

VIBRANT!

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory school is alive and vibrant! It offers outstanding education and formation to our young people, preparing each student to succeed in their life's goals, and to be men and women of strong faith. A Catholic school is unique in that it has the ministry of educating the whole student: academically, socially, culturally, athletically, and spiritually.

This is an historic moment in the life of our school. Montgomery Catholic is poised to significantly augment its facilities. We begin this year a capital campaign to raise the funds to construct a new gym and to transform the present gym into performing arts classrooms. This is the opportunity to enhance the impressive work of Montgomery Catholic by providing new facilities which will foster the efforts of the school to provide cultural and athletic development and enrichment.

Montgomery Catholic is already known for the outstanding spiritual formation of our young people. Similarly, it enjoys a reputation for strong academics offered in our classrooms and labs and for its diverse extracurricular activities which contribute so greatly to a young person's social formation.

The athletic and cultural components are likewise strong, and these new facilities will be a blessing to our young people as these additions to the campus will move to a new height the cultural and athletic formation of our students.

As stated above, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School educates the whole student: academically, socially, culturally, athletically, and spiritually. This capital campaign will strengthen all that MCPS offers. I ask for your support.

Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi *Archbishop of Mobile*

Building ON FAITH, FAMILY AND TRADITION!

Building on Faith, Family and Tradition! This is the theme for our capital campaign; however, this is really our lived reality since our inception in 1873. What a beautiful way to tie our past to our future, while living this out in the present.

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is grounded in our Catholic tradition, one that welcomes all creeds nationalities, and ethnicities. Just walk around our campuses, and you will witness the universality of our faith through our students. Visit us any day and see the living out of Christ's teaching through prayer, works of mercy, and charitable works. Observe our faculty gently guiding our students, holding them accountable for their actions, and modeling what it is to be Christ for others.

Family is foundational to our school. The Sisters of Loretto were the foundational family for our school and they modeled love, loyalty, and perseverance. The families of MCPS are witnesses to these traits. No matter if they are here for a year, a decade, or generations, we are forever changed by their presence. I am reminded of a special family that challenged many things at our school, but they always did it in a loving, positive manner in order to

help us move forward and enhance our mission. I am also reminded of the many great people that have been instrumental in building our school family. Ed Clark is such an individual. Ed gave tirelessly to "Catholic High" as well as to his



parish, to his community, and to all that met him. You can read more about Ed below. Our families and supporters forever bless us.

One of the greatest joys of my job is the telling of our history, steeped with rich tradition. It is not the norm to boast about your age; however, at 143, we are looking pretty good. We are the oldest continuously running non-public school in the state of

Alabama. This title did not happen by accident. We have continued to evolve to meet the ever-changing educational needs of our students. This evolution continues. Building on Faith, Family and Tradition! will address the spatial needs of our athletic and fine arts programs. Presently, more than 65 % of our high school students, 55% of middle school students, and 35% of our elementary students are involved in some form of



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athletics. We have approximately 125 students in grades five through twelve participating in one of our band programs. Chorus and drama are budding programs and we hope to grow them over the next few years. This increased participation necessitates space, which the new gym and renovation of the Fr. Delhauty Gym will provide.

This is an exciting opportunity for families, alumni, friends, and benefactors to come together to make this building initiative happen for Montgomery Catholic, not just for the present students, but for those who will be part of this historic school fifty or so years from now. I ask you to join me in making this dream a reality. The time is now!

Please remember to keep our capital campaign, Building on Faith, Family and Tradition! in your prayers, and know that you and your family remain in mine.

Anne Ceasar, President, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School

Edward Paschal Clark "Dado" Funeral Mass March 12, 2016

My dear friends, we are gathered here to praise our gracious God for the gift of salvation. We are here to thank our blessed Lord for his plan to save us all. We thank him that he made a way for our beloved Ed Clark, whom his family calls "Dado," being the Lebanese name for holy grandfather, to live with him forever in heaven. This is something to celebrate, even as we mourn his loss. It is particularly a cause for celebration when the man in question so wonderfully drew near both through faith and works, to our heavenly Father and the Father's children. I have the privileged task today to both preach a homily and add some personal memories about Dado since the family has chosen not to have anyone speak at the end of Mass. Therefore, please bear with me if I am a little longer than usual and little more informal.

Even before the time of Jesus, Isaiah, inspired by the Holy Spirit, could beautifully speak of how one day, God would destroy death forever, that web that is woven over all nations, the veil that veils all

peoples. Each and every one of us will one day pass on from this earth. A funeral, such as we celebrate today, is a stark reminder of this reality. Isn't God good to share the victory of Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, with us. We boldly say today that death is not the end, and we look forward to eternal life. We thank God that Dado was well prepared to meet his maker, and we have great confidence that Dado will one day join the saints in heaven.

Furthermore, Isaiah tells us that one day God will wipe away the tears from all faces. God does not want his children to suffer. In fact, he tugs on the hearts of each one of us so that we are a blessing to our neighbors. This is something that Dado knew well. Dado was adopted along with his brother, and at the young age of twelve, due to intolerable conditions in his home, he moved out. During this time, he lived in a boarding house and worked in a gas station. The mother of a friend helped look after him. Yes, I am sure Dado shed a few tears of his own over this situation. And yet, he did not let this challenge Dado, it seems, would spend his life making sure people living in a number of challenging circumstances would know

something besides the tears of sorrow. First of all, he served for 40 years as the Executive Director of the City of St. Jude; there he was able to help many, many underprivileged children and families. Dado was also one of the founders of COPE (Counseling, Outreach for Pregnancy Emergency) and the man most instrumental in keeping COPE alive through the years, according to Mrs. Lori Mullins, COPE's current director. He hired employees, raised money, paid bills, and did whatever was necessary to serve the clients. Speaking of the issue of life, Dado was a fighter for the unborn which is evident not only through COPE but also because he was an original member of Alabama Citizens for Life. Finally, Dado visited the prisons for as many as 50 years. He taught the men there about our

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THE MAN

Ed Clark ('39) built his life on faith, family, and tradition making a lasting impact at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and in the general community. The heritage of our school was formed by people like Ed who lived for the faith and service to others.

Moving Forward



Advisory Board Chairman, Michele O'Mara with her husband Ray, son Patrick ('16) and daughter Maddie ('14) at Montgomery Catholic's 2016 Baccalaureate Mass.

The 2015-2016 school year has been exciting for Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. This year, we completed our strategic plan and conducted a feasibility study, and we are now moving forward with our Capital Campaign: Building on Faith, Family and Tradition! These accomplishments will go a long way in building a strong foundation for the future of our Catholic community in Montgomery.

Under the guidance of the Institute of School and Parish Development, or ISPD, we completed the strategic plan, which focused on Catholic culture, student life, faculty/staff, academics, technology, athletics, fine arts, finance, advancement and marketing, and facilities. Focus groups, consisting of advisory members, administrators, faculty, parents, and community leaders, met on several occasions and ranked our priorities in every area. Some priorities can be met with little or no financial backing, while other areas will require funds. It was determined that a capital campaign is necessary to fund a new gym at the middle/high school campus and to renovate the old gym to create a fine arts building.

The Steier Group was hired to conduct a feasibility study, which determined the financial support for our capital campaign. The study was completed in April, and we are now in the process of moving forward with the capital campaign. The advisory committee fully supports this initiative and sees this as progress in building a strong foundation of faith, family and tradition in Montgomery Catholic's future.

In closing, I would like to personally thank everyone for their support over this academic year. With both children at the University of Notre Dame and my husband's decision to retire from the Air Force, we are off to begin a new chapter in Boston. My family is blessed to have been a part of the Montgomery Catholic community, and I look forward to hearing about Montgomery Catholic's accomplishments for years to come.

Go Knights!

Michele O'Mara

Chair, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Advisory Committee

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2016-2017

First Day of School August 17

Labor Day September 5

Homecoming Bonfire October 6

Homecoming Game

October 7 **Teacher In-Service**

> October 31 **Veterans Day**

November 11 **Thanksgiving**

November 23-25

Christmas

December 17 January 1

Classes Resume

January 2

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 16

> **Monte Carlo Night** February 11

Presidents' Day February 20

Teacher In-Service March 13

Good Friday

April 14

Easter Break April 17-21

Graduation May 23

Last Day of School May 26

Memorial Day May 29

Parent Teacher Council (PTC)

In Summer of 2015, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School created one umbrella Parent Teacher Council structure to be more effective in fund raising and more unified across all four of our campuses. Each campus has a representative that coordinates PTC activities for that campus.

The Parent Teacher Council is a key component of our school. It provides support for the students, faculty, staff and administration of each campus. Almost every aspect of school life is enhanced because of the dedication and commitment of this group. Because school fees include \$10 for each student's PTC membership, there is no need to join separately, each parent is already a member!

In the Fall of 2015, the PTC held our first unified school fundraiser across all four campuses - a Classic Cookie sale. It was a tremendous success, and we raised more than \$12,000. Proceeds from this sale help fund a variety of needs for all campuses.

In the Spring of 2016, the PTC held a second unified fund raiser across all four campuses - a "No Sale" Fund Raiser where we collected donations in lieu of selling something. This was also a tremendous success and raised more than \$10,000.

With all of these proceeds, the PTC was able to provide amazing support for school programs, as well as some "end of the year" requests for each campus. At the end of this article is a complete list of funded items.

In addition to fund raising, the PTC organized volunteers for multiple activities and programs throughout the year. Countless hours were given by parents to support the school including, but not limited to:

- · Bring Supplies and Get a Dress Down Day (High School)
- · Field Day (All Campuses)
- · Christmas Teacher Luncheon (All Campuses)
- · Celebrating Catholic Schools Week (All Campuses)
- · Lenten Day of Service (High School)
- Grandparents Day (Elementary Campuses)
- · Cultural Day/Week (Elementary Campuses) · Muffins for Moms/Donuts for Dads
- (Elementary Campuses)
- · Back to School Teacher Luncheons & End of Year Teacher Luncheons
- · Monte Carlo Fund Raiser
- · 6th Grade Completion Mass & Reception
- · 8th Grade Completion Mass & Reception
- · Baccalaureate Mass & Graduation (High School)

Overall, we had an excellent year. All of the parents should be incredibly proud of what we were able to accomplish this year as a unified PTC Team!

END OF YEAR REQUESTS APPROVED

Total \$14,970 (April 2016)

- 1) \$4,000 earmarked for St. Bede to put toward new flooring.
- 2) \$1,500 for St. Bede to purchase new desk chairs for their staff.
- 3) \$550 for Middle/High School gutter project.
- 4) \$1,500 for Middle/High School to purchase 20 new chairs for the DBC (at \$75 each).
- 5) \$420 for Middle School computer covers (30 covers at \$14 each).
- 6) \$4,000 earmarked for Holy Spirit to put toward bookshelves for the library.
- 7) \$2,000 to create a "Bus Fund" to use for school activities as needed to offset costs of renting buses for field trips and/or extra-curricular activities.
- 8) \$1,000 earmarked toward the technology for smart board interaction.



Campus Representatives (from left): Tammy Hayes, High School Campus; Colleen Reardon, St. Bede Campus; Christina Parker, Holy Spirit Campus; **Gina Izer**, Middle School Campus

ITEMS FUNDED BY THE PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL (2015-2016)

- · Back to School Teacher Lunches (Elementary & MS campuses)
- · Field Day Activities (All campuses)
- · Grandparents Day (Elementary campuses) · Cultural Week/Day (Elementary campuses)
- · Muffins for Moms/Donuts for Dads (Elementary campuses)
- · Christmas Teacher gifts (Middle School & High School campuses)
- · Two new microphones for the Holy Spirit Campus Gym
- · Science Olympiad Team T-shirts
- · Christmas Art Show (Elementary campuses) · Christmas Play (Elementary campuses)
- · Catholic Schools Week Teacher Lunch (All campuses)
- · Catholic Schools Week Student Appreciation Treats (All campuses)
- · Catholic Schools Week Teacher gifts (Elementary campuses)
- · Monte Carlo Table Sponsorship
- · Completion Mass Receptions for 6th and 8th Grades
- · 12th Grade Awards Ceremony
- · Flowers for Graduation & **Completion Masses**
- · End of Year Teacher Appreciation Lunches (All campuses)
- · AR Test Rewards (Elementary campuses)

Nowadays Catholics

Over the past few years we at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School have been privileged to witness close to 20 young men and women students enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. This is a significant decision by these individuals and a powerful reflection on the school's commitment to creating and maintaining a Catholic culture. A culture of this sort requires a robust expression of both 'ethics' (an uncompromising commitment to the teachings of the Catholic Church) and 'ethos' (a way of life informed by those teachings). Pope Francis recently remarked: "Remember what Benedict XVI said: 'The Church does not grow by proselytizing; she grows by attracting others.' And what attracts is our witness."

The witness of a way of life informed by the Church is indeed an attraction, because it gives light to all that is true, good and beautiful. By our very nature, we as humans are attracted to these transcendental qualities of God, who created us and designed us to be in relationship with Him. Go Knights – for so wonderfully encouraging people to take their humanity seriously!

Fr. Patrick Driscoll

Pastor, Holy Spirit Catholic Church Class of 1984

NEW TO THE FAITH

Jacob Atchley, Holy Spirit
Madison Bennet, St. Bede
Brandon Hinkley, St. Bede
Logan Stevens, St. Bede
Hunter and Kim Wolfe, St. Bede

MISSION STATEMENT

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is an integral part of the Catholic Church's mission to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. As an adult community, we share in the responsibility to prepare students for college and beyond...helping them grow to become persons of faith, virtue, and wisdom.



THE THE DEEL COTION

Be a Light

I do not consider myself a conventional or traditional person. Though some might classify my beliefs and my Catholic faith as conservative, restrictive, or even stuffy, I have been taught to see the beauty and strength of surrendering myself to God and leading a life with Him at the center of it. I was taught this counter-cultural attitude at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. I attended Catholic school from Kindergarten through twelfth grade and looking back on the thirteen years I spent at Montgomery Catholic, I can honestly say I would not change a single thing. My high school experience was not without trials and missteps, but I was fortunate enough to be surrounded by teachers that held me accountable in a kind and supportive way, all the while being steady examples of faith in my life. I also took advantage of the youth group at Holy Spirit and gained a group of friends who genuinely care about me and make me hold myself to a higher standard. Leading retreats and being a youth group leader made me realize the beauty of standing up for my faith and being a witness to those who are struggling to go against the expectations of society. The experience that I had at Catholic prepared me to go out into the world and be a light for those in the dark. The friends I made and the lessons I learned are irreplaceable, and I consider myself beyond blessed to call myself a graduate of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School.

Emily Barranco *Class of 2016*



BIG NEWS

In the spring, Monsignor Charles

Troncale announced his retirement as of June 26, 2016. The Montgomery Deanery has been blessed to have him serve parishioners in Montgomery at both St. Bede and Holy Spirit, in Prattville at St. Joseph, and most recently in Tallassee at St. Vincent De Paul. An ardent supporter of Catholic education, Montgomery Catholic has been blessed to have his continued presence throughout the years. Some may not know that he acted as school principal of Catholic High during the 1969-1970 school year, and he helped bring Montgomery Catholic's Holy Spirit elementary campus to fruition, opening the school in 2012, and he continues to celebrate Mass with our students on campus. We will miss him in our parishes, but we are hopeful he will continue to accept our invitations to be a vital part of our school as the "roaming priest"! Congratulations, Father Troncale, we are so thankful for you and your faithful support of Catholic education!

