Living in the Vision

"We can choose to either live in the circumstance or live in the vision."

Dr. Kevin Elko, an inspirational speaker and consultant to various National Football League and college football teams, expressed this sentiment. It clearly defines what we are doing here at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. We are living in the vision!

Our capital campaign, Building on Faith, Family and Tradition, has already surpassed our goal of raising \$3,500,000 and is growing still. This feat belongs to the generosity of the many donors who believe in the mission of the school and our vision. This building project is quite bold. Many felt that it could not be accomplished because of the enormity of its scope. The new athletic facility will have over 30,000 square feet of space—housing a concession area, dressing rooms, athletic offices, meeting spaces, weight room—and state of the art playing courts. This new facility will satisfy the many needs of our growing athletic program and school.

The Fr. Pat Delahunty Gym, built over fifty years ago, has served our school well and will be repurposed for our fine arts program. The band, along with our emerging choral and drama departments, will find a new home in this facility. It will be equipped with practice rooms, storage areas, and large classrooms and will be among the best facilities in the area. Our award winning band program will be able to move from an oversized classroom to an area that will allow it to continue to grow and mature.

This year has been wonderful for MCPS. Academically, our students have excelled at all levels with many of our elementary and middle school students scoring two years ahead of the national average on the lowa Assessment. Athletically, this has been a banner year for our school, with our **Girls outdoor track team** being the Alabama High School Athletic Association Class 4A champions, and **Zachary Van Alst** winning his sixth state championship in wrestling. The many accomplishments of our



school did not go unnoticed. Hardly a week went by without our students being recognized by an outside source.

The Sisters of Loretto were visionary when they first came to Montgomery in 1873 and founded our school. We have been blessed by many leaders and supporters that continued on this visionary course while remaining faithful to the school's mission. Each of them lived in the vision rather than their daily circumstances and has guided us to this juncture.

We ask for your continued prayers for our school as we move forward with this building project and prepare for our next school year. Please pray that our Lord will bless our work and that the fruits of our labors will sustain Montgomery Catholic for the future.

Thank you for your support and know that you are in my daily prayers.

Anne Ceasar

President, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School

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Montgomery Catholic congratulates
Superintendent

Gwen Byrd

on 40 years of service to Catholic Education in our Archdiocese!
Ms. Byrd has served as Superintendent for 35 of those years! We extend our sincere appreciation for her dedication and continued support of all things Catholic!

Last May, I had the pleasure to attend the fiftieth anniversary of my high school graduation. Although I had looked forward to attending the event, it turned out to be more enjoyable than I had anticipated.

had not seen in many years.

We laughed about high school and even grade school days and remembered the wonderful teachers whom taught us and whom we appreciate now. One of my regrets is that I never thanked many of these teachers who offered us such a great education and formation. A recurring theme of our conversations at the reunion was how fortunate we were to have had

the teachers who taught us in that

Catholic school. We were blessed

by them.

It was good to see classmates with whom I had stayed in contact though the years and others that I

A question came up in our conversations as to whether our high school days were the best time of our lives. I could not say that high school was the best time of my life. I am not sure how to determine what was the best time of my life. I prefer to have the attitude that



NOW is the best time of my life. Whether the present holds joys or sorrows, successes or failures, this is the best time to be alive since God has given me this day to live.

However, I would say that my high school years were highly formative for me. The formation and education I received in those years have gone with me throughout my life's journey. The same would be true for my grade school years. A young person develops so quickly in the years of elementary and secondary education and it is important that a foundation be laid in these years that will allow the young person to build upon in the years to come.

I have been involved in the construction of new buildings. The first months of construction can be a little frustrating because it does not seem that much is happening, the walls are not up, the roof is not in place. Yet these first weeks are crucial to the entire building. The foundation may not be as noticeable as the construction to come, but the foundation must be created upon which everything else depends.

That is similar to grade and high school years. We cannot see the wonderful accountant, doctor, attorney, business person, engineer, father, mother, husband or wife that is yet to come, but the

foundation is being laid for all that to come about.

That is what I was offered at my

That is what I was offered at my Catholic grade and high schools. That is what is being offered here at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. Our students are offered an excellent education, second to none, which will help them to build a career; and our students are being offered an outstanding formation in gospel values to help them to build a life here and now, and in the life to come for all eternity.

