

# HONOR GOD



# HONOR OUR SCHOOL



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 Michelle Anthony and Ken Carroll for their  
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# 2009-2010 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(BASED ON FISCAL YEAR 7/1/09-6/30/10)

## FANTASTIC DEVELOPMENT RESULTS

Annual Fund	\$256,098
Auction	\$305,477
Golf Tournament	\$19,672
Scrip	\$7,813
Gift Wrap	\$6,682
County Fair	\$4,408
Book Fair	\$2,300



## TOTAL REVENUE \$5,705,253

Tuition/Fees	\$5,097,475	89%
Fundraising	\$351,680	6%
Annual Giving	\$256,098	4%



## TOTAL EXPENSES \$5,816,704

Salaries & Benefits	\$4,186,063	72%
General & Administrative:	\$1,234,512	21%
Facilities:	\$396,129	7%
Financial Aid:	\$298,650	<1%



## DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

### Golf Tournament

On November 9, over 100 golf enthusiasts gathered at the Newport Beach Country Club for MCS's 1st Annual Fall Golf Classic, complete with putting contest, silent auction and raffle, and award reception. Sponsored by The Waltos Group, the tournament raised nearly \$20,000 in support of Mariners Christian School's Scholarship Fund.

### Denim & Diamonds



The 2010 Spring Benefit and Auction was a spectacular gala, drawing more than 400 parents, grandparents, and faculty members to the Balboa Bay Club on April 16 and raising more than \$300,000 for school advancement.

Under the leadership of co-chairs Susan Morehouse and Susan Midstokke, Steering Committee volunteers poured countless hours of planning and hard work into this fundraiser. As a result of the event's Fund-an-Item success, SMART Boards will be implemented in every classroom and utilized to enhance our students' learning experience beginning in fall 2010.

### MCS Alumni Heritage College Scholarship

For the 7th year in a row, MCS teachers and administrators contributed generously to the Alumni Heritage College Scholarship fund, raising \$2,200 to award three college-bound seniors from MCS Alumni Class of 2006: Calli Conti (University of Texas), Ashley Mitchell (University of San Diego), and Kristin Seidman (Northeastern University). These young women are excellent representatives of what MCS strives to instill in the character of all graduates: "Through Christ: Love, Learn, Serve, and Lead."

### County Fair

6th Annual Fall County Fair drew 1,000+ guests to enjoy TK Burgers, inflatable rides, snow cones, all-new dessert raffle, pumpkin patch and more as a kick-off to the school year. Led by County Fair Committee members Robin Clarkson, Sundra Sanchez, Tracy VanMil, Nicole Carter, Lisa Del Rey, and Connie Smith, Parent-Teacher Fellowship raised nearly \$5,000 through this event to fund teacher wish-list items such as:

- MLA handbooks for middle school English department
- Headphones for computer lab
- Math manipulatives and creative math teaching supplies
- New publications for language arts
- CD burner for yearbook class
- Whiteboards and easels
- Air purifier for library

### No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Fund

This year MCS received over \$15,000 from NCLB to invest in faculty professional training. Highlights included the ACSI Regional Conference, California Math Council State Conference, Computer Users in Education Regional Conference, and numerous Bureau of Education Research workshops.

## STEWARDSHIP

Each year a professional accounting firm conducts an audit or review to ensure that MCS is financially sound. The report for fiscal year 2008-09 was consistent with past years in that our financial organization and procedures were noted as exceptional and compliant with accounting practices for non-profits. The audit of the 2009-10 fiscal year will be completed in the fall.

# 2009-2010 Honorable Moments

## MCS PASSES WITH FLYING COLORS

For the third consecutive term since its founding, Mariners Christian School received the highest possible ranking from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC): a full six-year accreditation with no requirement for a follow-up visit. Every aspect of our school was examined, internally and externally; parents can be assured that MCS's outstanding quality of Christian education was validated in all areas. How exciting to consider that just two years after earning blue ribbon status, MCS earned such an exemplary accreditation report!

## • Veterans' Day Program Shines

The all-school Veterans' Day Assembly proved to be another shining moment in our school's history as we paid tribute to America's veterans and military personnel. In addition to a well-attended grandparents breakfast program,



World War II veteran and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Walter Ehlers delivered a powerful speech with details of his experience to a captivated audience. Middle school students had the privilege of presenting a check for \$10,000 to leaders from the Injured Marines Semper Fi Fund - funds they raised in prior weeks through pancake breakfasts, bake sales, and private donations. The Orange County Register and other local media sources covered the story, recognizing this as an event unlike those at other schools and organizations.