Father Linn Harbour of Holy Family Catholic Community at Maxwell Air Force Base celebrated his 30th Anniversary as a priest on June 7, 2016. A young priest with a love of school pride, Father Patrick Arensberg came to Montgomery in 2012, and Montgomery Catholic was blessed to have him find a home in our hallways. Not only has he been a great fixture at his St. Bede parish campus, you could also find him in our Middle/High School Chapel for 7 a.m. Mass each week, as well as in religion classes in both our High School and Middle School. He encouraged school spirit - he joined students on the soccer field during field day, ran up and down sidelines during games, travelled with teams, and started the Mardi Gras parade tradition for our St. Bede students. Our students have grown in faith because of his commitment to the school. Father Pat left Montgomery in June, to become Pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Semmes, Alabama, but he will forever be a Catholic Knight. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for all he has done for our school.

CHAT-N-CHEW



At Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School, the school president and

local Catholic priests meet quarterly over lunch to discuss issues pertinent to the school and its four campuses. In the last few months, the main issue has been the question of facility expansion at the high school.

A contractor was hired to investigate need and offer solutions plus a way ahead to finance proposed additions. The local Catholics had a hand in the project by offering insights/ preferences. It was concluded that construction of a new gym should begin a series of projects, with the second to be a fine arts wing – remodel of existing gym. Final approval must be given by the Archbishop, but local Catholics are enthusiastic about improving the ability to offer even better educational opportunities in Montgomery.

The general sentiment of the local clergy is that things are going very well at all campuses. They are well led, with dedicated teaching staff preparing many young people for a successful future. Montgomery Catholic, while an institution of a certain faith, is open to all potential students and their families without regard to religion. The beauty is the school now has a very mixed, yet cohesive, grouping of students who prove we can live together, grow together, learn together, and support each other as life continues, and as we all wait for what will follow.

Father Linn Harbour – Pastor, Holy Family Catholic Community, Maxwell, AFB

THE YEAR OF



Pope Francis has announced an opportunity for Catholics to obtain a plenary indulgence during the Year of Mercy by passing through a designated Holy Door during the Year of Mercy, or performing one of the corporal or spiritual works of mercy, and fulfilling the usual conditions of having the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, receiving sacramental Confession and the Holy Eucharist, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy commenced when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 8, 2015, and on December 13, 2015, all the Holy Doors in Cathedrals and designated churches throughout the world opened to pilgrims.

Our Archdiocese of Mobile has designated a number of churches as pilgrim centers for the year of Mercy. St. Peter and St. Jude churches are the designated churches in the city of Montgomery. At St. Peter, we have opened the holy door, the side door of the church. This door is decorated with the major events from the life of Christ beginning with the Annunciation and ending with the Resurrection of Jesus. We have also included pictures of the twelve apostles of Jesus. The other two plaques are of the last supper and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and Mary.

What is a Jubilee year?

The practice of a Jubilee year has ancient roots in the Jewish tradition and evidence for it can be found in the Old Testament (for example, see Levitucus 25). The Jubilee year was called every fifty years and was a time for forgiveness. It stood as a reminder of God's providence and mercy. The dedication of a year for this emphasis provided the community with a time to come back into right relationship with one another and with God. As the practice of the Jubilee year was adopted into the Catholic Church, these themes of mercy, forgiveness, and solidarity continued. Relationship is the foundation of life. When it can be maintained with warmth and love, life is energetic, enthusiastic, and lively.

What is the Year of Mercy?

In the Bull of Indiction, Misericordiare Vultus, Pope Francis declared that the Jubilee of Mercy will begin on December 8, 2015, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and conclude on November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. December 8, 2015 also marks the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council, a Council that sought to bring the love of God to the modern world. Similarly, the Holy Father strongly desires this Jubilee celebration of mercy to be lived out in the daily lives of the faithful, and all who turn to God for compassionate love and mercy.

Pope Francis emphasizes the need for the Church and all her members to live out the loving mercy that God has for us. Our response to God's loving mercy towards us is to act in that same way to all those we meet. The Holy Father reminds us that "Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love" (MV, 10).

What are the Holy Doors?

One of the central components of the Jubilee of Mercy is that the Holy Doors throughout the world will be opened during this Jubilee year. When they are opened at the beginning of the year, "the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope" (MV, 3). Since each diocese will have the opportunity to open a Door of Mercy in their diocese, all members of the faithful will have opportunity to make a pilgrimage to their local Holy Door during the Jubilee. This pilgrimage is to be a journey of walking closer with God and discovering "moment[s] of grace and spiritual renewal" (MV, 3.). These doors are symbols of God's mercy, open to welcome everyone into the compassion of God's love that Christ proclaimed.

Rev. Augusty Puthanpura

Pastor, St. Peter Catholic Church





We congratulate the 141st graduating class of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. Our graduates include an Eagle Scout, two athletic scholarship recipients, Track and Field State Champions, and four All-State Band Members. The fifty-eight members of the class of 2016 dedicated over 1,600 service hours to the community, proving to be great leaders in school and in

reaching out to the community.

This graduating class received \$3.9 million in college scholarship offers from colleges and universities across the country, including Notre Dame, Auburn University, Alabama State University, Auburn University Montgomery, The University of Alabama, UAB, the University of North Alabama, Huntingdon College, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, Spring Hill, St. Joseph Seminary, Troy University, University of Mobile, University of South Alabama, and Virginia State.

They are: John Cole Archer, Agnes Jean Armstrong, Jacob Ryan Atchley, **Emily Ann Barranco, Tabatha-**Marie Catalina Barrera, Kathleen **Margaret Beesley, Cameron DeShon** Brisbon, Courtney Rose Brodgen, **Devin Rudolph Byrts, James Warner** Cleghorn, Michael Elliott Collins, **Eric Anderson Crenshaw, Lashundra** Meche` Daniels, Kristianna Janay Davison, Aryian LaMychel Dean, Kailyn Naichelle Dean, Jennifer Manh Doan, Marissa Hope Dogan, Eryka Dominiq` Ellington, Claire Ann Fischer, Hayden Elizabeth Gambacurta, Abaigeal Grace Gilbert, Jonathan Wiley Green, Patrick Dylan **Gregorius, Phoebe Michelle Hall,** Freddrick Andre' Hardy, Stephanie **Lauren Hayes, Katherine Lacy** Herbek, Blake Ashton Johnson, **Richard Damien Kanneh, Kris Gabriel Keating, Anna Marie Koerner, Lloyd Melvin Black Koontz IV, Emily Ann** Lafreniere, WooSeop (Martin) Lee, **Aubrey Lorraine Lenn, David Scott** LoBello, Megan Helene Matisak, **Katherine Elizabeth McDaniel,** Morgan Nicole Micher, Juanita





Chenail Mickles, Wilson Daniel Miles IV, Nadine Cynthia Moussalli, Sarah Irene Murry, Patrick Raymond O'Mara, Ryan Matthew Piper, **Madison Paige Pritchett, Lester Carl** Rudolph, Joshua Ross Seals, Madison Tyler Searcy, Youngtaek Seo, Mary Reagan Starrett, Megan Shea Stembridge, Logan James Stevens, **Brandon Malik Thomas, Lexy** Elizabeth Tynan, Elizabeth Suzanne Vaughan, and Samuel Joseph Walker.

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- 1 Valedictorian: Nadine Mousalli, who will attend Auburn University on an academic scholarship.
- 2 Salutatorian: Patrick O'Mara, who will attend Notre Dame on an academic scholarship.

Leader of the Year: Marissa Dogan

Ideal Graduate: Agnes Armstrong and **Kathleen Beesley**

KNIGHTS AND THE CATHOLIC WORLD VIEW

Over the past few years, under the leadership of our President, **Anne Ceasar,** our Principals and the collaboration of area priests, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School has become more intentionally Catholic in the outward practice of the faith. We have weekly Mass at all our campuses, and at the Middle and High School Campus, daily Mass is said Tuesday-Thursday in our Chapel. In addition to this, we have begun the process of intentionally integrating the Catholic faith into our curriculum across the board. In the words of Archbishop Michael Miller, "Catholicism should permeate not just the class period of religious education, or the school's pastoral activities, but the entire curriculum." This means that the Catholic worldview should be present in how we teach all our classes at Montgomery Catholic. One of the tasks that I have been entrusted with is to assist our faculty and administration in the carrying out of that work. At Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School, we seek to offer an education that inspires our students to recognize that the world is indeed filled with the glory of God in all things.

Tom Reillo, *Director of Catholic Identity*

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Scholarships

Coach Ralph Furlong Scholarship:

of his 1946 football team, the intent

of this scholarship is to honor one of

Catholic's greatest coaches, whose

Established 1998. Initiated by a member

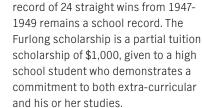
Montgomery Catholic is honored to announce two new Scholarships for the 2016-17 school year. They are:

Padre Pio Endowed Scholarship:

Established in December 2014 by a grateful benefactor in appreciation for answered prayers. The Scholarship Fund was established to work with Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School in order to share God's blessings to further His kingdom. The Padre Pio Scholarship will annually fund either one (1) \$5000 scholarship or two (2) \$2500 scholarships annually depending on the applicant pool. Applicants should indicate a serious commitment to learning, exhibit positive Christian characteristics and have good character, positive community involvement, and/ or strong involvement in extra-curricular activities. Preference will be given to students who are from Catholic families. The first scholarship was awarded to **Anna Nutting.**

Carole Skoneki Clark Endowed

Scholarship: Established in December 2015 by PICE (Partners in Catholic Education), to honor Carole for her many years of Service to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School (MCPS) as the original secretary and longtime member of PICE, as the President of the St Bede The Venerable Church Child Care Center Board, as a parent of MCPS graduates, and to continue her support of both Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and her love for the Catholic faith. Mother Teresa said, "A life not lived for others is not a life." This quotation exemplifies Carole. The Carole Skoneki Clark Scholarship is awarded annually to one rising 10-12th grade Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School student for \$1000. The Carole Skoneki Clark Scholarship is endowed for a minimum of 10 years. The first scholarship was given to Melody Taylor.



The Legacy Scholarship: Established 2006. Named in honor of teachers of MCPS, this tuition scholarship gives scholarships of \$2,500 each to two qualified new students. It was originally established through the generous benefaction of Mrs. Catherine Martin, class of 1937, and her family to give students the chance to attend Catholic who could otherwise not afford to do so.

Frye, Arban, Ortega Scholarship:

Established 2007. The Frye, Arban, Ortega (FAO) Scholarship seeks to honor Mr. Bernard Frye, Coach Joseph Arban, and Mrs. Alice Ortega, teachers who have given over 100 years of combined service to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. In their name, it rewards a scholarship to one graduating senior.

Sally Evans Hodges Memorial

Scholarship: Established 2013. A \$3500 partial tuition scholarship to be awarded to a deserving high school Junior or Senior in the memory of Sally Evans Hodges, a life-time believer in and supporter of Catholic education. Candidates should have a strong academic record, be a person of good character and contribute to making Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School a better institution, through service, time or energy.

Anna and Harold Paige Scholarship:

Established 2013. The Anna and Harold Paige Scholarship is a non-denominational, need based, full tuition scholarship to be awarded to one Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School High School student and one St. Bede Elementary Campus student. Qualified students will demonstrate good moral character and leadership qualities.



The Caitlyn Marianne Wiggins '08 Memorial Scholarship: Established in December of 2013. A \$3,500 partial tuition scholarship awarded annually in Caitlyn's honor, a 2008 MCPS graduate and varsity athlete who was killed in an automobile accident in 2013. The scholarship is given for one school year to a female student athlete at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School's High School Campus. Caitlyn's family and friends endowed this scholarship to give another child the

opportunity to achieve the type of

success that Caitlyn enjoyed in life.

The Norma R. Mungenast Endowed Scholarship: Established in October 2014 by The Colonel Andy Mungenast Investment and Charitable Trust, in honor of Mrs. Mungenast to work with Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School in order to share God's blessings to further His kingdom. Awarded annually to one or more students enrolled at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School's High School Campus. The Scholarship varies annually depending on endowment earnings and donations and is used to award one or more scholarships to students who are currently enrolled at MCPS or will be enrolled in the following academic year.

Ben and Alice Tokarz Memorial Scholarship: Presented by The Knights of Columbus, Council 893. Two \$1,000 partial tuition scholarships given to a rising seventh grade student from the St. Bede Campus and a rising ninth grade student from the Middle School Campus in memory of the parents of the Reverend David Tokarz, previous MCPS faculty member and former Pastor of Saint Bede the Venerable Catholic Church. Applicants should exhibit superior academic achievement, have active involvement in student in-class or extra-curriculum activities, demonstrate student leadership ability and have been

selected for advancement to the seventh

Richard and Barbara Brienza

and ninth grades.

scholarship: Presented by The Knight of Columbus Council 12150. A \$1,000 partial tuition scholarship given to a rising seventh grade student from the Holy Spirit Campus in memory of Richard and Barbara Brienza. Applicants should exhibit superior academic achievement, have active involvement in student in-class or extra-curriculum activities, demonstrate student leadership ability and have been selected for advancement to the seventh grade.





2016-17 Scholarship Winners

COACH RALPH FURLONG SCHOLARSHIP

- Zachary Van Alst Aleigha Walden
 - SALLY EVANS HODGES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- 2 James Sadie
 - ANNA AND HAROLD PAIGE SCHOLARSHIP
- 3 Iyana Tate
 - CAITLYN MARIANNE WIGGINS ('08) MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- 4 Michaelyn Foster
 - NORMA MUNGENAST SCHOLARSHIP
- 5 Lita Blackburn
 Full Tuition
- 6 Grace Leslie
 Partial Tuition
- 7 Antwan Parker
 Partial Tuition
 - PADRE PIO ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
- 8 Anna Nutting

 CAROLE SKONEKI CLARK
 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
- Melody Taylor
- BEN AND ALICE TOKARZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- u Will Noell
- W Katie Perkins

 RICHARD AND BARBARA
 BRIENZA SCHOLARSHIP

Ailish Gilbert

13 Catherine Aaron

If you are interested in starting a scholarship at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School, contact Anna Lee Ingalls, Development Director at 334-272-2771 ext. 15 or alingalls@montgomerycatholic.org.

You may contribute to existing scholarships by designating your gift to a specific scholarship on-line at www.montgomerycatholic. org, click Give Now or mail to 5350 Vaughn Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36116.





















HOMECOMING 2015



Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School crowned their 2015 Homecoming Queen and King during the half-time ceremonies of the varsity football game as the Knights hosted Holtville High School, September 25, 2015. The school was honored to welcome back the 2014 Homecoming Queen and King, Miss Carlye Schmidt and Mr. Reese Smith, to crown the 2015 Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Homecoming King and Queen. Carlye is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Schmidt and is a member of Saint Vincent DePaul Catholic Church. She is currently majoring in Psychology at AUM. Reese is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith and is a member of Saint Peter's Catholic Church. He is currently majoring in Computer Engineering at Auburn University Montgomery.

The Montgomery Catholic Homecoming Court:

Senior attendants, **Agnes Armstrong, Eryka Ellington** and **Nadine Moussalli.**

Agnes Armstrong is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brett Armstrong and is a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit. She has played varsity volleyball and softball for MCPS. A member of the National Honor Society, Agnes also participates in SGA, Key Club, Youth Judicial, and Women's Leadership.

Agnes was escorted by **Michael Collins**. Michael is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Collins**. A member of his youth choir, Michael attends Mercy Baptist Church. He also participates in football, baseball, and basketball, and is a member of member of the National Honor Society.

Eryka Ellington is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ellington. Eryka is a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. She cheers for MCPS and is an active participant in the Shield Bearers and National Honor Society. Eryka further serves her community by volunteering at church. Eryka was escorted by Blake Johnson.

Blake is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson** and is a member
Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. He
is a member of the varsity football
and baseball teams. Blake is also
actively involved in Men's Leadership,
National Honor Society, and his church
youth group.