I am impressed by the number of people, recognizing the blessing that this school is to our students, who are working together to enhance the facilities, and therefore the education and formation offered here, through the Faith, Family and Tradition Campaign. I urge all to make certain that this Campaign is a success for our school and for our kids.

As we begin this new academic year, I pray that God will continue to guide the administration, faculty, and staff of MCPS in their ministry of Catholic education. May God bless them, may God bless our students, and may God bless the families who entrust their sons and daughters to Montgomery Catholic. All of us working together we can achieve a great foundation for our young people.

Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi *Archbishop of Mobile*



God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

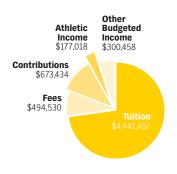
Your Word tells us that unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it.

We ask for Your blessing on our work to build something great for Your glory.

We ask that You move our hearts to give generously of our time, talent, and treasure as a living sacrifice of love to the praise of Your Name and the advancement of Your Kingdom.

Guide us in this campaign founded upon faith, family and tradition as we entrust all our efforts to the maternal care and prayers of our Lady of Loretto.

We ask all these things in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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God Loves a Cheerful Giver

I reflect uniquely on this project of Montgomery Catholic building a new gym and fine arts center both as a school alumnus and also as a local pastor of a Montgomery area parish; both perspectives give me a sense of satisfaction and hope.

I suppose it is the rare exception for an alumnus not to want to see their institution thrive, and I am certainly no exception to that rule. While there are many ways in which an organization can give witness to a vibrant life, growth in the physical plant tends to be one of the most obvious. The large scope of this particular project gives evidence of a school to which many people are willing to make a significant commitment. So for alumni, and particularly those who



do not have the benefit of witnessing first hand on a regular basis the good work that Montgomery Catholic is undertaking, I hope the encouraging news of this capital building project will convince you that indeed your alma mater continues to flourish.

As a pastor, in addition to my responsibilities like any other priest of helping those entrusted to my care to grow in holiness by preaching, administration of the sacraments, and pastoral care, I also have a responsibility to try to create a parish environment which encourages a greater receptivity to those efforts. While many factors go into this important work, having Catholic institutions in the area which enjoy local support and are informed by a

Catholic world view with a commitment to infusing the surrounding culture with that truth is a tremendous benefit. As with any Catholic institution, Montgomery Catholic has the important responsibility of considering the reality of things at a deeper level, and allowing those higher truths to inform the actions of its people. In this particular project, a new gymnasium and a fine

arts center are being constructed, each of which, taken in its proper context will help students to live out a fuller sense of their humanity.

The Latin phrase mens sana in corpore sano is typically translated into English as "a sound mind in a sound body". The body is a gift from God and like all gifts demands good stewardship, part of which involves physical exercise in order to maintain bodily well-being. The new gym will certainly a place for our sports teams to practice and compete, but it will equally if not more importantly be a place for the entire student body to learn the benefits of proper exercise as an important part of taking care of the gift of their bodies.

The Catholic Church takes sacred scripture seriously when the author of Genesis writes that God saw all he had created and remarked of its goodness. The arts have always been understood as important because they have the potential for human beings to give expression to the beauty and splendor of God. Each time we experience a striking sight, word, or sound, we experience something of that transcendental quality of God which is beauty.

In conclusion, I give thanks for the generosity of those who have participated in this project, because as Paul reminds us in his second letter to the Corinthians, God loves a cheerful giver. When we give monetarily, it is an extension of giving of oneself. I also give thanks that the fruit of this generosity will be a vehicle with which to further communicate the life-giving truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the world in which he created us.

Father Patrick Driscoll '84
Pastor, Holy Spirit Parish



Business Office Update and Financial Report 2016-17

While clearly a key highlight of the 2016-17 school year at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School has been the excitement around the Capital Campaign and Building Initiative, we have also maintained our focus on classroom and teacher technology and facility improvements throughout fiscal year 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 while continually maintaining and improving our facilities. Also, very importantly, we want to continue to enhance teacher compensation. We were able to include an overall 2% salary increase in the 2016-17 budgets.

Maintenance
\$223,159
Athletics
\$342,527
Expenses
\$884,008

Capital/
Depreciation
\$295,297

Administrative
Expenses
\$909,413

Instructional
Expenses
\$329,680

EXPENSES \$6,444,756

Additionally, a \$25,000 incentive pool was continued in 2016-17 to assist in funding teacher certification and advanced degrees.