## • Students Learn Spanish Via Alumni Blog

New integration of educational technology occurred in elementary Spanish this spring. Senora Novakavich connected with college student Lauren Johnson (MCS Alumni Class 2005) during her studies abroad in Uruguay. Through Lauren's blog -- called Traigame Uruguay, or "bring me Uruguay" -- students learned first-hand about the culture, people, and food of that South American area. Lauren and the students interacted online in Spanish, creating an excitement for the language and Spanish-speaking culture. Upon returning from Uruguay, Lauren visited the class and brought various food and cultural items for hands-on learning.

## • Bible Program Improvements

As part of our goal to stay current with the best teaching material available, this year we introduced a fantastic new Bible curriculum. Themes start in kindergarten with learning about major Bible characters and continue on to sixth grade with a survey of the Old Testament. Eighth grade also introduced a new Bible study based on spiritual leadership. Our award-winning apologetics study is still going strong in seventh grade



## • Great Performances



The MCS Performing Arts Department accomplished artistic feats in music and drama this year, highlighted by a first class middle school production of *Music Man, Jr.* in the spring. All MCS students participated in performances throughout the year, including

the elementary Christmas choral program for kindergarten and first grade, patriotic "mini concerts" for second and third grade, orchestra and band concerts for instrumental music students, plus additional showcase performances at events such as elementary and middle school

## • Students Serve Others

One hallmark of an MCS education is an emphasis on teaching children to honor Christ by serving others. In addition to a variety of grade-level philanthropy projects, this year students initiated additional service projects: Mr. Wilcockson's first grade class collected more than 200 pairs of shoes for victims of the Haiti earthquake; fifth grade students organized bake sales to raise funds for Free Wheelchair Mission; and eighth grade students created a mission statement for their very own foundation - the Make a Child Smile Foundation - providing donated stuffed animals to cancer patients.

## • College Plans for MCS Alumni

Each year, Mariners Christian School alumni are accepted into top colleges and universities across the country. Our surveys show that the academic and spiritual foundation graduates received while at MCS serve them well during high school and college. Here is a list of college choices for our most recent high school seniors (MCS Alumni Class of 2006):



MCS Alumni Reunion 2010 welcomed over 100 graduates - high school through post-college - back on campus for fun, food, fellowship, and volleyball.

*Biola University*  
*Cal Poly San Luis Obispo*  
*Cal State University Fullerton*  
*Chapman College*  
*Columbia University*  
*Harvard University*  
*Mississippi State University*  
*Northeastern University*  
*Pepperdine University*  
*Point Loma Nazarene University*  
*San Diego State University*  
*Soka University*  
*Sonoma State University*

*Southern Methodist University*  
*Stanford University*  
*Texas Christian University*  
*Tulane University*  
*U.C. Davis*  
*U.C.L.A.*  
*University of Oregon*  
*University of San Diego*  
*University of Southern California*  
*University of Texas*  
*Vassar College*  
*Westmont College*  
*Whittier College*

- **Big Changes for [www.marinerschristianschool.com](http://www.marinerschristianschool.com)**

MCS's website received a major facelift this year, giving it a more contemporary look and increased efficiency throughout the site for users. The web continues to be a primary means for parents to evaluate potential schools, and our new site has proved to be instrumental in this capacity. Features such as Twitter and MCS TV provide new ways to promote school news within our community.

- **Parent Education Benefits Students**

"Partnership with Parents" is a core value at MCS. This year several new parent enrichment seminars were offered, including "Children are Wet Cement" presented by author/speaker Anne Ortlund, "Help! I'm Raising a Child in the 21st Century" presented by Professor of Education at Concordia University Dr. Ken Schlichtemeier, Ed.D, and "Creating a Media Safe Home" presented by professionals from Integrity Computer Concepts. In addition, "Elementary Essentials" by Elementary Principal Sue Celek and "Principal's Perspective" by Middle School Principal Jeff Williamson provided insight for parents entering these unique phases of a child's development.