Nadine Moussalli is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samir Moussalli and is a member of Church of the Holy Spirit. She participates in soccer, basketball, Youth Judicial, Shield Bearers, and SGA while maintaining membership in Mu Alpha Theta and the National Honor Society. She remains active outside of her school community as a Core Team Leader and Sunday School assistant. Nadine was escorted by Patrick O'Mara.



Patrick is the son of **Colonel Raymond** and Mrs. Michele O'Mara and is a member of the Holy Family Catholic Community at Maxwell Air Force Base. He has played varsity baseball and ran track for MCPS while participating in National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, and Junior class president. An Eagle Scout, Patrick has also been selected as a Daedalian Flight Scholarship Winner.

Junior Attendant: **Gabrielle Dallas**, Gabrielle is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dallas**. Gabrielle is a member of Hallstreet Baptist Church. She plays basketball for MCPS and enjoys working for the Montgomery Biscuits. Gabrielle was escorted by **Morris Albert Lottinger IV.**

Morris is the son of **Morris Lottinger III** and **Charlene O'Rourke Fincke**. Morris is an alter server a St. Peter's Catholic Church. He is also member of the track and field team for MCPS.

Sophomore Attendant: **Annabel**

Catherine Starrett, Annabel is the daughter of Marc
Starrett and Audra Starrett. She is a member of Church of the Holy Spirit. She has been an active member in Youth Judicial as well as cross country and track and field. Annabel was escorted by Parker Dennis.

Parker is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dennis**. He is a member of Centerpoint Fellowship Church. Parker plays football and basketball for MCPS.

Freshman Attendant: **Kate Koontz**, Katherine is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Koontz**. She attends Frazer
United Methodist Church. Katherine
plays varsity soccer and junior varsity
volleyball for MCPS while remaining
active in her church choir. Katherine was
escorted by **Joseph Tate Holifield**.

Tate is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holifield**. He attends Frazer United
Methodist Church. He has played for
MCPS football and soccer teams.

1 Miss Eryka Ellington and Mr.
Michael Collins were announced as the
2015 Montgomery Catholic Homecoming
Queen and King. They were crowned by
Miss Carlye Schmidt and Mr. Reese
Smith from the Class of 2015.



2 The 2015 Montgomery Catholic
Homecoming Court, pictured from left to
right: Freshmen Attendant Kate Koontz
escorted by Joseph Tate Holifield;
Junior Attendant Gabrielle Dallas
escorted by Morris Albert Lottinger IV.
Senior Attendant Agnes Armstrong
escorted by Blake Johnson.
Homecoming Queen & King, Eryka
Ellington and Michael Collins. Senior
Attendant Nadine Moussalli with
Patrick O'Mara. Sophomore Attendant
Annabel Catherine Starrett escorted
by Parker Dennis. Photo by Total Image.

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory
School welcomed all Alumni home with
an Alumni party at the Homecoming
game from kick-off to half-time. Alumni,
including the class of 1965 celebrating
their 50th reunion, the class of 1985
celebrating their 30th reunion and the
class of 1995 celebrating their 20th
reunion were able to enjoy a delicious
meal from Jim 'N Nick's Bar-b-Que, and
catching up with old classmates and
coaches. Coach Cliff Little, Coach Ed
Jones and Coach Woody Weaver all
made an appearance under the tent.

3 Mr. Marty Taylor from the Class of 1948 joined the Knights football captains at the homecoming game as an honorary captain. Marty wore the number 12 and was on the first Montgomery Catholic football team which was founded in 1945. He was one of only five students who went out for the beginning squad. After recruiting the rest of the team a new legacy unfolded and has continued with pride for 70 years. Montgomery



Catholic coach and Mr. Taylor's grandson, **Alex Taylor** along with **Mark Taylor** (Marty's son and Alex's father) presented Marty with a game jersey. A Montgomery Catholic commemorative coin was used for the coin toss and given to Mr. Taylor to mark the occasion, along with heartfelt thanks to him and all the men who have played football for the Knights.

Montgomery Catholic students celebrated Homecoming Week at all campuses with a host of daily activities including the Homecoming Bonfire and mini-parade held on Thursday evening at the Middle/High School Campus for K4-12 families. Alumni Pat McGinn ('85) had the honor of lighting the fire. Friday the Middle and High School ended school with a pep rally. President, **Anne** Ceasar added fuel to the fire by burning the mortgage 4 and Mrs. Ceasar announced that Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is debt free. A Friday night victory over Holtville (33-14) led to a fun night as the High School campus ended the week with their Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 26, 2015 held at the Montgomery Catholic Holy Spirit Campus Gym. The theme was Carnival.

OFFERING STUDENTS A BROADER WORLD VIEW

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School has partnered with Auburn University at Montgomery's Confucius institute and offers Middle and High School electives in Mandarin Chinese and Chinese Culture to students in grades K4-6.

Montgomery Catholic school president, **Anne Ceasar** said, "We are excited about our new partnership with the Confucius Institute this year and the addition of our visiting teacher **Jeremy Zeng.** He is not only teaching a Mandarin Chinese class but cultural lessons to all of our students and faculty. This is an amazing opportunity to widen our students' world view."

The Confucius Institute at AUM was established in 2012, as part of a worldwide network. According to AUM, the goals of Confucius Institutes are to "satisfying the demands of peoples from different countries and regions in the world who learn the Chinese language; enhancing understanding of the Chinese language and culture by these peoples; strengthening educational and cultural exchanges and cooperation between China and other countries; deepening friendly relationships with other nations; promoting the development of multi-culturalism, and constructing a harmonious world."

Montgomery Catholic welcomed their visiting teacher, Mr. Jeremy Zeng, in early September. He began his lessons immediately and has already offered his students the opportunity to experience Chinese culture on a field trip to ASF and by learning a song which was performed for the Montgomery Catholic

student body. MCPS 7-12 principal **Chad Barwick** said, "His classes for the Middle and High School are exciting as they shift from language instruction to cultural differences. The Lotus Flower song he taught the students was a hit



and came in handy as they sang it with the Guangzhou Dance Troupe on a class field trip."

Mr. Zeng was born in a small village surrounded by mountains in southeast of China. His family has been farmers for generations, which Zeng explained is still very primitive in his village. "Education changed my life, and the big world did not unfold its beautiful picture until I received education," said Zeng. After completing his graduate work in China, he returned to his high school alma mater to begin his teaching career in 2011 teaching English. In the summer of 2015, a trip to the United States was put on the agenda, through a national examination in China. Jeremy said, "I was the lucky dog from thousands of teachers chosen to participate, and after the longest interview I have ever had, which lasted about five hours, I was given the opportunity to interview via Skype with Mrs. Anne Ceasar. Then, I am here - working as a Chinese teacher sharing the language and culture for the next two years."

Mr. Zeng has been happy to see most students here are polite and willing to learn. He said "when they open their mouths to talk in Chinese, it brings me a satisfaction in being a teacher." On being placed at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School, the first private school to offer classes through the Confucius Institute, Zeng said, "So far I like working at MCPS, the faculty and students work just like a family." Jeremy's biggest challenge while teaching here may be crossing Vaughn Road each morning when he walks to work.

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory
School is looking forward to continuing
the relationship with AUM's Confucius
Institute, principal Chad Barwick said,
"It has been a real joy and blessing
having Jeremy join our faculty and
teach us about China and about himself.
Firstly, he is a sharp, smart teacher who
always wants to learn about teaching
techniques, lesson structures, and
American culture."



Because the design and implementation of computer programs to solve problems involve skills that are fundamental to the study of computer science, a large part of the course is built around the development of computer programs that correctly solve a given problem. These programs should be understandable, adaptable, and, when appropriate, reusable. At the same time, the design and implementation of computer programs is used as a context for introducing other important aspects of computer science, including the development and analysis of algorithms, the development and use of fundamental data structures, the study of standard algorithms and typical applications, and the use of logic and formal methods. In addition, the responsible use of these systems is an integral part of the course.

Students at Montgomery Catholic were taught the Java programming language starting with the very basic structure of a program and culminating in an advanced project that required them to write code to play the game Battleship. Most of the students had no experience in writing code in any programming language and found themselves in a situation where they were learning code in one of the hardest programming languages to learn. They were very successful over the course of the year and learned not only programming but critical thinking and complex problem solving skills.

AP Computer Science Senior **Mel Koontz** used the knowledge he obtained in the class and applied it to two outside projects. He wrote a program that would calculate compound interest with added principal along with allowing the user to determine how many times per year it would be calculated and the amount of additional principal to add each year. He intended to give this project to Mr. Wolfe to use in the Economics classes. He also wrote a complicated program for **Dr. Profio's** Calculus class to find the value of a definite integral for a given function. The value of the definite integral is determined by calculating the area between the graph and the x-axis. The program approximates the area by creating rectangles under the graph and determining the area of each rectangle, the program will keep creating and finding the area of the rectangles until it reaches a predefined tolerance threshold that is input by the user. Mel is a great example of the successful first year of AP Computer Science at MCPS.

Mindy Walski

AP Computer Science Teacher and Middle/High School Librarian



We are building for the future! Montgomery Catholic is expanding our performing arts classrooms and building a new gym! Visit montgomerycatholic.org to learn more and donate to the project.

FROM OUR SUPPORTERS

Those who attend Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School are well aware of our faith-filled and highly skilled teachers and staff. Their daily dedication and guidance are a true blessing. Our children are privileged to be surrounded by a community of pure love in an environment which reinforces Christ's teachings through words and actions. The "MCPS Family" exemplifies the beliefs we wish to instill in our children....

- · Be a kind and gentle human being
- · Be selfless and ready to help others
- · Share the sacred message
- · Make sound choices
- · Prepare, pray and be thankful

In appreciation, our family is very passionate in our support for the continued growth of MCPS. We believe it is our duty to help create the best

educational experience possible. In order to provide this experience, we fully support the necessity of expansion and enhancement of our school facilities. It is vital that we continue to improve our visibility in the community as well. At MCPS we have numerous opportunities to welcome others in to our community and to be a model for many as we show our hope, optimism and excitement towards a thriving future.

Please join our family in becoming actively involved as we support and invest in the best choices for what matters most. It is essential that we join together to create a legacy which not only strengthens our school but most importantly, invites, encourages and deepens spiritual development and growth among our community.

Ann, Bill and Anna Nutting

I am heartily in support of the Building on Faith, Family and Tradition! Campaign. Each year brings new challenges in Catholic education, but also new possibilities. We are thriving on the possibilities, as there is no limit to what we can accomplish with the support you so generously give. Generosity in such magnitude is a new benchmark for MCPS and while the money is impressive, more outstanding is your commitment to the quality education grounded in the Catholic faith that is the very essence of MCPS. Your insistence that MCPS continue to reach higher and go farther as you embrace this new building plan is proof that the legacy established here by the Sisters of Loretto in 1873 still endures in 2016. MCPS is a shining star in the city of Montgomery and contributes great leadership for the community. We must continue to work to build a solid foundation for the future.

Gwendolyn P. Byrd,

EXECUTIVE Director
Office of Catholic Schools

FACILITIES MANAGER

Hello, my name is **Cameron Gilbert,** and I'm the Facilities Director for Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. The Facilities Director is a new position to MCPS, created last year, to oversee and coordinate facility improvement, maintenance, and custodial activities at all four campuses.

My wife, Tiger, and our six children moved here in 2006 as a military family and all of our children have attended MCPS since our arrival. Three have graduated from the school, and the other three are currently enrolled. I began working at the school when I retired from the Air Force in 2014 as a Colonel, after serving for over 27 years in both the Army and the Air Force.

I've enjoyed the time I've been working for MCPS and am excited to be a part of the faculty as we work with families, students, and alumni to improve and expand our facilities in the future.

2015-2016 FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

- · Replaced carpet in Belke Building
- · Built new desks for High School administration reception area
- · Replaced floor molding in DBC
- · Established HVAC maintenance contract for all four campuses
- · Established lawn care contract for Main Campus (other campus grounds maintained by each parish)
- · Rebuilt about 100 chairs in the Middle School last Summer
- · Replaced Air Conditioning in St. Bede Annex
- · Repaired all lights in St Bede Cafeteria and replaced with LED

ENGINEERING

During the 2015-2016 academic year the engineering class built mini trebuchets to study mechanical motion, rolling robots to learn circuit integration and simple programming, airfoils for flight dynamics, and lightsabers for App integrated fighting. We used advanced sensors to compare the athletic skill of students that play soccer, baseball, tennis, and golf. We dismantled and rebuilt computers and car engines. Finally, we topped off the year by touring the Hyundai plant.

For the 2016-2017 academic year the class will continue its project-based learning focus. The plan is to do the same projects as the last year and incorporate additional ones, to include, but not limited to, the restoration of a non-functioning go-kart, construction of a wifi-antenna, scripted password and document recovery thumb drives, and the construction of a full-sized trebuchet. Visits to Auburn University and from experts in their fields of engineering are also in the works.

The engineering class promises to be fun and exciting: a sandbox of education and experience.

Jens Johnson

High School Faculty Spanish and Engineering Essentials

Building on Faith, Family & Tradition!

BARWICK NAMED NEW PRESIDENT FOR ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN ATLANTA, CASTANZA SELECTED TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION.

Chad Barwick, 7-12 principal of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School, announced in February that he was selected as the new president at St. Pius X Catholic High School in Atlanta, Georgia, for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Barwick, a class of 1994 alumni of Montgomery Catholic, returned to his Alma mater in 2012 and has been principal for

grades 7-12 for four years. In explaining his decision, Mr. Barwick said, "the opportunity to be principal at the middle and high campuses for the school that I love has been humbling and rewarding. The support of our parents, the joy given to me by our students, and the expertise of the faculty and staff make me overwhelmingly grateful for these years. I've grown professionally and spiritually thanks to the great community here at MCPS and can never truly thank everyone for this gift. Montgomery Catholic is a very blessed school with a beautiful future ahead. I look forward to continuing to support it as an alumni and friend."

Before returning to Montgomery Catholic, Barwick served as principal for three years at Anthony de Padua





Catholic School in South Bend, Indiana. He also served as acting principal for two quarters at San Juan Diego Catholic High School in Austin, Texas, and was a teacher and coach at Mount de Sales Academy in Macon, Georgia. His new position will make him the first school president of St. Pius X, a high school (grades 9-12) with an average enrollment of approximately 1,100 students.

On accepting Barwick's resignation, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School president **Anne Ceasar** said, "Chad is a dynamic educator, who is passionate about his faith and his students. He will make a huge impact at St. Pius X. They are very lucky he is joining their community, and he will be greatly missed at Montgomery Catholic."

In naming Barwick's replacement Ceasar said, "We are excited to announce the interim Middle/High School principal for next year will be **Mr. Justin Castanza.**Justin has been part of our school for many years. He has served as a teacher and Dean of Students. He is an integral part of our Catholic community's youth ministry programs. I feel he will continue the forward movement of our school

during this interim year. Justin has a great love for Montgomery Catholic that began when he was a student here and his passion for our school will be a great asset in his new role."

Castanza is a 2001 graduate of Montgomery Catholic. He received his undergraduate degree in Secondary Education and his Counselor Education masters degree in Student Affairs from Mississippi State. A teacher at Montgomery Catholic for the last two years, Castanza acted as the Associate Executive Director of the YMCA's Camp Chandler for five years.

On accepting the position, Mr. Castanza said, "I am overjoyed at the opportunity to lead our great school and continue to build on our tradition of Faith. This is an exciting time at Montgomery Catholic, and I am proud to be part of our continued growth and development. My family is truly at home in this community, and I look forward to serving in this new role."