Technology Investments: We continued our One to One Laptop Initiative in 2016-17, as we equipped 85 incoming freshmen with MacBooks. This was the second year to 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. Additionally, 20 members of our high school faculty received new, upgraded MacBooks. This is a process we plan to repeat each year on a rotating basis.

Facility Improvements: We were able to complete several significant facility projects in 2016-17, totaling over \$150,000. The projects included installation of LED lights on our football field (\$60,000), the construction of a new TV broadcasting lab at the high school (\$15,000) and the replacement

and upgrade of the intercom system at St Bede (\$25,000). All three projects were made possible by the generous funding provided by Partners in Catholic Education (PICE). Other projects included the improvement and upgrade of several of our HVAC units at both the high school and St Bede campuses and some much need maintenance equipment.

Finally, the 2016-17 school year saw the continuation of MCPS playing a key role in assisting several of our existing and new 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 56 students that received the awards in 2016-17. 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



Building on FAITH, FAMILY AND TRADITION!

When the plans to go forward to build a new athletic facility and fine arts building were developed, we knew that the cost would be approximately \$7 million and that we would need a minimum of \$3.5 million in committments before we could begin.

In the beginning, there was some cautionary thinking that the vision might be too big. However, the caution faded as the prayers were uplifted on a regular basis. In less than a year, through the grace of God and to everyone's surprise, we have met our goal. The campaign continues as we strive to be debt-free in this project.

Just consider the possibilities if EVERYONE joined the team to fund both buildings. The goal is realistic, and **YOU** are the key. Please consider a gift in any amount...one that is affordable for you.

Together through prayer \$7 million can happen. Join the Team!

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Mr. Barr & Mrs. Catherine Younker

Catholic, it was a job well done — thanks to our team of

are on we will look to the following people with a world of

Campaign Leadership Team Anne Ceasar, President

Anna Lee Ingalls, Development Director

General Chairs Paul and Teresa Allen Fr. Patrick Driscoll

Honorary Chairs

Jeff and Barb Rosser Rev. Msgr. Charles Troncale

Campaign Counsel Phil Wandrey, The Steier Group

Linda Anderson Carl Barranco

Rob Barranco Jim Forsyth

Ann Karst

The Winning Team

Raising \$3.5 million is no easy challenge, but at Montgomery

volunteers who persevered and reached our goal in record time. Some said it could never be done, yet many more said, "Yes we can!" When the buildings are up and the bright lights

gratitude. Go Knights!

Kim Jackson, Business Manager Vicki Dickson, Public Relations Director

Eric and Tia Levanda Dee and Sandra Miles

Bill Barranco Jack Galassini Dick and Carol Hodges Paul McTear

Major Gift Cabinet

Jeff Barranco John David Barranco

Cam and Tiger Gilbert Shelley Hildebrand

Maureen Neighbors David and Kristin Schwarz Liz Sutton

General Volunteers

Rick and Eileen Aaron Roscoe Anderson Alana Barranco David Barranco Nap Barranco Aubrey Blackwell Rina Bristol Justin Castanza Lainie Cleghorn Jim Forsyth Jack Galassini Liz Gregorious Laurie Gulley Sally Hodges

Robb McGaughey Stefanie Nelson Tom Riello Ryan Robichaux

Sinead Turner Tina Tynan Yolander Walker Elizabeth Whitehead **Daniel Veres**

Jeanene Crenshaw Truman Ingram Alex Johnson Timmy McCormick Jennifer Rogers Wallace and Amy Sadler Lydia Taylor

Student Volunteers

Riley Aaron

Mitch Aaron Aimee Azar Luke Craig Camryn Denver Briana Hollinger Denise Jaimes Devin Kelly Claire Mills Denalie Mosakowski Katherine O'Connor Angel Padilla Katie Perkins

Anna Sadie

James Sadie

Leah Taylor

Solé Webb

Tamrah Tucker

Thank You!

You Make The Difference!

orward

It has been a productive and exciting year for The Montgomery Catholic Advisory Committee. There have been some healthy discussions at meeting, and several committees were formed as a result. As you may know, the Advisory Committee is comprised of representative from each parish in the River Region, there is a representative from each campus, one priest is on the committee, and the non-voting members are comprised of the principals, Development director, Director of Public Relation, and the school President.

