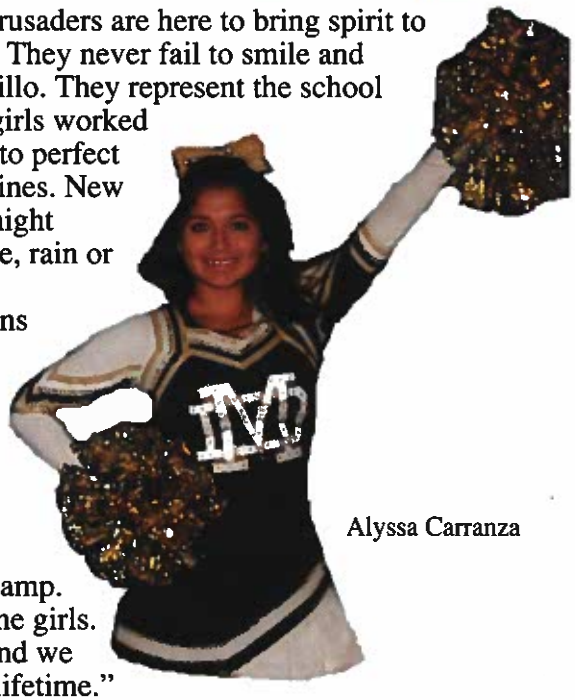
Fire It Up Crusaders

Cheerleading

By Arianna Inferrera

Go, fight, win! These Lady Crusaders are here to bring spirit to the stands and pump up the crowd. They never fail to smile and cheer, just like the flyer, Bree Castillo. They represent the school wherever they go.This season the girls worked hard and put in the time and effort to perfect their kicks, stunts, cheers, and routines. New cheers were added to their Friday night games and the cheer team was there, rain or shine, to perform.

Two years in a row, co-captains Monica Cooper and Alyssa Carranza, lead the team to bond together and create an unbreakable sisterhood. The team also creates amazing memories throughout the season. Monica states that, "One of my f avorite things every year is cheer camp. I get to act as a role model for all the girls. It's a really enjoyable experience and we always make memories that last a lifetime."



Alyssa Carranza

These spirited girls are always supporting the football team. What better way than to cheer them on. Alexis Armenta comments, "I love that we get to cheer during the football games and support the players. It's the best thing I can do as a cheerleader and it always puts a smile on my face."

Sing-a-Long
It's a tradition that the football team and cheer team sing the Alma Mater to the crowd after every game. Though thick and thin the squad is there to support.

The Ol' Razzle Dazzle
Kristabel Mendoza pumps up the crowd with her dazzling smile and radiant personality.

Glitz and Glamor
Cheerleader, Teresa Huynh, smiles for the camera as she's watching the boys play. Her glittery eyes light up the night.

Unbreakable Bond
Cheer sisters, Arianna Gonzalez and Alexis Armenta, wear jersey numbers of players on the football team to show their support.

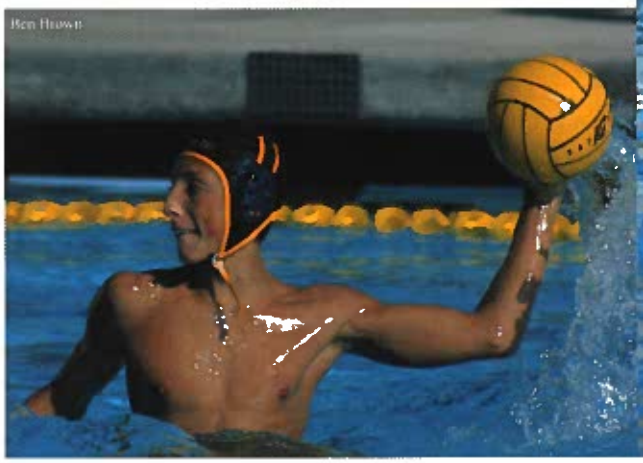
My friends and I decided to spend most of our night in Downtown San Diego buying and giving out food to the homeless. - Teresa Huynh

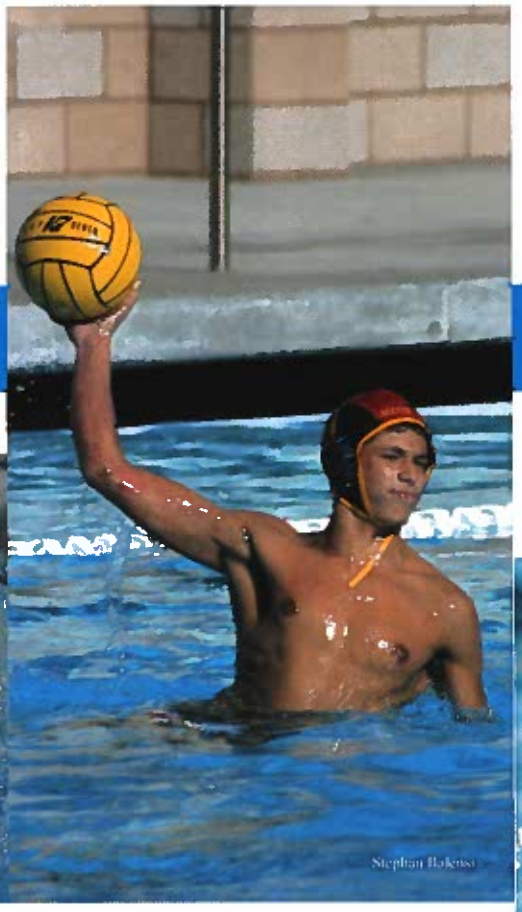
I was dauntless when I heard a window break and immediately told my parents. They called the cops and the criminals were caught. - Manuel Torres

Dive into the big blue

Boys Waterpolo

By Teresa Huynh





Jonathan Alcaraz

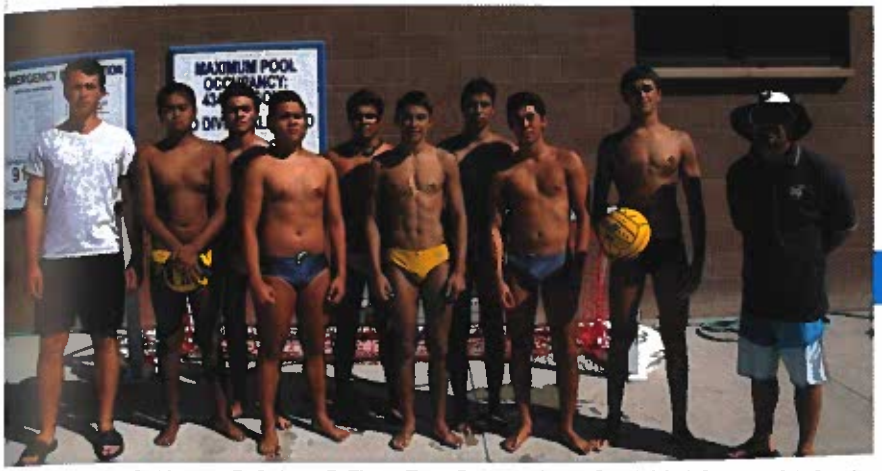
When summer training began in June, the team realized they were in for a good season. The boys started off with a strong win against San Ysidro 13-5. But as the season proceeded, their scores began to fluctuate. Although there were close games, "We kept losing by one or two goals, but we could have won if there had been just a bit more teamwork," sophomore Roberto Jimenez explains. The varsity boys played a tight game against Otay Ranch with an final score of 7-6. The team pushed through and by the end of the season they had a winning record.

Seniors Ben Mullendore, Christian Flores, Claudio Quiroz, and Jonathan Alcaraz reflect on the season, they realized their time as Crusaders was ending. Ben Mullendore describes a game he'll always remember, "Mar Vista was our best game even though we lost 12-10. We learned we can't wait until the end to start competing. We could have had the win if we just kept up the intensity from the start."
The team was lucky to get a boost in talent with freshman Ben Brown who has played for 6 years and made more than 175 goals for the season. Needless to say, Ben is going to be a huge asset in the coming years. Unfortunately, the boys' chance of going to CIF slipped away with their one goal loss to Bonita Vista. But the boys in the blue will return ready to win next season.

Eastlake	Otay Ranch	Hilltop	Mar Vista	Bonita Vista	Eastlake	Otay Ranch	Hilltop	Mar Vista	Bonita Vista
9-7	15-5	7-6	12-10	12-10	14-5	7-6	12-7	21-12	10-9

I decided to play two sports I had never tried before: volleyball and water polo. - Jenna Kruse

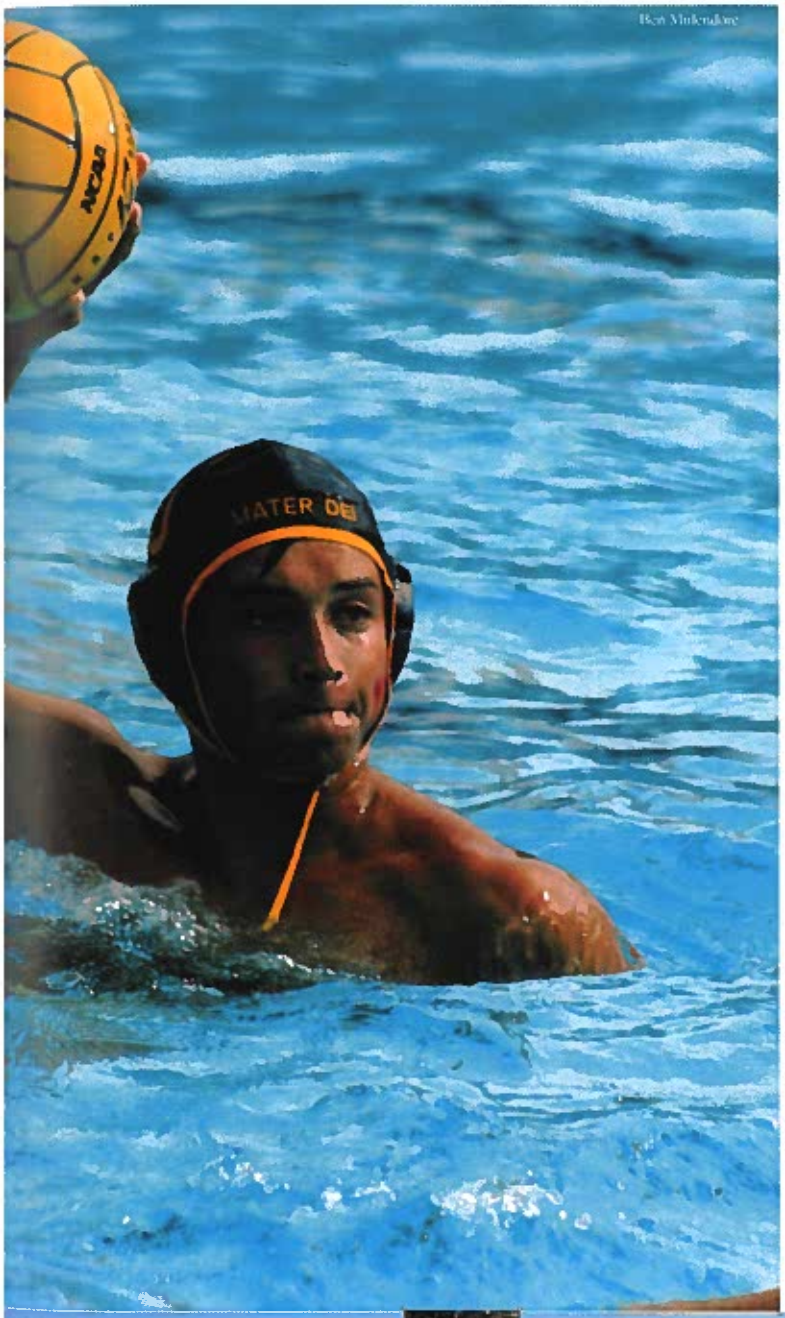
I seized the dei when I began God had in store for me.

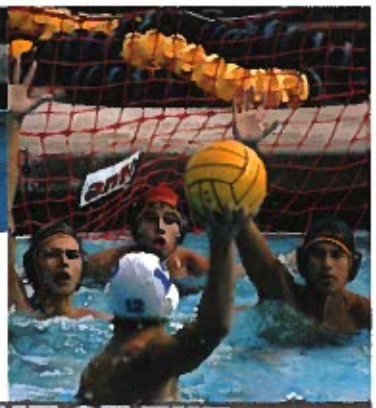


Back row: J. Alcaraz, C. Quiroz, C. Flores Front Row: Assistant Coach Mark Laturno, M. Garcia, J. Jovellano, R. Jimenez, E. Macklis, S. Balensi, Coach Souza
Not pictured: B. Brown, A. Sanchez, B. Mullendore

Junior Varsity

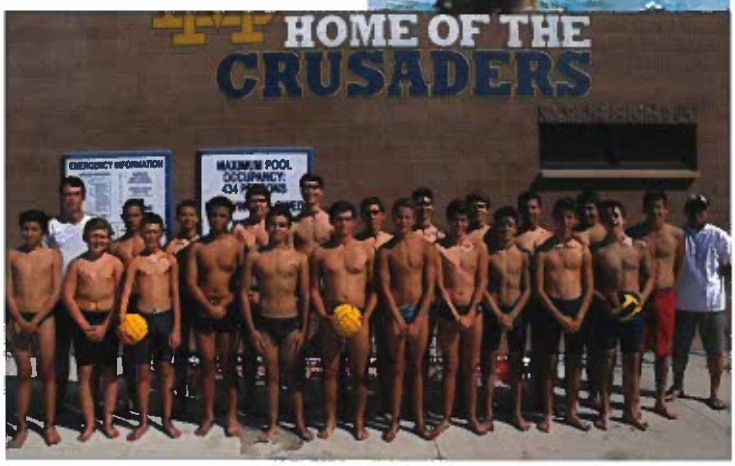
JV's best game was against Bonita Vista. It was neck and neck and went into overtime five times, alternating between the golden goal and having three minute quarters. The Crusaders finally scored in golden and won the match. Junior Chris Cohen describes the game, " It was exciting the whole way through; the outcome depended on how well we were working together. And we were working together well."





Heads Up! Roberto Jimenez loads his arm up to shoot the ball to another teammate.

Maybe Next Time No ball is getting past defensive players Roberto Gallegos, Brandon Mamou, and Paul Tamayo.



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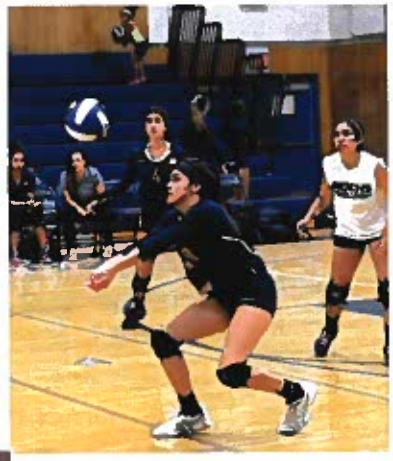
to realize what
- Alizah Jamison

I went to Tijuana this summer to practice my Spanish and eat tacos which were delicious. - Zek Campos

Freshman & Junior Varsity

The freshman team was small and new to volleyball, but that did not stop them from going hard on the court. They were able to fiercely compete and win games within two sets, including their victory against Otay Ranch.

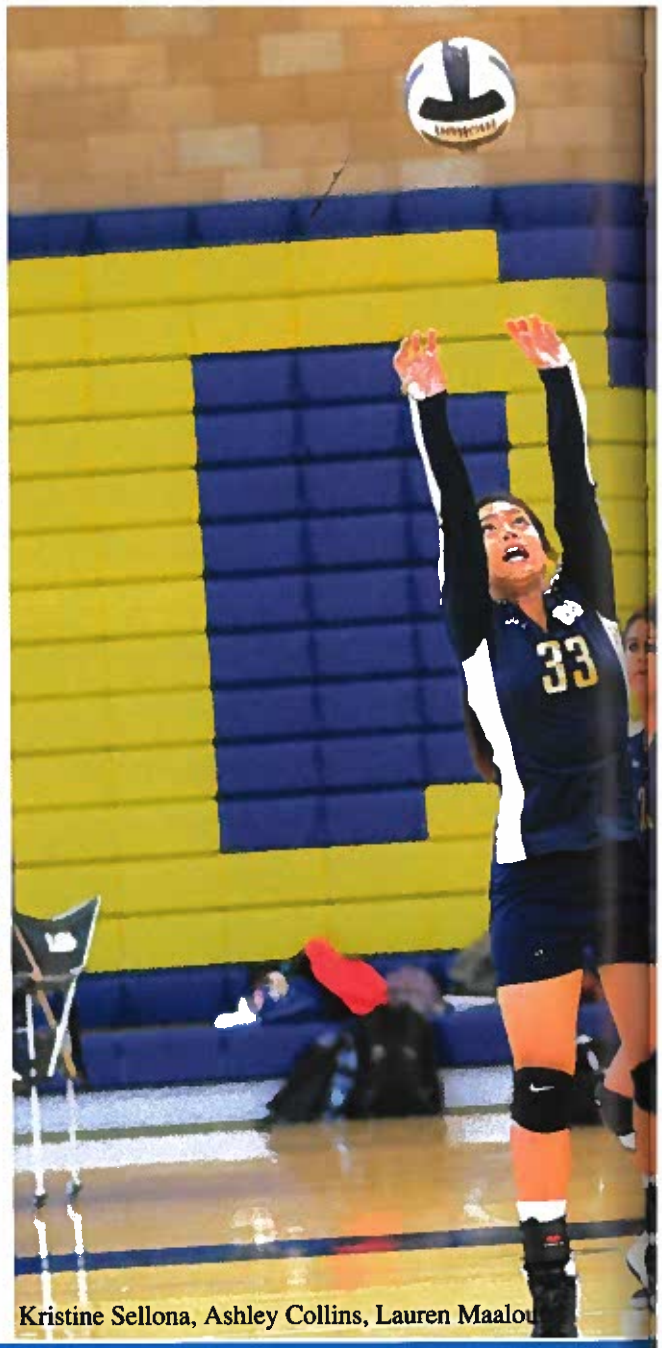
The JV team brought a lot of talent to the game and also worked well with one another which was critical in their win against Bonita.



She Got It Alexa Garcia perfectly passes the serve receive ball. She played volleyball at St. Charles and uses her experience to help lead her team.

Ready? One, Two The team brings it in to regroup after their last play. Coming together generates closeness and energy so the team can perform with power.

Back Row: R. Shah, P. Houston, F. Sammartano, S. Martinez Front Row: Coach Denise, A. Ramirez, K. Parez. A. Burges, J. Rachlin



Kristine Sellona, Ashley Collins, Lauren Maalou

Eastlake	Olympian	Bonita Vista
0-3	0-3	0-3

Otay Ranch	Eastlake	Olympian	Otay Ranch	Bonita Vista
0-3	0-3	1-3	0-3	1-3

Back Row: A. Castillo, M. Zora, A. Hernandez, K. Calilung, A. Gardi, C. Lettreri Front Row: A. Garcia, T. Huynh, S. Finch, E. Mora

Back Row: I. Quiceno, L. Malouf, A. Collins, A. Ancheta, J. Kruse, O. Gueverra, S. Herrera Front Row: K. Morales, A. Hernandez, H. Quijano, N. Lizarraga, A. Cabrera, D. Bongulto, K. Sellona

The craziest thing I have done was go ziplining with my family. - Angel Beltran

I went snorkeling for my first first because the water was soon after I knew it was a

Stay Together

Girls Volleyball

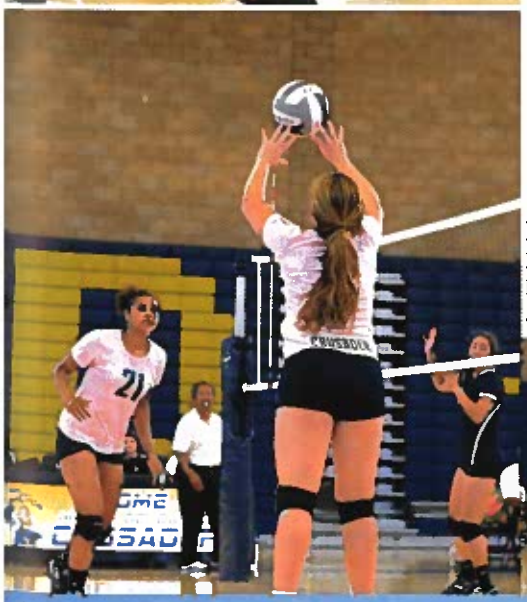
By Amy Cabrera

"Stay together" was the mantra for the volleyball team. The team had talent, put in hard work during practice, and developed new plays like the OWL. In this play, the setter would call a letter based on the pass, and all three hitters would run a specified route. However, the only way to run the play successfully was through communication and the ability to work with one another. In the same sense, the team realized that the only way to play and compete was to stay together.

Before league, the team snagged several wins during tournaments and competed against higher level teams. They beat Horizon Christian Academy within three sets, a goal that the team was happy to achieve. During league, they played hard against their competitors, fighting to make every point count.This helped them to take crucial sets against teams such as Olympian and Bonita.

"I am so grateful to have played with such an amazing squad," said senior captain Kristine Joy Sellona. "It was hard, but I'd like to think that it was worth it." The team may not have had the best record, but they were able to get through the season as a team and stay together until the very end.

Harlee Quijano



Set's Up
Ivanna Quiceno sets the ball for Ashley Collins. Senior Ivanna has played volleyball all four years.

Ready for the Dig
Kristine Sellona and Lauren Maalouf wait for Jenna Kruse's pass.

Killer Spike
Joice Beda hits down the line and gets the kill. She is a dedicated volleyball player, practicing from 3:30-7 almost everyday.

Whoop, There It Is Ana Maria Ancheta stealthily tips the ball around the block. She plays club volleyball and attends several volleyball camps.

time in Maui, Hawaii. I was frightened at cold and the fish surrounded me, but great experience. - Maureen Archer

I went on a trip to Los Angeles with two of my best friends. We went to Santa Monica, Hollywood, and ate at Rosco's Chicken and Waffles. - Lynda Alexa Salce

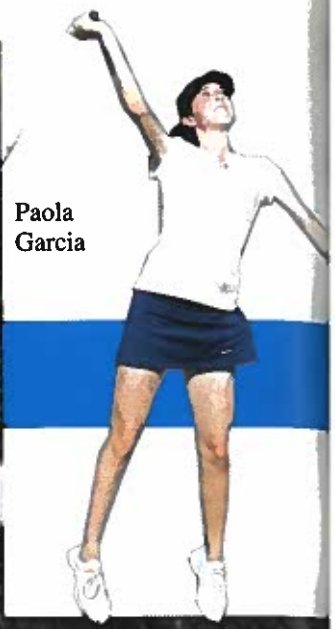
Swinging Strong

Girls Tennis

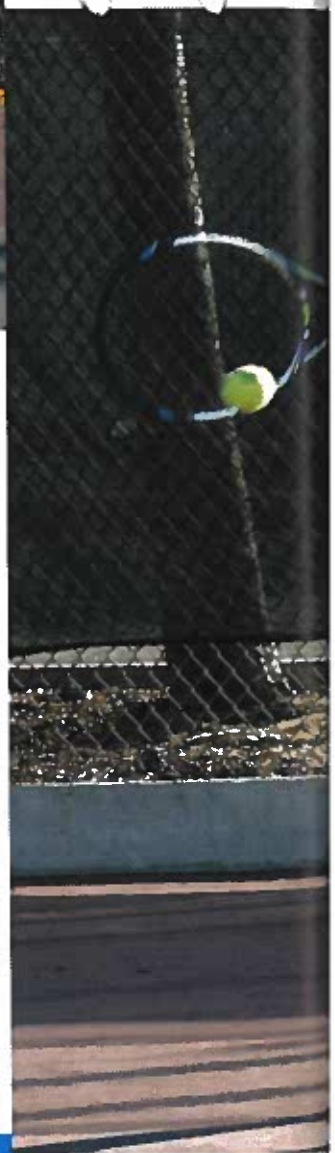
By Emily Contreras

Paula Vazquez

Elsa Ramirez



Paola Garcia



Let it Go Junior Valeria Corral team strive for strength and go

Lady Crusader tennis just keeps getting better and better. After losing a host of seniors the girls came back with a vengeance. Kudos to the Coaches Borck, both Mr. and Mrs. who have the expertise to train the girls and the enthusiasm to make it fun. With them and some very strong players the team tasted victory throughout the season.

Senior captain Natalia Corrandino had a great time. That's why she can say, "Time went by so fast. It is my last year, and I am going to make the best out of it." Under her experienced guidance and the expert talent of Valeria Corral, the ladies had an impeccable season. Natalia continues, "This was one of the strongest teams we've had in a while." The team will continue with positive momentum since this attitude just inspires them to work harder. But their talents don't keep the older girls from being both friendly and positive role models. Freshman Samara Gurrola said, "I thought it was going to be a little intimidating, and I was scared." But her teammates were supportive and Samara, even though she was a first time player, did a great job. Now she's happy to be part of an undefeated team.

Yes, the girls are strong. Both singles and the doubles teams were resplendent, winning the League 10 and 0 and 12 and 0 overall.

Valeria will be back as well as Paula Vasquez, Paola Garcia and the others. We'll look forward to these girls taking the spotlight again and going even farther.

	Mount St. Carmel	Bishops	Mar Vista	Carlsbad	Rancho Bernardo	Rancho Buena Vista
1	10-5	6-4	6-0	6-1	10-4	3-6

I seized the dei when I finished the 50 meter freestyle in the Junior Olympic qualification time.
- Nicole Conner

I led Mater Dei's Junio and touchdowns this

Team Up Isabella Paoloni and Dominique Maroon are always ready for the return. This Doubles Team means business, both girls have a great swing and dominate on the courtsl

CIF

The girls worked hard all season, and did very well in CIF. Junior Valeria Corral, and sophomores Paula Vasquez, and Paola Garcia shined. Valeria went through three CIF rounds winning all three as well as making the All Around CIF team. Paula and Paola both did well. Paula played in two rounds, winning the first against Mount Carmel 10-15, but lost in her second round against Bishops 6-4. Paola played hard but lost in her first round against Rancho Bernardo 3-6. Still, the girls were won League and gained expertise in CIF. And they will be back next year.

releases her powerful back swing. Valeria's tennis talent has helped the whole for the highest level of competition.

Maria Aguirre

Lidya Depietri, Natalia Corradino

Paola Garcia De Leon

Paola Garcia

Dei-namic Duos Our Lady Crusader doubles teams have an intense chemistry with each other, that just clicks on the court. Each team has a balanced combination of players. When their talents combine, they win their sets.

(Back Row): Coach Dave Borck, K. San Pedro, A. Mondaca, L. Depietri, V. Corral, I. Paoloni, P. Garcia, D. Maroon, Coach Lea Borck (Front Row): N. Corradino, P. Garcia De Leon, P. Vazquez, E. Ramirez, M. Aguirre

Varsity football team in rushing yards season. - Kathrel Maynard

I won my baseball tournament and played several different positions during the tournament. - Luis Lopez

Making Strides

It's no surprise that when runners return they improve; yet this is an understatement for athletes like Ileana Lemos and Alejandra Felix. Both girls ran JV last year, but with summer conditioning and tremendous effort at practice, they made it to Varsity, and both ran at Mt. SAC. Their accomplishments are an inspiration to other members, showing that no matter where we begin, we can make it far.

Sand Strides Ximena Posada speeds down the sand in Imperial Beach. The sand is no feat for this freshman runner.

Fierce Face Freshman runner, Diego Olivares, sets his mind on the finish at the final sprint.This last stretch is the highlight of the races, seconds making all the difference.

Boys vs.

Bonita	Olympian	Otay Ranch	Eastlake	Hilltop
Won	Loss	Loss	Loss	Won

Girls vs.

Bonita	Olympian	Otay Ranch	Eastlake	Hilltop
Loss	Loss	Loss	Loss	Won

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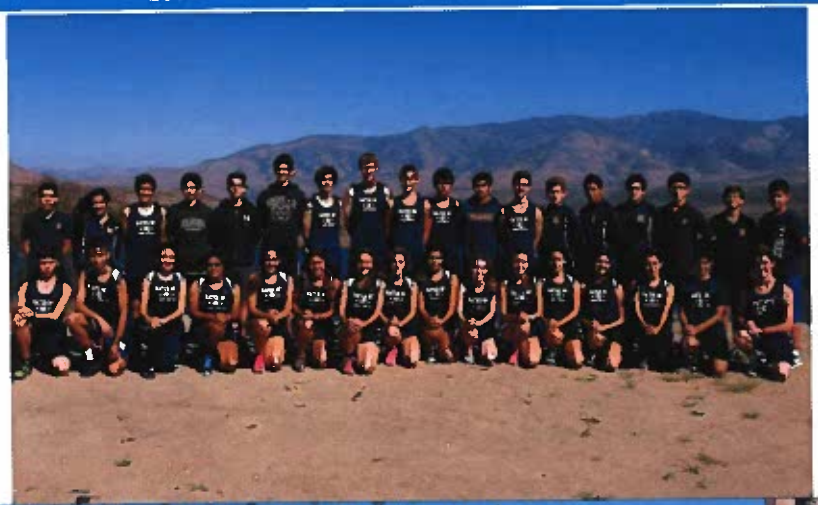
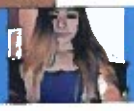
Front Row: E. Charvel, C. Luna, S. Mata, M. Curtice, X. Posada, M. Sanchez, M. Campos, M. Healy, D. De La Toba, B. Healy, S. Lopez, I. Lemos, K. Sarabia, A. Felix, R. Flores, C. Braden



Breathe It Out Senior M Ireland keeps his cool by controlling his breathing. H knows what it takes to keep going. Strive for the finish!