Castanza is married to **Meghan** ('03); they have two children, Vincent and Natalie. They are active members of St. Bede the Venerable Parish in Montgomery. Justin trained with Barwick beginning in February, and he began his full time responsibilities as Principal on July 1.

MONTGOMERY CATHOLIC ANNOUNCES

The 2016 Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award Winner: Kevin Ryan

Kevin Ryan was honored by
Montgomery Catholic Preparatory
School on May 9 as the 2016 Charlie
Harbin Distinguished Service Award
winner for his service to the school. The
Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service
Award was established by the Harbin
family and is awarded by the school to
recognize those selfless individuals who
have significantly served Montgomery
Catholic Preparatory School and
exemplified its values in their lives.

Montgomery Catholic's president, Mrs. Anne Ceasar, presented Kevin with an engraved clock, kicking off the 2016 Montgomery Catholic High School Campus Academic Awards.

Kevin Ryan has been actively involved at Montgomery Catholic for more than 30 years. He was a member of the Class of 1968 attending Queen of Mercy and then Catholic High from grades 7-11, but missed his senior year when his father was transferred with the military. Kevin and his wife Kathy returned to Montgomery in the late 1970's where they became active members at Holy Spirit. They chose Catholic education for their three children: Kyle ('99), Kristen ('99), and Katy ('00), who all attended our St. Bede campus and then graduated from Montgomery Catholic.

Kevin's service to the MCPS community began in the late 1980's, He served as a PTC member, Booster club member, as Chairman of the School Board and on numerous committees, he was a



Legislative Convention and Clean-Up day volunteer, he acted as our school basketball, soccer, JV and Varsity football announcer, he volunteered to set up for Athletic events, and he was always willing to help set up sound for our events.

Kevin exemplifies the characteristics of a great volunteer. Even though his children have graduated, he continues to assist the Athletic Department serving as a football announcer for our Knights and even as part of our graduation sound system team each year.

After retiring from a lifelong career in computer systems, Kevin acted as the Faith Formation Coordinator at Holy Spirit from 2005 until his retirement in 2012. He is an excellent example of a great Catholic volunteer because he gives of his time and talent out of love for the school, its students, and its families. His presence, positive attitude, and willingness to help are an inspiration and good example for us all.

Kevin is the twentieth individual to receive the award and joins past recipients:

Leonard J. Mrotek 1997
Margaret Olive Jones 1998
Edward P. Clark 1999
Marty & Bebe Taylor 2000
Dottie A. Dean 2001
"Goose" DeLongchamp 2002

Rod & Anne Ceasar 2003 Bill & Marian Saliski 2004

Jeff Downes 2005

David & Jeanne Barranco 2006 Nora Cammack 2007

Dennis & Karen Weber 2008
Chip & Lisa Vercelli 2009
Bill & Debbie Barranco 2010
Barr & Cappy Younker 2011
Liz Sutton & Jerry Lopez 2012
Jack Galassini 2013
Gaylon & Mary McAlpine 2014

Marty Rupert Huett 2015

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Faculty News



Colonel Rick Aaron of our High School Math Department retired from the United States Air Force after 25 years of service. We

welcomed Col. Aaron during the 2015-2016 school year as our senior Developmental Algebra teacher. We are pleased that he will join us full-time for the 2016-2017 school year.

Linda Biernat retired from our Middle School campus in June 2016 after 35 years of service to our Catholic schools in Montgomery. We wish Ms. Biernat well and ask for her continued prayers for our school.





Trusty friend **Rod Bourke** said
good-bye at our
St. Bede Campus
when he retired
on December 18,
2015, after 36
years of service to

the school. He danced and sang in the carpool line that morning to "It's a Wonderful World."

Terrica Carlisle, one of our High School math teachers, leaves us for retirement after four years in our halls. She is looking forward to spending time with her all of her new grandchildren.



MCPS President
Anne Ceasar
welcomed
her eighth
grandchild,
Juliana Kate on
April 7, 2016.



Anna Lee Ingalls, our Development Director, welcomed her third grandchild, Lyla Mae Lewis on August 20, 2015.



Elementary and Middle School technology teacher, **Debbie Mayer**, and her husband, Bert, welcomed their first grandson, Charles Henry Davis, on April 21, 2016. Born to daughter **Marie** (**'05)** and son-in-law Andy, Charlie bounced into the world at 7 lbs., 8 oz. and was 22 inches long.



High School History teacher **Stefanie Nelson** and her husband, Gary, welcomed the "world's cutest/best baby" on June 17, 2016. Samuel Alton Nelson.

Maggie & Sam O'Donnell welcomed their daughter, Irene Elizabeth, on June 2, 2016. Irene arrived at 1:46 p.m. and weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz. and was 20 inches long.



Tyler Rosser, his wife Dené and son James welcomed a new addition to the family, John Rosser was born on May 8, 2016 at 9:57 a.m., and he weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. Tyler is also starting a Master's in Educational Leadership from the University of Notre Dame this summer. It will conclude, Lord willing, in the summer of 2018.



seventh grade math teacher, **Tricette Savage**, and her husband, David, welcomed their son, Jacob Dawson, to the world on

January 16, 2016.

Our Middle School



High School History teacher and Boys' Soccer Coach, **Hunter Wolfe** and his wife, Kimberly, welcomed their first child, Emmaline Laura, on February 24, 2016.



The Montgomery Chapter of the Air Force Association proudly announced **Mindy Walski**, an AP Computer Science teacher from Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School as the 2016 Chapter Teacher of the Year in May 2016.

Mrs. Lori Riggles, our Holy Spirit campus 6th grade teacher suffered serious injuries after being struck by a car in the spring while running close to her home. We are happy to share her thank you to our community for all of the wonderful prayers and support.

I wanted to express my gratitude for the prayers sent through my Montgomery Catholic family. Prayer is truly powerful. I would not be where I am today, if not for each and every one of your prayers. Please know that God and your prayers have made a tremendous impact on my life. The Healing Mass that was requested by our Montgomery Catholic family was a source of comfort to my family during a very difficult time. Words cannot express how much that meant to my family.

The support from the community while I was hospitalized was above and beyond measure. We were so grateful for the many that gave their time and support. My family will always remember the kindness shown during this time.

I also wanted to thank you for making a difference in my life, as well as the members of my family. We have been greatly blessed by the support and love that we have felt through this community. Please know that your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Sincerely, Lori Riggles

Edward Clark Memorial

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Catholic faith, bought them gifts, and held little parties for them on holidays. Yes, Dado, certainly invested himself and helped wipe away the tears from numerous faces.

Paul's second letter to Timothy speaks of persevering in our faith and remaining faithful always. We are called to do this, among other reasons, because of God's undying fidelity to us, his children. Like a parent who never gives up on his children, God is always there for us. Perhaps this is not the most consoling of scripture passages for a funeral, however, it is at this one! Dado held strong to his faith, and he lived it. As you can already tell, Dado had his feet set firmly on the ground. He was not just a Christian in name. In fact, I dare say, that his feet were not just on the ground, but he was knee deep in humanity, and all its manifold problems, if you know what I mean. Dado was not afraid of a challenge. Perhaps you are not aware that Dado wrote a couple of letters criticizing the governor during the worst of the civil rights unrest, and people threw bricks at his house as a result.

When he felt strongly about something he felt he had to speak out. Furthermore, Dado was a calming influence when St Jude sheltered civil rights activists during the Selma to Montgomery march.

A few funny memories; Lynne, my mom, recalls how Dado was always reminding people that his birthday was August 24th. Then he would say "remember, it's not the thought but the present." However this was the farthest thing from the way he really felt. Dado was a very generous person. He showered his family with gifts on every special occasion and loved to give everyone candy, lots and lots of candy! Whenever you mentioned that someone had a birthday or special occasion, he would say that he wanted to get him a little something. His children would say, "but Dad you don't even know that person" but he still wanted to get him "a little something." Dado's generous heart is also evident in the following story. A few years ago, Maureen and Dado were on a trip together and went to see the bank that Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid robbed. Being the giving person that Dado was, he wanted to know if the people of the town had recovered from this robbery and did he need to give a donation. There is just one small problem, the robbery took place sometime in the 1890's!

Cynthia, Deanie, and Yvonne all remembered having great conversations about God, politics, current events and life in general. And in her write up, Cynthia says, "and Dad all the times you thought Mom and Dottie broke even at the boats – they didn't, and I promised not to tell."

Yvonne spoke of her fond memories of stopping by his house during lunch breaks when she worked in Montgomery. Sity would say, "Edward, fix Yvonne a Coke." Dado would lovingly reply "Anything for you, Sergeant Chubby." As this story ever so subtly alludes, marriage is not always a rose garden. And yet, Sity and Dado made a good life together for 64 years; dare I say, they made their marriage work by making the daily choice to love one another. Their lives centered around one another, their children, and their God.

Speaking of God and faith, these are great subjects on which to conclude even though we could go on and on with stories from Ed Jr., Annette, Jeff, and David. In some ways like Jesus, Dado exhibited a number of the qualities that we hear about in the gospel of Matthew. Let me just mention one, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." What Jesus is highlighting here is not depression but humility. We are always to be humble. Of course the Son of God exemplified this virtue perfectly. After all, he humbled

himself in the greatest way possible by becoming a man and living a life of service toward his people. Jesus truly shows us what it is to rely on our heavenly Father for direction and strength, as well as what it is to serve our neighbor. Dado, never seemed to let his success get the best of him. He was a humble soul. He lived a life of deference to his Lord and his Church. His faith was his strength. Sity and Dado went to Holy Mass together at 6:30 am Monday through Friday, for years. Furthermore, they would get up early, probably around 5:00 am, and pray a rosary for their family beforehand. They both knew well from where their strength came.

Brothers and sisters, let us thank God for the gift of faith. For we serve a God who loves us unconditionally and who longs to reconcile his children to himself. Furthermore, we thank God for having known such a good man, someone who lived the faith with the integrity with which Dado did. May he be an example to us all of the wonders that the Lord can do in a person's life when we are open and will give God the chance. Finally, let us commend Dado, Ed Clark, to the manifold mercy of God that he may soon enjoy the reward of his labor.

Given with love,

Fr. Den Irwin ('88)

Grandson and Pastor, St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church

As the dust settled in the hallways and all lockers were cleared, the high school campus's 2015-2016 school year shone forth as a great year of unity among our students, faculty, and families.

From the biggest class (Freshmen at 100) to the smallest (Seniors with 58), our students celebrated the fun and stress together, building unbreakable bonds and helping our community when in need.

Our community, especially our freshmen, rallied around Bettina Sinclair when her husband was sick, and ultimately passed, making her feel MCPS was an extended family. They continued this ministering when **Rhonda Carstarphen** lost her father and grandmother to illness. It was in moments like these when our Knights demonstrated their Faith and Love to their neighbor. This year was the first time the entire school had laptops, and the number of kids playing 2048 proved it. Though there were growing pains in the tech arena, our students completed amazing projects that pushed our faculty to ever expand their knowledge of student-centered learning in the classroom. The school year wound down with a senior prank to outlast all previous pranks students filled 5,000 solo cups half full of water and arranged them, one on every tile in the Classic Building and Miles Wing - such teamwork and planning! Then they cleaned it all up, which restored the peace. As our graduates said their goodbyes, their cohesiveness and affection were inspiring to all of our Knights, setting a high bar for spirituality, service, academics, arts, athletics, and just being great to each other!

Chad Barwick ('94) Principal

Honors

- 1 2016 Leader of the Year: **Marissa Dogan**
- 1 2016 Montgomery Catholic Ideal Graduate: Kathleen Beesley & **Agnes Armstrong**

Joe Arban Perfect Attendance Award Winners: James Avery, Erica Blackburn and Regan Herbek

- 2 2016 Loretto Chapter of National Honor Society Inductees: Riley Aaron, Skye Alexander, Ivy Bach, David Bender, Adam Bristol, Michaelyn Foster, Francisco Gonzalez-Asaldi, Nicolas Homsher, Devin Kelly, Audrey Kim, Kevin Leahy, Kayanna McKenzie, Julia Rodriguez, James Sadie, Lauren Smith, Nathan Smith, Zachary Van Alst, and Hugh Walker.
- 3 Adam Bristol ('17) is a National Merit Nominee for his PSAT in 2015.
- 4 Matthew Taylor and 5 Carrie **Belsterling** were chosen as the MCPS Ambassadors for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference in Troy May 27-29, 2016.

YMCA Youth in Government:

Alabama YMCA Youth Judicial: November 2015, Juniors, 6 Cheyenne C.M. Hayes and 7 James Sadie were named Judges at the conference held in downtown Montgomery. 8 Evan Miles served as bailiff for Judge Sadie. Top 10 team: Audrey Kim, Henry Petters, **Chloe Newell, Carson Scott, Matthew** Taylor, Coleman Schmidt, and **Daniel Reeves.**

9 Alabama YMCA Youth Legislature: Brian Anderson served as the House Pro-Tem. James Sadie's bill: "Investigation into Executive Spending and Spending Cuts" was successfully signed into law. **Christian Friday** was recognized as a First Year Outstanding Delegate. James Sadie & Brian Anderson were invited to attend the Conference on National Affairs, Summer 2016.

10 Alabama Governor's School Attendee: Audrey Kim

11 Boys State Representative: **Devin Kelly**

12 Girls' State Representative: **Riley Aaron**

13 Senior Eric Crenshaw earned his Eagle Scout award.

National Leadership Forum on Medicine Nominee: 14 Colin Neal ('18) in Attended the Emory University program Summer of 2015.

Arts

Alabama National Fair Artists - Solbi Park - 2nd Water Color; Marissa Dogan - 2nd Water Color & 3rd Mixed Media; and Kyurin Kim - 3rd oil pastel

Math & Science

15 Mu Alpha Theta 2015-2016 Inductees: Riley Aaron, Ivy Bach, Audrey Kim, Katelyn Slear, Lauren Smith, Nate Smith, William Walker, Wooseop Lee*, Taewook Lee, Julia Rodriquez, Jeong Hyeon Hong, Jeong **Yeon Choi.** They joined senior members: Marissa Dogan, Agnes Armstrong, Seoeui Hong, Nadine Moussalli (President) and Claire Fischer (Vice President).

High School campus Science Olympiad team competed in Tuscaloosa on Saturday, February 20, 2016. 2nd Place Green Generation, Marissa Dogan and Lisa Hong; 2nd Place Invasive Species, Marissa Dogan and Jonathan Green; 2nd Place Robot Arm, Michael Barber and Martin Lee; 2nd Place Electric Vehicle, Michael Barber and Martin Lee; 3rd Place Chemistry Lab, Ivy Bach and Lita Blackburn; 3rd Place Disease Detectives, Marissa Dogan and Lisa Hong; 3rd Place Astronomy, Lita Blackburn and Lisa Hong; and 4th Place Chemistry Lab, Christopher DeJesus and Alix Smith.

American Mathematics Competition Awards: AMC 12 High Score Nadine Moussalli (12th) and Lisa Hong (11th) and AMC 10 High Score Elijah Friday (9th) and Henry Petters (10th).

Service

16 Key Club members with over 50 hours of service: Aimee Azar, Amanda Brouillard, Jeong Yeon Choi, Isabelle Cochran, Katie Fischer, Emma Gandy, Reagan Herbek, Anna Nutting, Maggie







Tippett. Megan Stembridge, Madison Searcy, Marissa Dogan, Jonathan **Green, Patrick Gregorius, Aubrey** Lenn, Phoebe Hall.