We accomplished much this year. Most notable we went from a Feasibility Study, to a soft Capital Campaign, and then to the full campaign. At the time of this writing we are at \$3,517,164 in pledges. If you have not committed to this campaign, I asked for your prayerful consideration. No amount is too small

Five Ad Hoc committees were/are in place to review critical areas effecting the school community. The committee and their purpose were/are:

- Finance is a standing committee which prepares the budget and monitors the schools' economic sustainability with an eye on the future.



- committee. This committee did make a few policy changes which are beneficial to the running of the committee.
- On the Uniform committee, we interviewed 3 companies to determine what was the best product and service to the school.
- Two search committees were established to interview and ultimately recommend the principal position at Holy Spirit Campus and the Middle and High School.
- Most recently, and still in process is, an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Handbook/Policy and make recommendations for changes.

I'd like to encourage everyone to get involved in the school even if it is just for one committee, team sport, or other volunteer opportunity. As a long time

part of the community it is a positive and uplifting experience to connect with others within the school community. It will change you.

Lastly, I'd like to mention Homecoming. The tent and free food have evolved over the years, and there are a record number of alumni attending. It is a blast. Reconnecting with former classmates and others who were older or younger is a lot of fun.

It has been my pleasure to serve as President of the Advisory Committee. As my only child enters his Senior year, I can only say that MCPS has made a lasting impression on him, and we are both better people for having engaged with the school community.

God Bless,

Ryan Beesley ('82)

2016-2017 Advisory Committee Chairman

Ryan Beesley ('82) Chairman High School Campus Representative

Tia Levanda Vice Chairman Holy Spirit Parish Representative

Michelle Johnson Secretary St. Joseph Parish Representative

Rev. Msgr. William J. Skoneki

Episcopal Vicar Pastor, St. Michael Catholic Church

Anne Ceasar

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School President

David Faucheux

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Erin Fleet

St. Bede Campus Representative

Gary Parker

St. Peter's Parish Representative

Rosemary Pierce

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Representative

Missy Rentfro

Middle School Campus Representative

David Schwarz

Holy Spirit Campus Representative

Susan Slear

Holy Family Catholic Community, Maxwell AFB Representative

Troy Trant & Christine Noell

St. Bede Parish Representatives

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.

2017-2018

First Day of School

August 21

Labor Day

Homecoming Family Event

October 19

Homecoming Game

October 20

Veteran's Day

November 10

Thanksgiving

November 22 - 24

Christmas

December 21 - January 2

Teacher In-Service

January 2

Classes Resume

January 3

Martin Luther King Day

January 15

Monte Carlo Night

rebruary 10

Presidents' Day

February 19

Teacher In-service

March 5

Good Friday March 30

Easter Break

April 2 - 6

Graduation

May 22

Last Day of School

May 25

Memorial Day

May 28

Parent Teacher Council (PTC)

The 2016-2017 School Year was a Huge Success!

An enormous THANK YOU! to everyone who supported the Parent-Teacher Council! We had an excellent year and were able to support so many wonderful programs:

- 1) Our Fall Classic Cookie Fund Raiser was a tremendous success enabling us to fund our entire year without doing a second Spring Fundraiser. Yay!
- 2) At the elementary level we were able to host multiple programs including:
 - · Grandparents Day
 - · Christmas Programs
 - · Cultural Day
 - · AR Goal Prizes
 - · Pastries for Parents/Muffins for Moms/Donuts for Dads
- 3) At ALL FOUR campuses we were able to host:
 - · Field Days
- · Teacher Appreciation Lunches
- · Completion Masses (6th, 8th) and Academic Awards Ceremony (9th-12th)
- · Celebrating Catholic Schools' Week



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

Gina Izer, Middle School Campus

4) We also had enough money left over to help purchase each elementary campus new percussion instruments!

In addition to funding these programs, numerous volunteer hours were provided by you guys to help pull off each event! All of the parents should be incredibly proud of what we were able to accomplish this year as a unified PTC Team!

Success at Monte Carlo Night!

The 2017 Monte Carlo Night was a tremendous success! We raised more than \$50,000 for Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and we could not have done it without your contribution!

As the event grows each year, we know we have our dedicated donors to thank. With their contributions we raised:

More than 150 people attended, and everyone had a wonderful time enjoying fabulous food and fun! We look forward to the significant impact these donations will have through scholarships and meeting classroom needs!