I was dauntless when I rode my first roller coaster. I was afraid of heights but overcame my fear. It is a highlight of my life. - Erica Mora



I went cliff diving it exciting time of my

And Miles to go before we sleep

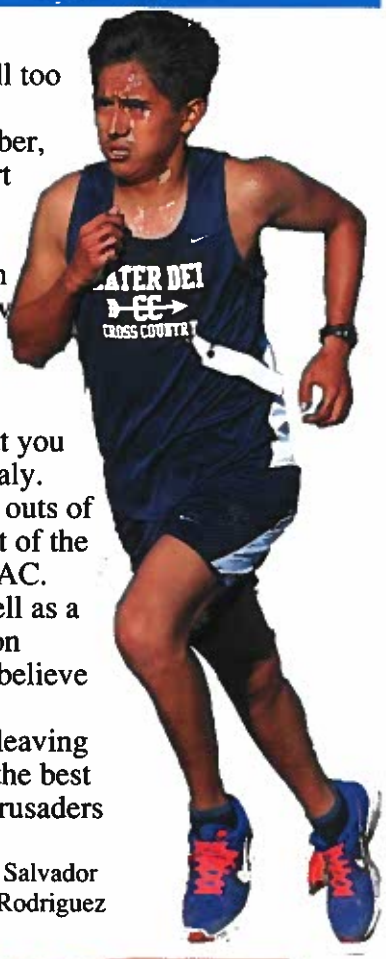
Cross Country

By Malia Noble

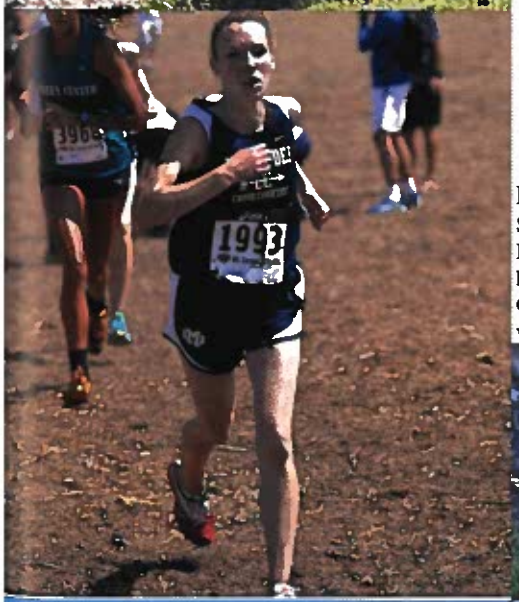
"It's not a race against the clock, but a race against yourself." Varsity runner, Brighid Healy knows this all too well, describing the mindset our runners are in while competing in each race. Training from July to November, our Crusader cross country team puts in constant effort in an attempt to get to State once again. Salvador Rodriguez's performance in every race is an example of this hard work, placing 5th in the San Diego section and 62nd at the State Championships. With many new faces enduring the strenuous conditioning and facing "Hill Week," this year's team is striving for nothing but the best.

"The most difficult part is mentally believing that you can physically do it," says varsity runner Madelyn Healy. Running all 4 years on Varsity, she knows the ins and outs of staying focused, something that has been a crucial part of the cross country team's success, like getting to run Mt. SAC. The prestigious race is a highlight of the season, as well as a great motivator. Senior, Miranda Campos comments on Coach Carla, "The best thing Coach has told me is to believe in my running abilities."

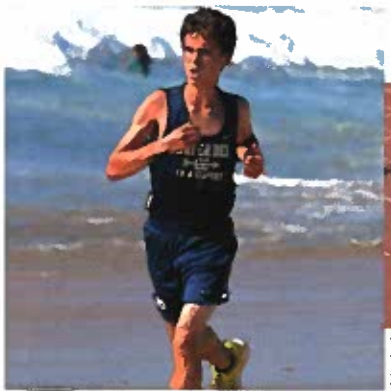
There are some outstanding seniors who will be leaving the team, including Susana Lopez, who says, "I wish the best for the team. Also, take good care of Coach Carla!" Crusaders wouldn't have it any other way!



Salvador Rodriguez



Uphill Battle Brighid Healy makes her way past competitors up a hill. The team's tough training makes mole hills out of mountains.



Puppy Love Susana Lopez and Madelyn Healy play with her friendly puppy, Casey. It's not all hard work at practice!

Going The Distance Joseph Chiappe darts across the sand in IB. Mater Dei's home course is a favorite for the team.

Huddle Up Coach Carla calls the team in for a prayer and pep talk before a race. Prayer before competition reminds our runners that God is present in all things.

Hawaii and it was one of the most life. - Micah Apatan

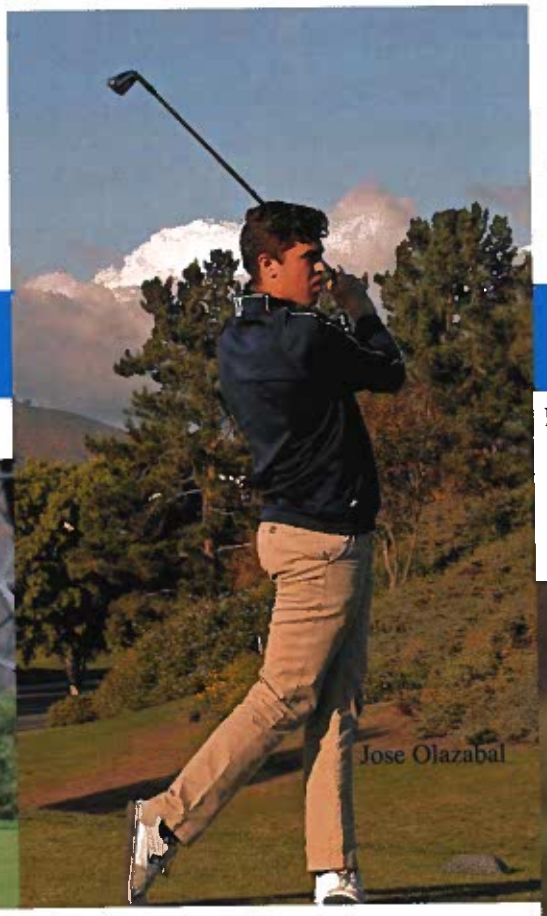
I seized the dei by not comparing myself to others. - Ana Olivia Laniado

Putting it All In

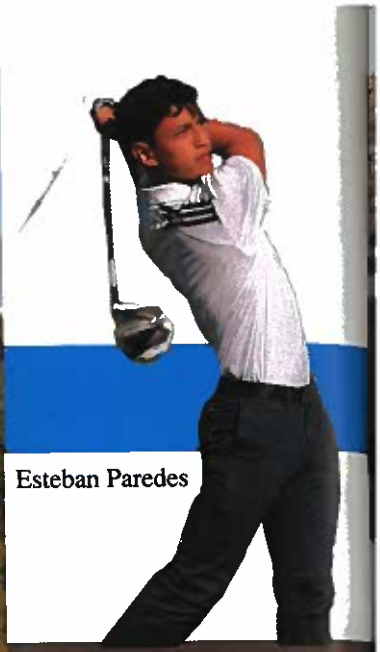
By Emilly Contreras

Boys and Girls Golf

Peyton Zizzi



Jose Olazabal



Esteban Paredes

Girl golfers are hard to find, but four new girls, joined veteran golfers, Peyton Zizzi and Jessica Mangrobang. Alexander Scott had played a bit as a child but never on a team. When she sank a 30 foot putt and a got a birdie she felt pretty proud. Jeanette Gonzalez chose golf because, "you walk, not run." And her friend Sofia Papadokis agrees. But also adds, I thought golf would be easy and now I realize it's the hardest sport of all. Andrea Robert had played off and on for nine years and was ready to help the team out. She sunk a long putt, over 35 yards, against Otay Ranch. "It was sweet." Peyton Zizzi describes that competition as well, "I made a long putt on the sixth hole to save the par and win." For most of the girls this was their first game and the victory was encouraging. Jessica Mangrobang sums it up, "It was a good start but next year will be better."

The boys lost some key players this year and thought that replacing them would be difficult, but they still managed. Senior captain Esteban Paredes constantly pushed the team, and some freshmen and sophomores really stepped up. Jose Maria Olazabal aka Chema said, "The team is above par in most aspects and balance each other out during matches." The first match was against West Hills High. The Crusaders were a little off their game, but won. They put in extra work at practice and came back stronger. They went on to take three consecutive wins over Olympian, Otay Ranch, and Hilltop. Being his last season Trent Lilley said, "I am happy when we all play well together." With the help of Coach Valenzuela and each other, the boys will continue to grow strong and shoot low.

I went outside of my comfort zone by being more enthusiastic and involved in class. I like to stand out and speak during school. - Nicholas Wilcox

I leaped from the bungee-jumping platform at the Del Mar Fair Grounds. The ground was thirteen stories below me. - Edward Hagerty

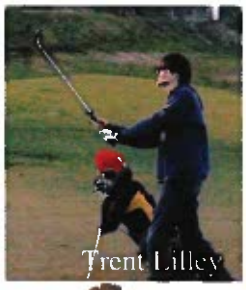
Coach Alex Valenzuela: J. Petro, A. Sharp, B. Dillon, E. Garcia, J. Olazabal, L. Gonzales, T. Lilley, C. Viscontti, A. Gomez , K. Li Zhang, Not pictured: E. Paredes

League and CIF

Veteran golfer Jessica Mangrobang and Crusader newcomer Peyton Zizzi had a great season with many accomplishments. Jessica made the 1st CIF All Around Team, and won The Mesa League Player of the Year award. She also made her way to the Regionals. Peyton won First Team All League in her first year playing for the Crusaders.

As for the boys, last year Sophomore Jose Maria Olazabal recieved 1st Team Mesa Honors and went on to represent the Crusaders at CIF. If everyone stays healthy and works hard the team has a good chance of more CIF appearances.

Jessica Mangrobang



Trent Lilley

Just Swing Sophomore Emiliano Garcia lines it up and lets go his powerful drive.

Cool, Calm and in the Hole Luis Gonzales has no problems on the green.

Athletic Director and Golf Coach Bill Gerken, J. Mangrobang, A. Scott, J. Gonzalez, P. Zizzi, A. Robert, S. Papadakis

When I was in 7th grade, I was not very social. I went outside of my comfort zone by finding a lonely person and making them my friend. - Ana Dorantes

I have seized the dei by talking to the girl I like. - Jorge Damian Contreras Sandoval

Junior Varsity

Forty boys tried out for the the team and only twenty made it. These boys are very competitive and talented. With many aggressive players the team is an attacking force. In practice, striking drills are a huge focus. "At practice we work on our striking skills very much and I feel like they has really improved," says Sophomore Raymond Torres. The team needs to practice on shooting with precision, but they are headed in a great direction for League with talented forwards, mids, and defenders.

The New Frontman Sophomore Raymond Torres fits right in the JV starting line-up using his striking skills to help rack up the goals for the Crusaders.

Strike It Sophomore Jorge Escasan takes the goal kicks like a pro sending them well beyond the 50 yards line.

Fresh Legs Freshman Juan Paul Ley runs down the wing. He's been on fire with five goals under his belt during pre-season and scored the winning goal to seal a successful league season.

Bonita Vista	Otay Ranch	Olympian	Eastlake	Bonita Vista	Olympian	Eastlake
1-0	0-0	2-1	2-2	4-0	1-1	2-1

Bonita Vista	Otay Ranch	Olympian	Eastlake	Otay Ranch	Bonita Vista	Olympian	Eastlake	Grossmont	Bishops	Oceansi
1-0	1-2	5-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	3-0	5-0	4-0	1-0	0-1

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Front Row: C. Cerna, A. Herrera, J. Bresaneno, J. Ley, H. Pena, E. Navarro, M. Rodriguez, H. Flores, D. Villegas

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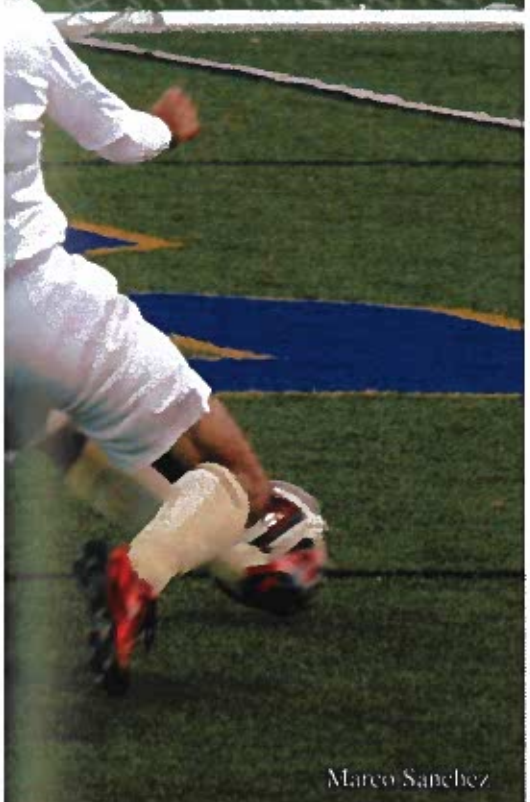
I seized the dei by eating a lot of tacos at a restaurant. I ate five before leaving the place. - Laura Saldana

I went outside of climbing. I rappel

Just Shoot it.

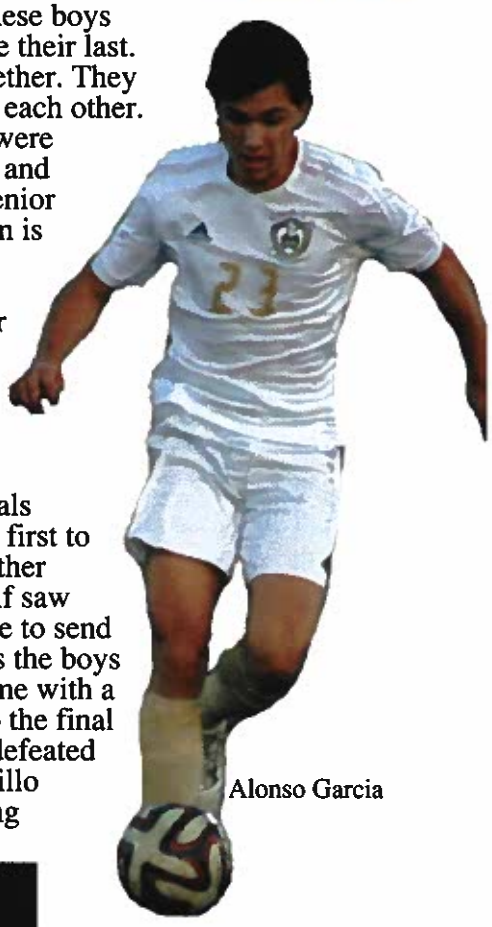
Boys Soccer

By Emilly Contreras



Marco Sanchez

Is the World Cup 2014 still on the brain? These boys came each and every day to play as if it were their last. Most of the starting XI play club soccer together. They knew how each other plays and how to play each other. They had their goals aimed very high, they were familiar with all the teams in their division, and were confident they could go all the way. Senior Captain Jordan Chavez explained, "The team is an attacking force focused on wining everything." They were highly motivated especially after Jordan scored a goal in their 1-0 victory over State Champions Southwest High. This highly talented team packed with elite seniors wanted the League and CIF title and they were very confident in their abilities. The team played Grossmont High at home in the Quarter-Finals where they dominated. Ronato Rosique was first to score, Oscar Sanchez followed up with another great goal and took the first half. Second half saw both Alonso Garcia and Jordan Chavez score to send the boys off to the Semi- Finals. At Bishops the boys battled all eighty minutes, until stoppage time with a golazo from Alonso to take the Crusaders to the final at Madison High where they met and were defeated by Oceanside in overtime. Christian Delgadillo sums it up, "We were defeated without losing heart."



Alonso Garcia

Feet Too Sophomore goalie Adrian Roman uses his defensive field skills to blast the ball away from the opposing team and give the Crusaders time to regroup.

A Team Most of the team are seniors who also play together away from school. Their chemistry translates onto the field. Together they are a huge attacking force.

Natural Striker Senior Ronato Rosique has excellent form when he goes to strike the ball into the back of the net.

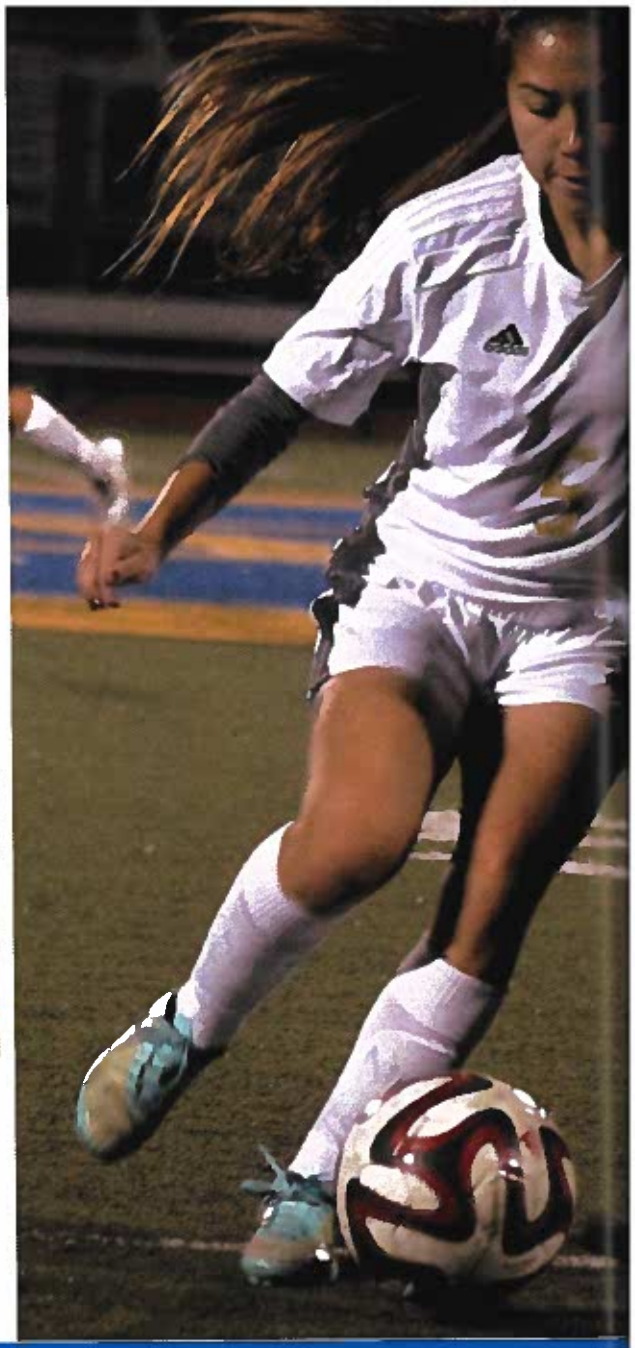
The Wall Senior Defender Jordan Chavez makes a goal with force and precision.

comfort zone the day I decided to go rock down the mountain. - Gerardo Perales

I seized the dei by living in six different states during my sixteen years of life. - Aubrey Gardi

Junior Varsity

Courage, persistence, and teamwork is what drove the JV Lady Crusaders team to try their best. Most of the girls participating in the sport had never touched a soccer ball before. Senior Nicole Madrazo reflects on her season commenting, "I have never played soccer in my life but this season opened my eyes and allowed me to learn a lot."



Go For It Nicole Madrazo has her first date with a soccer ball, and looks pretty good.

Satisfied Squad Ana Paola Garcia, Blanca Perales, Lilly Contreres, Michaela Keenan, and D'Brianna Nuno walk off the field at halftime pleased with their performance.

Pro Talk Coach Sarah instructs Renata Fabre to play strategically and tactically. International player Coach Sarah stresses that in soccer, you need to learn every aspect of the game and part of this is mental stability and strength.

San Diego Jewish Academy	Olympian
1-0	0-3

Bonita Vista	Otay Ranch	Olympian	Eastlake	Otay Ranch	Bonita Vista	Olympian	Eastlake
0-7	0-0	0-3	0-7	1-0	0-9	2-1	0-6

L. Contreras, A. Arnold, B. Perales, N. Madrazo, M. Curtice, Coach Sarah, M. Serrano, R. Fabre, H. Barajas, A. Delgado, D. Sanchez, E. Arnold, M. Quinteros, D. Nuno, P. Basurto, A. Alcantar

Coach Tom A. Jamison, S. Finch, M. Keenan, V. Ayon , B. Garrido , I. Rojas, A. Castillo, A. Scott, A. Lyle, E. Contrares, Coach Oscar, K. White, A. Stonehouse, Y. Guardado, N. Utrilla, G. Ayala, G. Downing, C. Pereyra

I seized the dei by standing up for a friend that was being picked on. I told the bully to stop and he did. We all eventually became friends and I found another piece of confidence in me while learning to defend others. - Liana Malunes

Fresh Start

Girls Soccer

By Arianna Inferrera

Gigi Downing

A soccer girl's life is never easy. Smelly socks, turf burns, waking up sore, and never ending conditioning consume their lives. Through it all, it is the passion and thrill they feel when that ball hits the back of the net. This season, the girls were broken down and rebuilt again with a new coaching staff and new players. They were able to set the record straight and prove to themselves and the Crusader Nation that they were on a road to success. Leading the team, Yaira Guardado, was an influential role in the success of pre-season triumphs leading the team with an average of one goal per game. The squad was able to clutch an early spot in the CIF quarterfinals due to their outstanding record in pre-season. Senior captain Andrea Stonehouse comments, "Coach Tom and Coach Oscar have helped guide us through this season. From beginning to end, they truly cared about the squad and encouraged us to strive for greatness after every game." This season the girls competed against high level teams such as Eastlake and Bonita Vista. They came out victorious against Olympian in a 2-1 score which led to a victory in the quarterfinal game against San Diego Jewish Academy with a 1-0 win. The team was able to make it to the semifinals, the farthest this soccer team has gone so far.

Yaira Guardado

Calm and Collected
Andrea Stonehouse calmly focuses on the prize, the ball. As captain, she is the rock of the team and strives to balance everyone out.

Klassy Kick
Star goalkeeper, Brittany Garrido, punts the ball to half field. Her skills have allowed her to save the day for Mater Dei.

Dreadful Dribble
Senior Nathalie Paulette, uses her skillful techniques to race by defenders in hopes to make a game changing play. Her creative moves have helped alter outcomes.

Injury Reserve Four influencial players, Shelby Finch, Emilly Contreras, Arianna Inferrera, and Gigi Downing, were unable to compete in the whole season due to meniscus and ACL injuries. That never stopped these girls from supporting the squad on and off the field.

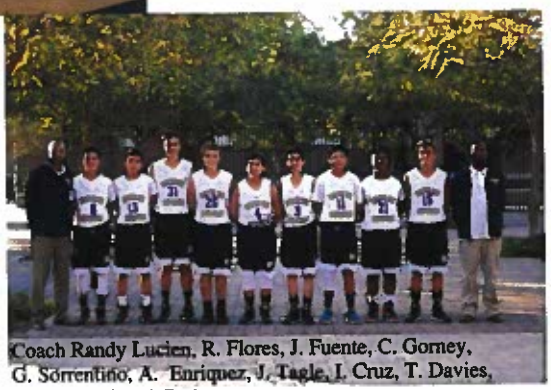
Two years ago, I participated in a program called Cybermission as part of the Science Fair. My group and I created a project that would help the environment. The project involved testing if natural products like lemons could kill bacteria as well as clean. - Kenna Gutierrez

Freshmen
Junior Varsity

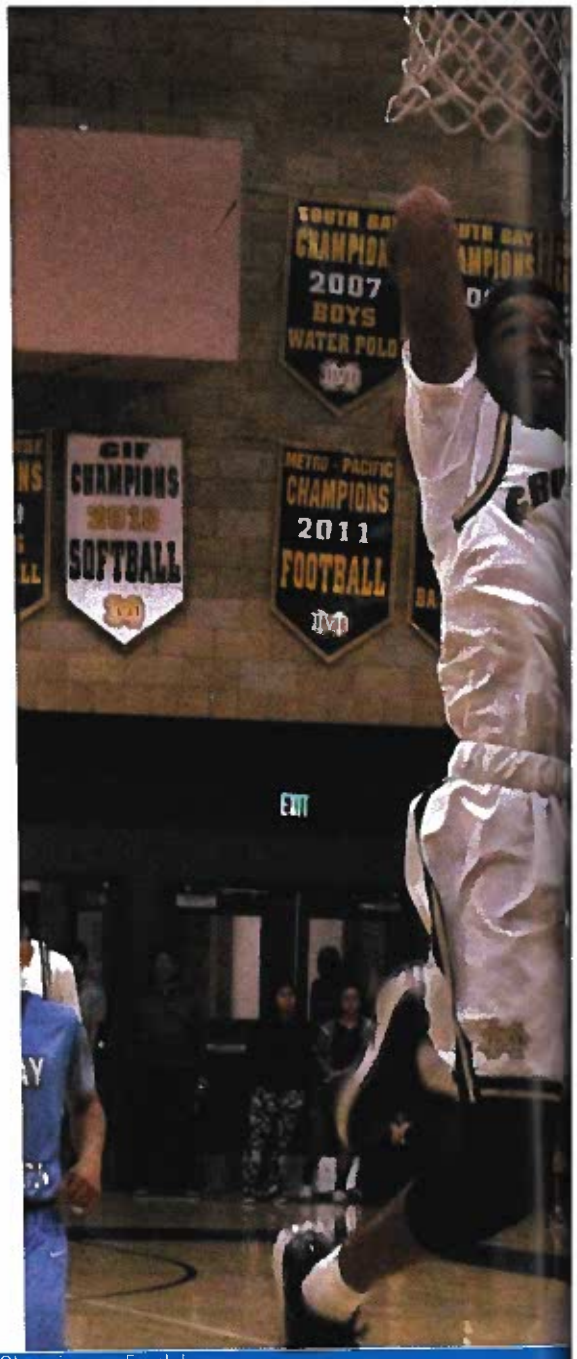
The coaches instill hard a work ethic for both teams. Sophomore Anthony Nguyen explains, "The team motto is good, better, best. Never quit till your best is better and your better is best. The athletes work hard at practice and in the weight room before school." The team has made progress by using this motto to win many league and tournament games.

Sharp Shooter Cameron Smith takes the three point shot as the clock ticks down. He breezes past his opponents with swift movements on the court.

Shoot For the Hoop Freshman Juan Fuentes stands on the side to attempt a dreaded angle shot.



Coach Randy Lucien, R. Flores, J. Fuente, C. Gorney, G. Sorrentino, A. Enriquez, J. Tagle, I. Cruz, T. Davies, B. Brown, Coach Parker



Sierra	Morse
40-33	50-60

Bonita Vista	Otay Ranch	Olympian	Eastlake	Otay Ranch	Bonita Vista	Olympian	Eastlake
55-58	67-49	68-41	62-53	80-55	45-36	66-20	61-65

Top Row: C. Kidd, J. Viss, H. Williams, M. Norris, J. Viss, T. Anderson, B. Galleta, J. Hands
Bottom Row: A. Vazquez, B. Keyes, J. Dutra, P. Verdugo, R. Duran, A. Eribez
Not Pictured: Coach Caesar, Coach Cruz

Top Row: Coach Brandon Cheeks, C. Smith, J. Kennan, C. Del Real, M. Garcia, T. Buenviaje, A. Sharp, J. Bayless, G. Carranza Bottom Row: Z. Huang, J. Lopez, R. Jackson, J. Huang, S. Jones, A. Nguyen, J. Jovellano

I always say today is going to be a great day. When it's not, I surround myself with people who make it great. -Lilly Contreras

I have stepped outside of my comfort zone by joining and participating in activities I normally would not get involved in, such as being a team manager for the football team. - Emily Miranda

Hustle & Heart Sets Us Apart

Boys Basketball

By Sydney Gastineau

The Crusader basketball team is known for winning league titles and championships, but the loss of senior players this year was tough, only one senior started along with two sophomores and two freshman. Still, it transformed the team's dynamic and their way of communicating. Sophomore Jaylen Hands (5) reflects on the difference, "We lost leadership, but because we lost the commanding roles we learned how to adapt to each other. As players, we were aware of our strengths and weaknesses so we were better able to understand the person next to us as we played." The new communication on the court allowed the players to have a new style of playing. They were not able to dominant the other teams by size, but they could master shooting the ball. By doing this the athletes were able to take control of their games. Senior Beda Galleta (42) explains how this situation led them to have their best game of the season. "The first game against Eastlake was the first time we used everybody's talents to win a game. We knew what we were going to do before it happened, and knew what strategy to use to execute the next play." After that, the boys went on a winning road. In the second game against Bonita Vista, Beda Galleta (42) made an impressive shot, one which brought the Crusaders back into the game. After a victory against Serra the boys were defeated by Morse. Our Crusaders are now co-league champions.