Extras

AP Scholar Awards Class of 2015: 17 Leo Petters, 18 Ann Faulkner, 19 Mary Janet McLaughlin, 20 Derek Kelly and 21 Brianna Foley. Leo Petters earned the title of AP Scholar with Distinction by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and a score of 3 or higher on five or more of the exams. Ann Faulkner and Mary Janet McLaughlin each earned the title of AP Scholar with Honor by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. Two students, Derek Kelly and Brianna Foley, earned the title of AP Scholar by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. Through more than 30 different college-level courses and exams, research has shown that AP students who score a 3 or higher on AP Exams

Young Women's Leadership had several gatherings throughout the year and served the community in several ways. They raised money for Common Ground Ministry's Christmas Store through our annual Tacky Christmas Sweater Day. They also made Valentines and visited with the residents at John Knox Manor nursing home, and collected prom dresses for the River Region iHeart Prom event.

typically experience greater academic

Congratulations to our AP Scholars!

not participate in AP courses.

Go Knights!!!

success in college than students who do







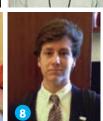








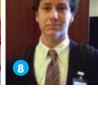


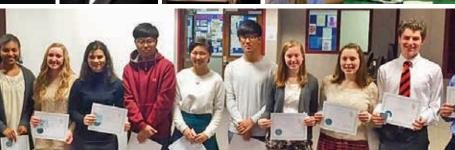




















This is Knight News Network reporting from the Middle School...

The introduction of the video announcement class for the 2015-2016 school year is indicative of the renewed sense of sharing going on in the Middle School campus. Each day, our Middle School Knights clamored to see the announcements, which were practical, humorous, and often reminded our students what it means to be MCPS. That class, led by Tina Tynan, grew to be a fixture each afternoon and will continue to grow this coming year with its own studio.

That same professional feel continued into the entire 8th grade as students prepared for many weeks to job shadow at a business in town. One of our Knights was a shadow with the Protocol Office of the United States Air Force as a liaison with a delegation from Pakistan. Each student prepared by studying the profession to prepare for the big day, then reflected on their experiences with business men and women in the River Region. It is another new start that we hope grows each year.

It is with sadness that we saw **Linda Biernat** retire from her wonderful ministry in the Middle School, and her efforts to bring our 7th graders into a deeper relationship with Christ. She will be missed! As the year drew to a close and our Middle Schoolers sprinted for the exits, we are grateful for the an environment that was safe, challenging both academically and spiritually, and had just the right amount of silliness.

Chad Barkwick ('94), Principal Julie Wood, Assistant Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS 2015-16

Middle School SGA

Chandler FordPresident

Ryan Barranco

Vice President

Kinley Tadlock

Secretary

Ines Gonzalez-Ansaldi Chaplain

Homeroom Representatives

8th Grade

Tyler Hoffman Alexis Weber Skylar Sparks Anna Sadie Cedajia Jones

7th Grade

Gracie Barranco McKenzie Norton Camille Morgan Patrick Hess

Middle School Honors

1 Montgomery Catholic's Middle School has named Knight Ambassadors for 2015-2016. These students show leadership, good judgment, maturity, honesty, and integrity while upholding their responsibilities of being a student, serving as campus role models. The 2015-2016 Knight Ambassadors are seventh grade students Cameryn Cool, David Dean, Ines Gonzalez-Ansaldi, Hannah Parrish, Joshua Tobias, along with eighth grade students Sarah Rose Burden, Robert Crawford, Jason Flowers, Patrick Flores, Katie Perkins, Darian Riley, and Anna Sadie.

Honor Society Eighth Grade Inductees: Ryan Avery, Sarah Rose Burden, **Tanner Carter, Robert Crawford, Emily Curry, Nathan Downes, Lainie** Doyle, Anna DuBois, Patrick Flores, Jason Flowers, Victoria Hall, Ashley Haves, Michael Hodges, Tyler Hoffman, Sophie Izer, Savannah Johnson, Denalie Mosakowski, Scott Nation, Katherine O'Connor, Charlie O'Donnell, Zack Pappanastos. Clayton Peeler, Katie Perkins, Meaghan Pineda, Anna Sadie, Emma Secor, Elizabeth Speirs, Kinley Tadlock, John Tittel, Christopher Valencia, Daniel Walmsley, Patrick Whetstone, and Clare Wilson.

Montgomery Catholic National Junior

Duke Tips 2015-2016 Qualifiers:

Devan Deramus, Mitchell Dogan,
Angela Gier, Patrick Hess, Sam
Leslie, Veronica Masters, Camille
Morgan, Emily Riggles, Spencer Bach,
Carlo DeJesus, Grayson Howell,
Joseph Schmidt, Grant Smith, Eli
Starrett, Aidan Cochran, Emma
Garrison, Cecilia Hoffpauir, Adam
McClellan, James Saliba, Mai
Ellington, Aidan Losik, and
Rachel Rodriguez.

3 Duke Talent Search State Recognition: Sam Leslie, Carlo DeJesus, Veronica Masters, Eli Starrett, and James Saliba.

Qualified for Duke TIP Academy of Summer Studies: **Carlo DeJesus, Mai Ellington, Sam Leslie,** and **Veronica Masters.**

4 YMCA Youth in Government Junior Youth Legislature: House B - Anna Sadie was elected President, and Chandler Ford was elected Reading Clerk. Outstanding Statesman: Ryan Barranco, Gracie Barranco, Scott Nation, and Patrick Whetstone.

8th Grade Class Speaker: **Claire Wilson**

Principals' Award: Christopher Valencia

Counselors' Award: **Kinley Tadlock**

Math & Science:

Middle School MathCounts achieved Silver Level Status in The National Math Club.

Math Team Places 3rd at MathCounts Competition, Faulkner University.

Middle School Science Olympiad team – 2nd place "Picture This" **Charlie O'Donnell** and **Scott Nation,** Auburn,
Alabama, on February 27.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

The 2015-2016 school year was a great one! The St. Bede Campus started the school year with no playground because through the generous donation from PICE (Partners in Catholic Education), a new one was being installed. **Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi** was on hand for the official opening of the playground and, after blessing it, was the first to try the swings. We were blessed throughout the year to pray for vocations, and this became real to the

students as were visited by Sr. Joan Marie, Sr. Marie Therese, and Sr. Dominica. Each class also adopted one of our Archdiocesan seminarians and wrote letters all year long. The students were thrilled when at the end of the year their beloved seminarians came to visit. We were so happy that Dr. Nick Bourke continued to bring his science interns to our school for some great hands-on lessons. This year, he also brought some math interns and provided some one-on-one intense tutoring sessions for our students. **Dr. Jaime Demick** also continued with her much loved science lessons and the Crazy 8's Math Club. We studied the wonders of Brazil during Cultural Day and sang "The Sound of Music" for our grandparents on Grandparents' Day. We learned to serve others with our "Box of Joy" service project and our annual canned food drive. Our third annual Mardi Gras parade was a huge success due in large part to Fr. Pat's love of all things fun. Our hard work with reading for AR paid off when we took 80 students bowling at the end of the year. With great sadness we said good-bye to Mr. Rod Bourke who retired after working for 36 years at St. Bede. We also said good-bye to Fr. Pat who will be the new Pastor in Semmes, Alabama, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church.

Laurie Gulley ('84), St. Bede Campus Principal



This school year at Holy Spirit campus was a flurry of activity from start to finish. From the first day of school to the last, our students were pushed academically, socially, and spiritually by our faculty and staff. A few highlights from this year: We had an amazingly successful Science Olympiad program this year. In partnership with the St. Bede campus, our students competed well in each

competition and won multiple events covering a wide array of disciplines. Another great highlight this year was the development of our beginning band program. Mrs. Kristine Johnson did a wonderful job developing our 5th and 6th grade band program. The early squeaks, squawks, bang, booms, and occasional oompah's were swiftly transformed into music! The Christmas concert was great, but the overall development that happened in the second semester was exceptional. A further bright spot this year occurred in November when Holy Spirit campus was awarded the FBI-SOS award for the country with an overall score of 96.67. This award came from Holy Spirit's participation in the FBI's safe surfing program. We received our certificate from our local FBI field office at the first semester honor's assembly. One final highlight is the level of outreach exhibited by our students, faculty, and community following Mrs. Riggles' accident in April. Our students, faculty, and community clearly demonstrated being the hands and feet of Jesus to a teacher, colleague, and community member. These are only a few of the many achievements this year at Holy Spirit, and we are looking forward to an even more productive year this year.

Matthew Monson, Holy Spirit Campus Principal

Honors et Awards:

Holy Spirit Campus wins FBI National Internet Safety Award. Special Agent Greg Holston presented on honors day January 14, 2016.

Duke TIP 4th-6th Grade Qualifers: Students at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School who qualified for Duke TIP recognition are **Catherine** Aaron, Cannon Bach, Mally Barranco, Tess Barwick, Owen Beesley, James Bender, Brennan Binns, Ethan Binns, Nicholas Calandra, Hannah Chitlik, Lily Coulombe, Cade Corbin, Savannah Decker, Dalton DeRamus, Lena Duncan, Ansley Erhardt, Esa Gancayco, Ailish Gilbert, Ariyn Gilbert, Carissa Gilbert, Ainsley Harrison, Kaylee Holmes, Hunter Hodges, Harrison Howell, Zach Izer, Layne Jordan, Shannon Kille, Ivan Klemen, Matthew Livingston, Natalie Magee, Madison McMullen, Nick Montelara, Isabella Munoz, Ella Newell, Will Noell, Ben Nguyen, Abby O'Donnell, Ryan Parker, Tyler Peeler, Kathryn Reardon, Matthew Reardon, Joseph Reeves, Samuel Rogers, Gabe Russo, Sarah Souriya, Jake Talbot, Audrey Trant, Amy **Treloar, Maggie Turner, Thomas** White, Alana Wilkinson, Danielle

Science Olympiad

Laura Thomas Zhvania.

Elementary Science Olympiad competition at the University of West Alabama in Livingston, Alabama, on October 20, 2015 - second place overall.

Willcox, Cas Wilson, Hart Yost, and

Individual winners

Solid, Liquid, or Gas - 1st place

Jordan Stokes, Angeles Gonzalez

Orienteering - 1st place **Samuel Rogers**

Leaf & Tree Finder - 1st place **Catherine Aaron, Maggie Turner**

Name the Scientist - 2nd place **Jordan Stokes, Angeles Gonzalez**

Deep Blue Sea - 1st place **Trey Holmes, Samantha Day**

Starry, Starry, Night - 1st place
Samuel Rogers, Samantha Day

Pasta Bridge - 2nd place **Samantha Day, Samuel Rogers.**

Elementary Science Olympiad team competition in Jacksonville, Ala. Medals:

Crash Landing - 1st place

Tyler Peeler, Harrison Howell

Food for Thought - 2nd place

Andrew Bosch, Cecelia Crawford

Pasta Transporter - 2nd place
Nicholas Calandra, Cannon Bach,

Weather or Not - 2nd place **Cade Corbin**

Deep Blue Sea - 3rd place

Cannon Bach, Alexander Villena

Where in the World? - 6th place Samuel Rogers, McKinley Boyd.

Spelling Bee Winners

St. Bede

Lena Duncan (5th) with **Alex Wieser (6th)** as runner up

Holy Spirit

1 Natalie Ajmal (4th) with Zach Izer(6th) as runner-up.

Accelerated Reader Awards

2 Top AR Readers of the Year

Holy Spirit Campus - **Ivan Klemen** with 640.9 points and St. Bede campus - **Lena Duncan** with 407.1 AR points

The top 2 readers in each homeroom: 1st Grade St. Bede: Chayse Jordan & Mary Hardwick; 1st Grade Holy Spirit: Anna Rose Schwarz & Molly Turner; 2nd Grade St. Bede: Charles Chappelle & Callie Howard; 2nd Grade Holy Spirit: Lila Ingram & Tice Moore; 3rd Grade St. Bede: Ben Chitlik & Austin Porter; 3rd Grade Holy Spirit: Samuel Klemen & Matthew Russo; 4th Grade St. Bede: Sarah Souriya & Karson Franklin; 4th Grade Holy Spirit: Katherine Hall & Isabella Munoz; 5th Grade St. Bede: Lena Duncan & Katlee Holmes; 5th Grade Holy Spirit: Ivan Klemen & Gabe Russo; 6th Grade St. Bede: Tess Barwick & Will Noell; 6th Grade Holy Spirit: Grace Hoffman & **Catherine Aaron.**

At our St. Bede campus, 80 students were rewarded for making their AR goals all year long. On Wednesday, May 25, the students went to Brunswick Bowling and later returned for a Chick-Fil-A lunch. At our Holy Spirit campus, the top 2 readers from each homeroom and 1 "wildcard" from each homeroom took a limo ride to the park in Old Alabama Town and enjoyed sandwiches from Chappy's Deli.



Elementary Band

Superior Ratings at Solo and Ensemble:

McKinley Boyd, Cecelia Crawford,

Hart Yost, Amy Treloar and Alex Fleet.

Extras:

3 Amy Treloar won 1st place All-Around in gymnastics at the State Championship for her age group in Level 4. She was also 1st place on uneven bars for the state meet. Both Amy and Samantha Hodge participated and medaled in the 2016 Sand Dollar Whitlow

Samantha Hodge participated and medaled in the 2016 Sand Dollar Whitlow Invitational in Orlando at the beginning of the year.

"Laces for Literacy" 5K and Fun Run in Montgomery:

R.J. Bristow (4th) 1st place male mile run with a time of 7:39

Amy Treloar (5th) 1st place female mile run with a time of 7:59

5K runners **Aidan Fleet (2nd)** finished 3rd overall with a time of 29:42, and **Lena Duncan (5th)** finished 10th overall at 36:30.

Destination Imagination for You

The students watched wildly as they dumped a chunk of dry ice into a cup of warm water. What came

next excited them all! This is the type of activity our DIY, Destination Imagination for You, classes participate in weekly. In order to participate, students must obtain an ITBS composite score of 95% or higher and excel academically in all

subjects. Going on its third year, MCPS has offered DIY to students to explore topics in science while engaging in hands on activities that promote scientific learning.

Some of our students' activities include erupting volcanoes to study the viscosity of different magma and how it relates to the silica content in the Earth's crust, creating and conducting their own experiment or systematic observation with dry ice, learning how to change a base to an acid – or vice versa – using everyday household liquids and chemicals, using the laws of oobleck to create a probe that will successfully land on an ocean of oobleck, use the process of chromotatography to solve a mystery from ransom note that was left behind, blowing bubbles, within bubbles, within bubbles, using knowledge learned to design their own electrical inventions using electronic circuits, solve a mystery using forensic science activities, and even mix chemicals that bubble, change color, get hot, and produce gas, heat and odor. These students get to do things most of us only dream about!

Denee Haigler, DIY Teacher



A NEW KNIGHT ERA – YEAR 2

Year 2 of "A New Knight Era" has come and gone. We saw much more success this year than the last. Steps were taken in almost every program to continue to get us to where we want to be year in and year out: competing for region, area, and CCC championships with an eye to raise our programs to levels that will allow us to compete for State Championships. Our athletes can feel the energy.



We made strides in the classroom as well. We had markedly higher grade point averages among our athletes, and our student athletes are becoming more and more focused on being well-rounded competitors in and out of the classroom. Many of our student athletes will be training and continuing to serve the MCPS community this summer by working our summer sports camps for future Knights in elementary school. The

Era of the New Knight is pushing forward, and we are excited about our future!

Daniel Veres ('93), Athletic Director













ATHLETIC NEWS

The Knights of the Round Table High School Athletes of the Year:

 Agnes Armstrong and **Gabe Keating**

Coach Tim Turner Memorial Award for excellence in Middle School athletics:

2 Chandler Ford and 3 Christian

Cross Country

AHSAA Sectionals:

Girls' Team placed first on November 5, 2015. Qualified as a team to compete at State. **Boys' Team** placed 4th at sectionals with two individuals qualifying for State, Grant Walker and Kevin Leahy.