## Every student. Every classroom. SMART BOARDS FOR SMART KIDS



Fund-an-Item proved to be an exciting undertaking for 2010. In response to a rapidly changing world of educational technology, MCS launched a campaign to fund interactive white boards (commonly referred to as "SMART Boards") in every classroom on campus. The project gained momentum, especially amongst the students, who had an opportunity to "test pilot" the boards and student response devices for several months. Through the Spring Benefit and subsequent fundraising efforts, nearly \$250,000 was raised for the express purpose of equipping classrooms and training teachers with SMART Board technology. The equipment will be installed over the summer and teachers will begin using in the classroom in fall 2010.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### KEY DATES FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR:

*7th Annual Fall County Fair* - October 24

*Veterans' Day Assembly* - November 11

*2nd Annual Fall Golf Classic* - November 15

*Middle School Grandparents Day* - February 8

*2010 Spring Benefit and Auction* - April 8

*Elementary Grandparents Day* - May 6

## A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

### Dear friends:

It has been an *honor* to serve the Mariners Christian School community this year as Head of School. The 2009-2010 theme of "*Honor God. Honor others. Honor our school.*" was perfectly chosen in light of the year's accomplishments; additionally, it has been heartening to see how many students have "caught" the concept of honor and incorporated it into their behavior and attitude.

Here are a few ways that "honor" presented itself at MCS this year:

### Honor God

Mariners teachers do everything possible to bring honor to God on campus. From morning prayers and devotions, to integrating scripture throughout daily lessons, to handling discipline with truth and grace - MCS teachers are Christ-honoring individuals devoted to training students spiritually, academically, and emotionally. This year several more teachers earned their lifetime Bible certificates from the Association of Christian Schools International - a significant achievement in the career of a Christian educator - demonstrating that our teachers honor God in their personal and professional lives.

### Honor Others

Our students honor others on the playground, in the hallways, and in the classroom. Guest speakers, field trip leaders, visiting educators, grandparents, and "unbiased others" consistently provide feedback that MCS students are remarkably well-behaved, respectful, and kind, especially as compared to children from other schools. Consistent with past years, this year our eighth grade students visiting Washington, D.C., received the highest compliments on behavior from hotel staff, bus drivers, tour guides, and nearby tourists.

### Honor MCS

MCS recently received the highest possible marks from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Through the Accreditation process, every aspect of Mariners Christian School was assessed and evaluated, and it is rewarding to see how MCS competes with the very best private Christian schools around the world. One long-time representative from the ACSI accreditation committee remarked, "Truly, Mariners Christian School is one of the top two or three schools I have ever visited."

This year, MCS received regular coverage in the Orange County media, including feature stories in numerous publications. Our community profile has never been higher, and it has been rewarding to see our students recognized. Great things are happening at MCS, and we thank God for His blessings.

Thank you for doing your part to make 2009-2010 a year of honor to our faithful God.

In service to Christ,

*Todd Perkins*

Interim Head of School

# ACADEMIC & ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

Athletic Director Mac Thompson and Girls' PE teacher and coach Karri Meyer led the MCS Athletic Program to some all-star victories. In the middle school, approximately 150 out of 210 students participated in sports (many of which played 2 or 3 sports over the year). Student athletes are proud of their school and participated with pride at home and away, always honoring God with their behavior on and off the field.

## BOYS' LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	Basketball	Volleyball	Football
2005	Playoffs	1st Place	2nd Place
2006	2nd Place	2nd Place	1st Place
2007	2nd Place	1st Place	2nd Place
2008	2nd Place	1st Place	2nd Place
2009	1st Place	1st Place	1st Place
2010	2nd Place	1st Place	1st Place

## GIRLS' LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

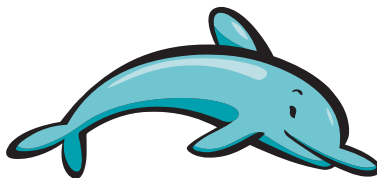
Year	Basketball	Volleyball	Football
2005	2nd Place	1st Place	1st Place
2006	2nd Place	Playoffs	1st Place
2007	Playoffs	Playoffs	Playoffs
2008	2nd Place	Playoffs	-
2009	-	-	Playoffs
2010	-	1st Place	1st Place

## STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TEST (SAT) SCORES

Consistent with past years, Mariners Christian School's 2009-10 SAT 10 scores indicate that our students placed in the top 10% nationwide. In both reading and mathematics, MCS exceeded the minimum scores required for Blue Ribbon status as defined by the U.S. Department of Education.

## MCS GRADE PLACEMENT IN NATIONAL PERCENTILE

GRADE	2009-2010 NATIONAL READING	2009-2010 NATIONAL MATH
First	93	96
Second	86	89
Third	84	89
Fourth	82	87
Fifth	85	90
Sixth	81	81
Seventh	76	82
Eighth	81	83



## NEW!

*One new athletic experience offered to 3rd-5th grade students this year was street hockey. MCS was admitted into Anaheim Ducks S.C.O.R.E. Program and received a fantastic donation of hockey equipment.*



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