Jaylen Hands

Joel Viss

Top Shot Miles Norris makes a perfect basket after being fouled. His two points helped bring the team to victory.

Sink It with Style Trey Anderson goes high for a lay up, sealing the Titan defense behind him.

Got Ball? Ruben Duran shoots for a two pointer as Eastlake's defense surrounds him.

High Jump Jacob Viss leaps towards the basket for the layup. He leaves the opponent's defense struggling to reach the ball.

I seized the dei by helping the homeless. I made a difference in their lives and grew in my courage because I gave money to a stranger. - Jorge Tagle

I was dauntless when singing in front of fifteen people, thus conquering my stage fright. - Manuella Sobol

Junior Varsity

The girls faced a series of trials as they began the season struggling to get enough players. After placing third in a tournament, they faced extremely difficult league teams. It's an old story about a small school that struggles to maintain strong junior teams. But not to worry, the best will advance to varsity where great things may and do happen.

On the Run Jessica Alcaraz drives toward the basket looking for a layup.

Frosh Facility Samara Martinez catches the pass and looks over her shoulder, eying the basket.

Ready, Set, Shoot Mia Sanchez is poised and ready to shoot her second free throw against Bonita Vista.

Eastlake	Olympian	Bonita	Marlborough	Otay
73-62	63-50	47-57	38-36	48-33

Serra	San Marcos	Buena Vista	Cathedral	Horizon
43-45	52-36	70-54	72-64	49-69

Coach Jones, S. Martinez, H. Taglinao, J. Alcaraz, M. Sanchez, F. Sammartano, Coach Smyth

E. Powell, K. Sellona, T. Young, A. Ancheta, T. Rodriguez, O. Hilliard, A. Collins, J. Beda, K. Newman, J. Brasfield, M. Apatan, A. Cabrera, Coach David Monroe, Coach Druzella White

I seized the dei by learning to play as a middle linebacker for football. I am getting better, but I will still work on it. - Joshua Sartor

I went outside of my homeless man money eat. - Daniel Garate

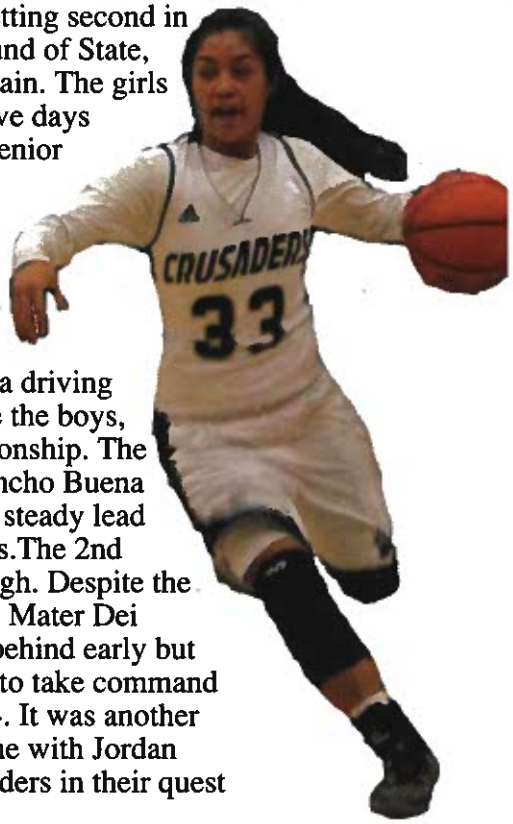
Power Through

Girls Basketball

By Cene' Willis

Jordan Brasfield

After winning league ten years in a row, getting second in CIF last year, and making it to the third round of State, Coach David Monroe expected the best again. The girls practiced and conditioned for two hours, five days a week depending on the game schedule. Senior captain Kristine Sellona remarks on the regimen, "Seeing all my hard work and dedication pay off on the court pushed me to work hard. The girl motivated each other, including co-captain, Onjalise Hilliard, who was injured early in the season and could not play, "I wanted to be a driving force, no matter what." Unfortunately, like the boys, they tied with Eastlake for League Championship. The first game in the CIF finals was against Rancho Buena Vista at home where the girls maintained a steady lead after the Longhorns initially scored 6 points.The 2nd playoff game took the girls to Cathedral High. Despite the Don's size advantage and favored position, Mater Dei played with heart and vigor. The girls fell behind early but quickly turned it around with a 21 to 2 run to take command of the game, then won going away 72 to 64. It was another exciting year and there will be more to come with Jordan Brasfield and Joice Beda leading the Crusaders in their quest for excellence.



Kristine Joy Sellona

Jumping For Two E'manie Powell goes over a Rancho defender to make a jump shot. She's little but she's quick.

Senior Solidarity Amy Cabrera gets an offensive rebound and looks for an outlet pass to Kat Newman. As always, Kristine Sellona watches for the opportunity to score.

Miss Versatility Joice Beda squares up and looks to either pass or shoot. Joice improved by leaps and bounds and could be plugged into any position.

Looking Up Micah Apatan always has her eyes on the basket looking to score. The team was happy she transferred from Otay Ranch.

comfort zone when I gave a
so that he could buy himself food to

I enjoy hanging out with kids who do not have as many friends as other kids do. - Shaun Jones

Pin Em' & Win Em'

Wrestling

By Teresa Huynh

Jonas Ullsperger

Cade Congden and Coach Ullsperger

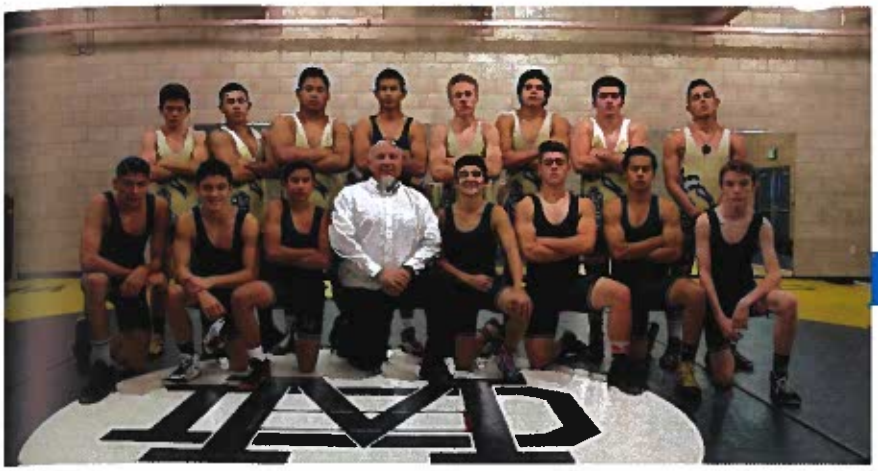
Alexandro 'Raptor' Carrillo

Marching into a brand new season is never an easy thing to do, but hard work and dedication can pay off. Others call the sport lame, but they don't realize how much it takes to be a wrestler. The team completes intense workout activities, such as running the Crusader mile, manipulating large ropes for grip strength, and weight training to prepare for the demanding season. The team is still developing and working hard to come out on top. "We've been practicing insane and have turned up the intensity." remarks sophomore Cade Congden. And it paid off when history was made by the team winning its first duel ever against Bonita Vista, "Unfortunately, two of the younger freshmen Nick Lopez and Jordan Wesson, were lost due to injuries. Nevertheless, that did not stop the boys from going above and beyond. Co-captain Ivan Duran comments, "My vision for this season was to place in every tournament I participated in, and I'd say I did a pretty good job at accomplishing my goals." As a senior, Ivan became a Metro League Champion and placed second in CIF for his weight class. Wrapping up the season, three varsity wrestlers competed in the Masters Tournament. The team will only lose three seniors and with most of the athletes being freshmen and sophomores, the prospects for next year are looking up.

Hilltop	Bonita Vista	Olympian	Otay Ranch	Eastlake
30-45	54-24	36-42	24-36	17-56

I craziest thing I have done was when I went under this big cascade and almost slipped because the water was moving so fast. - Jesus Piceno

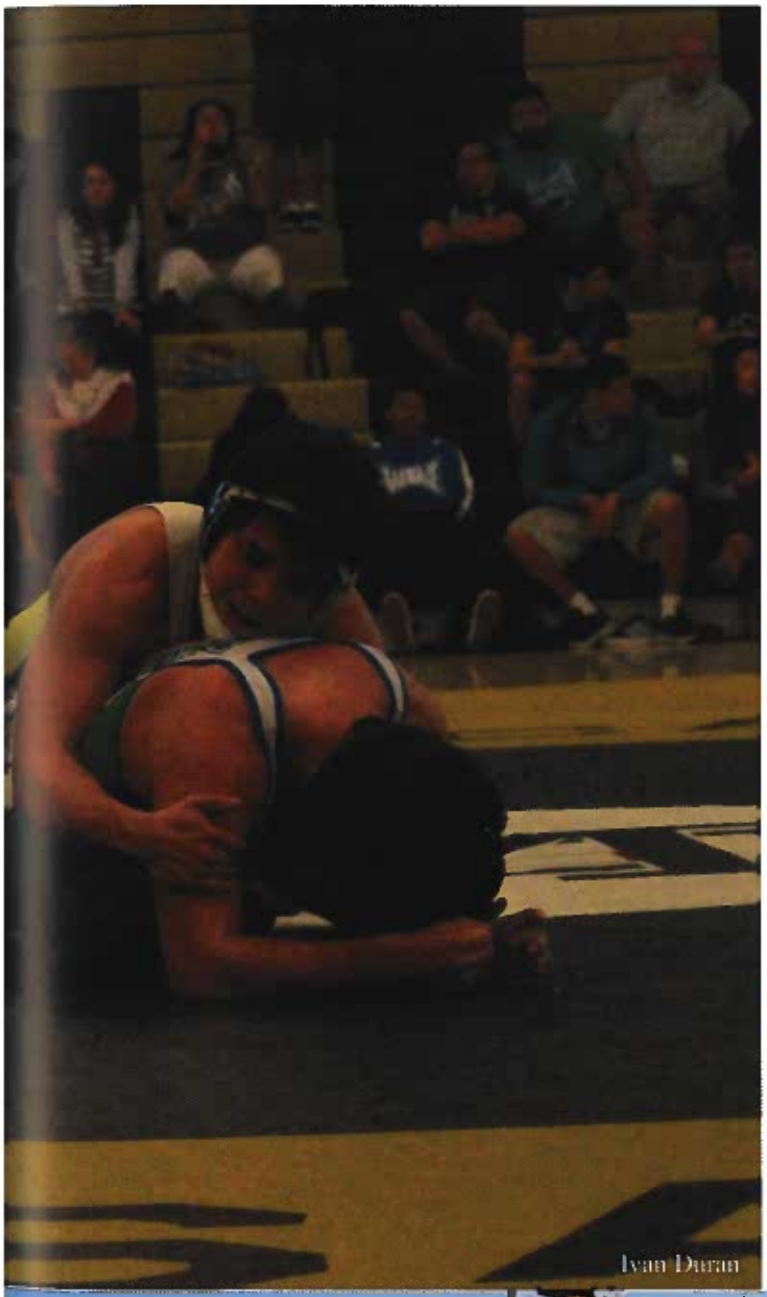
I seized the dei by pinnin my name in the sport



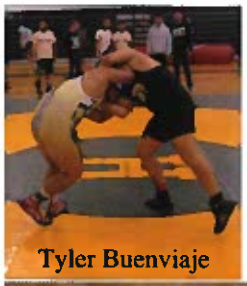
Top Row: N. Lopez, R. Carrillo, T. Buenviaje, F. Hernandez, J. Ullsperger, I. Duran, N. Lutteroth, A. Carrillo Bottom Row: J. Hernandez, T. Wesson, P. Hernandez, Coach Ullsperger, J. Wesson, C. Congden, B. Lopez, M. Sartor Not Pictured: Assistant Coach Brett Sanchez, S. Bradley

The Mighty Men

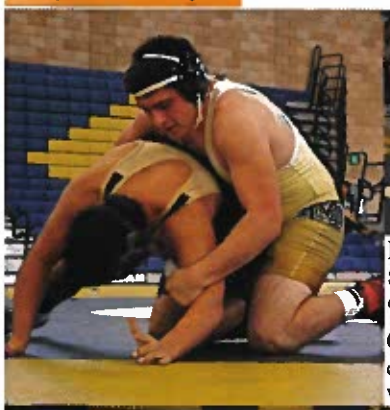
All 12 boys wrestled in CIF, but only 5 were pinning and winning. Sophomores Jonas Ullsperger (3rd), Cade Congden (4th), and Nico Lutteroth (5th) received a place on the podium alongside Seniors Ivan Duran (2nd) and Alexandro 'Raptor' Carillo (5th). Fortunately, 3 of the 5 boys moved onto Masters and put up a valiant fight. Their medals prove a hard-working, successful season.

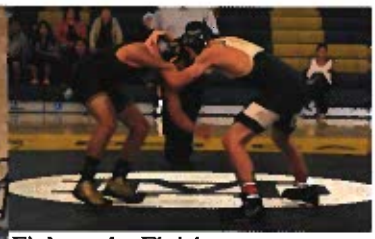


Ivan Duran



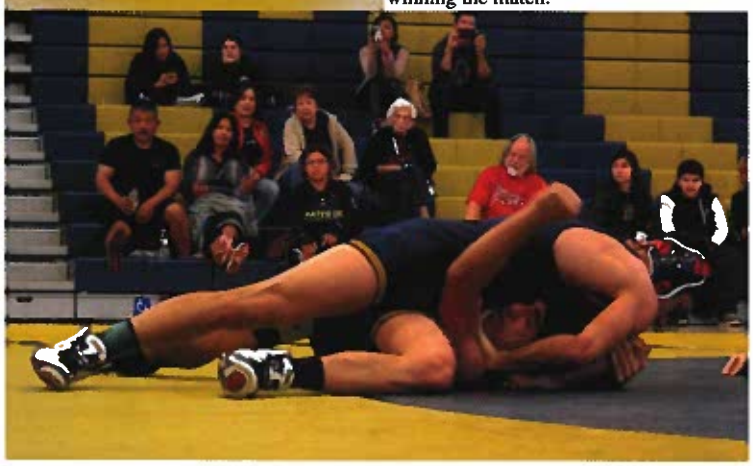
Tyler Buenviaje





Fight to the Finish Senior Braulio Lopez reaches to take down his Bonita Vista opponent

One on One Nico Lutteroth rides his challenger for control and ends up winning the match.



Tough Takedown Tristan Wesson sticks his competition in the second period after controlling him the whole match.

Finish Your Job Ivan Duran dominates his Eastlake opponent with skill and technique. By the end of the season, he finished 1st Team All-League.

rivals, working hard, and making
I love. - Jonas Ullsperger

I was working with my aunt at her store and we saw a homeless man looking through trash. We gave him cans to recycle and I gave him my cap. - Adolfo Aguilar

Junior Varsity

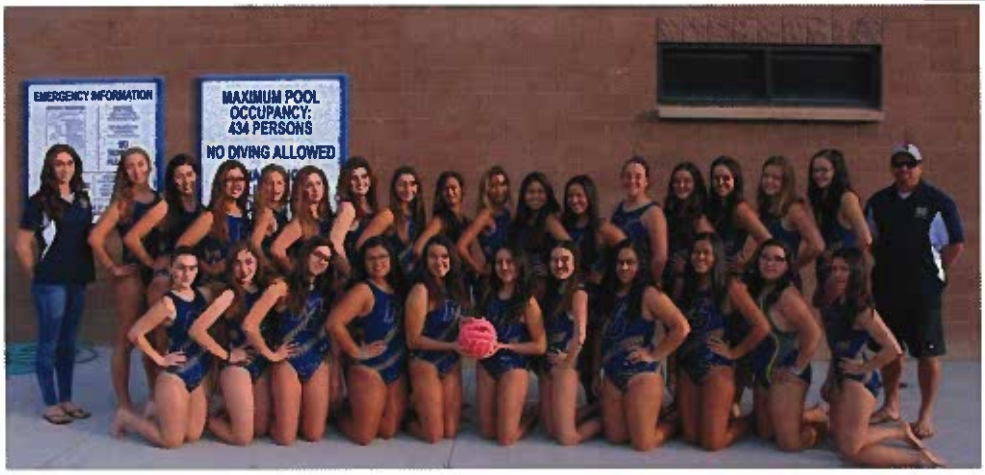
It's been a tough season for the JV Lady Crusaders, but nevertheless, through defeat has come many lessons and memories. Sophomore player, Sabrina Mata expresses, "As a team, we've improved tremendously and persistence has been key to this development." Through the rough patch that this season presented, many of the girls understood the importance of team unity and leadership, skills that will carry them onto a more successful next season.

Blockade Ximena Posada travels with the ball during the game. She sees the blocker and knows not to throw yet.

Splash Zone Olivia Adams swims with the ball towards the center of the pool. She demonstrates the playful yet competitive nature of this intense sport.

A Far Reach Junior Olivia Guevara stretches as far as she can in order to reach the ball. Another new addition to the team, she has proven that hard work and practice can be as effective as prior experience.

Bonita 3-14	Otay Ranch 5-7
Olympian 17-5	Eastlake 7-14



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Not in My House Junior Lauren Maalouf prepares to slap the ball away from the goal. The varsity goalie has been a valuable asset to the team throughout the successful season.

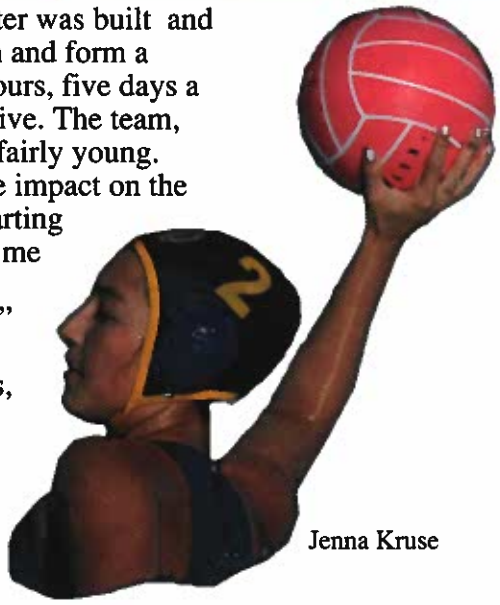
I have seized the dei by joining numerous extracuriculars at Mater Dei to be more involved in the school. - Mariela Franco

I have gone outside Spirit during school school and for the

High Corners
High Score
Girls Waterpolo

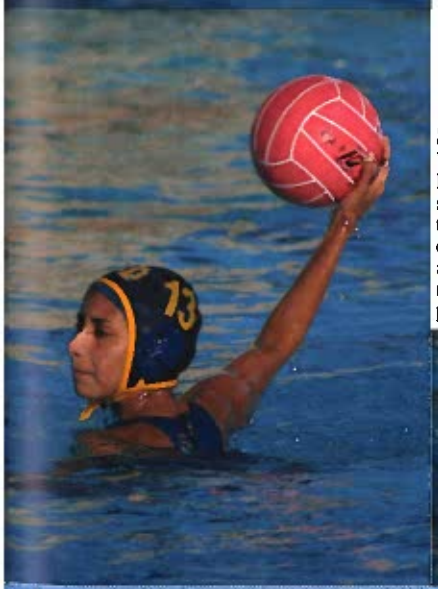
By Malia Noble

It has been two years since the aquatic center was built and the Aqua Lady Crusaders were quick to swim in and form a hardworking team. These ladies practice long hours, five days a week and are gearing themselves to be competitive. The team, composed mostly of sophomores and juniors is fairly young. However, the freshman and seniors make a huge impact on the rest of the team. Emily Miranda comments, "Starting the season as the only freshman on varsity gave me the motivation to learn how the game is played and reach the skill level of my older teammates." Her hard work will pay off, much like Varsity Captain, Yessenia Lugo's did. Yessenia explains, "I would really like us to grow as a team and as individuals and to leave behind a Crusader legacy. As a senior, I feel proud because I have been working hard since day one of freshman year and I am happy to be a leader to these young girls."



Jenna Kruse

These ladies made strides this season, wiping out tough competitors such as Southwest 19-2 and Chula Vista 16-3, eventually being the first Lady Crusader water polo team to make it to CIF. In the first round, they defeated Castle Park 13-4 but their victory came to an end, facing Eastlake with an 18-5 loss. Despite how short lived this season's success was, these Crusaders are optimistic for next year, taking all they have learned in hopes to get even further.



Steady Shooter Varsity Captain Yessenia Lugo is calm in her shooting stance. One of the most dedicated ladies on the team, Yessenia is an inspiration and role model to the other players.

Fierce Focus Kaisha Serrano watches the water for her window of opportunity. It's this concentration that fueled the team's success up to CIF.

Ready Rookie Senior Alyssa Carranza looks at her target, getting ready to shoot. As a newcomer to the team, she quickly found her niche as an impressive player.

Keep Holding On Mary Machniak grips the ball and watches her back. Being aware of her surroundings was a tactic well learned this season.

of my comfort zone by showing my Mater Dei rallies and retreats. I scream really loud for my freshman class. - Fernando Margain

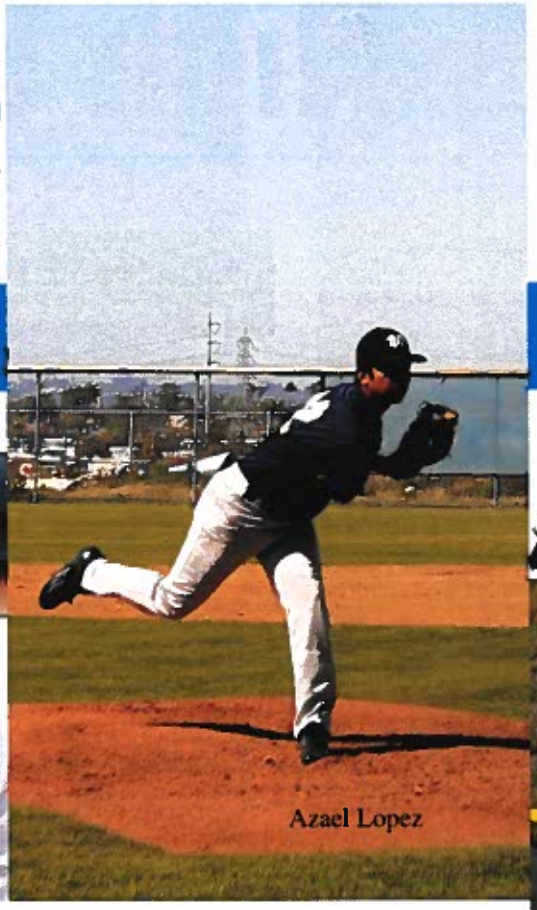
I go to Xolos games which relax me. I also listen to Lana Del Rey when I go home. - Paola Hernandez

90% Mental
50% Physical*

Baseball

By Eduardo Juarez

Isidro Velez


Azael Lopez

Sergio Villafranco

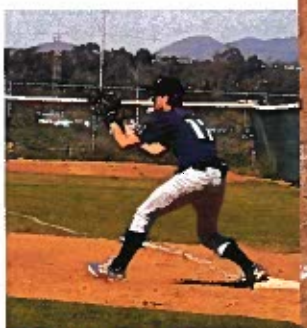
Waldo Chavez

This year our Crusaders are a young but experienced group that feature seven players who started on the 2014 club. They will be led by Isidro Valez, AKA Mr. Everything, who will be asked to improve on his 2016 campaign which saw him get all league honors while posting .385. The Crusaders will also rely on Aaron Calamanares for more run production as a late run saw him with .340 for the year. Add LHH infielder Arturo Amaya too (2 HR, 15 RBI) who will be called on to match and hopefully double his production from his last year.

On the mound, Calamanares, and Amaya will be joined with returning P/Of Azael Lopez (appearances 3.90 era) and staff ace Sergio Villafranco (3-1 3.60) who looks to improve on a stellar sophomore campaign. Alex Golembiewski will also look to help on the mound as well when not playing right field.. Newcomer Leo Machado, with the liveliest arm in this group, is a converted catcher who can help out on the mound. Seniors Waldo Chavez and Matt Ireland are ready/steady veterans who will help out in a moment's notice if need be. And watch for Arturo Amaya, a sweet swinging lefty who had a hot start in the first tournaments last year.

Though a fairly experienced group, they will have to gel with their new roles and new additions like junior Edgar Rodlahn in the center field and at first base. Using their heads and athletic ability the Crusaders look forward to a great year.

*Yogi Berra, of course


Easy Effort Matt Ireland catches on first for an out.

I came outside of my comfort zone by playing a terrifying zombie game with my friend. I actually had a lot of fun playing the game.
-Jenaro Zacarias

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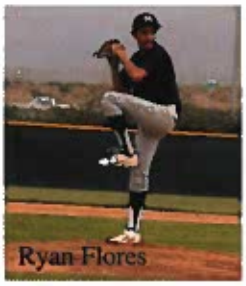
Coach Johnson, A. Aleksandravicius, D. Bracamante, P. Tamayo, L. Machado, W. Chavez, A. Colmenares , Coach Salce A. Lopez, I. Velez, S.Villafranco, A. Amaya, M. Ireland

Junior Varsity

This early in the season it is difficult to project the outcome for the team. There are a few veteran players such as Norris Taylor and Anthony Cordova but most are freshman. They have played larger and tougher teams including Montgomery. Christian, Madison and Grossmont. La Jolla Country Day was a game they will all want to forget, but won't. A nice highlight: Ricky Sotelo had an unassisted double play against Christian High School: as a second baseman, he fielded the ball, tagged second, and threw to first.



Ryan Flores

Dynasty Freshman Roman Flores stops the ball easily. He's the second Flores on the team.

Easy Out Pitcher Ryan Flores tosses the ball to Norris Taylor to stop the runner.

Coach Ray, B. Brown, D. Bracamonte, C. Smith , A. Cordova, E. Gomez , N. Taylor, A. Herrera, R. Flores, A. Herrera, R. Flores, R. Sotelo
Not Pictured: P. Jefferys, J. Villegas

learning how to surf. Learning to
in my life, but it was an exciting
never forget. -Natalia Banales

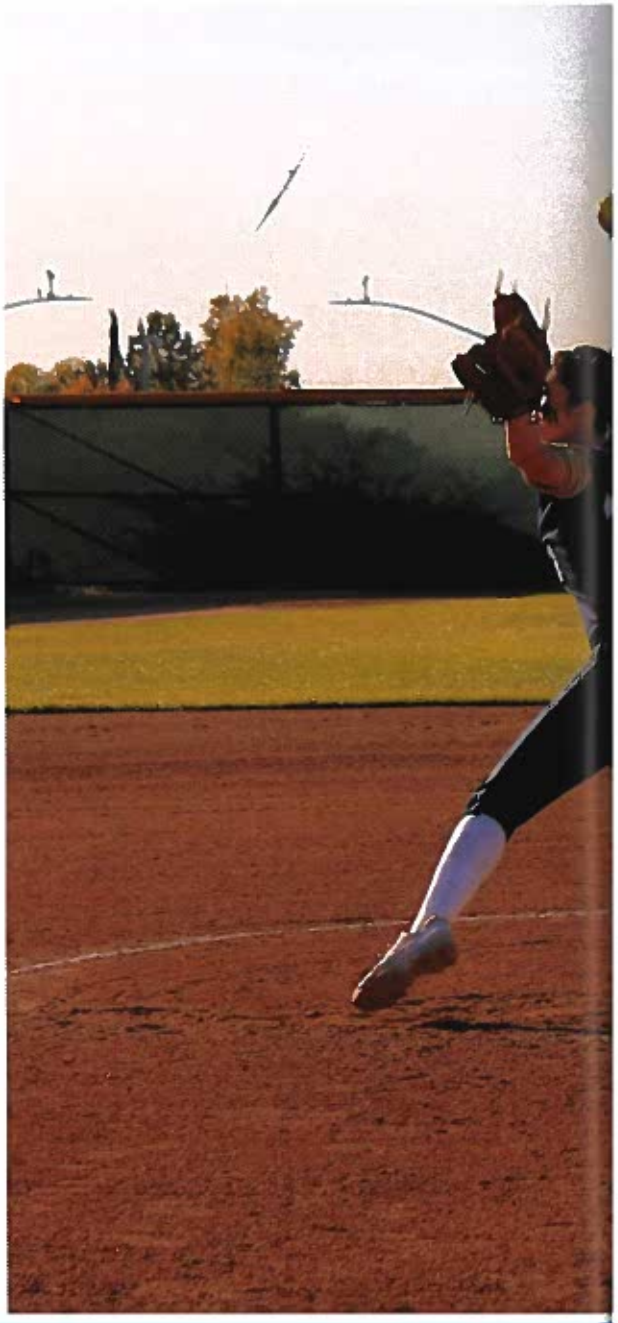
For eight years, I went to the same school with the same people. I had to step outside of my comfort zone to go to high school with all new people. It has turned out to be an amazing experience. - Daniela Rodriguez

Comeback Kid

Anissa Carrillo epitomizes the spirit of her team. While camping during her freshman year, she had an accident in an off road vehicle, resulting in multiple injuries, critical complications, and six surgeries. She was in a wheelchair for almost half a year, but she never left the team.