Girls' Cross Country State Title Class 4A: Amaris Tyynismmaa with Girls' team placed 4th overall.

Girls' All Metro Cross Country Runners: Isabelle Cochran and Grace Leslie. Runner of the year: Amaris Tyynismaa.

All-State, All-Class Female Runner of the year: **Amaris Tyynismaa**

Gatorade Alabama Cross Country Runner of the Year, January 14, 2016: **Amaris Tyynismaa**

Football

Blake Johnson set school record for most pass yards in a season.

William Hooper, Montgomery QB Club player of the week for October 23, 2015.

All-Metro Players: Wide Receiver: Landon Pritchett, Led the Knights with 22 catches for 713 yards and seven touchdowns. Offensive Line: Brian Anderson, Leading blocker for the Knights. Offers from over 35 colleges. Defensive Line: **Devin Byrts**, Played both sides of the line for the Knights. Recorded 78 tackles, seven tackles for loss and one sack. Defensive Back: Gabe Keating, Led the Knights with 87 tackles. Also grabbed one interception, recovered a fumble and broke up three passes. Honorable Mention: Blake Johnson and B.J. Barker

Volleyball

All-Metro Second Team: Iyana Tate, Led the Knights with 158 kills. Also had 34 blocks, 32 aces and 24 digs.

Honorable Mention: Kayanna McKenzie and Sarah Murry

Basketball

AHSAA 4A Area Champions: Girls' Team - first time since 2002 and made it to the Region Tournament for the first time since 2002. **Michaelyn Foster** and Jessie Clark made the All-Tournament team and

4 Iyana Tate was the MVP of the tournament.

The team won Sub-Region against Andalusia and qualified for the Region Tournament in Dothan for the first time since 2002.

Emily Lafreniere, Iyana Tate and Jessie Clark made the All-Region team.

Iyana Tate finished the season with 330 points and 326 rebounds. She had 16 double doubles for the season. She made the Area All-Tournament Team and the Region All-Tournament Team. Tate broke 1,000 career points finishing with 1,013 at the Regional Tournament.

The Middle School boys' basketball team won the CCC championship and finished with a 16-1 record. DJ Carter scored 28 points in the championship game. Our Middle School girls' basketball team finished the season 2nd in the CCC.

All-Metro: 1st Team Iyana Tate; 2nd Team Jessie Clark; Honorable Mention Michaelyn Foster and Aleigha Walden. First time that Catholic has ever had 4 players make one of these teams.

All-State: 3rd Team All State Basketball Team, **Iyana Tate**

Wrestling

Zachary Van Alst competed at the Asics Junior Nationals Greco-Roman and Freestyle competition (Olympic style wrestling) on July 18-25, 2015, in Fargo, North Dakota after having completed intensive training 6 days a week all summer. He placed 7th in Greco-Roman claiming his All-American title. During his week of competition he went 11-4, 6-2 in Greco and 5-2 in Freestyle. He is currently listed 6th in the nation for future Olympians in the 126 pound weight class. He was invited to compete in the Journeyman Classic in New York, which is an elite tournament by invitation only.

5 Pelhem Wrestling Tournament: 1st place - Zachary Van Alst, 3rd place **Gabe Keating** and Team finished 9th.

Montgomery Open Wrestling Tournament: 1st place **Sean Moore** at 135 lbs., 2nd place **Jason Flowers** at 85 lbs., 2nd place Maverick Friday at 135 lbs., 3rd place Michael Hodges at 112 lbs., 3rd place Clay Peeler at 119 lbs.

Swede Umbach Tournament: 1st place Zachary Van Alst at 132 lbs. and 2nd place **Gabe Keating** at 160 lbs.

PCA Duals: Gabe Keating Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament and the combined 6 JV/Varsity Wrestling Team placed 5th.

AHSAA Class 4A Sectionals - 1st place for Zachary Van Alst at 132lbs and Gabe Keating at 160lbs.

State Wrestling State Qualifiers:

Zachary Van Alst and Gabe Keating

5X State Wrestling Champion and State Tournament Outstanding Wrestler: **Zachary Van Alst**

All Metro: Zachary Van Alst Wrestler of the Year

Indoor Track & Field

Amaris Tyynismaa: State Champion 800m, 1600m & 3200m

Isabelle Cochran, Grace Leslie, Katelyn Stark, Amaris Tyynismaa: State Champions 4x800 relay

Patrick O'Mara, Josh Seals, Brandon Thomas, Ryan Seals: State Meet 2nd place finish 4 x 400 meter relay

Outdoor Track & Field

AHSAA 4A section 1: Boys' Team - 1st place and MVP Patrick O'Mara

Girls' team - 2nd place and MVP **Amaris Tyynismaa**

800M, 1600M and 3200M 1st place: **Amaris Tyynismaa**

High Jump 1st place Isabella Cochran

8 4 x 400M relay Boys' 1st place: Patrick O'Mara, Winston Wright, Joshua Seals, and Brandon Thomas

4 x 400M relay Girls'2nd place: Isabelle Cochran, Tamrah Tucker, Chandler Ford, and Jaymiah Fenderson

300M Hurdles 3rd place: Chandler Ford and Angel Padilla

400M 2nd place **Amaris Tyynismaa** & Brandon Thomas, 3rd place **Tamrah Tucker**



All Metro Girls:

Amaris Tyynisimaa, Athlete of the Year, and Tamara Tucker

All Metro Boys: **Patrick O'Mara**, Athlete of the Year, and Joshua Seals

Super All-State Track 3200M: **Amaris Tyynismaa**

Softball

AHSAA State Tournament - Top 8

All Metro: Michaelyn Foster and Aleigha Walden

All Metro Honorable Mention:

Jessie Clark

All-State Honorable Mention: **Michaelyn Foster**

JV Softball team won the Big Horn

Classic Tournament, outscoring their opponents 42-3.

Baseball

All Metro: Hunter Ferrall

All Metro Honorable Mention: Blake Johnson and Conner Owens

Golf

JV Boys Soccer 2nd in the Capital City Classic Tournament.

Varsity Boys' Soccer: AHSAA Area Champions and 2nd Round State Playoffs

Ethan Ronan & Sullivan Fralish named Alabama MaxPreps Player of the Week.

Varsity Girls' Soccer: AHSAA 1st Round State Playoffs

All Metro Boys: 9 Ethan Ronan

All Metro Boys Honorable Mention: Daniel Reeves, Josh Koch, Jonathan Doan, and Michael Barber

All Metro Girls: Claire Mills, Riley Aaron, and Ale Vasquez

All-State Girls' Soccer Honorable Mention: Riley Aaron



















Cheer

2016 Varsity Cheer received a bid to NCA Nationals at NCA camp at UAB.

Two 2016 NCA Varsity All-American Cheerleaders: **ZyKeria King** and **Audrey Kim**

One 2016 NCA JV All-American Cheerleader: **Alexis Weber**

All-American Nominees

Varsity: Ivy Bach, Carrie Belsterling, Audrey Kim, Katie Slear, Lauren Smith, and ZyKeria King

JV: Sofie Izer, Denalie Mosikowski, Anna Sadie, Emma Secor, Kinley Tadlock and Alexis Weber Middle School: Gracie Barranco, Devan DeRamus, Blair Huffman, Valerie Waite, and Zoe Watkins

Jimmy Hitchcock Nominees

Agnes Armstrong, Emily Barranco,
Nadine Moussalli and Patrick O'Mara

Freshmen nominees:
Amaris Tyynismaa & Claire Mills

AHSAA Class 4A State Champions

Amaris Tyynismaa- Cross Country, 800M, 1600M, 3200M in both Indoor and Outdoor Track, Member of the 4X800M relay during Indoor (15 total in 2 years)

Zach Van Alst- Wrestling (5th straight year)

Patrick O'Mara-200M, 400M, Member of the 4X400M relay Outdoor Track

Josh Seals- 100M, Member of the 4X400M relay Outdoor Track

Tamrah Tucker- 100M Outdoor Track

Isabelle Coachran- Member of the 4X800M relay Indoor Track

Katelyn Stark- Member of the 4X800M relay Indoor Track

Grace Leslie- Member of the 4X800M relay Indoor Track

Brandon Thomas- Member of the 4X400M relay Outdoor rack

Winston Wright- Member of the 4X400M relay Outdoor Track

Athletic Scholarship

Sarah Murry – Volleyball at the University of Mobile





A Tradition of Spirit & Excellence

The 2015-16 school year has been a great year for the MCPS Band Program. In the Fall, the Marching Knights competed at the Lake Martin Invitational Marching Contest and the Jacksonville State University Contest of Champions; Drum Major Logan Stevens was named Best in Class at both of these venues. We had a special invitation from the Archbishop to march in our first Mardi Gras parade in Mobile, which was a great experience. In the Spring, MCPS took three ensembles to perform at the annual Alabama Bandmasters Music Performance Assessment. The Middle School Advanced Band achieved a school first by earning not only all Superior ratings, but all 'A' scores from every judge in every possible caption. The Band had nine students selected for the Alabama All-State Bands this year, another first for our school. We are looking forward to the coming Fall and another great year in 2016-17! **Alex Johnson,** Band Director

BAND HONORS 2015-16

Marching Band Honors

The Marching Knights competed at the Lake Martin Invitational in Alexander City, Alabama on October 3, 2015 and at the Jacksonville State University Contest of Champions on October 17, 2015.

Logan Stevens was named Best-in-Class Drum Major at both contests, as well as Best-in-Division at Jacksonville.

Individual Honors/Honor Bands

Troy University
Southeastern United States

Middle School Honor Band - December 2015: Robert Crawford, Lainie Doyle, Mai Ellington, Angela Gier, Victoria Hall, Ashley Hayes, Savannah Johnson, Koen McDaniel, Charlie O'Donnell, Clayton Peeler, Darian Riley, and

Hannah Vaccaro

Auburn University Middle School Honor

Band - February 2016: Victoria Hall

Auburn University High School Honor Band - February 2016: **Katie McDaniel**

Alabama All-State Orchestra - February 2016: **Henry Petters**

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School All-State Honor Band members are: David Bender (Blue Band), Eric Crenshaw (Blue Band), Victoria Hall (Middle School Band), Ashley Hayes (Middle School Band), Jackson Penso (Middle School Band), Henry Petters (Red Band), Mary Reagan Starrett (Blue Band), Logan Stevens (Red Band), and Beth Vaughan (1st Chair Red Band).

Students chosen as All-District
Honor Band members are:
David Bender, Adam Bristol,
Eric Crenshaw, Lainie Doyle,
Angela Gier, Victoria Hall,
Ashley Hayes, Savannah Johnson,
Audrey Kim, Charlie O'Donnell,
Jackson Penso, Henry Petters,
Mary Reagan Starrett,
Logan Stevens, Hannah Vaccaro,
and Beth Vaughan.

Concert Band Honors

The Intermediate Band,
Advanced Band, and Concert Band
attended the Alabama Bandmasters
Association's Music Performance
Assessment (MPA). MPA is the
Association's annual Concert Band
evaluation festival held in March. The
Concert Band received ratings of II-IIII-I, the Intermediate Band received
I-I-I-II, and the Advanced Band
received I-I-I-I with an 'A' in every
possible caption.

A special Gift to our Program....

Dr. Doug Bristol, a Professor of Music Theory and Technology with the Alabama State University Department of Music and father of Montgomery Catholic musicians Adam ('17) and Marie ('19) did something amazing for our program. Over his compositional career, he has written multiple professionally performed and recorded compositions, most of which are solo and chamber ensemble works. His new work, Journey of the Knights, was composed for and dedicated to the Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Band. The MCPS Band was honored to present the premiere performance of this work at our 2015 Christmas Concert on December 7, 2015.



Letter from the President

Greetings from the Alumni Association! What a great honor to serve as your president of the Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association. While Montgomery Catholic has changed since I attended, the constant strive to achieve and provide the highest caliber of education to its students has remained unchanged. We are continuing in our efforts to revitalizing the Alumni Association. Our goal is to provide support to our beloved school through time, talent and scholarship from our members. I am happy to announce that we raised over \$1,000 at Alumni Under the Tent in September 2015 from donations, dues, and our 50/50 raffle. With the funds raise we were able to award the "Dottie Azar Dean '52" Memorial Scholarship to an outstanding senior who exemplifies leadership, scholarship, community service and commitment to her school. This year's recipient was Kathleen Beesley. We would also like to welcome the newest



members to the Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association, Congratulations to the Class of 2016!

We are currently in the thick of our membership drive and encourage you to join us in supporting Montgomery Catholic. Dues of \$25/year should be made payable to Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association and can be mailed to 6432 Chaprice Lane, Montgomery, Alabama 36117. Please be on the lookout for email updates and dates for upcoming socials we will be having in multiple cities around the state throughout the year. We also look forward to seeing you at Alumni Under the Tent at the Homecoming game on Friday, October 7, 2016. Please email any questions to montgomerycatholicalumni @gmail.com.

Go Knights!

Laurel Crawford ('02)

President, Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association



If it were not for Mrs. Alice Ortega (Miz O) and Mrs. Roberts, I would not be where I am today. Today I am a professional actress in New York City. I've performed in theatre, television and film. I also contribute to people's lives by teaching Accent Reduction, Voice & Diction as well as coaching actors and professionals on performance and presentation. Miz O opened up the magical world of Shakespeare to us when she led the Theatre Club. I fell in love with Shakespeare's language, his stories, his characters and the history of the time period through Miz O's tutelage. Not only have I starred in many of Shakespeare's plays, I'm also coaching actors on how to explore and perform Shakespeare's text. I loved Miz O not only as a teacher but also as a person. She was always willing to give her time and her heart to her students who were curious and passionate about language and the arts. This was true of all of our teachers at CHS. I do my best to emulate them in my own teaching practice.

Mrs. Roberts was a bulldozer of an English teacher. She didn't let us get away with anything! I often tell my International students, "I can't

"MY EDUCATION AT CATHOLIC WAS STELLAR."

remember exactly why your grammar is off. I just KNOW what is correct." She drilled grammar into my head. Of course, I complained at the time, but now I'm eternally grateful for her fortitude and generosity.

Over the years, I've come to learn that my education at Catholic was stellar. I've compared notes with other people across the country and around the world regarding their high school education. The teachers at Catholic are the best by far. They care about their students ardently and personally. I remember a time when I was sick for a few weeks and had lost a lot of weight. Mr. Weber found me and shared his concern about weight loss. "Do you, perhaps, have an eating disorder?" I was touched by his outreach and just reminded him that I had been sick. I'll never forget that act of compassion and interest in my well-being.

I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend Montgomery Catholic High School. Students, if it feels hard and challenging, welcome it! It will make you stronger, more disciplined and grateful in the future to have had teachers that pushed you and cared for you. Take care of each other as well. The world needs more love and compassion.

Monica (Russell) Blaze Leavitt ('89) www.monicablazeleavitt.com

Alumni Updates

Class of 1948



Marty Taylor (second from left) joined our football captains for the homecoming game on September 25 as honorary captain. Marty wore the number 12 and was on the first Montgomery Catholic football team founded in 1945. He was one of five students who volunteered for the squad. After recruiting the rest of the team, a new legacy unfolded and has continued with pride for 70 years.

Class of 1959



Dennis Jackson
"Still a Knight
chasing the day.
Off to London in
June to support
two of my sons
competing in the
GUTS frisbee

International Tournament. Thanks, coaches Raymond Boykin, Jack Kresek and Milt Von Mann for fostering competitive sportsmanship into Frank Micelle, Dick Boone, Tom Jehle, Billy Patton and myself. To Nashville in the fall to be inducted into the Vanderbilt Medical Quinq Society. Thanks, Sister Rosalee for instilling the knowledge and quest of science in three future physicians – Tommy Hosty, Tom Jehle and this alumnus."

Class of 1960



Annette Dignam "Our great grandson Garrett Dignam with his new little sister Berkley Rae."

Class of 1962

50th wedding anniversaries were celebrated by **Deanie (Clark) & Ray** ('61) Allen, Ray & Vickie Shulstad, Carla (Poole) and Tom Hodge.

Class of 1963

Lynn Jehle Downes has been doing some interesting things in retirement; she can be seen in the *Southern Living* online series, Southern Grandmothers React.

Class of 1967

Arlene Marie Anderson has been married to Elmo for 46 years. She has three sons and four grandchildren.



Judi Jehle received the Sheffield Award at Auburn University in the Fall of 2015.

Class of 1972



Michelle Lassonde Jackelen "Celebrating 40 years as a nurse working at Abbott

Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis Minnesota. Also celebrating 40 years married to Ron Jackelen by taking a 10 day trip through Alaska by car. I'm very lucky to come back to Montgomery every three years for mini reunions with eight girlfriends from CHS.

Class of 1985



Jeff and Greg Downes made their national network television debut when they appeared on Family Feud. The episode aired February 3, 2016. Jeff's wife Penny, Greg's wife Kimberly and their daughter Lauren auditioned in Atlanta and made the cut.

Class of 1986

After 20 years with Citibank in San Antonio, Texas, **Dan Decker** took an early retirement leaving as a senior Vice President. He used the time to go back to school. He is currently a Pediatric Pulmonary Practitioner at Methodist Children's Hospital specializing in children with heart and lung disease.

Class of 1989



Allison (Irwin '89) and Charles
Rumore continue to live in Birmingham,
where Charles owns and operates
Southern Armature Works, rebuilding
automotive starters, alternators,
radiators, and air conditioners. Allison
homeschools their nine children, ages
2-17. Fr. Den Irwin (88), the family's
uncle, and Mike Irwin ('60), their
grandfather, recently returned from their
9th Annual Camping trip with five of the
Rumore kids. Their yearly camping trip
provides memories that will last
a lifetime.

Class of 1991

Laura Ahmann Timberlake and her husband Joe welcomed their second daughter Hannah Merritt at 8:14 a.m. on December 22, 2015, at Langley Air Force Base Hospital. She was 8 lbs. and 19.25 inches with a full head of dark brown hair and blue eyes.

Lt. Col. Chris Berg and his family returned to Montgomery Summer 2016 to attend Air War College after completing squadron command at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Class of 1992

Michael Warren and his wife Sarah welcomed their second child, Connor Avett Warren, born 7:53 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2016, weighing in at 6 lbs., 4 oz., and 19 inches long.

Class of 1993

Andrew D. Hall was appointed by Governor Robert Bentley to represent the 5th district of Montgomery County. Andrew and his wife, Amy, have three children. He is Vice President and Managing Director of Lampre USA, LLC.

Class of 1994

Chad Barwick has been selected as the first president at St. Pius X Catholic High School in Atlanta, Georgia for the 2016-2017 academic year. He began his new position on July 1.

Class of 1997





Lauren Eaddy Greene is currently residing in Montgomery with her husband Rob, and their three children; Caden (10), Liam (7), and Hailey (5). She recently published a coming of age novel, *The Devil Within*.

Class of 1999



Sam and Danielle (Taylor) Castanza welcomed their son, Conor Bryant Castanza, on May 23, 2016. Conor makes it a family of seven, joining Ella, Ben, Thomas, and Phillip.



Kristin Redden Smith and her husband, Jeff, welcomed Greyson Tucker Smith.

Class of 2000



Patrick Cammack "We moved from NYC to the Nashville region last year and had a son, Jack Hudson, in November. My wife Kate is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of the South, and I started a new job in February as Director of Economic Development for the Williamson County Chamber. "

Brad Dobson "My wife, Jenn and I have lived in Atlanta for the past 8 years. We recently celebrated our 5th wedding anniversary on April 30th along with our two children, daughter Kennedy (4) and son Wyatt (2). We will be moving to Charlotte, North Carolina in the fall where I will be based as a pilot for American Airlines flying the Airbus A320 series aircraft."

Ryan Robichaux and his wife, Meagan, announced the birth of their second daughter, Julia Bernadette, born on May 5, 2016.

Class of 2001



Justin and Meghan (Forsyth ('03) Castanza announce the birth of their second child,

Natalie Rachel Castanza, born July 1, 2015. She joins big brother, Vincent, to make it a family of four! **Justin Castanza** has been named Interim Principal at Montgomery Catholic for grades 7-12. He began his new role July 1, 2016.

Class of 2002



Alana (Hattaway) and Ben Barranco welcomed their second child, David

Jude Barranco, on December 15, 2015. He was 8 lbs., 10 oz. and 20.5 inches long. Also on the welcoming committee were big brother Thomas and grandparents: **David and Jeanne**

grandparents: **David and Jeanne Barranco ('72). Richard ('73)** and **Jane Hataway.**



Rachel and Charlie ('99) Barranco announce the birth of their third daughter,

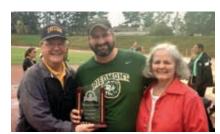
Juliana Kate, born on April 7, 2016. Big sisters are Maddie (4) and Sophia (2).



Emily (Weber)
Trione and her
husband,
Robby,
announce the
birth of their

third child, Dennis Richard Trione, on April 20, 2016. He has a big sister, Charlotte (4), and big brother, Samuel (2).

Class of 2003



Timmy McCormack enters his 8th overall season as an assistant coach with the Piedmont College soccer program and his 7th season with the women's side of the program, winning three conference titles in the past five years. McCormack returned to the Piedmont sidelines for a USA South championship season in 2013 after spending the 2012 season as the Head Men's Soccer Coach at Huntingdon College. He is the Director of Athletic Communications and was promoted to Assistant Director of Athletics in fall 2015.

"Good to hear from the Knights. I'm living in Atlanta, and am currently the assistant athletic director at Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia. My wife, Jamie McCormack, is the Volleyball Coach here at the school. I also currently assist with our women's soccer team. We went 20-2-1 last season and won our conference for the third time in 5 years."

Class of 2004

Maria Franco Braswell and her husband, Joel, welcomed their second child, Amelia Marie, in the spring. Amelia joins big brother Alexander (3).

Class of 2005

Jamie Brazell started a new job in January as the Program Coordinator for the Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project.



Marie Pruett
Davis and her
husband, Andy, live
in Vestavia and
welcomed their
first child, Charles
Henry Davis, on
April 21, 2016. He

bounced into the world at 7 lbs., 8 oz and was 22 inches.

Lee Wright and his wife, Kristie, are expecting twins in the fall. The couple has chosen to wait until birth to know what sex the two babies are. Lee has asked that if anyone has name suggestions, please let him know via Facebook.

Class of 2006

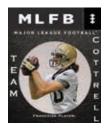
Lauren Tucker is a proud new aunt.

Laura (Barranco) and Shawn Feely welcomed their son, Preston Michael Feely, on January 21, 2016.

Class of 2008

Emily McLaughlin Mallette and husband, Barkley, announce the birth of their son, James Lanier Mallette, born on December 16, 2015.

Class of 2009



Congratulations to **Taylor Belsterling**for being drafted by
Team Cottrell 4th
overall in the new
MLFB draft. Major
League Football
plans to have their

first season start Spring of 2017.



Mitchell
Clemmons "I
graduated from
Huntingdon
College in 2014
majoring in
accounting. I am
currently working

at ALFA insurance here in Montgomery as a staff accountant/financial analyst. I was married on May 28 to Georgianna Hunt."



Brianna McClure Lisenby earned her second bachelors' degree when she graduated from AUM's School of Nursing on May 14, 2016.

Julian McGuire is touring with Justin Bieber. The "Purpose" tour began in March 2016.

Julian has contracted for the full two years of the tour as lead guitarist for the band. Check out his Facebook page, which includes a tour schedule: www.facebook.com/stringsinmysoul.



Bryan ('91) and Tiffany (Meadors) Marchand welcomed their first child, daughter Erica on December 26, 2015.



Katherine Ronan
Wade graduated
from Auburn
University Harrison
School of Pharmacy
with a Doctorate of
Pharmacy degree in

May 2016 and married Skyler Wade from Nashville, Tennessee, on June 18. She began her Pharmacy career in the Mobile area with CVS after her honeymoon, and the couple resides in Fairhope, Alabama.

Class of 2011



Myles Whitehurst plays international professional basketball in Peru! In five games he averaged 32.6 points, 11 rebounds and 3.5 assists. He

scored a high of 39 points and pulled down 15 rebounds against San Vicente. Myles received his associate's degree from Lurleen Wallace in Andalusia and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business management from Park University in Kansas City. He is currently trying out for team in Lima, Peru, and may also play for Club Arletico again next season.

Class of 2012

Mary Elizabeth Dean Schlotterbeck

has had a very busy year: she graduated on May 14, 2016, with a degree in Nursing from AUM and accepted a job at Baptist East in ER in Montgomery. She married James Schlotterbeck on June 18, 2016, at St. Bede.

Jacob McAlpine graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in Advertising on May 7, 2016.



Kevin Norris, MCPS Class of 2012 senior class president & valedictorian, graduated with Merit from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned as an Ensign on May 27, 2016. Pictured with younger brother **Ryan ('14).**



Josh Stark
worked on staff
with the
Troopers Drum
& Bugle Corp
over the
summer,

traveling across the country as they tour as part of the Drum Corp International's summer competitions. In August, he will be interning with Hummingbird Productions, Inc. in Nashville, Tennessee, which will compelete his degree in Music Industry-Sound Design and minor in Theatre-Technical Production from Troy University.

Class of 2012/2013

Connor Wright ('12), Jarett Mason

('13), and Timothy McOmber ('13) helned lead the Rirmingham-Southern College Track & Field Team to the college's first ever Track & Field NCAA Conference Championship in the college's 160 years of existence. Connor placed second in a photo finish in the 400 hurdles after running a personal best, missing first by one thousandths of a second. Jarett endured the two longest races in Track, the 10,000 meters and 5.000 meters, and Timothy placed third in both the 3,000 Steeplechase and 1.500 meters, then the 800 meters, All three received conference championship rings to commemorate their efforts and contributed points to the historic team victory.

GOOD TIMES?

Save the Dates

HOMECOMING

Friday, October 7, 2016 Catholic vs. Ashford Kickoff 7 ρ .m.

ALUMNI UNDER THE TENT

All alumni and their families are guests of the school for Jim 'N Nick's BBQ

5 PM until the start of halftime.

Please RSVP homecoming 2016@ montgomery catholic.org

46TH ANNUAL PICE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, September 23, 2016 Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Prattville, Alabama

For sponsorship information call Jerry Lopez 334.224.6607 or glopez1060@charter.net

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Saturday, February 11, 2017 Dolly Barranco Center (DBC) on the Middle/High School campus.

Join us for our annual FUNdraiser, good food, live music, and a real good time!

For event sponsor or ticket information, contact Bonnie McClure at bmclure@montgomerycatholic.org or 334.272.7221.

We want to hear from you... Don't forget to share your news!

We are looking for alumni MIA.

Help us out. Bring us up to date with their name, address, phone number, and email...and don't forget that maiden name and class year. Update online under the alumni section or call 334.272.7221, extension 15. You can also email us at vdickson@ montgomerycatholic.org or alingalls@montgomerycatholic.org

Class of 2013



Zachary Hulcher, a
Physics major at
MIT was named
to the New
England Football
Conference
(NEFC) Academic

All-Conference team. Zach is an Offensive Lineman at MIT and was one of 45 players on his team to meet the qualifications for the All-Conference Academic team.

Class of 2014



Maddie O'Mara, a rising junior at the University of Notre Dame, is pre-med and studying Science-Business. Over the summer she

interned with U.S. Representative Martha Roby and will study abroad in London in the fall where she will be interning for MP Adam Holloway in Parliament.

Anthony Thomas received his NJCAA Southern Division Championship ring November 3, 2015, at Faulkner State Community College.

Class of 2015



Nick Beverly joined AmeriCorps after graduation. Living and working in

service, his first assignment was at Camp Stevens in Julian, California, performing tasks that promote environmental sustainability. He will complete 1,700 hours of service plus an additional 80 in the community.





Both **Peter Nguyen** and **Ashley Sulzby** joined the Troy University Marching Band. Peter plays the piccolo, and Ashley Sulzby joined the color guard.



William Russell is a member of the Million Dollar Marching Band at The University of Alabama.



Thomas Stokes, Jr. was named a President's Scholar at Mississippi Valley State in 2016; he received an

athletic scholarship in 2015 to play football for the University.



Delohn Wyatt joined the University of New Mexico marching band as a freshman.

Cameron Harris and Tiffany Do welcomed

their daughter Alexandra Peach on March 30, 2016.



Jacob Hulcher pitched for the Lima Locos (Lima, Ohio) in the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate Baseball League June 7 through

July 24 regular season. GO LOCOS!



Sherman Grant, received the Bronze Award presented by ROTC for most outstanding student in

his class at Hampton University in Virginia. Congratulations Sherman!

Class Reunions

Class of 1962

The class of 1962 had two mini reunions last year - in August when Patty Allen Ogier Ferguson came to town and again in October when Donna Paglusio Clubb visited. In July Johnny Brannan hosted a get together on his yacht for the Pensacola Beach Air Show. The Blue Angels flew over and all had a good time. The class of 1962 is thinking in terms of the last weekend of April in 2017 for the 55th reunion.

Thank you!
Pat Ferguson



Class of 1965 and friends...The Montgomery Catholic High School class of 1965 held a 50th reunion during the weekend of September 25-27, 2015.

"We thought that it would be fun to invite some other classes to join us, so, we invited the two classes on either side of ours; making this a reunion of the five classes 1963 through 1967.

"We began the weekend by attending the Homecoming game (CHS vs. Holtville) out at the school on Friday night. It was great getting reacquainted and sharing memories from so long ago. Saturday night's main event was held at the RSA Plaza Terrace in downtown Montgomery. Delicious food, music from the 60's and a beautifully decorated room helped make it a night to remember. On Sunday morning, around thirty of us old classmates gathered up at the old school on Adams Avenue and walked through the halls, recalling many of the events that helped make our time at Catholic so memorable. All the hard work of the reunion committee members was rewarded in that a good time was had by all."

Class of 1997

Planning a reunion for June of 2017 Contact Stephanie Evans (Behrens) 334-791-1396 or slbehrens@hotmail.com or Josh Warren 251-656-6211 or j3d2w@ yahoo.com.

DUCK, DUCK, GOOSE IT UP!

On Friday, February 5, Montgomery Catholic celebrated GOOSE it up Night!

We invited our alumni, students, and their parents to attend our last home varsity basketball games where we honored our senior athletes between games, and we celebrated GOOSE IT UP night! Honoring our long time supporter and friend **Goose Delongchamp** at halftime during the boys' game.

Goose began his volunteer career at Catholic in the 1980's when his grandchildren attended Catholic, and he has continued his support of our athletic programs continuously since. It was a fun night with Goose hats, photos and lots of Delongchamp family! President Anne Ceasar presented Goose with his own Catholic Letter Jacket. We were so honored to celebrate our sweet friend! Thank you Goose for all of your love and support!

GO KNIGHTS!!