Anissa credits her teammates and Coach Mike Centruillo for giving her support but Anissa was her own strength too as she transformed her terrible ordeal into an opportunity for faith, endurance, strength and love.

In August 2012 Anissa not only began playing again but was voted Defensive Player of the Year as a sophomore and junior. "It's thrilling to watch her play," says her freshman English teacher Ms. Kelleher, "She is smart, quick and aggressive on 3rd, anticipating every action and then getting there when it happens."



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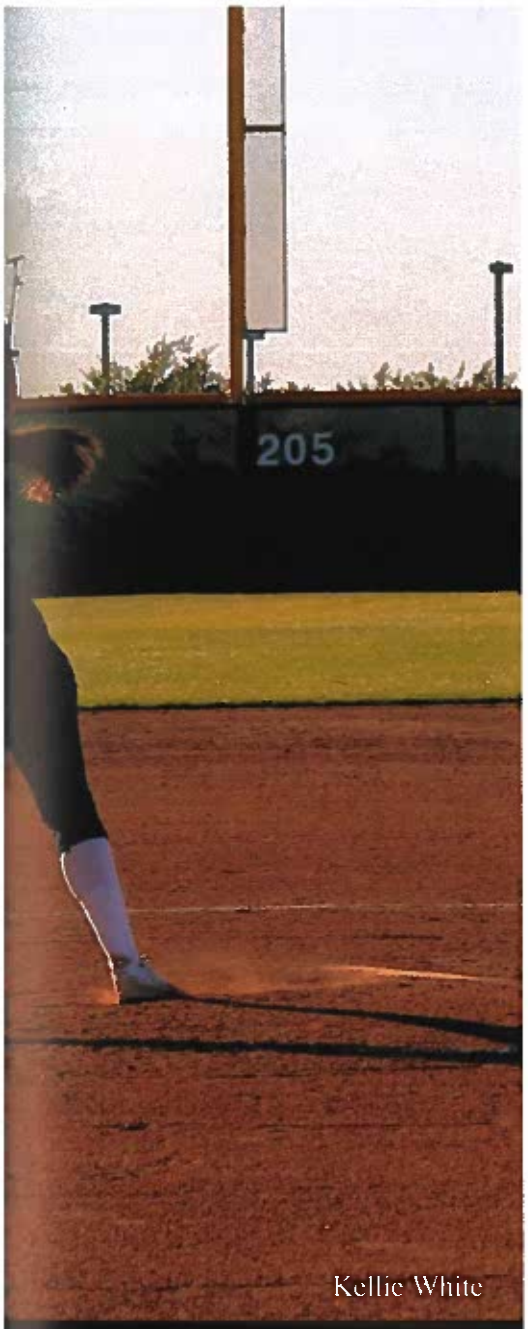
The best thing I have ever done was putting down my phone and realizing the real world outside. - Edoardo Gomez

I seized the dei ahead, and helping Homecoming.

Dream Team Machine

Softball

By Stephanie Schaffer and Cristina Fuentes



Kellie White

There's an air about the Varsity Softball team. You see it and you feel it just by watching the dugout before a game even starts. The girls seem professional. Everyone knows where they should be. They are aware of the whole spectacle: the line up, the drills, the traditions. When they take the field you can see they know what they are doing out there as well. They are well trained, disciplined, talented and formidable. They have won CIF five years in a row. It's hard to imagine a day when Coach Mike Centrullo had to teach his teams everything: to pay attention, where to throw the ball, how to position themselves. Now he doesn't have to do much because he has created a dynasty of winners who carry it on. He doesn't have to worry about filling the line up either because girls are lined up to come play. Maybe they will win again, a 6peat CIF championship. Whatever happens they will be a joy to watch because they put in the time, do the practice, push to their limit and beyond.

Alexis Morales

Fiercely Focused
Senior, Reyna Jamison, is focused in on the batter as she waits to get a grounder. The future SDSU player is a great example for the girls.

Sit Down Stretch
Eva Gonzalez reaches for the rise ball to stop the runner from advancing.

Power Performance
Kelsey Munoz pushes off the mound for full force.

Picking Off
Sophie Herrera tags the runner on first to keep her in place.

by putting all my troubles behind me, moving others when they are lost. I also attended - Sergio Gonzalez

I decided to seize the dei by helping one of my friends when someone was bullying him. - Miguel Moreno

Just Keep Swimming

Swim

By Monica Cooper

Emily Miranda

Trajan Dacanay

Johnny Alcaraz

The whistle blows and all the swimmers step up onto the blocks. "Swimmers, take you mark," announces the official. The swimmers bend over, curling their toes around front of the block and placing their hands on the end. Rinnggg! As the buzzer goes off, all the swimmers push off and dive several feet into the pool. This is what a typical swim meet consists of for the swimmers on this year's team. No matter what stroke they swim, whether it be freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, or butterfly, this is a crucial skill to have. The swimmers practice for hours every day after school and during several mornings throughout the week to practice these skills and many others, such as perfecting their flip turns and increasing their speed. "Swimming is not all fun and games like most people think, but the satisfaction you get after a good practice or meet makes it all worth it. As well as those gorgeous tan lines," says junior Mary Machniak.

At the first meet against High Tech High, many of this year's top swimmers, such as sophomore Chelsie Hernandez and senior Johnny Alcaraz, placed first in several races. With over 40 swimmers on the team, they are surely bound to have several swimmers that will place in League and even move onto CIF. 2015 is senior Johnny Alcaraz's last year, and he states, "I have been swimming since my freshman year, and I want to make sure I make a big splash at the end of my senior year!"

I went outside of my comfort zone by joining the MDCHS water polo team and wearing my brand new Speedo even though my thighs had not seen the light of day in forever, but I did it for my team. GO CRUSADERS! - Brandon Moore

I went cli
lake with
plunge,

Fly Away Sophomore Chelsie Hernandez extends her arms at she takes another stroke while swimming the butterfly. This is her favorite event and she usually wins with it in the 200 Medley Relay.

Underclassmen

"On your mark," the buzzer sounds, and they're off. Win or lose, the Crusader underclassmen are eager not only to improve their individual skills, but also to strengthen the team with the help of Coaches Kevin Smith, Brett Lillie, and Guy Souza. Freshmen Paolo Tassinari, Emily Miranda, Ben Brown, and Paige Huston, as well as sophomores Chelsie Hernandez and Stephan Balensi, are among the most promising underclassman. Another is talented Aqua-Crusader Nicole Conner described as "the top freshman on the team. "

Swan Dive Roberto Jimenez dives into the water as he begins his leg of a Freestyle Relay.

Smiley Swimmers Freshmen Ximena Posada and Camila Tellez- De La Mora smile as they wait for their race.

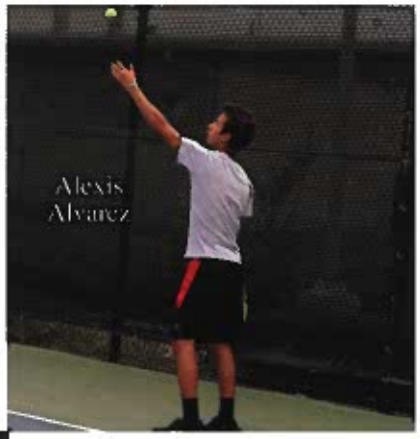
Back row: Coach Brett Lillie, M. Cardenas, Coach Guy Souza, N. Wetter, A. Beltran, T. Dacanay, B. Moore, S. Ounigian, R. Jiminez, J. Alcaraz, C. Cohen, J. Jovellano, A. Sanchez, S. Balensi, R. Quezada, J. Briseno, J. Contreras, A. Rojas, R. Valera, Coach Kevin Smith. Middle: J. Magana, P. Tassinari, J. Castanon, A. Beltran, C. Cerna, A. Ancheta, M. Huston, N. Conner, C. Hernandez, X. Posada, C. Tellez, E. Miranda, M. Serrano, R. Resendez, S. Herrera-Robles, M. McCarthy. Front: S. Martinez, E. Arnold, R. Resendez-Amador, P. Basurto, J. Peralta, G. Downing, M. Cooper, M. Machniak, S. Ruiz, I. Arnold, D. Rodriguez, I. Alonso, S. Mata, P. Huston
Not pictured: J. Jacquez.

diving when I was on vacation. We were at a a lot of tall cliffs and diving points. I took the literally. - Nick Wetter

I seized the dei by helping my friend when he broke his arm. I helped him carry his books, projects, and anything else he needed. - Victor Flores

New Family

The tennis team this year is composed mostly of new people and incoming freshman, such as Alexis Alvarez, Salomon Lagos, and Hector Flores. All are working on improving, but have started with some good skills. Alexis has a great backhand, Salomon a good serve, and Hector is very consistent.



"We all differ in play style and personality and that's what makes it work." says AJ Nelson, one of the veteran players. The season is going fairly well for them. They started off the season strong, winning their first game against Sweetwater, 12-6.

They continued to have good matches such as the match against San Ysidro, 17-1. They have had some difficult games, but they have a good look in the upcoming games. "We have a strong chance against Eastlake and Bonita the second time around" says Israel Ramirez. Ramirez just started this year and is playing varsity singles and doubles.

Back Row: S. Lagos, D. Hawley, J. Viss, A. Nelson, L. Fernandez, Front Row: M. Rodiguez, E. Charvel, I. Ramirez, E. Rodriguez Not Pictured: E. San Roman, A. Alvarez, H. Flores

Terrible Two Joel Viss and AJ Nelson play doubles against the number one team in the Mesa League. The two seniors dominate the competitio

I have lived my life the fullest by making new friends and growing my relationships with people. I try to interact with everyone and be the best person I can be. - Faustina Pedero

I have seized the del school and friends to in my faith life.

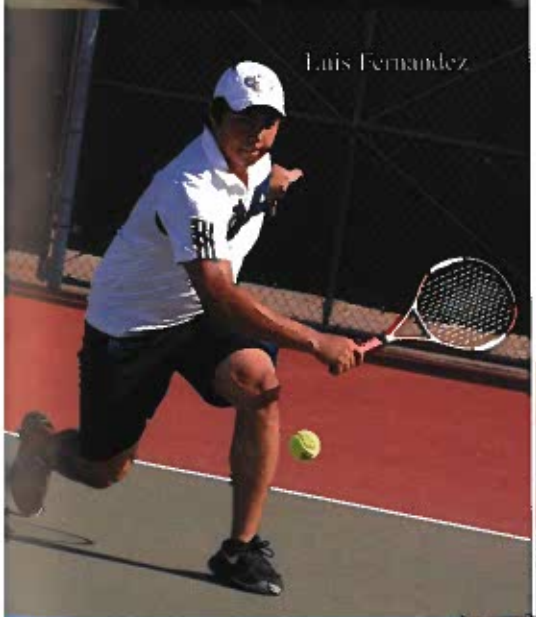
Positive Prospectus

Boys Tennis

By Cristina Fuentes and Amy Cabrera

The boys have a good chance of winning Mesa League and maybe CIF, some of the top players have a shot at it. Thanks to longtime professionals, Leah and Dave Borck, the team has expert coaching. "They know how to hone our skills," remarks AJ Nelson. And there is no lack of skill. Esteban San Roman is number one in singles. He loves to get inside his opponent's head and psyche them out. Recently against a Grossmont adversary he had his competition so rattled, he lost both his concentration and the set. Number two in singles is David Hawley who is more the gentleman. He is a smart player, and a great tactician. He will represent the team well. In doubles are AJ Nelson and Joel Viss who have so much fun together, it's catching. They intimidate their opponents before the game begins just by their size, and fortunately for the Crusaders, the other guys don't know what nice guys Joel and AJ are. Other players to watch are Luis Fernandez and Israel Ramirez Luis is very strong and quick on the court. He can get to almost anything. Israel is a newcomer to tennis but he's a natural player with a lot of power which he will learn to control as the season progresses. Besides looking to the immediate rewards of a great season, these guys know tennis is one of the few sports they can enjoy for a long, long time.

David Hawley

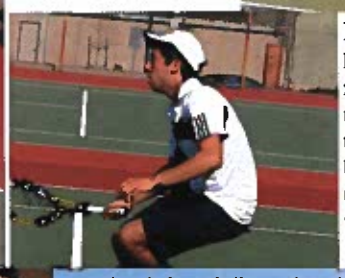


Luis Fernandez

Salomon Lagos

Lean Machine Israel Ramirez serves an ace against Bonita Vista High School. He won 6-4 in singles. It was a close match, but he pulled through.

Up and Coming Eduardo Chavez finishes a forehand shot against Bonita Vista.



Mr. Aggresive Esteban Macklis plays forward on the net, ready to volley. He used to play tennis outside of school, but this is his first year on the team, and he is doing well.

by leaving my comfort of my old strengthen my education and grow - Diego Casillas

I got back five dollars after the vending machine took it and would not work. I left and returned three times until I decided to go to Bob. Bob got the money back for me. Thanks Bob! - Enrique Marcilla

Flying Without Wings

Track and Field

By Madelyn Healy
and Brighid Healy

Sofia Correa

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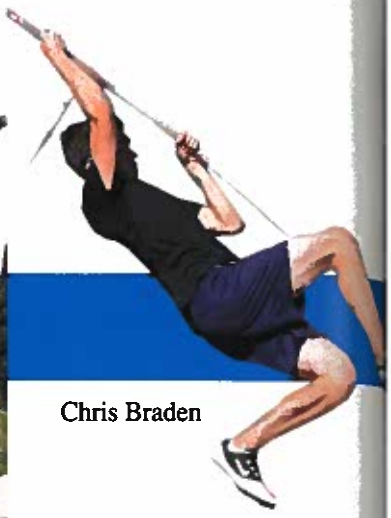

Chris Braden

Each season, the Mater Dei Track and Field athletes continue to run faster, jump higher, and throw farther. Last year, the Crusaders finished off the season by competing in the CIF preliminaries with star athletes CJ Verdell, Ivan Duran, and Madelyn Healy qualifying individually in their respective events. This year, however, the team is reaching new heights. Coach Carla Bray explains, "This team has so many promising players." She goes on to praise the team's "heart and hustle" qualities that cannot be simply taught in any sport or school setting. Through watching these athletes, we learn that "heart" and determination are things to be learned through the examples of fellow athletes and through one's own trials and errors. Varsity athlete Jessica Alcaraz, explains that Track and Field at Mater Dei, "is a competition within yourself." Teammate Sofia Correa adds, "These past four years in track have been some of my most memorable experiences because of the friendships I have made. It has motivated me to be a better athlete as well as a good role model."

The track and field team owes much of its success to our talented and caring trainers. Coach Carla Bray, is the head coach. Although she recognizes that track is a fun environment where one can train with friends, she schools the athletes to "come to work." They must exercise their full will and ability and strive to do their best without holding back. Coach Steve has found a soft spot in each athletes heart, though they all know not to mess with a Marine, nevertheless he has become known for his humor and yet kids are comfortable asking him for advice. Semper Fi. Last is our beloved Coach Cruz who trains the long distance team. He teaches these runners to always have a positive attitude, just like he has. The prospects are good and good reports are expected for next year.

I seized the dei by giving an impromptu speech in front of my class. - Carlos Del Real

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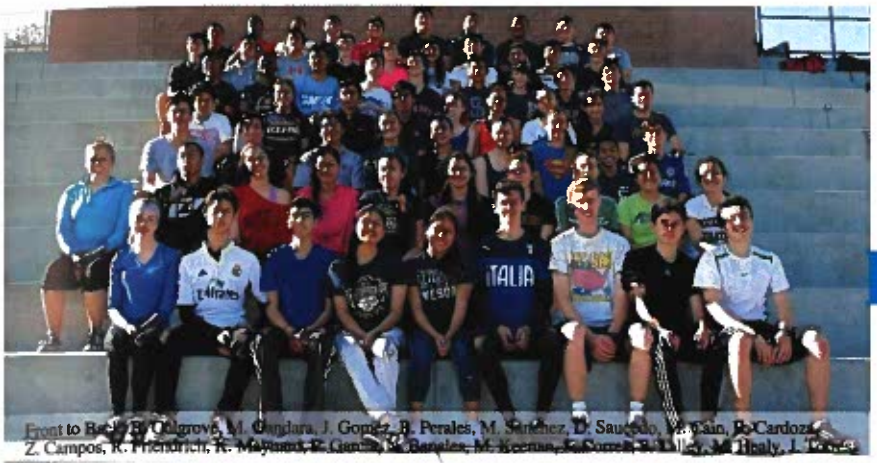

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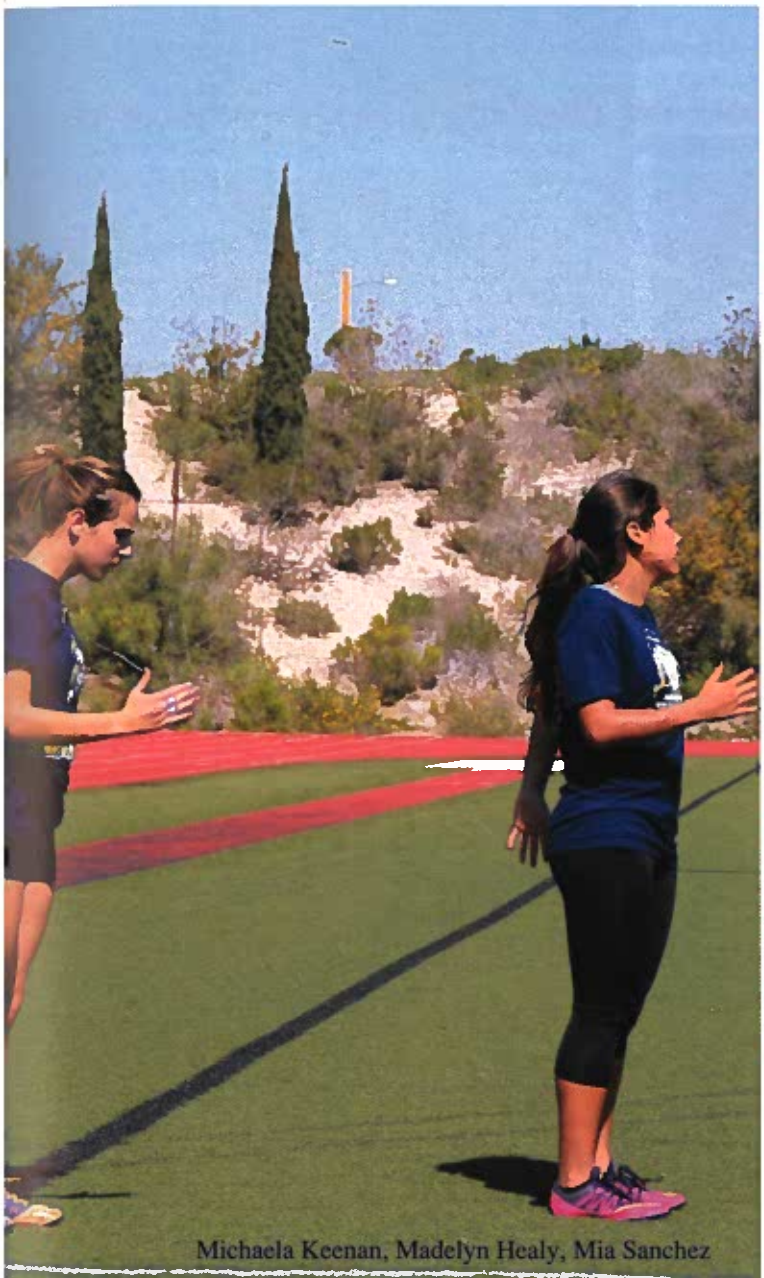
M. Taitano, C. Gorney, M. Cervantes, D. Sanchez, H. Taglinao, I. Lemos, M. Sobol, O'Hara Wickham, Z. Oakley, E. Gomez, I. Cruz, A. Armenta, L. Cerna, S. Rodriguez, B. Healy, D. De La Toba, A. Felix, M. Sanz, T. Rubio, C. Verdell, D. Sneed, G. Carranza D. Olivares, J. Chiappe, F. Hernandez, A. Malunes, C. Icema-Gomez, A. Flores, A. Vallejo, J. Piceno, C. Del Real, C. Braden, M. Campos, M. Galvez, E. Marcilla, P. Hernandez, G. Salazar, I. Faue, L. Psillas, A. Dowdell, A. De La Paz, C. Galleta, P. Chavez, M. Scott, I. Duran, S. Diaz

Changes With Track

Last year varsity girls Mia Sanchez, Sofia Correa, Jessica Alcaraz, and Madelyn Healy participated in the Mesa League Varsity Finals placing sixth in both the 4/1 and 4/4. The girls were stationed at the track all day with their 4/1 opening the meet and their 4/4 closing it. However lengthy the day was, the girls considered it an honor to even just qualify for such an prestigious race. As this season begins they already have their sights set on returning.



Michaela Keenan, Madelyn Healy, Mia Sanchez

Joseph Chiappe

Staying Ahead After 4 years on varsity, Miranda Campos continues to run dual seasons in Cross Country and Track.

A Little High To some, jumping over a hurdle is a daunting task, especially if you're on the short side. But for Dionisio Saucedo, it feels like flying.

Hopes High, Head Low Trayvion Davies bursts out of the blocks, running the first leg of the 4x1 relay race. Proper positioning and a powerful drive are key components to a good start and end of a race.

up as one of the members of the Beatles with three of my with fake guitars in front of the entire school. That was the outside of my comfort zone. - Mario Cervantes

I went outside of my comfort zone by changing schools and making new friends. - Andrea Dominguez

Order on the Court

With a new coaching staff, the boys teams have excelled on the court and on the scoreboard. Starting with only a varsity team, they expanded to gain a JV team as well, under the guidance of Coach Pablo Camba and Coach Diego Madrazo. Early on, both teams won their sets against Mar Vista. After never winning a set in over two years, they finally broke the "curse." Coach Pablo Camba remarks, "It's all about the energy we have on the court and they all have a lot of energy. All I do is help them focus that energy and use it correctly."

Crusaders on Three, Crusaders On Me The boys bring it in during a timeout to refocus and listen to the coach's advice.

And Back To You Jacob Viss goes up for the middle hit after being set by Tyler Buenviaje. As Eastlake jumps to block, Jacob sees the open space and goes for the tip.

Servin' It Up Sophomore David Cooper is up for the serve and doesn't disappoint. He goes for the float serve to psych Eastlake out, due to the ball's misdirection when flying over the net.

Back Row: Coach Diego Madrazo, A. Garcia, T. Buenviaje, J. Rieta, A. Nguyen, J. Ricketts, J. Viss, A. Sadighi, B. Hilgeman, G. Sorrentino, J. Keenan, J. Sartor, S. Schaffer, Coach Pablo Camba, Coach Bill Gerkin

Middle Row: K. Barron, E. Eribez, E. Martinez, D. Cooper, B. Mamou, F. Faucher, N. Carlone, J. Dutra, R. Torres, O. Guevera, I. Quiceno, First Row: A. Hernandez, J. Bongulto, J. Wesson, M. Sartor, M. Mejia, E. Rodriguez, T. Wesson, D. Bongulto Not Pictured: A. Caldino, G. Perales, H. Williams-Kee

Sincere Sportsmanship Both teams line up on opposite sides of the net to exchange high fives and smiles. They wish each other good luck before the match.

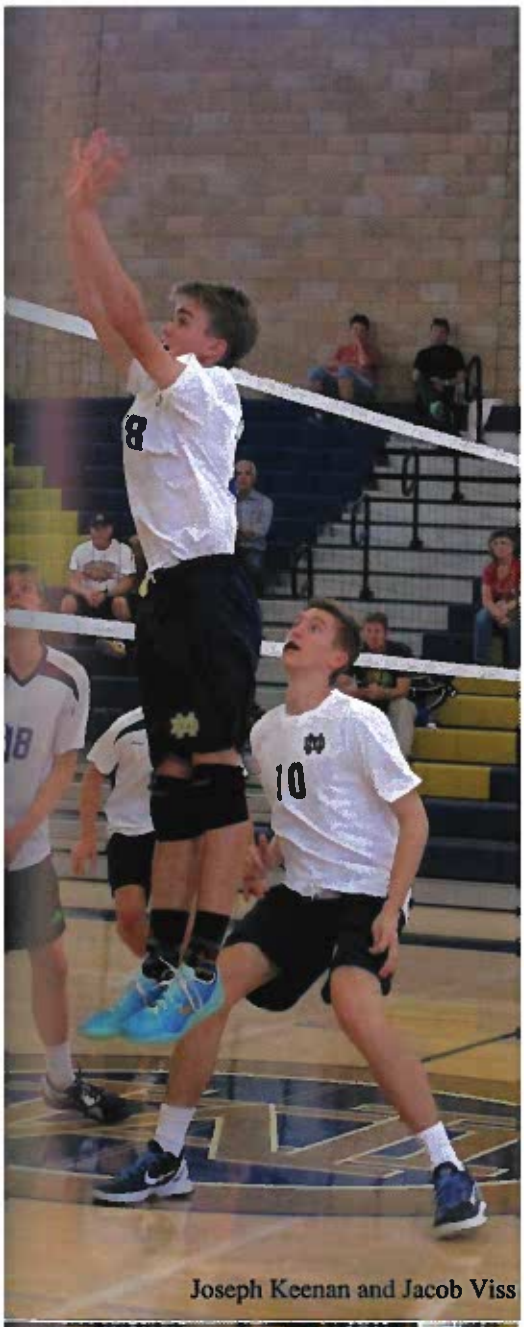
I have seized the dei by winning first place in San Diego County with my volleyball club, Starlings, Navajo, over the summer and coming in second place for our National Tournament. - Stephanie Schaffer

I seized the dei by when I was at LAX him but he ignored

Coming Back Strong

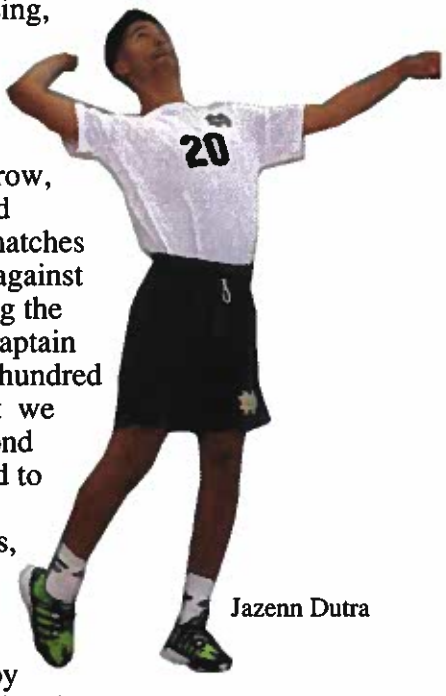
Boys Volleyball

By Stephanie Schaffer and Teresa Huynh



Joseph Keenan and Jacob Viss

This new squad came in without looking back. The team of over 25 guys practiced every day and weekends to improve fundamental skills such as serving, passing, and setting. Newcomer varsity player Jazenn Dutra explains how, "It was weird transitioning from basketball to volleyball, which I had never played. I went from knowing nothing to being the starting outside." As the team continued to grow, the group of friends enjoyed playing together and having fun during practice, except during their matches where seriousness overtook. In their first match against rival Eastlake, the boys varsity held strong, losing the second match by two points, 23-25. Junior Co-Captain Tyler Buenviaje remarks how, "We all give one hundred percent on and off the court, trying to be the best we can be." This momentum carried on to their second match against Mar Vista. The varsity boys rallied to win a set and lost by a few points in each game. Sophomore Co-Captain David Cooper comments, "Our team grows stronger every practice and we are making our way to victory." This was evident in the Mar Vista game with angle shots, tips, digs, and blocks. This game was preceded by another set win for the newly formed JV team. They lost to Mar Vista in their third match with a score of 13-15. This team has excelled past peoples' expectations and can be summed up in just one word, work.



Jazenn Dutra

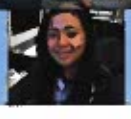
It's Up! Joshua Sartor sets the ball to the setter after the Eastlake outside spikes it to the middle back.