Top left: Dean and Sylvia Delongchamp with Goose. **Top Right:** Goose with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren (Front row from left to right: Anna Claire and Emma Kate Moffett, daughters of Melissa and Pat Moffett; Willis Delongchamp, son of Mike and Cindy Delongchamp. Back Row: Hannah Roberson, daughter of Michelle and Tim Roberson; Mike Delonchamp, son of Mike and Cindy; Gracie Roberson, daughter of Michelle and Tim; Michelle Delongchamp Roberson ('90), Melissa Delongchamp Moffett ('95); Mike Delongchamp ('87); and Goose.) **Above:** Athletic Director Daniel Veres, Dean Delongchamp. Goose, and President Anne Ceasar.

1 Edward Pascal Clark ('39)

August 24, 1922 - March 7, 2016

Please see tribute on page 1.

2 Frank Lewis Roton (47)

January 3, 1928 - September 4, 2015

Frank joined the US Navy in 1945 and served in WWII. After an honorable discharge he returned to graduate from high school at Loretto. He then went to work for the *Montgomery Advertiser* until he started a business, Alabama Printers with Billy Watkins in 1964. He successfully operated his company until semi-retirement in 2002.

Frank was happily married to Betty Jean Beck for 42 years. Frank was a dedicated member of Hope Hull United Methodist Church. He loved his Masonic Lodge and the Appendant Bodies were his joy and pleasure. He found many lifetime friends from this benevolent pursuit of service. He enjoyed his work with the Snowdoun Volunteer Fire Department.

Bobby A "POP" Hines ('53)

April 4, 1933 - January 31, 2016

Pop was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grand father, who loved being with his family, watching Auburn football, fishing, and hunting. He was also president of Pop's Chalet Hunting Club. "Pop" was married to his wife, Margaret Anne Desselle Hines for 62 years. They had four children, John L. Hines, James R. Hines, Deborah A. (Hines) Wagner, and Timothy W. Hines.

L. Gene Gandy ('53)

Deceased April 30, 2016

L. Gene Gandy, formerly of Montgomery, died peacefully at home in Atlanta, Georgia. Gene was preceded in death by his life partner of 51 years, G. Dale Heizler.

3 George Ellis Hutchinson ('57)

March 23, 1939 - February 10, 2016

George attended Catholic High, Huntingdon College, and Jones Law School. His hobbies included traveling and reading. He had two children, Rene (Hutchison) Schraeder and Ellis Hutchinson.

4 James M. Munson ('66)

February 22, 1948 – December 26, 2014

Jim attended Troy State, University of Alabama, Southern Oregon College, and the University of Arizona in 1971. Jim worked with the Tucson Central YMCA, the Jewish Community Center, the Pima Country Department of Parks & Recreation, the City of Nogales Parks and Recreation, and the Tucson Sports Park. Under Jim's leadership Tucson Sports Park became the premiere sports complex in southern Arizona. Finally he managed the Big League Dreams Complex in Mira Loma for 13 years and retired in 2013.

Jim made lifelong friends and inspired many to pursue similar career paths.

John "Jay" Fields ('75)

July 5, 1955 - November 1, 2015

Jay was married to Tracey, had four children, and was a member of Christ the King Parish in Daphne, Alabama. He was a baseball and football coach for many years with the Daphne City League. John was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting and fishing.

Michael Bates ('77)

Deceased January 19, 2016

Michael was a resident of Clearwater, Forida and is survived by a loving family.

5 Sharon (Crooks) Reed ('79)

Deceased April 3, 2014

Sharon lived in Millbrook with her husband, Robert. She had one daughter, Rebecca Alma Reed and step-sons Michael, John, and Brian Reed.

6 Eleonore (Vance) Orgish ('79)

Deceased January 14, 2015

Eleonore was married to Scott Orgish and had two daughters. She passed away after an eight month fight with lymphoma. She visted with classmates over Christmas break and shared some good stories from high school days and Mr. Frye's math class and their graduation.

7 John Patrick Ronan ('81)

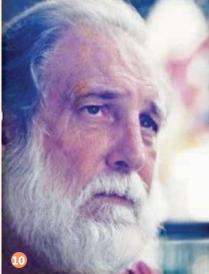
September 27, 1963 - January 11, 2015

John attended Montgomery Catholic for 12 years and was a lifelong member of St. Bede parish. John graduated from Auburn University in 1985 and used his degree to become a "hometown banker" for over 30 years.

He loved participating in sports, especially basketball, many stories were told and lasting friendships were made from his intramural basketball team at Auburn. He also loved coaching his children in all sports,

Katherine in basketball and the boys in soccer. He finally recognized that soccer was a real sport, not just a conditioning one until a real sport came along!





Any other free time he spent relaxing at the lake fishing and watching NASCAR. Few people knew that he wrote poetry and was "accidentally" published in the

yearbook while helping someone with a writing assignment. But most of all, he loved his family and will be truly missed.

8 Malinda (Mara) Barrera ('87)

February 12, 1969 - October 23, 2015

Malinda was born at Malcom Grow
Hospital on Andrews AFB, Maryland. She
was a member of one of the Montgomery
area's first all-girls soccer team, and
under coach Rod Bourke she developed
a lifelong passion for the sport. She was
a member of St. Bede Parish and sang
in the choir for many years. She worked
in the Alabama Public Health System
in Montgomery and Opelika. She also
became Lady Arrow when she worked for
All Star Balloon Company.

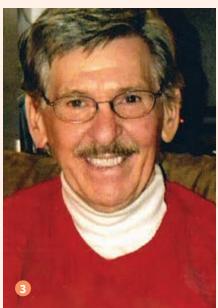
Malinda lived in Memphis, Tennessee, for a while. After moving back to Montgomery, she returned to her soccer passion, coaching St. Bede children in the American Youth Soccer Organization 297 section for the under ten and under eight age groups.

She was a rabid Alabama football fan and while in the hospital was told she needed to be calmer during the Alabama Georgia game.

Daphne Ann (Richard)Wilson ('88)

October 1969 - September 24, 2015

Daphne moved from Montgomery to the Gulf Coast the day after Hurricane Katrina as a registered nurse with the American Red Cross and fell in love with





the Coast. She was a very loving and caring woman, never met a stranger, and loved to play jokes. She was very much loved by her extended family.

She is survived by her husband, Ronnie Wilson of Biloxi; mother, Mary "Dee" Clark (Ray); daughter, Madison Eller; son, Mathew Eller; and step-sons, Ronald Wilson, III and David Wilson.

James "Cliff" Little, III

1939 -November 11, 2015

Coach Little gave service to thousands of young people in his 37 years of service of coaching and teaching. He was known for excellence in the classroom and success on the football field. He was quarterback on the first Robert E. Lee High School football team in 1955-56. He played football for two years at Wake Forest on scholarship. Coach Little was head fooball coach for the Knights in the '80s, winning many games. More importantly, he won the hearts of players and students entruseed to his care, of which he was extremely proud.

1 Jeffrey Gunter Giddens ('10)

August 12, 1991 - December 9, 2015

Gunter was a member of Capitol Heights Baptist Church in Montgomery and a graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Gunter was a loving son, brother, grandson, nephew, and friend. Everybody who knew him loved him.











ALL IN THE F.A.M.I.L.Y

The decision to give to MCPS for Sloan and me is an easy one. In fact, it is so easy we have never really discussed it. We believe giving is a vital part of raising our children who also need to participate. The opportunities to give are endless and important whether it is through effort, attention, love, or funding. All of these things are essential to continue to push our school forward to the greatness we all want to achieve. There is no room for an acceptance of mediocrity. Giving is a large piece of the puzzle that allows all of the children of MCPS to attend school in a clean, safe environment, surrounded by God's loving mentors in their teachers, coaches, and administrators, at a most wonderful time in their young lives.

Our family is blessed beyond measure. Having any opportunity to give, no matter what the amount of time or money, big or small, is one of the greatest blessings and most fulfilling rewards our Lord has placed upon our family. We give thanks to the F.A.M.I.L.Y that is MCPS for the tireless effort to reach heights never before seen.

This is why it is important for our family

Dan ('86) & Sloan Downes Trey ('17), Nathan ('20), Jacob Thomas ('22)



Giving Back to Give Thanks: Putting MCPS in Your Will

Over the past couple of years, we lost several members of our extended family, some that were expected to pass and others that came as such a great surprise. A few of us had to make preparations for family members that had no will. This was a great shock and hardship for those left on this side of the Pond. Due to this experience, I decided as the parent of an only child to get busy doing three things: 1) learning about what plans and documents should be in place, 2) consulting someone after I drafted my ideas, and 3) deciding how and where to distribute my assets upon my passing.

Deciding to whom and at what age my assets should be distributed was not difficult. However, I wanted to make a planned gift to at least one charity given that I've spent my career serving the underserved: I wanted to put my money where my life had been. I decided to leave a portion of my assets to MCPS



for one major reason. There is no other institution or organization that has had such a lasting and positive effect on my success in higher education, my career, my ability to transcend change and my life. Our parents, Stewart and Geraldine Thames, sacrificed to send three children, Stewart Thames, Helen Dees Thames and me, to 12 years of Catholic school. We all thanked them both over the years for that gift. And I want to thank MCPS for providing me with the greatest foundation for life.

As you do your own estate planning, now while you have your faculties, please remember MCPS! If we all left just a little, it could support the school and the education of many students for generations to come.

Marie Thames ('74)

BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE AND FINANCIAL REPORT 2015-16

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School once again maintained a focus on classroom and teacher technology, facility improvements, and debt reduction throughout fiscal year 2015-16. Clearly a key highlight this year was the final payoff of our building debt... MCPS is now debt free! This major accomplishment has taken several years to be completed and fortunately, it now puts us in a great position to begin our capital campaign in 2016-17. Our technology and facility initiatives will remain a focus in the coming year as our goal is to equip our classrooms with the latest and best technology and to continually maintain and improve our facilities. Also, very importantly, we want to continue to enhance teacher compensation. We were able to include an overall 3% salary increase in the 2015-16 budgets. Additionally, \$50,000 in proceeds from our prior year Annual Fund campaign were committed to funding teacher enhancement and a \$25,000 incentive pool was established in 2015-16 to assist in funding teacher certification.

TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENTS

We continued our One to One Laptop Initiative in 2015-16, as we equipped nearly 100 incoming freshmen with MacBooks. With the addition of this class, we now have all of our high school students included in the Initiative. This total Initiative investment of approximately \$500,000 (including insurance, security and accessories) has been very well received by both students and faculty.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

We were able to complete several significant facility projects in 2015-16, totaling over \$150,000. The projects

included the construction of a beautiful new playground at the St Bede campus, funded primarily by a generous gift from PICE and a donation from the St Bede Parish. Additionally, new carpet was installed in the Belke Building. This \$54,000 project was made possible, primarily due to funds generated by our Mardi Gras Fundraiser. Other projects included the improvement and upgrade of several of our HVAC units, at both The high school and St. Bede campuses.

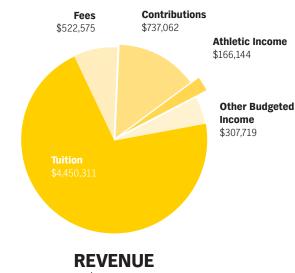
DEBT REDUCTION

As mentioned above, we paid off our remaining debt of \$198,000 in August last year, utilizing the proceeds from our 2015-16 Capital Assessment fees. The repayment of this debt clearly demonstrates the commitment we have to this initiative and the strong capital support of our families and MCPS donors.

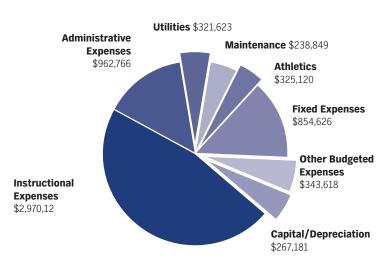
Finally, the 2015-16 school year saw the continuation of MCPS playing a key role in assisting several of our existing and new MCPS families in receiving awards from the Alabama Opportunity Scholarship Fund (AOSF). AOSF is a scholarship granting organization, operating under the guidelines of the Alabama Accountability Act. The annual awards range from \$5,000 to \$8,000 and we had a total of 62 students that received the awards in 2015-16. This program is allowing families to apply and if accepted, enroll at MCPS, a very positive alternative/choice they would not otherwise have.

Kim Jackson,

Business Manager



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EXPENSES \$6,283,793

Partners in Catholic Education (PICE)

Carole Skoneki Clark spent her entire life in service of others.

The daughter of a career U.S. Air Force man, Carole was born in Limestone, Maine, on November 22, 1961, and lived in many places before settling in Montgomery as a young teenager.

Carole excelled in academics and stressed their importance to her family. She was valedictorian of Jefferson Davis High School in Montgomery and graduated with honors from Auburn University's School of Nursing. After school, she began a distinguished career in medicine, working as a registered nurse for hospitals, home health care, hospice and doctors' offices.

Carole's personal life focused on her family, where she was the lifeblood of every celebration. She planned countless holiday dinners, anniversaries, and birthdays for the Skoneki-Clark clan. But perhaps the biggest party of all was held in early June 2015 to honor her, as more than 100 friends, classmates and family gathered in her beautiful home in County Downs to celebrate her life. She died at home a month later.

Carole served as the secretary for Partners in Catholic Education (PICE) from its inception in 1998 to 2015. PICE provides financial support for key Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School projects through their annual golf tournament at Robert Trent Jones



Capitol Hill. Her sons, Joey and Will Clark, are both graduates of MCPS.

Carole skillfully balanced her life as a registered nurse, mom, wife, aunt, sister, friend and volunteer. She excelled at working in harmony with others to get a job done and her commitment to service touched thousands of lives. To honor Carole's commitment to her Catholic faith and her lifelong devotion to service, PICE established a scholarship in her memory in 2016. An ideal recipient is selected annually based on demonstrated commitment to their faith, community service and ability to work in harmony with others. Melody Taylor, the inaugural recipient, reflects these ideals beautifully.

Carole was well loved and respected by all who knew her, which is demonstrated by the scores of family, friends and acquaintances who donated funds to PICE in her memory.

If you visit the MCPS Vaughn Road campus this fall, in the courtyard you will find three new memorial benches surrounded by Carole's beloved hydrangea bushes. Make sure you read the plaque on each bench. Inside the high school you will find a memorial plaque designating "The Carole Skoneki Clark Conference Room," formerly known as room 7¾. These memorial improvements were all funded by donations to PICE to honor Carole. Thank you, Carole, for living a life dedicated to faith, family and service...a life well lived; a life we should all aspire to live.

Derivative of "Brief Biography of Carole Skoneki Clark" written by Mark Skoneki and Joey Clark, modifications by Linda Guin.

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STRIDES IN SUPPORTING **OUR MISSION** The 15th Annual PICE Golf Tournament was held on September 25, 2015. Once

again it was a beautiful day with a full set of teams and high returns. The PICE Board of Directors is an amazing group devoted to enriching the mission of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. The assets they provide for our students are beyond compare. We are endeared to

CONTINUING GREAT

their service and deeply appreciative for the funds they provide each year.

The 2015-2016 School Year **Gifts from PICE**

Sports Complex Lights \$60,000 Basketball Shoot Away \$6,200 **Band Instruments** Funding Assistance \$13,250 Engineering Room (Robotics) \$2,955 Locker Room Stools \$960 Knight News Network (KNN) Partial Funding \$16,313 **GRAND TOTAL** \$99,678



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Annual Fund *	\$112,136	\$79,040	\$81,564
Athletics	\$2,200	\$59,435	\$47,272
Band	\$10,500	\$1,350	\$9,760
Tributes	\$9,292	\$10,835	\$3,482
Miscellaneous	\$40,271	\$7,193	\$24,963
Scholarships	\$94,299	\$223,607	\$40,687
Tuition Assistance	\$38,470	\$35,927	\$14,760
TOTAL	\$307,169	\$417,387	\$222,488

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