Sky High Tyler Buenviaje performs a strong jump serve in hopes of acing the other team.

Smiles on the Court Adrian Sadighi and Jarrod Rieta share a laugh before the ball is served. They're a laid-back duo, but serious competitors when the ball is in play.

Flick of the Wrist Adrian Sadighi adds a topspin to the ball during his serve. This will help the ball curve over the net and drop at the ten foot line.

meeting an actor. I met Chris Pine airport crosswalk. I tried saying "hi" to me. #rude #nice - Rica Perez



I seize the day by taking the opportunities in front of me– whether its a sport, a club, or visiting Spain– if I can do it, I will! -Amy Cabrera

Seize the Dei

People In All We Do and Say

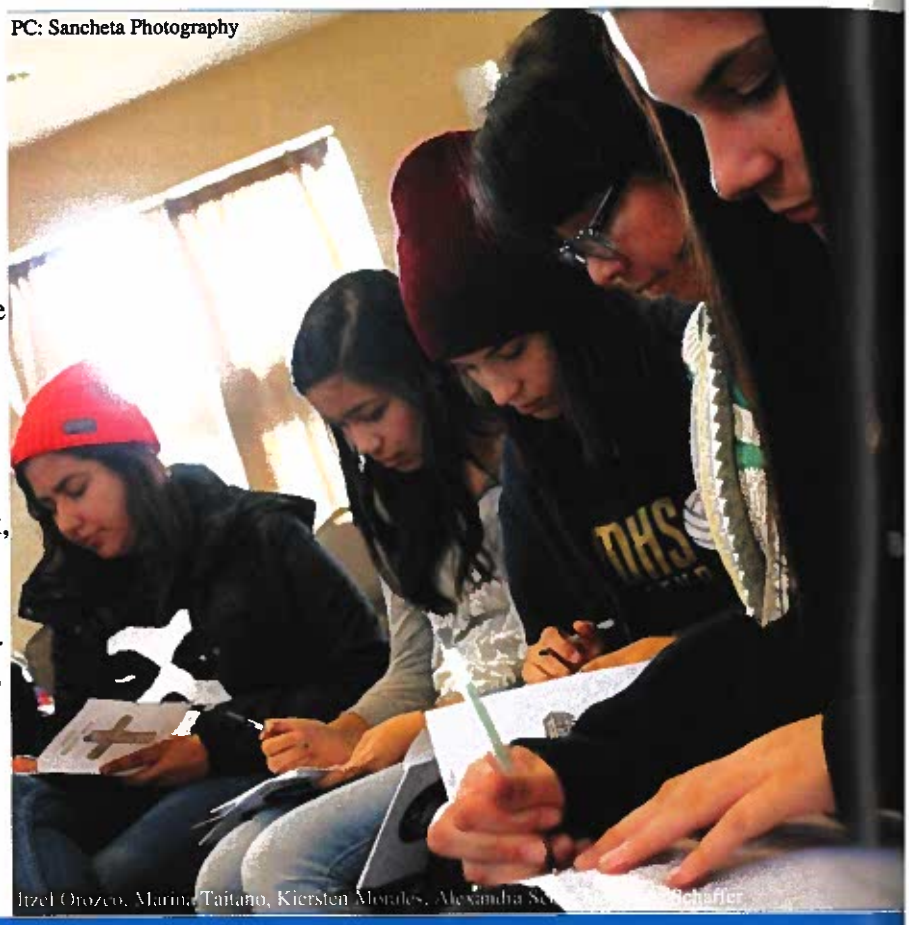
By Rica Perez

On the outside, no two people are exactly alike. It's odd to say but a person is like a painting. Take the Mona Lisa. This painting is one of the most replicated pieces of art in the world yet none of the copies can outdo the original. Like the Mona Lisa, people carry their own defining features. Whether it be hair, eyes, or skin color, we all hold a uniqueness that separates us from others. On the inside, though, we aren't quite so different. The feelings we have are feelings we can share with others if we can find just the right people. Those people become our friends.

These friends are our "squad," our "bros," our "family" or whatever we call them. They are one of the most important parts of high school. It's our friends we remember when we look back, it's our friends who help us get through tough times and it's our friends who make the good times even better. Without his friends, Gaby Quevedo and Fernanda Rebollar, Carlos Alcocer wouldn't have the strength to face the sometimes overwhelming stresses of high school. "I'm grateful to know that my friends have given me the motivation and positivity whenever I'm overwhelmed with school."

People like Carlos Alcocer and his friends share similar interests, but the same cannot be said for Bethany Colgrove. She says, "In some ways, my friends and I aren't alike, but we appreciate one another for who we are." Bethany and her friends, Maritza Curtice and Ileana Lemos, share similar interests but express them selves through their unique identities. For example, Maritza has a more outgoing personality while Ileana looks at life through a different perspective. She adds,"We may be different but as friends, we make each other feel accepted, not burdened."

I leave three pieces of advice: Be kind because the best sort of people are, be open because there's more to life than you, and lastly, value your friends because friendships are purely made by choice; there is no obligation to it. If you follow these rules, you are seizing the dei. Find those who make you happy, and you will see high school with brand new eyes.



Itzel Orozco, Marina Taitano, Kiersten Morales, Alexandra Sc... Schafer

Passing U Down
Jonas Ullsperger reps his letterman jacket from his outstanding performance in wrestling; a sport he and his dad, Mr. U, share a close knit bond in.

Color Amidst the Gray
Even though the weather looks a bit dreary, Mary Kate Donovan's rainbow umbrella brings the school a splash of color.

Skipping in the Rain The ground may be slippery but this doesn't stop Valeria Cantu and Paola Hernandez from enjoying their time in the wet weather.

Jesus Culture Senior Campus Ministers sing their hearts out like songbirds during junior retreat. Praying through music as a community is a powerful way to praise and worship God.

What's So Funny? Everyone can agree that school is stressful at times, but Jose Castanon and Alexis Hernandez know how to handle it. After much experience, they've learned that laughing off those pre-deadline nerves is the way to go.

School of Rock Omar Orozco, Nick Wetter, and Billy Huang are a bunch of Misfits having the time of their life as they audition for culture night. Many think rock has hit an All Time Low, but these boys are bringing this genre of music back to its New Found Glory.

I Spy With My Little Eye... Luis Gonzalez pokes his head behind Hannah Otte during a challenging period of calculus. Hannah, however, is too fixated on the lesson to even notice.

Chillin' n' Carolin' During rehearsals for Christmas at Mater Dei, choir girls Kara Dacanay, Cassie Esparza, and Samantha Lim enjoy a little time of relaxation and give their voices a little rest. This much needed break helped them wow the crowd with songs like Once Upon a December.

Don't Rock the Boat Ana Patricia Felix, Emilly Contreras, Kristal Calilung, and Sofia Papadakis are worry free as they cruise down Lake Santee while at a Science Academy field trip.

Forward Faculty Facing

by Cristina Fuentes

Seize the Dei. Yes, it's word play, but it fits the faculty, staff and administration fine. Mater Dei takes every opportunity to grow and improve by continually pushing forward, in other words, by seizing the day. One of the big changes for next year will be "one on one." Every student will have a computer. This will unleash the potential for students to use technology in myriad applications.. It's been suggested this is like "shooting for the moon." We are not sure how this will affect us completely but it will enable the students and faculty to do more than they thought possible in a world in which technology creates constant thinking, innovation, and advancement.

One example is from Coach Carla Bray. She has set up a sort of virtual competition for track events. Now the athletes can compete for wins against a team they have not seen but know their numbers. Technology is an amazing tool but it enhances, not replaces all the other tools teachers use in the classroom. Teacher caring and personality, cordiality with students, one on one interaction are all the stuff of which great classes are created. Another exciting development is implementation of the Core Standards and preparing students for the new SAT questions. Teachers are improving exams to challenge students beyond choosing one easy answer but choosing the best answer from good ones. Freshman Rosalind Moore explains, "At first i thought English tests would be easy. Now I realize I have to think critically. It's hard to leave the easier way but I do like to be challenged." The other meaning of Seize the Dei is, of course, God centered. Though modeling, teaching and offering opportunities for all students to partake in a Christian culture, the faculty, staff, and administration embrace and share what is at the core of our school's mission.

Coach and Mentor
Mr. Smith challenges his students and athletes to think on their own. He's a guy who can do it all.

Our Miss Brooks
We're lucky to have our own Michelle Brooks because she works so hard for her students and makes her classes educational and entertaining.

Newcomer at Home Ms. Jones fits right in with both students and faculty. Here she explains some algebraic nuances to the ever ready to learn Alexis Armenta.

Through the Counselor's Glass
Ms. Luna has a friendly visit with a school family. All our counselors work hard for the students especially in college placement.

Sister Lilia M. Barba, SJS
President

"You are God's work of art,
no one can take away this precious dignity."

Ms. Rocio Hodges
Vice President, CFO

Dr. Suzanne Till
Director of Science Academy

Mr. John Rey
Vice President of School Advancement

Mr. Roy Vasquez
Director of Admissions, Director of Ambassadors for Christ

Mr. Bradford Bookser
Director of Technology Services

Mr. George Milke
Principal

"Champions are made when no one is watching."

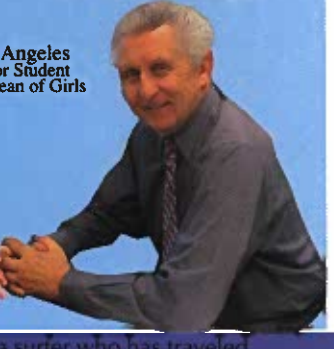
Mr. Bill Gerken
Atheletic Director, Director of Alumni Services

Mr. Frank Stingo
Asst. Principal for Curriculum and Instruction

Mr. Chris Schnitzius
Director of Campus Ministry

Ms. Cresencia Angeles
Asst. Principal for Student Services / ASB / Dean of Girls

Mr. Joseph Brunner
Asst. Principal for Student Services / Dean of Boys



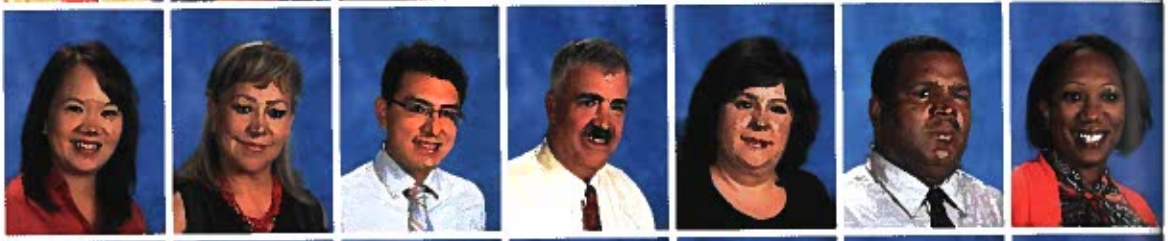
The best ways I love to seize the del is being a surfer who has traveled to those exotic locations like Hawaii, Costa Rica, Bali, and Tahiti all the while finding the endless summer perfect wave! - Mr. Lillie

Dawn Adams
Christine Alvarado
Monica Alvarez
Anamaria Anthony
Natasha Arevalo
Jessica Austin
Andrew Balelo

Sylvie Bergeron
Laura Bookser
Michelle Brooks
Rebecca Brown
Kenny Caesar
Virginia Calero
Richard Castro

Margaret Chiappe
Doreen Correia
Jeanne Cox
Domonic Cruz
Terry Day
Dalene Ditommaso
Zurisaddi Galvez

Aileen Gonzalez
Estela Gonzalez
Juan Gonzalez
Stephen Heineman
Margarita Hernandez
Ed Johnson
Sabrina Jones



John Joyner
Sherry Kelleher
Brett Lillie
Erin Link
Jessica Lopez-Vazquez
Diana Luna
Maria Luz

When Bill Gerken was asked by Estelle Kassebaum to work at Marian Catholic High School, he had already distinguished himself as an Annapolis graduate and a career officer in the US Navy. But there was something else. He was a devoted father and Estelle knew this would be as great a strength as his other attributes. Bill began as a proto-Bookser, in other words, he was the Technology Coordinator. Soon he also began working closely with Dr. Kassebaum in development and then became the Alumni Director. An avid golfer himself, he took the job of coach and worked with both the boys and the girl's team. For the last six years, Bill has been the Athletic Director, in many ways his most rewarding position. He has attended every home game or event unless he was out of town. "I'm here to watch," Gerken explains. "This is one of the best ways to give kids hands-on support." We are sorry to see Mr. Gerken go but he's going to be giving some "hands on support" to his grandchildren as well as getting out on the links to perfect his own game and still help with golf here as assistant. Gratis this time. So we'll still see him doing some watching..

I moved to Las Vegas to teach and met a few people in the Army Reserves – they introduced meto skydiving and bungee jumping which have turned into a few of my favorite hobbies. - Ms. Jones

I was terrified of flying. Then my private plane, handed the contro my fear is gone. - Ms. Edgar

Crusaders Farewell

Two Favorites

By Sherry Kelleher

Karen Chudy is efficient, hard-working and modest, attributes that former Marian principal Fr. Mendonca appreciated. That's why he hired Karen right after she graduated from MHS in 1968. She went to college at night and was the Principal's Secretary in the day. Since that time she has worked quietly often behind the scenes in a myriad of positions and duties. Karen's formal titles have been Principal's Secretary, Alumni Coordinator, Business Manager, Bingo Manager, (this was a huge activity at the old school) and now she is President's Executive Assistant. But this doesn't convey what she has done for the school. Karen coordinated and worked with the parent volunteers for the MCHS Mardi Gras events that was a huge yearly dining and dancing extravaganza with live and silent auctions and was considered the school's major fund-raiser. She arranges the Graduation and Awards Ceremonies, the Baccalaureate Mass and Senior Brunch. She also coordinates the Verbum Dei Awards as well as Grandparents Day. All these activities come about because of Karen's talents in printing programs, arranging flowers, photographs, projection screens and so much more. For Karen there have been many blessings. Highest among them is being able to work with wonderful parents many of whom were students here themselves, who sometimes became parents of 2nd generation students, and in a few wonderful cases, became parents of 3rd generation students. What a legacy! And it shows how integral Karen has been to the Marian/Mater Dei community. She worked quietly so some do not realize how much she did. But we will miss her now as she transitions to another chapter in her life where even though she will continue her commitment to service, she will also be able to enjoy a bit of free time for herself.

Marissa Meda
Christine Melton
Karen Nerat
Jonathan Oakman
Katie Olson
Carissa Peck
Elena Plazola

Andrea Puschendorf
Clifford Rachlin
Denise Rodriguez
Hugo Roji
Ricardo Rosales
Alejandra Saavedra
Peggy Sadock

Ileana Salazar
Kevin Smith
Gregory Smyth
Guy Souza
Tony Thomas
Scott Ullsperger
Steve Vanwyk

Matt White
Kristen Willich
Peter Wraith

Ms. Chudy and Mr. Gerken,
thank you for your service.

husband took me up in a small, over to me and I loved it! Now

When I was in high school I found out the French club was going to France. Despite never having studied French a day in my life, I joined the French club. That trip sparked my passion for exploring the globe and living abroad. - Ms. Peck

Class of Freshman 2018

By Stephanie Schaffer

What an awe inspiring view of a place where I am only a speck on the radar. Will I survive? These are some thoughts and questions flowing through every freshmen's head as the enter the theater for orientation. Thought of getting lost in crowds of people and classes might scare off anyone, but the freshmen stayed on. Brandon Moore explain, " I was nervous not knowing what a Catholic school would be like. Most freshmen don't experience this panic, but I went to a non Catholic school called De Portola. This also meant that I didn't t know anyone here."

Luckily, at the beginning of the year all Frosh were taken under a Senior's wing during Buddy Week and shown the ropes. Zoe Manalo talks about her Buddy Week experience. "I was really excited to find out my buddy was Mary Rose Gonzales. I shadowed her as an eight grader, so I really got to know her. I sang a Youtbe Cover song with Mary Rose for Buddy Week. She helped me find the musical side of Mater Dei with Mr. Rosales. Now I want to join choir."

Freshmen grew more confident as they began running for ASB, duct taping their posters all around school. The freshmen did not have to vote without any guidance; their retreat was the day before. They connected to new classmates by answering question and playing games in small groups. They cried and laughed together during faith talks and skits. The freshies were now ready to learn, cheer, and excel.

They got used to their classes and began to understand how the block schedule worked. Their new found familiarity with the teachers and students helped them become involved in the school through clubs and sports. They finished out the year strong and confident for the upcoming grades.

The freshmen have done well, but they should remember that high school is a long road of ups and downs. It won't be easy to conquer, but students who do, gain lasting friendships, knowledge, and memories.

Karate Kick Reena Torres and Hanna Taglinao show off their high kicks. They found that they shared this interest during Buddy Week.

Freshie Fellowship Rosalind Moore, Aslin Hilgeman, and Paige Huston hug during their lunchtime break. For people who never knew each other before coming to Mater Dei, their new friendship is now evident and effulgent.

Cunning Collaborators Zeke Oakley and Carson Gorney work quickly and with intense concentration to put the pieces of their AWP puzzle together before any of the other competitors of the class.

Bloomin' Freshmen These freshmen are coming up cute and it's obvious they have already made great friends with each other.

I have seized the dei by singing the Ave Maria at a wedding. I sang it in front of a giant crowd. It was beautiful and a memorable moment. - Viviana Rodriguez

During Greek We stepped up and danced like I have

Secretary Zeke Oakley

Zeke Oakley is a natural born leader who is skilled and well adapted in his position as Secretary. "I did ASB in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade and it was rewarding. In high school ASB is much more productive, and I'm proud to say I'm making a difference in the student body," says Zeke.

Treasurer Pablo Hernandez

Pablo Hernandez is glad to know that even as a little freshman, his voice and opinions are still heard, even as important as his older Felix. "I like the feeling of responsibility and knowing I'm contributing to the school and making friends along the way," says Pablo. Even as a serious as he is, being an ASB officer puts a rare smile on his face.

President Kahtrel Maynard

"I wanted to be in ASB so I could have a balanced high school experience," says Kahtrel. He has accomplished that. As a popular freshman, football player, and now President, Kahtrel brings versatility to the student government and can't wait to let his own voice be heard.

Vice President Jonas Bongulto

Jonas Bongulto is and always has been a social butterfly within his close knit group of friends. Now, as Freshman VP, he can take his loquacious personality to other people. "I love having more opportunities to be with people. I love people and I love working with them and for them."

I went outside of my comfort zone because I danced as Perseus all the way down the red carpet. I never done before, and owned it! - Cameron Smith

I decided to join the cross country team. When I finished my first three hour practice I felt very proud of myself. - Ximena Posada

Olivia Lee Adams
Adolfo Aguilar
Isabella Alonso
Maria Andrea Alonso
Trey Anderson
Mahala Lannee Areola
Elena Arnold
Kyler Attisha
Natalia Banales

Alfredo Beltran
Salma Beltran
Johanna Blanco
Jonas Philip Bongulto
Javier Briseno
Ben Brown
Alana Burges
Anthony Caldino
Karla Campuzano

Valeria Cantu
Moises Cardenas
Ricardo Cardoza
Nikolas Carlone
Gustavo Carranza
Diego Casillas
Carlos Cerna
Mario Cervantes
Ricardo Chavez

Nicole Conner
Jorge Contreras
Lilly Contreras
Isaiah Cruz
Sofia Cuevas
James Daniels
Treyvion Davies
Emilio Davila-Macias
Carlos Del Real

Alexa Dominguez
Ana Dorantes
Howard Elliott
Antonio Enriquez
Amanda Esquivel-Chacon
Tanya Estrada-Mendez
Sebastian Fernandez
Shelby Renee Finch
Roman Flores

O'Hara Wickham has been involved with the Optimists Club for years. She was the founder and president of one when she was in Middle School. When she came to Mater Dei she knew she wanted to start a new chapter here, so she asked Rosalind Moore if she would help her form the group. Rosalind jumped at the opportunity. "Optimists help give kids a chance to help people," explains Rosalind, "I also have become more aware of others and more passionate towards them." The primary focus of the club is helping those affected by cancer. They plan to do so by hosting fund raisers where the proceeds will go to Kaiser Hospital. Both girls feel happy to help those in need. They also feel grateful for what they have. Rosalind feels that helping others helps her as well, so it's a win win situation. That's how O'Hara and Rosalind seize the dei.

When I was 8 years old, I went on a three week trip to London, Paris and Barcelona. - Vanessa Leon

I went outside my comfo zipline in Kauai. I soared waterfalls 1200 feet in the

Kyle Meyers has been singing in church choirs since the third grade. In 7th grade, he transferred to public school which did not have a church choir, so he asked the choir director of St. Pius X if he could join. The director said yes and two weeks later he was also playing the piano for them. Kyle has switched choirs several times to find the best fit. He has found that the choirs tend to be either older adults or very young children. Young adults or teenagers don't always like to sing in choirs. They might like to sing pop or do rap but few join choirs. Kyle doesn't care. "Music is my passion." He will keep singing and keep playing the piano as long as he can and he'll do it for himself and for God. That's how Kyle Meyers seizes the dei.

Ryan Diego Flores
Mariela Franco
Juan Fuentes III
Isabela Galindo
Manuel Gandara
Daniel Garate
Paula Garcia
Paola Garcia De Leon
Edoardo Gomez

Miryam Gomez
Fernando Gonzalez Magana
Sergio Gonzalez-Flores
Carson Michael Gorney
Samara Gurrola
Kenna Gutierrez
Tyler Gutierrez
Edward Hagerty
Carolina Hernandez

Pablo Hernandez
Polette Hernandez
Maura-Paola Hernandez-Mendez
Aaron Herrera
Aislin Maura Hilgeman
Paige Maria Huston
Reginald Jackson
Jose Jacquez
Shaun Jones

Michelle Rose Krumwied
Nicholas James Kuehn
Erick Leal
Cynthia Leon
Vanessa Leon
Juan Paul Ley
Alejandro Linares
Andrea Lopez
Luis Lopez

Nicholas Lopez
Giovanna Lopez Garcia
Christian Luna
Ian Joseph Lutz
Liana Malunes
Zoe Leano Manalo
Enrique Julian Marcilla
Fernando Margain
Samara Michelle Martinez

zone by ziplining on the the King Kong above treetops, mountains, and air. - Paige Huston

I seized the dei when I played I played club soccer for the first time. I never played club before so I was really scared. - Shelby Finch

Kahtrel Maynard
Emily Miranda
Brandon Michael Moore
Rosalind Moore
Miguel Moreno
Robert Moreno
Kyle Anthony Myers
Joshua Jimenez Narezo
Eduardo Navarro Gomez

Miles Benjamin Norris
Paulina Nunez
D'brianna Nuno
Zechariah Samuel Oakley
Diego Olivares
Federico Olvera-Baez
Logan Rhys Pay
Jessica Peralta
Karen Perez

Kaylee Perez
Jorge Antonio Petro
Jesus Piceno
Gabrielle Pimentel
Ximena Posada
Alexa Quintero
Johana Rachlin
Anastacia Angele Ramirez
Rebecca Resendez

Andrea Robert-Rivas
Daniela Rodriguez
Viviana Rodriguez
Alan Rojas
Sebastian Romero
Samantha Ruiz
Amy Russell
Alessandra Salas
Gilberto Salazar

Amy Russell knows about bullying. She understands that bullying can be verbal, physical, and cyber. She is aware that threats can lead to depression and suicidal actions. Amy Russell knows about bullying. But she wanted to turn pain into power. So Amy began to speak out about bullying. She first spoke at East Lake High School. Channel 10 and KUSI heard about her and asked her to speak out again. She has spoken to students at Rancho del Rey and Montgomery. She plans to write a book someday about her own experiences. Now her passion is giving others the power she has found in herself. Amy can even say, "I am thankful I was bullied because now I can help others." This is how Amy seized the dei.

I made a difference by running the Tough Mudder Obstacle Course to raise money for the Wounded Warrior program. - Jordan Wesson

I performed at the Hilton Dance Group. They aired Krumwied

Joshua Narezo knows computers and he watches the web. That's how he knew that he could do a better job creating a web site that would respond to questions he and others have about an array of topics and themes. He wanted a format where questions could be asked and answers would be given. Simple. First, he had to come up with themes. He listed everything from healthy food choices to mechanical solutions. People all over the world will respond to the questions and with this communication and cooperation, plus a few experts watching over things, Joshua believes the truth will come out. It sounds like James Madison talking about the strength of democracy, "The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty." It took Joshua months to complete the set up, but his passion propelled him. He hopes the site will be up soon to "provide thousands of people with facts, stories, guides, and tips they can read for their own good and entertainment." That's how Joshua seizes the day.

Marla Salman-Avila
Francesca Sammartano
Joshua Sartor
Dionisio Saucedo
Alissa Scott
Maria Serrano
Rashi Shah

Cameron Smith
De'vion Sneed
Manuella Sobol
Carlos Soler
Giovanni Sorrentino
Jorge Tagle
Hanna Taglinao

Ericka Tapia
Paolo Tassinari
Camila Tellez
Samantha Ulloa
Rafael Valera
Emma Valles-Kayachanian
Bianca Villalvazo

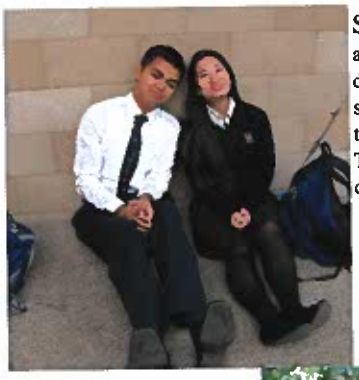
Daniel Villegas
Jordan Wesson
Niklaus Wetter
Madison O'hara Wickham
Nicholas Wilcox
Jenaro Zacarias
Daniel Zora

hotel alongside my Mexican Folkloric
our performance on TV. - Michelle

I traveled to Detroit to meet my favorite drummer. I actually was able to talk to him. It was amazing. - Camila Telez

Class of Sophomores 2017

By Stephanie Schaffer



Sweet Softies Trajan Dacany and Kristal Calilung sit close during lunch. They also ge to spend spend lots of time together outside of school on Trajan's sister Kara's debut court.

Fast Friends Paola Garcia and Maria Guimaaraes smiles tell all. They have become friends after Maria transferred to Mater Dei from Brazil.

You are no longer a freshman but not old enough to be considered an upperclassman; you are right in that middle awkward stage. The realization of your new position in high school is when you know you are a sophomore. The easy learning period is over, and the hard path lies ahead. The courses are harder and academically, more is expected from you. More homework is assigned, exceptions are never given, and the extra honors or AP's make the hours of studying endless. Anthony Nguyen comments, "This year was really challenging. I had to juggle honors classes with my basketball schedule." These pressures are intensified as you are told by everyone that colleges focus on only "you" and "this year." All the new friendships that you had have become old with the new drama that arises. It feels as if this year will never end. But just as in all epics, the ending finally comes.

Yet, after those dreaded finals, you look back reminiscing about the year; and it was actually one heck of a time. Athletically you were more inclined to make a varsity sport or lead your JV team to victory. Instead of being looked down upon by all the older class men, one class looked up to you. You worked hard to get that A or B in those classes the juniors constantly complained about. You were in the stands cheering as your Crusaders fought for CIF. You either were a part of that team or knew the athletes. You led the cheering section. Being connected with the school is a must for any student. Erica Mora mentions, "It is exciting being involved in dance club, volleyball. and the Crusader Closet." You grow closer to your fellow classmates through retreats, classes, and field trips. Looking back, being a sophomore is a special time where change is good. The good out weighed the bad, and hardships were defeated. Life moves forward and the adventure of high school has only reached the middle. Just like a good book, tv show, song, or movie, the end is the best yet to come. You just have to stick around for the ride.

Discovering Archimedes Ana Patricia Feliz, Sofia Papadakis, Enrique Rocha, and Glenn Quiroga present the Archimedes Screw. If you don't know what that is, look it up or ask a Science Academy student.

The Football Faithful David Cooper, Anthony Nguyen, Madelyn Tassiello, Sabryna Whiteley, Peyton Zizzi, Jenna Kruse, and Aubrey Gardi appear at every game. They follow football fanatically, lending their support to their beloved team.

The most zany thing I have done was during the summer of 2013. I went to Monaco and drove my first car, a Ferrari, and almost crashed it. - Maylee Quinteros

I went walking in the forest wi destination was a place for brought the kids items they

Vice President Jenna Kruse

The role of sophomore VP holds many obligations that do not intimidate Jenna Kruse. Instead, they push her to become a better leader and even run again next year. "As Vice President I help contribute to our school with my ideas and my time and effort. I look forward to helping next year too." .

Secretary Alexa Garcia

Alexa brings plenty of talent to the school and ASB is just one more way she helps out. She admits, "It is really exciting being one of the officers. It allows my inner leadership quality to be expressed in what I accomplish."

President Celeste Lettieri

Celeste is a networker and a laid back leader. "I like working with lots of people and getting things done. Serving as class president gives me the opportunity to feel like I'm making a difference."

Treasurer Madeyln Tassiello

Don't let Madeyln's diminutive stature fool you; she's a powerhouse. "This is my first year in ASB and it's been really cool to help plan school events and become more active in what's happening through out school."

my friends and had an adventure. Our orphaned children. We stayed there and needed. - Alberto Mendoza

When I was thirteen, I was in charge of the recuperation center at an sterilization campaign for animals. I injected antibiotics into the creatures and gave care to every animal there. - Rossana Resendez

Francisco Acosta
Sabrina Aguilar
Leonardo Aguilar-Lopez
Ninotchka Aguirre
Ana Alcantar
Mitzel Alonso
Alexis Alvarez
Micah Apatan
Ana Arnold

Ana Astiazaran
Alejandro Ayala
Viaxaly Ayon-Heredia
Mary Bailey
Stephan Balensi
Hazel Barajas
Jamie Barrett
Paola Basurto
Jovan Bayless

Joice Beda
Anadaniela Borquez
Kristal Califung
Ezekiel Campos
Prizila Carbonero
Roberto Carpenter
Mariette Carrillo
Nicole Carrillo
Ricardo Carrillo

Alexia Castillo
Carlo Castrejon
Luis Cerna-Gomez
Eduardo Charvel
Pedro Chavez-Recio
Bethany Colgrove
Ashley Collins
Cade Congden
Emilly Contreras

William Cook
David Cooper
Jorge Cordova
Alberto Cruz
Sergio Cuadra
Maritza Curtice
Tayra Curumilla
Trajan Dacanay
Tiffany De Borja

There are a million ways to Seize the Dei. Some are little, some are big. Zek Campos did something that was pretty neat and it's something a lot of you could do. He wanted to improve his Spanish skills so he asked his friend, Tony Rubio, if he could spend two days and a night with him in Tijuana, Baja California. While he was there he dedicated himself to speaking Spanish. "I went to lots of shops and talked with the shopkeepers. They were so helpful and even gave me pointers on what to say and how to say it." Zek also went to a taco shop and ordered 8 carne asada tacos which were different but delicious. The whole experience was very helpful to Zek. "At first I struggled a bit, thinking for the right word, but soon I felt myself actually thinking in Spanish. It was so cool." Zek adds that all the Mexicans he talked with were gracious and happy that he was speaking in their language. Besides improving his Spanish, he also immersed himself in another culture. That's the way Zek seized the dei!

I seized the dei when I went out of my comfort zone by joining yearbook this year. - Sydney Gastineau

The moment I found out I not fun. I knew I would be what? It ended up being my

Ileana Lemos went to a rain forest! While she was visiting family in Puerto Rico she hiked El Yunque, the only rain forest in the US National Forest System. It was winter and there was no sun but it wasn't cold. The leaves glistened with water drops. Ileana took her shoes off and stepped across a stream onto moss covered stones. "It was a little scary but I made it to the other side." The forest resonated with lightly rushing water and the chirping of frogs. Ileana scooped up a handful of coquis, little brown, thumb sized frogs that only live in Puerto Rico."They felt smooth and cool and slithery and then they slipped out. "In El Yungen I felt at peace with God's creatures and creative." That's how Eleana seized the dei!

Asbel De La Paz
Andrea Delgado
Maximiliano Delgado
Alexis Diaz-Garibaldi
Myles Domingo
Andrea Dominguez
Ruben Duran
Sebastian Duran-Otaola
Jazenn Dutra

Elias Eribez
Jorge Escasan
Christopher Escobar
Daniela Espana
Cassandra Esparza
Renata Fabre
Ana Patricia Felix-Ibarra
Roberto Figueroa
Victor Flores

Hector Flores-Marin
Victoria Fluharty
Quentin Frazier
Armando Gallegos
Roberto Gallegos
Chris Galleta
Alexa Garcia
Ariana Garcia
Emiliano Garcia

Michael Garcia
Paola Garcia-Carrera
Aubrey Gardi
Sydney Gastineau
Javier Gomez
Alberto Gomez-Flores
Eva Gonzalez
Jeanette Gonzalez
Miguel Guerrero-Medrano

Maria Helena Guimaraes Fontes
Luis Gutierrez
Austin Habib
Brian Habib
Jaylen Hands
David Hawley
Brighid Healy
Amorette Hernandez
Chelsie Hernandez

would be taking speech class last year was going out of my comfort zone, but guess favorite class! - Sabrina Aguilar

One day, I came from school and my dad told me that a stray cat had three kittens in our backyard. We fed and cleaned them, and we eventually kept one cat. I felt like I saved their lives. - Ariana Garcia

Jose Hernandez
Alberto Herrera
Sendy Herrera-Robles
Brendan Hilgeman
Jiaju Hu
Zongyu Huang
Teresa Huynh
Arianna Inferrera
Alizah Jamison

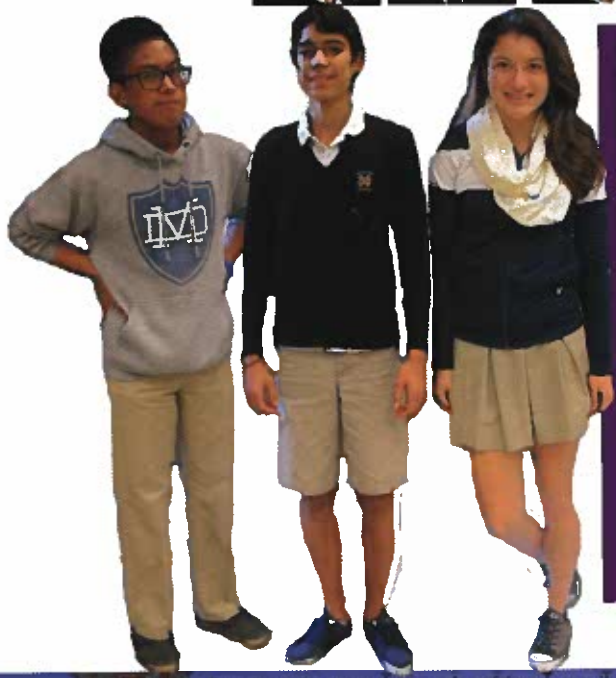
Roberto Jimenez
Madison Johnson
Christopher Jones
Brandon Keyes
Clifford Kidd
Jenna Kruse
Ana Laniado De La Mora
Ileana Lemos
Celeste Lettieri

Kevin Li Zhang
Yixuan Liu
Jesus Lopez
Fernanda Lutteroth
Salvador Lutteroth
Ashley Lyle
Marco Manzano
Mathieu Maroghi
Joanna Marquez

Alexa Martinez-Padilla
Erick Martinez-Paredes
Sabrina Mata
Muriel Mc Carthy
Roy Emmanuel Medina
Emily Miller
Erica Mora
Kyle Moses
Kelsey Munoz

Ivan Najera
Anthony Nguyen
Malia Noble
Edwin Nunez
Ashlyn O'Hara
Jose Olazabal
Sarkis Ounigian
Markis Paez-Custodio
Sofia Papadakis

Ximena Paredes-Limon
Dillan Kumar Patel
Faustina Pedrero
Blanca Perales
Rodrigo Quezada
Luis Quiambao
Maylee Quinteros
Glenn Quiroga
Victoria Ramos-Ramirez



Science Academy allows students to think by doing, just the sort of thing Myles Domingo loves. Given a short time, Smyles and partner Javier Gomez, were tasked to create a boat which would be constructed out of readily available, but highly efficient materials that would have a 30 to 40 centimeter base. They discussed this challenge over pizza and soft drinks until, eureka, it was decided to use those very same elements for their craft. The cans were lashed together with duct tape, a ubiquitous stable for every Science Academy student, and fashioned the sail from the Pizza Hut box, carefully aligning its logo to the center. The boat performed elegantly, in fact, it was a mini-marvel of engineering that supported 3x's the weight it was assigned. Unfortunately, it was surpassed in time afloat by Cassandra Esparza's impressive plastic contraption made from 3 glued plates. Still, Smyles and Javie did not dismay. They know that seizing the dei is not always about victory, it is about endeavor. Eureka!

I'm not a person that makes friends easily, but in these many weeks being at Mater Dei, I have made a lot of new friends and enjoyed every moment that I spent with them. - Andres Romero

Last year, I attended a luau and when I got there I was pleasantly surprised by how many girls I was dancing with. - Chris Gallel

One day Mr. Gonzalez asked the ladies in his Science Academy classes if they would like to go to the 3rd International Women's Hackathon at California State University at San Marcos. Of course Ashlyn O'Hara jumped at the chance. She is always ready to take the challenge of helping to advance women's involvement and success in male dominated fields such as computer coding.
So, Ashlyn and five other girls went up on a Saturday and joined a conference of college coeds to design and create an app or a video game about natural disasters. Ashlyn and her cohorts decided to make the game. Using collaboration and diverse but exceptional mental acumen, part of the team designed a story board and icons while Ashlyn and Fernanda Lutteroth tackled the technical aspects, working in partnership with two professional coders to produce a quality work. Even though the other participants were college students, Ashlyn and her teammates felt proud. "We learned that in a shorter time than you think, you can finish so much more than you thought possible." It's a good lesson to remember for women who will continue to bridge the gap in gender disparity. It's how Ashlyn seized the dei.

Rossana Resendez-Amador
Adriana Robledo
Ingrid Robledo
Enrique Rocha
Abelardo Rodriguez
Paulina Rodriguez
Tatyana Rodriguez
Omar Rodriguez-Valadez
Isabelle Rojas

Adrian Roman
Andres Romero
Andrea Romero-Flores
Natalia Rosas
Matthew Sartor
Max Schwenke
Micah Scott
Kaisha Serrano
Andrew Sesteaga

Aiden Sharp
Steven Shoemaker
Ricardo Sotelo
Corey Stahl
Madelyn Tassiello
Norris Taylor
Andres Torres
Camila Torres
Manuel Torres

Jonas Ullsperger
Anthony Vazquez
Paula Vazquez
Ruben Velarde
Mayueth Velazco
Christopher Verdell
Regina Victorica
Sergio Villafranco
Karina Villarreal

Juan Pablo Villegas
Christian Visconti
Jacob Viss
Sabryna Whiteley
Cene Willis
Taylor Young
Astrid Zavala
Peyton Zizzi
Maryann Zora

Even though science is not my strongest subject, I went out of my comfort zone by joining Science Academy. - Madison Johnson

During the summer, I went surfing for the fist time and it was a lot of fun. - Ninotchka Aguirre

Class of Juniors 2016

By Rica Perez

Slow and Steady Slope Although not the perfect Spiderman, Jose Castanon uses his spidey like reflexes to crawl down the slide. He takes the scenic root down the slide at Whispering Wind.

Van Gogh 2.0 Giselle Rojas uses her fine tuned painting skills to draw up some Crusader spirit before the annual Powder Puff game.

In a whirlwind of SATs, AP classes, and the usual "what are you going to be when you grow up" conversation, junior year is probably…well, overwhelming. You have your parents and teachers breathing down your necks, reminding you how important this year is. And you are pressured to get more involved in activities for the sole benefit of obtaining that little tick mark on your transcript. In the midst of all this, however, remember: I do as I please.

This does not simply dismiss the fact that you shouldn't be involved in school activities; be involved, but participate in events that you deem to be exciting and interesting. If all your efforts to grow into a well rounded student by graduation end with an empty sense of accomplishment and lack of appreciation, then maybe it was not worth it. Be proactive, make positive changes in your high school career, but remember to enjoy it.

Nick Caruana, for example, is far different from the expectations of people. His athletic built and tall figure gives the impression that he plays football or basketball, but instead, he tinkers in the arts and sciences. His love for stippling and laboratory experimentations are passions that cannot be stifled and will only progress through practice and persistence.

"I've gone from drawing stick figures to painting still-life photographs. I went from just simply looking at pictures in a science book to actually working in a college laboratory," says Nick, "These are passions that I have decided to pursue and grow in by the time I graduate."

Nick has found his home in Mater Dei but students like Marina Taitano have yet to find what they best excel in. She says, "My old school was really small and so there were limited options for sports, clubs, and electives. Mater Dei has everything any student needs and I hope I can find activities to participate in and that I will actually enjoy."

When you find your passion, you will find your hearts content.

Pencil Skills Matt Mejia is too absorbed within a world of graphs, parabolas, and equations to take notice of his compulsive pencil twirling. Focus is key, especially in Mr. U's precalc class.

Table Talks These lunch buddies spend their time hanging out and getting away from their usual hectic class schedule. Even though socializing with all people defines the high school experience, bonding with people you share a common interest in is home.

I seize the dei by climbing high trees.
- Andoni Vellejo

I played at a concert in front of many people.
- Maxwell Diaz

President Giselle Rojas

Even though Giselle is the only junior girl class officer, she has definitely earned her place as top dog. "Being President for the junior class gives me a sense of leadership, representation, and gratitude for bringing our student body into a community."

Vice President Tristan Wesson

As Vice President, being a leading officer has its many responsibilities, and attending to the wishes of students is just one of them. " I like the opportunity to hear what students want and work towards pleasing the student population."

Secretary Jeffrey Jovellano

"I'm proud of being able to represent the junior class through my ideas for the betterment of the school," says Jeffrey. Making this school year as memorable as possible is quite a daunting task; a job Jeffrey knows he is able to handle.

Treasurer Felix Hernandez

As this is his second year as class treasurer, Felix Hernandez is aware of all the obligations and high expectations he must meet within his position. However, with his experienced background and knowledge, Felix knows he can "get the job done and make this school year as exciting as possible."

I gave some food from Carl's Jr. to a homeless person crossing the street. - Ryan Skillman

During one of my vacations, I was bitten by a stingray. - Javier Ramirez

Salvador Aguilar-Lopez
Jessica Alcaraz
Adrian Alcazar
Carlos Alcocer
Adomas Aleksandravicius
Fernando Almada
Arturo Amaya
Anamaria Ancheta
Emilio Arce

Maureen Archer
Alexis Armenta
Elia Astiazaran
Jinxin Bai
Karla Barron
Carlos Bautista
Angel Beltran
Danielle Jessica Bongulto
David Bracamonte

Steven Bradley
Jordan Brasfield
Katerina Britschgi
Jordan Brown
Tyler Buenviaje
John Bush
Nicholas Caruana
Jose Castanon
Francisco Cesena

Munir Cevallos
Oscar Chavez
Joseph Chiappe
Christopher Cohen
Aaron Colmenares
Anthony Cordova
Valeria Corral
Sebastian De La Concha
Andres De La Parra

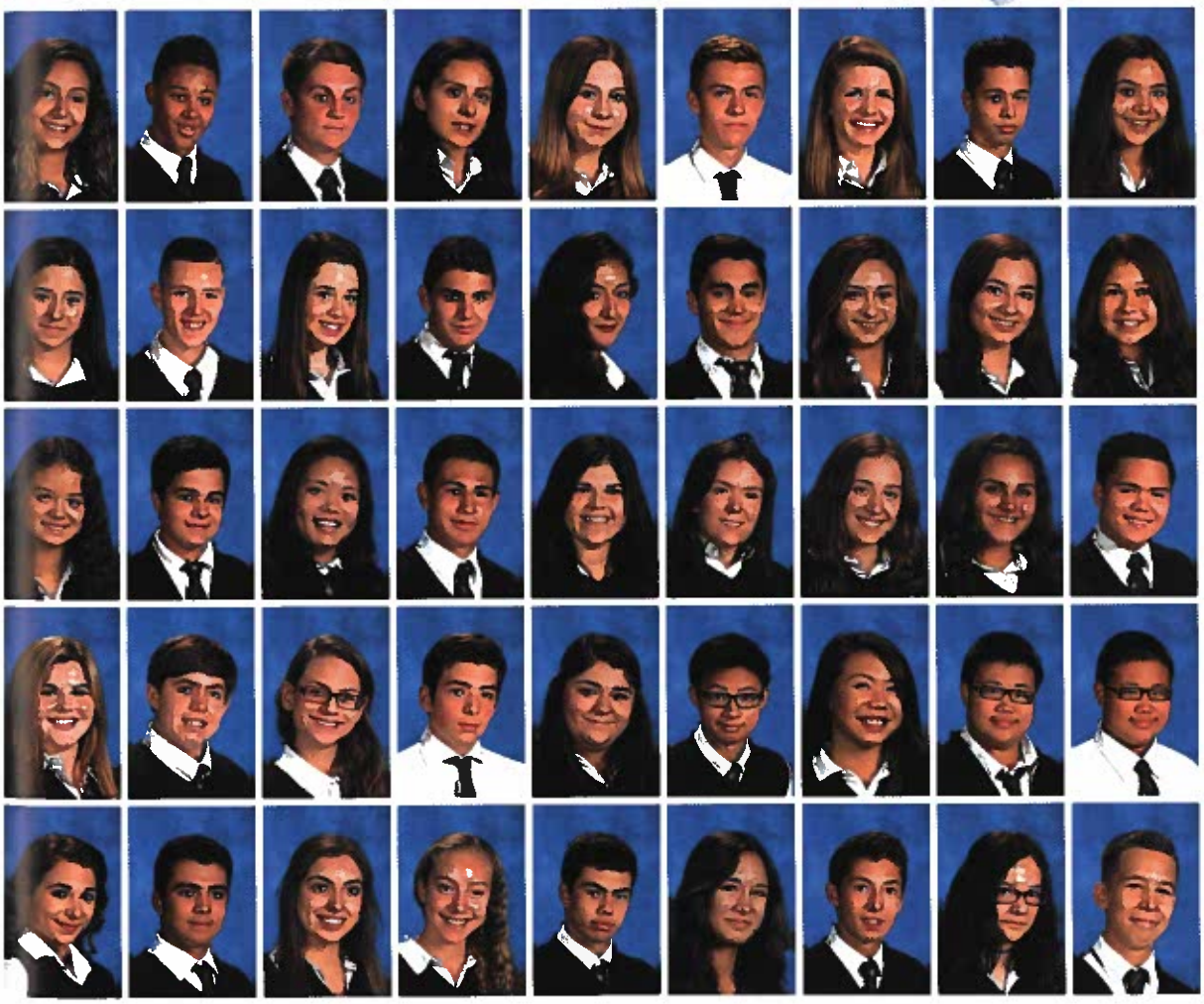
Diana De La Toba
Javier De La Torre
Julius Dehessy
Bianca Del Rio
Sergio Del Rio
Samuel Diaz
Brannon Dillon
Andrew Dowdell
Giovanna Downing

Alex Orozco was born to run, pedal and swim. His dad is a marathon runner and has competed in the Ironman 70.3 Triathlon, so Alex had big shoes to fill. He quickly stepped up to the plate. At eleven years old, Alex completed his first triathlon! Since then, he has completed five. After the first one, he discovered he loved biking the most. Now, he does relay triathlons as the bicyclist. Alex gets energy from the support of all the people in the crowds. He also loves to get out and move. That's how Alex seizes the dei!

I started playing football this year and scored a touchdown during the game. - JC Licerio

Over the summer, I travel Philippines, ate sushi in Ja around Malaysia. - Jeffrey

Madeline Friedrich went to school in Switzerland, her ancestral abode. She and her sister Rebecca flew to Zurich by themselves and stayed a couple days with friends. Afterwards she stayed in an apartment with other students from all over Europe. She attended school in Neu Chatel and took classes entirely in French. On Wednesday's she and her schoolmates went on tours. One time she visited an absinthe distillery and a Gruyere cheese factory. The first she could not have but the latter she enjoyed immensely. "The flavor was so real!" Another memory of hers was meeting with her dad and hiking down a mountain. It took 9 hours! That night she stayed in a little hotel wedged between the mountains. "I felt comfy and cradled in beauty." That's how Madeline seized the dei.



Maria Fernanda Duran
Jayden Emberton-Gaines
Isaiah Faue
Alejandra Felix Campos
Ivana Fernandez
Carlos Ferrer
Madeline Friedrich
Andres Galvan-Gallegos
Maria Galvez

Maribel Garcia
Alexander Golembiewski
Giulia Gomes De Souza
Juan Carlos Gomez
Meztli Gomez
Julio Cesar Goncalves Gouveia
Arianna Gonzalez
Daniela Guerra
Olivia Guevara

Andrea Gutierrez
David Guzman - Felix
Alexis Breana Hernandez
Felix Hernandez
Sophia Herrera
Maricela Herrera-Lopez
Sarah Honold
Valerie Idiaquez
Jeffrey Jovellano

Emma Kacijancic
Austin Keller
Vitoria Krawczenko Feitoza M
Salomon Lagos
Zaid Lares
Juan Carlos Licerio
Samantha Lim
Jue Hao Dylan Lin
Juehao Lin

Martina Lopez
Azael Lopez-Chairez
Jessica Lozano
Lauren Maalouf
Leonardo Machado
Mary Machniak
Esteban Macklis
Ruth Magallon
Julio Magana

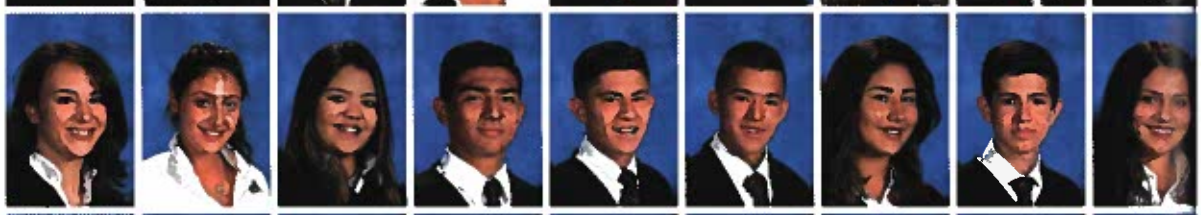
found Asia. I got confirmed in the
le stingray in Singapore, and traveled
ovellano

I went to Las Vegas for a baseball tournament and did extremely well. - Anthony Cordova

Martina Lopez is a professional singer and entertainer. How did she get such a great job? Well, first she can sing. But sh also knows how to seize the dei. Five years ago a friend asked her to go to Legoland for an audition that was in two hours. And Martina grabbed the chance. She drove up with her friend, did the audition, got a call back, sang once more and nailed the job. That was October 19, 2009, a date Martina knows well. Now she works year round and has a repertoire that covers all the holidays. In the summer her favorite song is the Lego Friends Theme Song. At Christma she especially loves "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." She often sings for 500 or more people but Martina doesn't get nervous. "I feel excited; into it; passionate!" Then she adds, "I am proud and blessed." Martina has talent and ambition. She went for it when she had the chance and it paid off big. That's how Martina seiz the dei.

Allison Malunes
Jessica Mangrobang
Hector Margain
Ileana Maroon
Ana Paola Mata Zetina
Matthew Sam Mejia
Kristabel Mendoza
Alyssa Mondaca
Maxwell Montes

Kiersten Morales
Victoria Nahssen-Corradini
Natalia Nakamura
John Navarro
Jorge Navarro
Christopher Nguyen
Itzel Orozco
Alejandro Orozco Gomez
Valeria Ortiz



Ricardo Ortiz-Anaya
Luis Paredes Limon
Sergio Paredes-Vizcarra
Matheus Parra Manso
Hector Pena
Mario Pena
Clara Pereyra
Rica Isabelle Perez
Fausto Polanco

Daisy Powell
E'maniee Powell
Leilani Psillas
Gabriela Quevedo
Harry (Chris) Raitano
Gabriel Ramirez
Javier Ramirez
Elsa Ramirez Novoa
Fernanda Rebollar

Alfredo Reynoso
Sebastian Rice
Jarrod Rieta
Alexandra Rodarte
Eric Rodriguez
Luis Rodriguez
Salvador Rodriguez
Maurico Rodriguez Gonzalez
Roldan Rodriguez-Deaz

I represented my country, Mexico, at a baseball tournament in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. - Isidro Velez

During summer vacation, I went swam around with them. My co grabbed him, and brought him h

Giselle Rojas
Ariadna Romandia
Haya Rosenberg
Gabriela Rossato Defino
Jose Rubio
Kayla Ruiz
Dahlia Salazar
Nineth Rotsen Salazar
Lynda Salce

Kayla San Pedro
Adrian Sanchez
Daniella Sanchez
Mia Sanchez
Margarita Sanz
Karina Sarabia
Stephanie Schaffer
Alexandra Scott
Edward Sebring

Ryan Skillman
Manuel Sobol
Leyi Song
Marina Taitano
Paul Tamayo
Chelsea Torres
Andrea Urquidez
Valeria Vaca
Andoni Vallejo

Karla Vargas
Manuel Velazquez De Leon
Isidro Velez-Valenzuela
Olimpia Veytia
Ana Vildosola
Tristan Wesson
Kellie White
Mario Williams
Harrison Williams-Kee

Yijiang Ye
Xinting (Kitty) Yu
Stefan Zazueta
Qineng Zeng
Quyan Zhao
Ruimali Zhu
Nicholas Zora
Anthony Zoura

Tristan Wesson has a passion for competition. If it's hard to do, he loves to do it. That's where the Spartan Races come in. They are grueling competitions that push running to the max by setting up obstacle courses. One race, for example is up in Temecula on mountain paths or no paths, over rocks and with rocks in your back pack. There are three lengths, the easiest is called the Sprint, it's only 5k.

Next is the Super, an 8 miler. Last is the Beast—11.5 miles in the sun, over mountain terrain, weighted down. Tristan has done all three. Next he wants to fulfill a project requirement for the Kassebaum Scholarship and help a handicapped athlete become a Spartan too. This is how Tristan seizes the dei.

a boat with my parents. We saw dolphins in the water so I jumped in and became scared and swam too far and started to scream. I swam to him, to the boat. - Olimpia Veytia Cambero

I went scuba diving at a shipwreck called the Yukon. - Chris Raitano

Class of Seniors 2015

By Rica Perez

They told us it would go fast. We didn't believe them then. But now we know. What we thought would be four long years is almost at an end and it seems like a millisecond. The memories are abundant. The activities were multitudinous. All the self-examination at retreats, the intensity of tied games and coming from behind to win, the late night studying, falling asleep the next day in class, tests and more tests. AWP's with turnitin.com, citations, projects, discussions, lunchtimes in the sun, quiet times in the chapel, raucous times in rallies, dressed to the nines for formals and comfy and warm first Mondays.

As we look back on these times that have come and gone there is one standard for a kind of assessment, even judgment for this time. Did we do as much as we could? Did we make the most of what was offered? Did we make friends? Take chances? Challenge ourselves? Did we seize the dei?

We do not have equal talents or interests. Some are smarter, faster, stronger. But we are all invited to take part in our own precious life. The world is there offering us to take our place it in. If you feel you have not done as much as you could have, you cannot change the past. But you can look to the future.

Whether enthusiastic or reluctant, we have all been prepared for the future. College is our next step. It also seems like it will loom ahead forever but it will be just as fast as high school. We must take care to make the most of it. We must Seize the Dei.

Ready to Walk
Susie Shoemaker and Maggie Holscher express themselves in their alternate reality personas. Dress up days are good for that.

Pesky Paparazzi
Omar Orozco and Ester Hernandez look surprised to see a photographer in their class. Ordinarily they'd be too engrossed in their studies to notice.

Senior Shake Up Hotshot
James Ricketts and Monica Cooper pump up the crowd seconds before Mik Norris makes a spectacular blindfolded half court shot right into the basket.

Beach Boys Boogie Chris Braden, Matt Ireland, Marvin Dagoc, Josh Strauss and Dallas Freitas hijack a golf cart and head for the beach. Just kidding!

Secretary Estefania Martinez

"Being an ASB Officer has changed my perspective on how events are organized and how ideas can materialize into things the whole school can enjoy. I am happy to hear the ideas of students and share them during meetings so that their voices and opinions can be heard. I have learned about time management and organization. I feel so lucky to have been able to be a part of this wonderful team."

President Mariangella Castrejon

"The most memorable thing to me as senior class president is being able to see how strong everyone's friendships have become throughout these past four years - how people who started out as strangers are now treasuring every moment they have left together. I've seen my friends grow and become the most wonderful people. I'm so proud of them and can't wait to see what they'll accomplish next."

Treasurer Andrea Stonehouse

"As a class officer I get to focus on representing the senior class. It's cool because I find out what is happening and can plan events that are fun for everyone. It's definitely better to be involved that to be a bystander. I like being a class officer this year because I get to focus on representing the senior class. The ASB is cool to be a part of because you get to find out what is happening and plan out what events the school gets."

Vice President Mary Rose Gonzales

"Being a class officer for the first time this year was such an honor. It has given me the opportunity to participate more around the school and to help represent our senior class. I believe that having this type of experience will definitely help me in the long run for the future especially in college."

Maria jose Aguirre

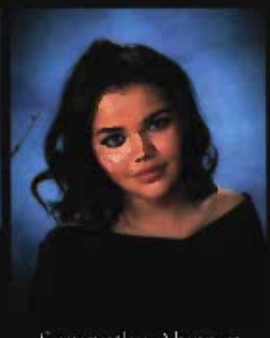
Live the moment

Adrian Alba

The root is not my son, but I will raise it.

Diego Alvarado

Astrid Alvarado

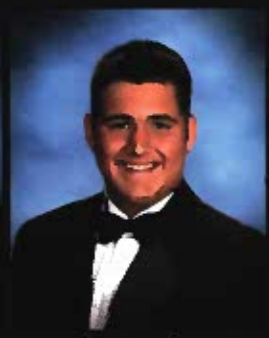


Samantha Alvarez

Sam Lam

Benjamin Antioquia

The only one who can beat me is me.



George Arce

Goodbye everyone, I'll remember you all in the ayre.

Mariela Arias

Season three: coming soon.

Georgianna Ayala-Padilla

I am too busy writing history to read it.

Sabino Balais

"Give us, us Fries!"
-Gingo

Glenn Beltran

Joel Blanco

Nothing is impossible; the word itself says "I'm possible."

Christopher Braden

Forget and not slow down.

Daisy Brito

Amylenne Cabrera

"I know you could do it."
-Mr. Heineman

Michael Cain

A little rebellion now and then is a good thing.

Rafael Camou

Learn the rules so you know how to break them properly.

Miranda Campos

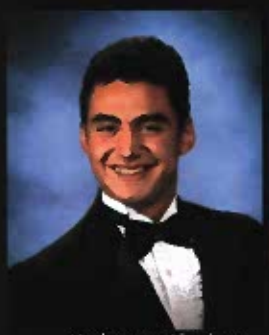
Psalm 23

Maya Carbonero

To be continued...

Orjalise Carley-hilliard

We made it.
-Drake



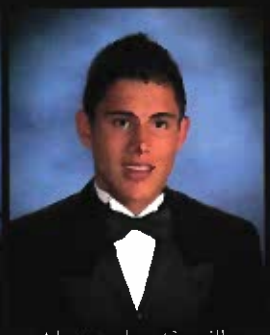
Roberto Carlos

Do you even lift, bruh?

Montserrat Caro

All that we see or seem is but a dream within a dream
-Edgar Allan Poe

Alyssa Carranza



Alexandro Carrillo

Don't miss the moment, make it happen.

Anissa Carrillo

Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.

Christine Cassani

Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen.

Elyssa Breanne Castillo

I solemnly swear I'm up to no good.

Mariangella Castrejon

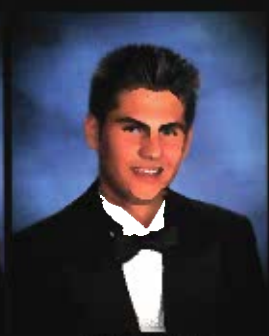
She believed she could, so she did.

Abraham Castro

Sergio Chavez

Waldo Chavez

Enjoy the little things, no matter what, bros.



Erick Claire

Clippers #1

Quiroz Claudio

Monica Cooper

All you need is faith, trust... and a little pixie dust!
-Peter Pan

Estefania Corona

Don't procrastinate; it didn't work for me.

Natalia Corradino

Peace, love, unity, and respect.

Sofia Correa

Your gain strength, courage, and confidence through your experiences.

Paulette Cruz

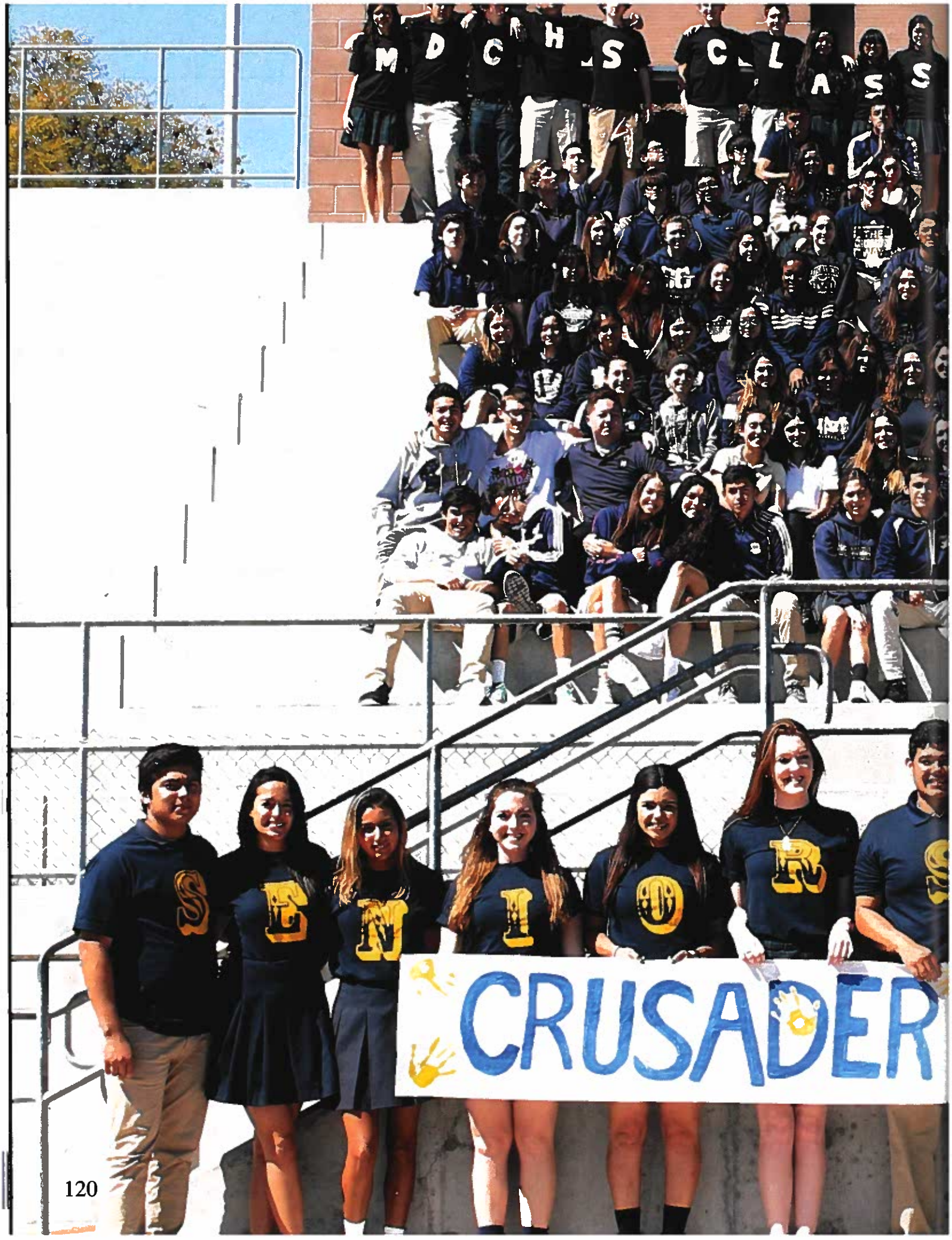
The key word for happiness is LOVE!

Camilla Dabdoub

Officialy diagnosed with senioritis

Kara Ducanay

Life isn't about finding yourself, it's about creating yourself.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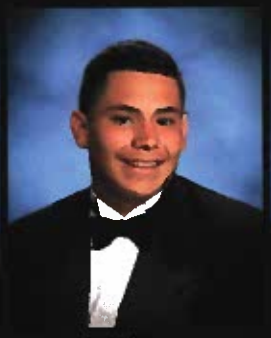
Marvin Dagoc

The only thing predictable about life is its unpredictability.

Christian Delgadillo

Lidya Depietri

"Carpe Diem. Seize the day. Make your lives extraordinary."



Ivan Duran

Do WHATEVER it takes to ELEVATE!

Julian Enriquez

Pedro Esparza

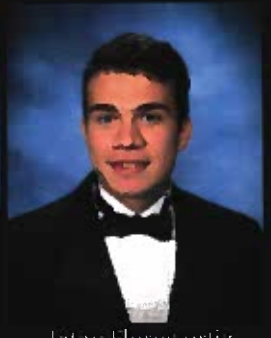
Franco Faucher

Offer your bodies as sacrifices and become the Lord's Acolyte

Luis Fernandez

Christian Flores

Smooth talk your way to the top.



Iztac Flores-ortiz

May you always do what you are afraid to do.

Samantha Fluharty

"Is butter a carb?" –Mean Girls

Luis Foglio

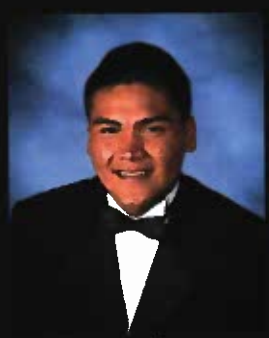
Dallas Freitas

YOU try summing up your life in nine words.

Rebecca Friedrich

Always look at life through a camera lens.

Esteban Gage Sedas

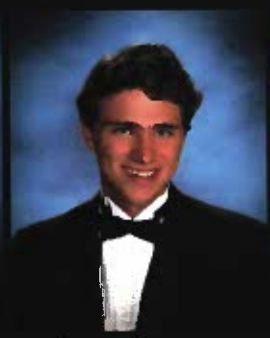


Beda Galleta Jr.

All gas, no brake.

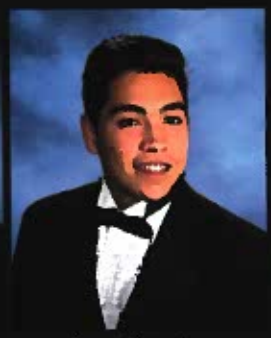
Kirsten Mae Galon

I've never met anyone who wasn't important.



Alonso Garcia

We miss 100% of the shots we don't take.



Jose Garcia

I'm not the greatest but I'm headed for it.

Alejandra Garcia-Cazares

This wasn't like High School Musical at all.

Brittany Garrido

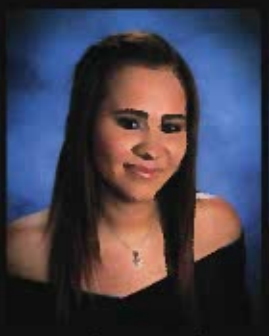
My team is and will always be my family.

Mary Rose Gonzales

Life isn't a matter of milestones, but of moments
- R. Kennedy

Mario Gonzalez

Buckle up. It's going to be a bumpy life.

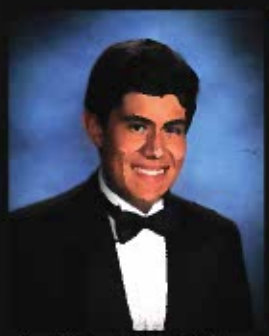


Nicole Gonzalez

Are you calling me a liar?

Sofia Gonzalez

Well I ain't calling you a liar.



Luis Gonzalez-Flores

Change your thoughts and you change your world
- Norman Vincent Peal

Stella Guan

Yaira Guardado

Wanting to be someone else is a waste of the person you are.

Kaylie Gutierrez

Life is more fun with sass.

Natalya Habib

Madelyn Healy

Run so as to win.
- Corinthians 9:24

Esther Hernandez

"To live will be an awfully big adventure."
-Peter Pan

Miriam Hernandez

She believed she could so she did.

Margaret Holscher

[triumphant music plays as MARGIE exists stage right]

Mallory Huston

Amanda Iduaquez

"Wherever you go, go with all your heart."
-Confucius

Matthew Ireland

No matter where you go...there you are.

Keyna Jamison

Jaryd Joyner

Michaela Keenan

The best way out is always through.

Senior **Standouts**

Best All Around
George Arce
Amy Cabrera

Senior Standouts Seize the Dei in lots of ways!

Most Spirited
Ivanna Quiceno
James Ricketts

Most Talented
Omar Orozco
Mary Rose Gonzales

Girl/Boy Genius
Franco Faucher
Susie Shoemaker

Class Clown
Chucky Flores
Samantha Alvarez

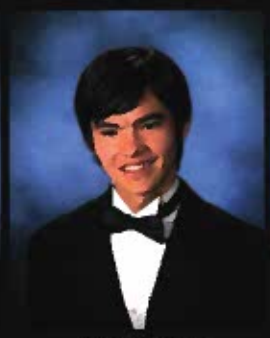
Most Athletic
Conner Finnestad
Kristine Sellona

Biggest Flirt
Julio Lopez
Sarah Yeaton

Friendliest
Sabino Baluis
Miranda Campos

Christopher Licht

"What?" -Democritus discovering the atom. Elf Jon



Trent Lilley

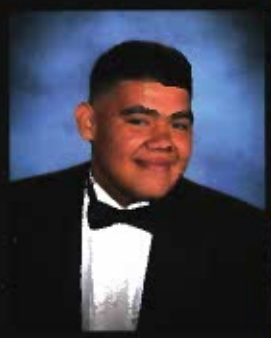
It's all Algebra Folks. -Mr. Dykman

Naomi Lizarraga

"Don't be the guy who brings chips and salsa" -Cruz

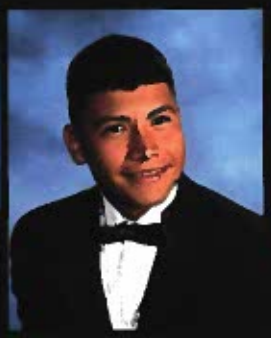
Juan Llorens

Braulio Lopez



Julio Lopez

Somewhere over the rainbow bluebirds fly.



Jesus Lopez

Susana Lopez

I can do all things through God who strengthens me.

Dominique Lozano

Procrastinate... mama said there'll be days like this.

Yessenia Lugo

Spread love everywhere you go.

Roberto Lyle Moreno

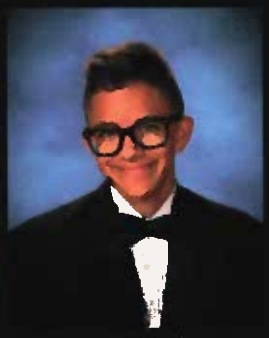
Brandon Mamou

Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough.

Mina Maroghi

Estefania Martinez

"I know the plans I have for you." - Jeremiah 29:11



Lucas Martinez

"Give us, us free!" -Cinque

Gabriel Martinez-Lutteroth

Devana Mattia

Philippians 4:13

Sara Mehroomi

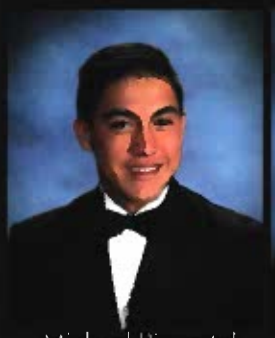
Be somebody who makes everybody feel like somebody.

Michelle Miranda

Flip the switch, Flip it real good.

Rene Mireles Guzman

"Most trees are blue." – Jayden Smith

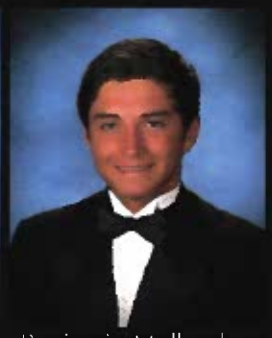


Michael Pimentel

Dude, where's my car?

Alexis Morales

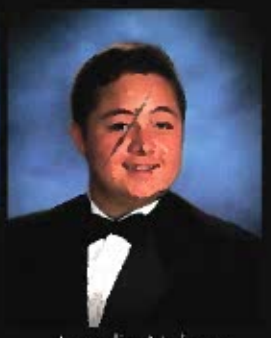
Bye San Diego and Hello Hawaii



Benjamin Mullendore

Fabian Navarro

If I haven't passed you yet, watch me catch up.



Arcadio Nelson

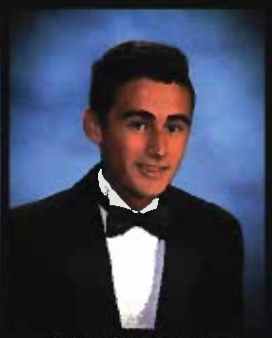
It always seems impossible until it is done.

Katherine Newman

Push the button -Joyner

Patricia-Anne Oquendo

Trust, It's what friends do. -Dory



Salvador Orozco

This quote was the hardest part of my high school career.

Omar Orozco-Sanchez

Didn't you tell them they were the Lord's chips.

Margarita Osuna

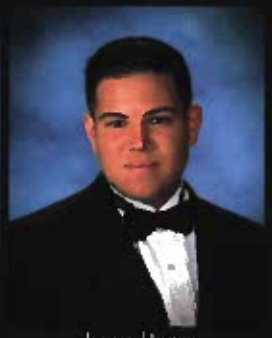
If the mind can conceive it you will achieve it.

Hannah Otte

There is a light that never goes out.

Esteban Paredes

So far behind I thought I was in first.



Juan Parra

Time flies, but so do I.

Jose Perez

Build your dream or be hired to build someone else's.

Luciana Perez-Appel

Jasmine Pichardo

Cintia Quan Kin Kuang

Seaweed? You too know what I'm talking about!

Ivanna Quiceno

"Always remember that you are unique, just like everyone else."

Harlee Quijano

In the chaotic rubble, she still remembered who she was.

Peter Joseph Quinto

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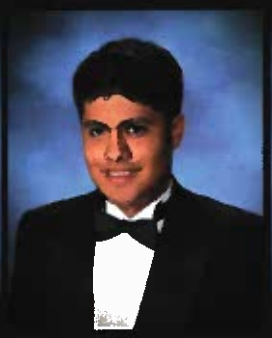
Kanna Quiroz

The limit does not exist.



Israel Ramirez

Love is life and life is living.

Melissa Ramos

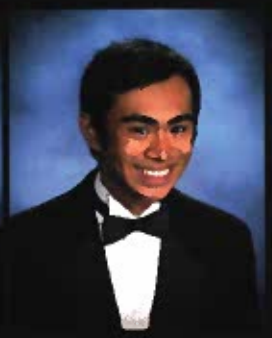
Self confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings.

Alexia Renteria

Melissa Reyes

Juan Reynoso

You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.



James Ricketts

"Real g's move in silence like lasagna" -Lil Wayne

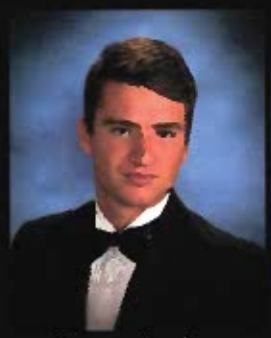
Madeline Robertson

"Vitamin C" is Spanish for "Vitamin Yes" -Jimmy Fallon

Oliver Rocha

Life has no limitations, except the ones you make.

Alexis Rodriguez



Renato Rosique

Remember my name, and watch me succeed.

Sally Russell

Dream like you'll live forever. Live like you'll die today.

Adrian Sad ghi

Be the person your dog thinks you are.

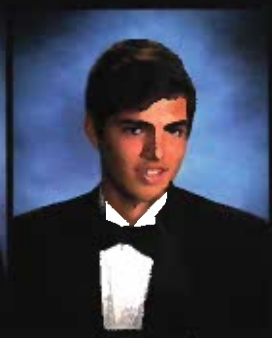
Laura Saldana

Daniel Sanchez

Daylight rose with hope along with it.

Marco Sanchez

I didn't choose the twin life.



Oscar Sanchez

The twin life chose me.

Ricardo Sanchez

Bad decisions make the best memories.

Kristine Joy Sellona

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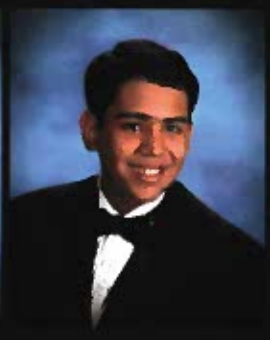
Pablo Serrato

If life gives you lemons, make kool-aid.

Susan Shoemaker

Fun Fact: I really should've prepared a quote beforehand.



Jose Sosa Jurado

Andrea Stonehouse

Do small things with great love

Joshua Strauss

Dare tomorrow? Do tomorrow.

Stephen Strauss

They call me the songbird of my generation.

Sofia Talley

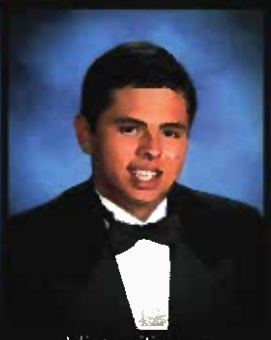
Don't call me Talley.

Jocelyn Torres

Graduation is not the end... it's the beginning.

Reena Mei Torres

"My duty is to my heart" - Moana



Victor Torres

Nathalie Utrilla

"Some wish for it... I work for it."

Amalia Valadez

Alfonso Valencia

Whether you think you can or can't, you're usually right.

Antonio Valenzuela

Francisco Verdugo Del Real

Life has no limitations except the ones you make.

Melissa Villalvazo

Linda Vindiola

Joel Viss

I'm smarter than you look.

Donovan Williams

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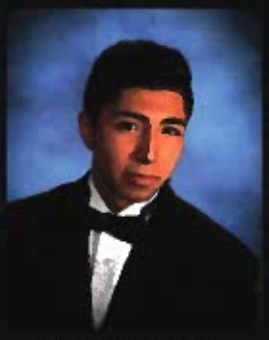
Sarah Yeaton

"Aca-scuse me?" - Pitch Perfect



Nestor Zavalza

Senior **Wills** What will be your legacy?

I, Maria Jose Aguirre, will my smiles to the tennis varsity team, and my hugs to Paola Garcia, Paola Garcia de leon, Samara Gioviti, and Paula Vazquez.

I, Adrian Alba, will Reggie my height. I will Jovan Bayless a haircut. I will Emilio the ability to close, Kahlil Mayrane lips, Harrison the ability to catch, and Bob better jokes. I will Ms. Austin sympathy. I will Jarod Rieta the spin move. I will Elias some lunch money. And I will Emilio some chapstick.

I, George Arce, will my work ethic and leadership of the football team to the future Crusader lineman. I will my calmness to Isaiah Fane. And lastly I will the good times I've had to the next crop of seniors. I hope you guys have as good of a time as I did!

I, Georgianna Ayala, will Valeria Vaca my soccer laziness, Viavaly my happiness, the random moments of singing to Regina, and all my talking to Ms. Lopez Vasquez's class. I also will Mater Dei my best 5 years, all my memories, and all the cookies I bought during lunch.

I, Sabino Balon, will my love to my brother who will be an incoming freshman next year, and to all the APIC crew. I will my basketball skills to Jordan Bousfield and Jeff. I will my swag to Bethany Colgrove. I will to Eric and Matt my awesomeness, and to the rest of the Crusader family, I will them luck.

I, Glenn Beltran, will the hopes and dreams of our Academic League to Sergio Ojeda and Ashlyn O'Hara, Diego Casillas, for his undying kindness, the friendliness I always tried to project to Markis Custodio. I will an affinity for Poptarts. Finally, I will an internal drive for success to my newest friend, Fernanda Unterroth.

I, Joel Blanco, would like to be remembered for my sense of humor. I also would like to be remembered as the hard working student who strives to be successful in life. I want to leave behind a positive impact to my peers by enlightening them of Christ through the retreats we organize. I have enjoyed many precious moments throughout my years in MD.

I, Chris Bosken, will: my guitaring to Marco, Jonas, and Carson, my Spanish and altar serving expertise to LP., my computer knowledge to Ms. K, my taste in music to Eric and Miles, my perfected running technique to the XC guys, and the American Dream to Tim. My pole vaulting prowess is up for grabs.

I, Amy Cabrera, will my libero position to Big Dani Bouguitte, face to Kiersten, house to Ana, ukulele to Kayla, van to Eric and Matt, yearbook grade to Steph and Rica, my helmet to Ms. K, promptness to Mr. Smyth, smile to Ms. Angeles & Mr. Brunner, turtle meat to Ivanna, lunch laughter, and "A" to Reena and Kara. Anchors to James, rx dilawa to the bukkake. Youtube videos to Santa Crew, and my "b(!)" to KBAM.

I, Michael Cam, will my great memories at state to the Varsity Cross Country Team. To the Freshman runners, I will my speed or lack thereof. To Joseph, all of Science Academy and Salvador, Precalculus. To anyone who wants to run long distance track, good luck. Finally, I will my sarcasm to anyone who will use it.

I, Miranda Campos, leave my brothers Jose, Luis, Tony, Michael, Salvador, Juan Pablo and Zeke my running skills. I will the entire MD track team and the amazing Coach Cruz, our laughs, races, dedication, and love! To my biological brother Zek Campos, I will my love and legacy! To my beloved CC team I leave the many miles and smiles!

I, Alyssa Carranza, will my fan to sissy, my jumps to Alexis Armenta, Pom Poms to Daisy, P and Alexa Garcia, my dancing to the cheer team, my comments to Madeline F. and my bubbly personality to all the future Crusaders!

I, Alexander Carrillo, will my athletic abilities, friendliness, drive to go places, and my characteristics of being an outstanding student/athlete on and off the field and outside of school. I want to pass all of these down to my brother Ricardo. Make high school last and cherish every moment you have here at MDCHS. There will be tough times, but when there are, you need to reach deep down inside and tell yourself, "I can do this." Have fun but stay out of trouble, play sports, and get good grades, because in the end it all pays off. High school can be the best 4 years of your life, if that's what you make it become. Set an example for the class of 2017, and show everyone in San Diego, what you can do. "I am who I am today, because the choices I made yesterday." Love you, bro. Have fun.

I, Brea Castillo leave my spirit to the cheerleaders, my flyer luck to Magy Sanz and Mary Machiniak, my voice to Madeline Friedrich, my strumming to the ukulele club, my hipsterness and love for all things nerdy to Danielle Bonguillo, my selfies and shaka-ness to Reena, my amazing comebacks to Santa Crew, and my love, memories, and future to KBAM.

I, Mariangella Castrejon, will my deep life talks to Ana Paola Mata, my love and passion for reading to Constanza Ashazaran, my photography club to Sarah Honold, my baking skills and the endless possibilities to Andrea Enriquez, my PE memories to Marifer Duran, and all my love to Carlo Castrejon."

I, Michelle Miranda, will all of my team manager skills to Emily and Gabby. I love you Ms. Piggi and Wipsom!! Have a poppin' high school life.

I, Waldo Chavez, will my dimples to someone who needs big dimples like me. They get poked by numerous amount of girls and never get tired of it. Also, to that one individual girl, you're beautiful!

I, Monica Cooper, will my love of glitter, cheer makeup, and my cheer spirit to my freshman buddy Alexa Dominguez, my frog jumps and pineapple pumps to Teresa Huynh, our swim talks about Pac 12 to Sabrina Mata and Chelsie Hernandez, my brains to my little brother David Cooper, my love of country music to Mr. Rosales, my whiteboard notes and doodles to Ms. Kelleher, my crazy field trip ideas to Dr. Tifft, and a daily "Good Morning" to Bob!

I, Estefania Corona, will my soccer skills to Regina Victorica. I will my bondly guitar & amp and ceramics skills to Esteban Mackliss. I will my happy Mondays to Bob the King. I will my grade point average to Marianna Hernandez and Ximena Posada. I leave my wrestling skills to Javi De La Torres, and my football skills to Abelardo Cetto. I will my knee probs to Valeria Vaca and Isabelle Rojas. I will my punctuality to Mr. Brunner for ASB meetings, good luck crossing the border.

I, Sofia Correa, leave my amazing track skills to Mia and Jessica, my "cakes" to Izzy and positive attitude to Vlax. I will Kyle my humor and Sophie my long hair she'll eventually have. I leave my love to Cliff, buffness to CJ, smile and "15 cents" to Jaylen and good looks to Quentin. I love you guys so much and always will remember the fun times we had together.

I, Paulette Cruz, leave Nick Zeca Kyler at his table.

I, Kara Dacanay, will Amy Cabrera and Reena Mei Torres my hello kitty and "K" to the ARK. I will Cassie Esparza and Samantha Lim my amazing dance and singing skills. I will to Mary Rose Gonzales my riffs when I sing. I will to my brother Trajan Dacanay the Dacanay Legacy. And I will all my love to the class of 2015 and all the Asians in my group!

I, Marvin Isaac Degree, leave Roy Medina the Hakuna Dynasty. I leave Cetto my unused shorts. I leave Jarod Rieta all my Lol skins. I leave Magy Sanz my nip and dots. I leave Isaiah Fane my high notes. I leave Ryan Skillman the school's bongos. I leave Chris Escobar the nickname "Fero". I leave Nico my team dinner portions.

I, Franco Fanchez, bestow upon the Acolytes the greatest gift I could ever deliver. I gift you the source of true strength, the fountain upon which all knowledge flows. In times of need and strife, I pray that you may understand that this gift was never mine but His. May the Acolytes forever be blessed with the Spirit that is I Am.

I, Chuck Flores, leave my 4 year company to anyone willing to make money. My fortunes to my friends and close ones, and a smile to all my competitors who have fallen and have quit since bros.

I, Dallas Freitas, will my speed to the track team and my nickname to Mike Zoma.

I, Rebecca Friedrich, will my throwing skills to Maria Galvez and that she may excel to the fullest. To Madeline, I will my leadership skills and that she may excel at what she does best. To Mia Sanchez I will my caring nature. I will my photography skills to Emily Contreras and hope she sees photography through a different lens.

I, Ryan Galleta, will my work ethic to my brother Chris Galleta. And my wisdom to Jaylen Banks and Clifford Kidd.

I, Kirsten Mae Galon, bequeath the Drama Club presidency to Alex Rodarte, the Ukulele Club presidency to Trajan Dacanay and Kayla San Pedro, my "Good Morning, Mater Dei" to Madeline Friedrich, the Steel Drum Band presidency to Anamaria Anastasia Anchieta, and finally, my "K" to "KBAM."

I, Brittany Garrido, give my passion and love for soccer to the girls varsity soccer team. I give the Steel Drum Band to Kayla San Pedro. I leave my randomness to Danielle Bonguillo and Gigi Downing. I leave my hopefulness and determination to the JV girls soccer team. I leave Alex Scott the only girl spot in the Video Game Club.

I, Luis Manuel Gonzalez Flores bestow my whole legacy at Mater Dei to my brother Sergio Gonzalez Flores. I leave my golfing skills to the future generations of golfers at Mater Dei to always be proud and to win CIF.

I, Mario Gonzalez, leave my best wishes and skills to Manuel Velasquez and Max Delgado Torres, that they can have a high school career and improve everyday to be the best.

I, Mary Rose will the night and my love on top to my count, my harmonies to the melodious duo, Martina and Danielle, my enjoyment for musicals to Cassie, my awkward laughing/jokes to Reena, and my love and gratitude to my friends and the rest of the student body.

I, Kaylie Gutierrez, will my sass to Alexis Armenta. To Daisy Powell, I leave my hat and blonde hair. Leilani Palas our sleep talks. Alexa Garcia my flips and noise making. Madeline Friedrich my blond moments and love for pink. Arianna Gonzalez, I leave my flying skills. To my beloved sister, Kenna Gutierrez my spiritual existence at Mater Dei...

I, Madelyn Healy, bestow upon Mia the 4/1 relay and Diana my curling wand. I give my XC boys the news that they will never be on Coach's iPhone wallpaper. Finally, I leave to my sister the memories we have made running together the last two years. I'm proud of you and I love you so much. JP gets no boba.

I, Jasmine Ho, will Bessie Yang and Cintia Quan seaweed, Joshua Strauss all the dogs; Patricia Oquendo the Chip to her Dale; Anamaria Anchieta, my brain; Mr. Smyth + Mr. U + Mr. Heineman, my ability to do math; Mr. Oakman, my ability to use Thesaurus; and James Ricketts and Ivanna Quiceno, plsu.

I, Mallory Huston, leave my "amazing" legacy and awkwardness to my younger sister, Paige Huston. I leave Alex Rodarte my love of acting and Hot Cheetos. I leave the future Sound Commissioners the Sound of Music (*wink wink*). I leave Bob all my love! Future freshmen, high school is tough but stay strong. Good luck to you, Mater Dei!

I, Amanda Iduaquez, will my parking spot and a great senior year to my sister Valerie Iduaquez. To Sophia Herrera, my taxi duties to take people to In & Out and the mall after school. My good grades to Alizah Jamison. My deep conversations to Diego after XC practice. To my incoming freshman, Daniella Iduaquez, my great memories at MD.

I, Michaela Keenan, will my Ceramic skills to Roldan, Emilio, David, and Brannon. I will my love and hugs to Jayden, Jaylen, CJ, Quentin, Cliff, and Lorenzo. I leave my "cakes" to Izzy. I will my soccer skills to Vitasaly and Maritza. I will my cuteness to Kyler. I leave Elias my smile, and hopefully he uses it every day.

I, Naomi Lizanaga, leave my Benchwarmer skills to Jenna Kruse. I will my weak sock game to Carlo Castrejon.

I, Susana Lopez, will all my amazing memories to the XC team, all my craziness to Brighid and Diana. I will all of my love to Diego, my appetite to Juan Pablo, my "passion" for track pyramids to Joseph, Zek, Salvador, and Luis. All my hugs to Sam and Mia.

I, Dominique Lozano, will that people know who they are.

I, Yessenia Lugo, will my managing skills for boys water polo to Ciara Menat along with my passion for water polo. To Ciara Menat I also will my passion for water polo. I leave behind my sense of humor to Bob, and all the jokes we shared together. I leave all my great memories of Mater Dei to Ben Brown.

I, Brandon Manson, will the legacy of the Ping Pong Club to my brother Kyler Manson. To Mr. Brunner, I leave you with the might of the Ping Pong tables until my brother arrives. To Kevin Lecz, I bestow the power of spin, use it wisely. I say to you Mr. Oakman that is truly "all Algebra I talkes." Finally I also leave my last name to my brother.

I, Estefania Martinez, leave my willingness to exceed expectations to the cheer team. To Magy Sanz, I will my French and our sushi dates. To Alexa Garcia I leave our memories and to Alessandra Salas I will my determination.

I, Arcadio James Nelson, will my amazing League skills to Markis Paez Custodio, my ability to learn things quickly to Trapat Dacanay, and all the water I own to my best senior friend, Alain. Use my gifts wisely, scrubs!

I, Katherine Newman, will Tary our morning rides to school with her music that does not work. I leave the team manager memories to Emily Miranda and Gabby Pimentel. I leave Emily Miranda our sideline talks at the football games. I leave Gabby Pimentel the love and commitment of basketball. I will Jordan Brasfield our good times from elementary-high school and skype dates.

I, Patricia Anne Oquendo, bestow to Kayla San Pedro my obsession with Tumblr and our fun times in chemistry; Kristal Cabllung, my KPOP fangirl instincts; Alyssa Mendoza, our inside chipmunk jokes; Kristabel Mendoza, my affection for pandas; Enrique Rocha, our food bellies; and to present and future Crusaders, my wonderful memories and lovely ability to go to bed after midnight.

I, Omar Orozco, leave to Mariana Lopez my passion for music. Remember to let music drive you to do anything you want. To Jose Castanon, I leave my love for Mr. Van Wyk and my love for producing music. You know what to do.

I, Margarita Osuna will my professional diving skills in swim PE to Mr. Smith. I thank Mr. Cruz for letting me know what to always bring to the party. I leave my love and plenty of hugs to Mr. Oakman. To Bob, I leave an infinite amount of "Happy Mondays." I leave my anatomy skills to Mrs. Nerat because she kind of needs them. I leave all my Spanish cheers to the softball team, my craziness to Ivana Fernandez, my friendship forever to Nestor and a million happy memories to.

I, Hannah Otte, will Mary our Steubenville retreats. To Democracy, his name. To Ashlyn, Stephen King appreciation and to Sergio my lightheartedness. I bequeath endless laughter, "yo lo mucho," and frozen yogurt to Steve. To Diego, my Steam account. I leave Science Academy juniors my lab skills and best wishes, and to Academic League both clutch and all my love.

I, Samantha Ilulkarty, will my high school experiences to Tori Ilulkarty and my talented dancing to the cheer team.

I, Melissa Ramos, leave this advice to all those people who divide their life between videogames and school. You Are Awesome! Don't worry too much about being cool. Eventually, things will fall into place.

I, Michael Pimentel, will my sense of humor to my sister Gabrielle because she's not funny and is in need. I will Alexa Salce my selfie taking abilities. I will Jared Rieta my rocket fuzz. I will Harrison my spidey hands. I will Emilio Arce my sharking capabilities. And that's it, I think. Oh, and I will Karla V. my life.

I, Cinthia Quan, will my best memories and my wish for success to all the students of Mater Dei. I will my bilingual skills to those who are learning foreign languages. Lastly, I will my hope to everyone, especially to my friends and family.

I, Jeanna Quicenio, will the whole volleyball team my cheerful disposition and ridiculousness during practice. To Baby Q, K. Ames, and Naomi, my many thanks for making the seniors on the team look good. To all my close friends, I will my gratitude for being awesome friends since the beginning. Finally, to the senior class I will all of my love and luck with whatever you all go on to do in life.

I, Harlee, will my vocals to Jazeen Dima. May you forever be on one. To Sophie, every song in my playlist and our homecoming dance moves. I will Olivia Cinexan every high school musical, Rickey Thompson, cookie dough filled nights. "No matter where life takes us, nothing can break us apart."

I, PJ Quinito, will melt, cure, and jarred the cane.

I, Bessie Yang, will my power to the dreamers in Mater Dei, my strength to those who never stop fighting for their dreams. I will my math skills to students in Mr. Smyth and Mr. H's classes. Lastly, I will all my love to my baby sister.

I, Juan Reynoso, will leave all the joys and the good memories that I experienced throughout my four years here at Mater Dei.

I, James Ricketts, will good luck to the future of ASB. I hope my term as President did y'all some good. I will to the Screw an endless amount of plans and promises to hang out in college, but not before one last PCN. I will the drama club to Alex Rodarte and Cassi Esparza, my dancing skills to Teresa Huynh and Alexia Castillo, and my track skills to Salvador Rodriguez. I will DAK a camera that requires three people to handle and a vow to stay close no matter how many miles we're apart. I will to the one kid, who I bumped into at Ms. K's class, who managed to change my life, this quote, "I just want you to know that you're very special... and the only reason I'm telling you is that I don't know if anyone else ever has." (Chbosky, TSE)

I, Madeline Robertson, will my dancing prowess and extensive Taylor Swift knowledge to Katerina Buschgi and Emma Kacspanek, my ability to change the radio station to Joseph Chiappe, my coloring skills to Lauren Madont, the exclusive use of the word "dahling" to Alexandra Rodarte and my status as the grooviest Dala Kid to Tyler Gutierrez.

I, Alexis Rodriguez, will my stunt group, Daisy, Madeline, and Ariana Gonzalez my "pep talks". I will Alexa Garcia and Aubrey Gardi our mini volleyball games, Sophie Herrera and Jessica Alcaraz our talks in art class last year, Alexis Armenta our twinning, Magy Sanz my nickname "Kitty", and to Marc Machinali my naturally teased hair.

I, Sally Russell, leave Kristabel Mendoza my stunting skills. I leave Karina Cornmilla my backspot abilities. I will my passion for English to Ms. Olson for inspiring my interests. Finally, my understanding of the world to Ms. Dinomasso for her enlightenment through her classes.

I, Adrian Sadighi, leave my driving and basketball skills to Jacob Voss.

I, Laura Saldana, will my happiness to all the Class of 2015.

I, Marco Sanchez will my varsity soccer position to my little brother Luis Sanchez.

I, Kristine Joy Sellona, will the volleyball, basketball, and track players and coaches my memories. Alexis and Kiersten my setting positions. Dom my fanny pack, Jenna, Olivia and Sophie perseverance. Ashley, Ana, and Lauren fierceness. Emanice and Jordan my humor. Juke my presence. Micah my stroke. Ninethony ex house. And finally, the barkada ohana, my unending love. P.S. Buddy says hello.

I, Pablo Serrato, leave my sense of humor to Angel De la Paz as well as my smarts. I leave Bob all the happy Mondays and my vigilance. I also leave Kayla San Pedro all the memes.

I, Susie Shoemaker, leave the legacy of the Tree to my brother, Steve. I will the Academic League to Ashlyn and Sergio. I love that team, guys. Take good care of it! With my remaining thirty words, I would like to leave the underclassmen all my answers to every exam I have ever taken. Find them all under the tree.

I, Andrea Stonehouse, will my soccer skills to the girls soccer team. Shout out to Clara Pereyra, Giselle, and Izzy Rojas, Kellie White, Emily Contreras, and Cene Willis. I will the St. Augustine sticker on my car to Bob. I will Mr. Heineman another student like me and Jose Perez. And to the senior class I wish you all the best in the future. Let's keep in touch.

I, Stephen Strauss, will my fun times in math to Jarrod Rieta and Eli Jovellano. I will my love of 80's funk to Daveon. My love of the Lakers to Coach Jegner and my faith and swag to Bethany Colgrove and bogaders to Mr. Professor Johnson.

I, Reena Torres will to Ms. Angeles & Mr. Brunner my ASB accomplishments. I will to Amy & Kara my good moods, fruit snacks & my "R" to ARK. I will to my twin, Mary Rose, my legs, long hair, and heavy gasping laughs. To Kristine Bruha Quint, my love for L&L and piglets. I will to Bree & Kimmie my height. To Lon & and Mar, my "motherly hugs". To Teresa Huynh, my "flare" and my test touches. Lastly to our barkada crew, all my high school memories and adventures.

I, Natalie Ulrilla, will my perfect tan to Valeria Vaca & Juan Carlos Gomez. I will my lovable hugs to Daniella Sanchez. I will my crazy attitude in the locker rooms during soccer to Clara Pereyra & Kellie White. I will Giselle & Izzy Rojas to love their bro as much as I would have loved mine if he were still here. RIP Alberto Ulrilla

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

bouncing babies...

1. Crawling Cutie

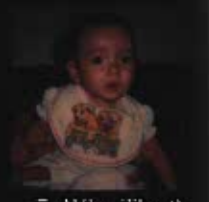
2. Once Upon a Time...

3. Boy in Bitt

4. Petite Perfection

5. Cool Kid

6. Lego Cruiser


7. Who That?

8. Little Red Rascal

9. Dining Out

10. Sassy Lass

11. Kewpie Doll

12. Cute and Cozy

13. True Blue

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15. Sweater Weather

16. Lovable Laugher

17. Toothy Grin

18. Pearly Whites

19. Sunlight Savvy

20. Sunny Disposition

21. Little Girl, Big Chair

22. Pikachu Peek-a-boo

23. All Dolled Up

24. Nothing but Smiles

25. Little Grad

26.Why so Serious?

27. Little Party Girl

28. Monster Hug

29. Baby Cheeks

30. Cookie Kid

31. Little Horse Rider

32. Little Bond

33. Beanie Baby

34. Silly Smile

35. Miss Messy

36. Pretty Princess

37. Freaky Friday

38. French Toast

39. Next American Idol

40. Smiles and Studs

41. Flower Baby

42. Family Forever

43. Blue-Eyed Wonder

44. Safe and Secure

45. All Denim, All Day

46. Peace

47. Raindrops on my Head

48. Funny Bunny

49. Up, Up, and Away

50. Model Behavior

51. Sweet and Shy

52. Nobody's Buisness

53. Me and my Mercedes

54. Chipmunk Cheeks

55. Flower Girl

56. Why Me?

57. Magically Musical

58. Crawlin' Cutie

59. Pretty in Pink

60. Little Royalty

61. Pigtail Perfection

62. Mysterious Stare

63. Double Trouble

64. Cheeky Cheese

65. Nap Time

66. On Top of Pops

67. Pajama Party

68. Saddle Up

69. Chillin' like a Villian

70. Green Thumb

71. Bad Hair Day

72. Smiling Sweetly

73. Lollipop Lollipop

74. Lil Tiger Woods

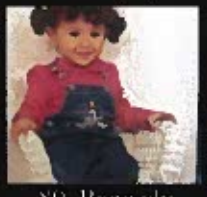
75. Look at Those Eyes

76. Up on Top

77. Delightful Daisy

78. Bunny Baby

79. Getting Down



80. Raggedy Ann

81. Beach Beauty

82. Mamma Mia

83. Cute as a Button

84. Goldilocks

85. Small Driver

86. Say Cheese!

87. Sweet and Savvy

88. Black Tie

89. The Nose Knows

90. Messy Madness

91. Hissssss... and Her

...bundles of joy

92. Beanie Baby

93. Winning Smile

94. Nature Girl

95. Child Genius

96 Workout Wonder

97. Cutie Patootie

98.Anticipation

99. Cued to Smile

100. Fun in the Sun

101. Cheeky Child

102. High Chair King

103.. Papa and I

104. Chillaxin'

105. What a Smile?

106. Dream Baby

107. Little Blue Boy

108. Pool Poser

109. Happy Days

110. Oshgosh Kid

111. Forever Plaid

112. Ready and Waiting

113. Me and My Football

114. Couch Potato

115. Petite Portrait

116. Santa Baby

117. Oblivious

118. Little Miss and Minnie

119. Little Slugger

120. First Steps

121. Baseball Baby

122. Gap Guy

123. Cute in Curls

124. I miss my bro

125. Me and my pop

126. Tyke in a Tam

127. Pixie Princess

128. Scream and Shout

Yes, No, Maybe,

Did You Guess the Baby?

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Valedictorian

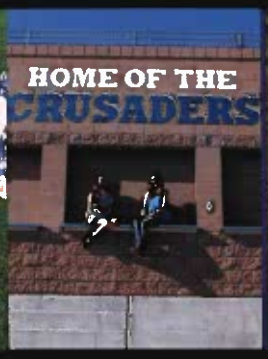
Susan Shoemaker

During four years, my goals were to have as much fun and procure as much knowledge as I possibly could. Looking back, I am surprised to find they were the same thing all along.

Salutatorian

Monica Cooper

Every morning when I wake up I have two choices: I can stay in bed and continue dreaming, or wake up, chase, and achieve my dreams. Always dream big,and if your dreams don't scare you, they are not big enough!

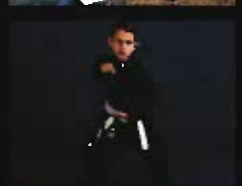


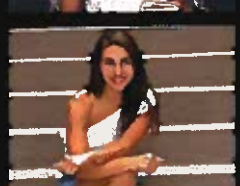
You rocked High School and now you start your next chapter in life - University! Continue your journey with the drive, determination and compassion for others and the values you have learned while attending Mater Dei Catholic.

CONGRATULATIONS REBECCA

I love you with all my heart...
...and I am so proud of you!

Dad





Monica Cooper

It's hard to believe that you are graduating this year. Where did the years go? We can still remember the day you were born like it was yesterday. You have grown into such an amazing and wonderful daughter, sister, granddaughter, student, and human being. You always see the good in everything and everyone. You are kind, smart, talented, beautiful, giving and loving...God truly blessed us with you, and we cannot imagine our lives without you! We are extremely proud of you, and of your accomplishments! You deserve the very best life has to offer, and we hope all of your dreams come true! As you begin the next phase of your life, never forget who you are, and how special you are. We wish you continued success in all that you do! Never forget that we love you more than words can ever express. May God and Mother Mary bless you always.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Miranda, Your family loves you so very much! Proud! Let your light shine bright! xoxo Mom, Dad, Zek, and Mari

Alexandro,

May the Lord guide you into your future years and bless you with opportunities and health. may he keep you in his hands and give you the courage to pursue your dreams. We love you and wish you the best with your educational future. You can always count on us!

Love,

Mom, Dad & Rick

Stephen Patrick Strauss

We love you so much. We are so proud to see the man you are becoming. You have brought us such joy and laughter . It's amazing how you can light up a room. You have a way of making people feel good with your presence and tenderness. We have seen you on so many occasions lift the spirits of others and allow them to see the beauty in themselves and the world. As you journey through life, never forget that God is always there for you. So stay focused on His love and allow yourself to be his instrument. Never forget how much you are loved.

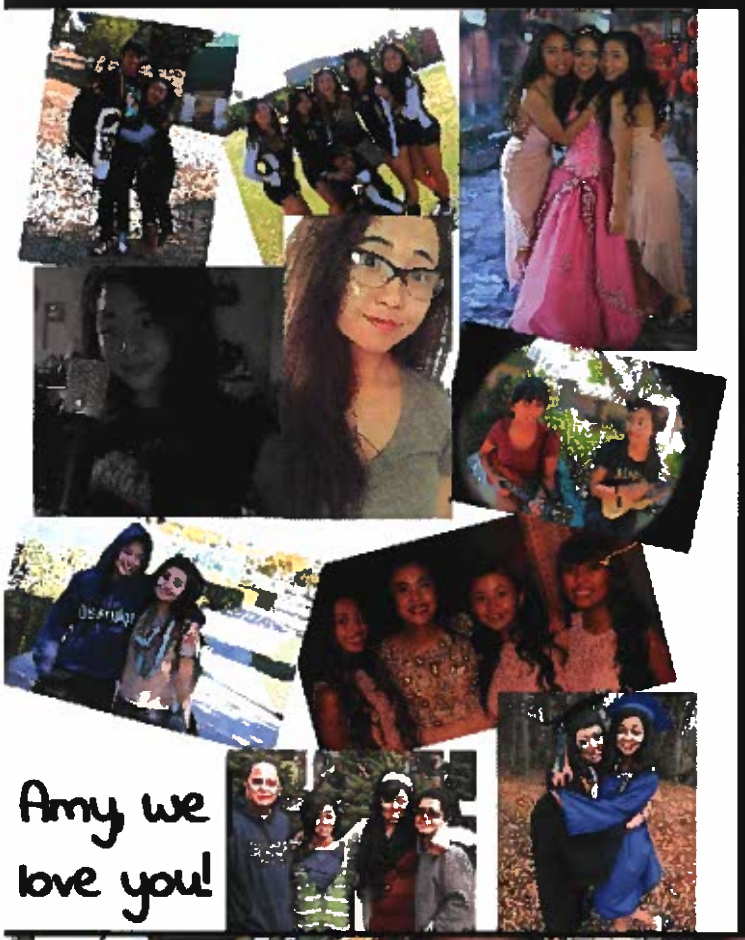
Joshua Leal Strauss

We love you so much. We are so lucky to have you in our lives. Watching you share the gifts you have inside as well as your music have brought us such joy. You don't always express yourself in words but your actions show how God lives through you. We love the way you reach out to others in subtle ways. You help us both remember what is important in life—not material things but our relationship with God. We pray that God continues to work through you as you venture through life. Never forget just how much you are loved.

MADELYN McMAHON HEALY

"SHE IS CLOTHED WITH STRENGTH AND DIGNITY, AND SHE LAUGHS AT THE DAYS TO COME."
PROVERBS 31:25

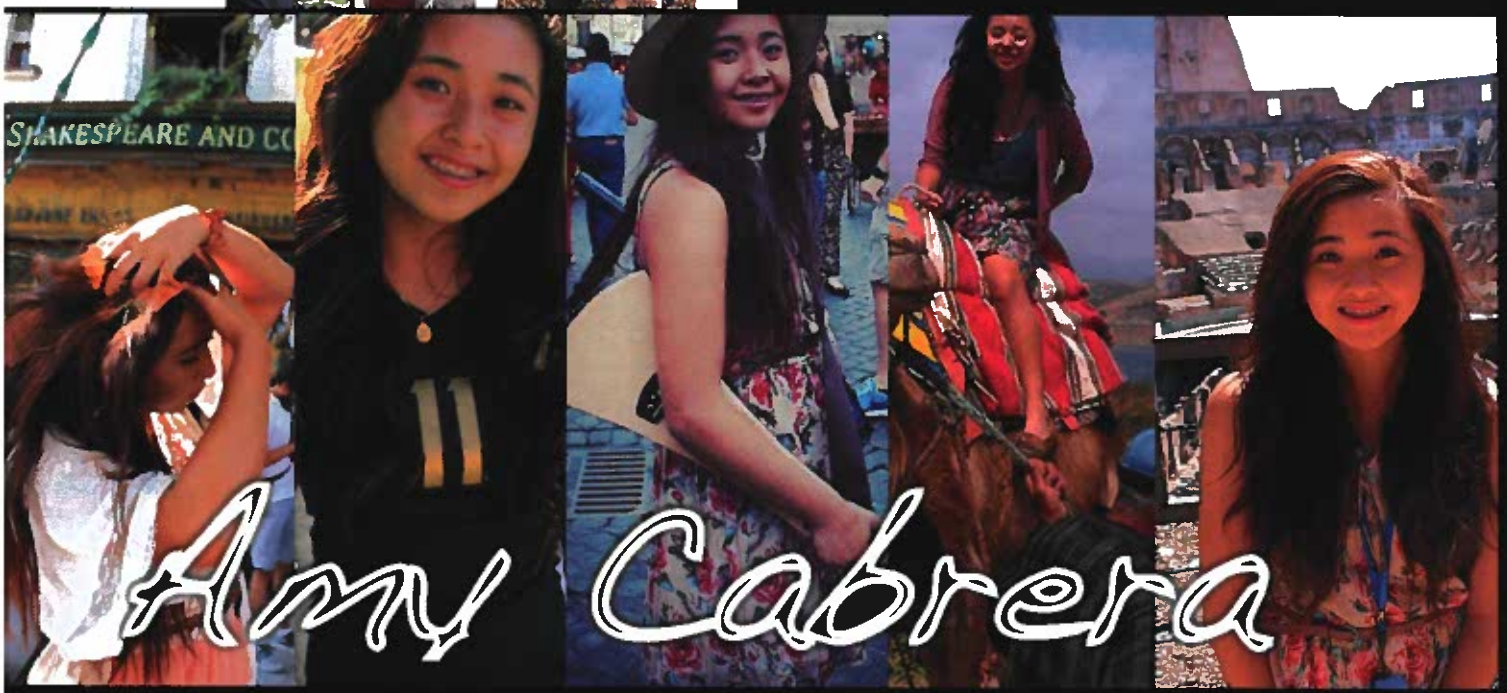
Sabino,
Congratulations on your Senior Year! You have come a long way, my son. We wish you the best in your future endeavors. Follow your dreams and be the best you can be.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Xavier



Camera Shy Seniors

Jonathan Alcaraz
Angel De La Paz
Conner Finnestad
Jasmine Ho
Billy Huang
Dorothy Jones
Nicole Madrazo
Roberto Marcos
Alain Marcq
Isabella Paoloni
Gerardo Perales
Bessy Yang
Jamir Rosales
Esteban San Roman
Luis Victoria

"Let your light so shine that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in Heaven."
Matthew 5:14-16



Amy Cabrera

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because some day in life, you will have been all of these.
~George Washington Carver

To our wonderfully tender, compassionate, sympathetic, tolerant, talented adventurer, learner, lover, academic, beautiful Amy. We have no doubt that you are going to go so far in life, and that you will bring nothing but love and goodness to the world. We love you. Congratulations! *~Mom, Dad & Ate Carol*

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Soccer Gals Maritza Curtice, Nicole Madrazo, and Ana Alcantar all got spirit!

Walkathon Madness Mahala Areola and Olivia Adams demonstrate just how fun this fundraiser is. They can't look this adorable everyday. Or can they?

Dacanay Duo Trajan and Kara mix up smoothies during Culture Fest to aid the Ukulele Club. Unlike some siblings, they love to spend time together.

Shakespeare in the Park Eddie Sebring, aka Shakespeare, holds court with friends Jenaro Zacarias, Howard Elliott, and Nikolas Carlone.

Parish Priests Visit Our beloved Sr. Lilia is surrounded by angels from St. Charles, one of our largest feeder parishes.

Whatever you do in work and play,

in all that you say and when you pray, remember to

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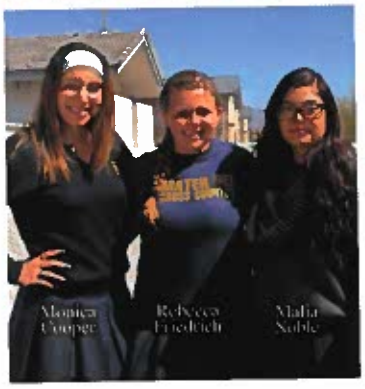

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The eighth volume of The Gauntlet was dreamt up and shaped in Chula Vista, and printed by Herff Jones in Edwardsville, Kansas. This year's theme, "Seize the Dei," was imagined by Amy Cabrera. The theme led to the concept of placing light leaks spanning throughout the bottom of the book. Each color, yellow, red, blue and purple, represented a particular segment of the book, categorizing page by page as either student life, academics, athletics, or people. Along side this colorful addition were personal statements made by students, expressing how they exactly "Seize the Dei" or make their mark as a Crusader. Some lucky hand picked people, however, were given the chance to be made into cutouts if they exemplified success in the most individualistic way. Cutouts especially were a driving element implemented throughout the book, an idea conceived, executed, and maintained by co-EIC Stephanie Schaffer. Our chosen font is AHJ Unitus Cond with its appropriate text weights used in our headlines, and the simple yet classic AHJ Times for the main copy, mods, and captions.

Our biggest challenge was producing a book without having our editors in chief in the class. There were exasperating times, and a few mix ups, but we managed to get the book out on time as we always do.

From Mr. Friedrich's tips and tricks of camera machinations to the guidance of Steve and Tamra Bailey, our HJ representatives, we truly appreciate their kindness and support. Of course, we cannot forget our yearbook adviser, Ms. K, her many deadline reminders, stashed Girl Scout cookies, and cool and calm demeanor under pressure.

Yearbook is hard but addictive. We find ourselves thinking about it day and night and sometimes in our sleep, all the while trying to do the other myriad things we have to do in our life. We must be hooked, Stephanie and I will be back next year as Editors in Chief to do it all again.

- Rica Perez and Stephanie Schaffer, EICs

Congratulations, Jocelyn. God has blessed us with a smart, loving, caring daughter . We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Love Dad, Mom, and Josheiry