\$15,126.73

Sponsorship and Miscellaneous

Donations

\$14,665 Live and Silent

Auction

\$9,600

Assistance

\$8,020

Ticket Sales

\$1.387 Raffle Tickets

\$1,306.86

Donations

Direct Scholarship

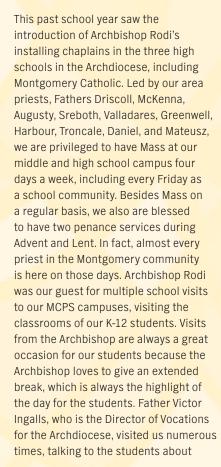












the importance of thinking about what God is calling them to become, namely saints!

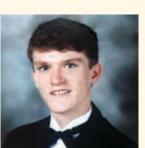
This school year also leaves us having to say goodbye to two area priests. Father Zach Greenwell has become the pastor of St. John's in Enterprise, and Father Augusty is now back home in his native India, serving as a pastor and directing the seminary. We extend our sincere appreciation to each of them for their commitment to our school faith life, and send prayers with them as they leave Montgomery. We also welcome Father Nicholas Napolitano, who is the new parochial vicar at St. Bede parish.

This past year also saw the ordination of Thomas Herge '07 to the diaconate for the Diocese of Columbus in Ohio. Deacon Herge will be preparing for ordination to the priesthood this coming year. We are also grateful to report that Thomas LaPointe ('07) and Michael Barber ('17) are now seminarians for the Archdiocese of Mobile.

Tom Riello

Director of Faith Formation







BAPTIZED

Aria Martinez

Lilly Sweeney

Crystal Mathews

FULL COMMUNION

WITH THE CHURCH

Nancy Foley

Saxton Bibbins

Becoming **Family**

What makes for family? When it really comes down to it, a family is defined by its members. The members of my family at Catholic have been extremely supportive, loving, and kind, while still keeping me accountable as a student. From coaches to administrators, teachers to maintenance, Catholic really is a gold mine of talent, personality, and passion that makes our family the great organization that it is. Each person brings their own unique gifts and puts them on the table for everyone to be able to share and enjoy.

I became a part of this family three years ago, in my sophomore year. I had everything ready for my second year at LAMP high school, but God had other plans. After receiving my schedule at the school and getting back into the car, I knew that LAMP wasn't going to be where I spent the next three years of my life. I felt that God was calling me to come to a place where I could practice my faith more and be planted in more fertile ground, so to speak. Thankfully, my parents understood and provided the means to participate in the family that I have come to know and love.

Since then, I have had the opportunity to participate in my faith on a regular basis, by attempting to go to daily mass (7 a.m. comes earlier than you think some days), and I have been able to learn many things about God, the Church, and our duties as Christians. A good family wants only the best for its members, and Catholic has provided me with many of these things that I wouldn't have had otherwise. Without the experiences that I have had at Montgomery Catholic, I can't say that I would be where I am today. Utmost thanks to those who pour their lives out every day for our family, and may God continue to bless our family and all those who will join us in the days

Michael Barber

Class of 2017



On June 11, 2016 I was ordained a Jesuit priest in Spokane, Washington, and I am grateful for my experience at Catholic for helping to set a foundation for where I am today. Currently, I am doing a Master's degree in Social Anthropology at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland with plans to continue with the PhD. Great teachers at Catholic inspired in me a love for learning and gave me many of the basic academic skills that I still rely on (or, as Mrs. Ortega would correct me, "on which I still rely"). I can just see her red pen marks on this paper right now helpfully telling me, "You can't end a sentence with a preposition." In addition to "Miz O" teaching me the rules of grammar, Mr. Conway's Senior English class was another fundamental part of my education. I especially remember doing research for my final paper on Dostoyevsky's Crime and Punishment, a daunting task for a teenager! Mr. Conway encouraged me to go to the AUM library to look for secondary sources, and he taught me how to organize my notes on little white index cards. As I walked up to my first college library, I remember being incredibly intimidated by its height, like it was a giant robot threatening to crush me, but what began in fear and anxiety, gradually transformed into a passion for research and writing that remains with

A Wild and Wonderful Journey

After graduating from Catholic, I attended Spring Hill College in Mobile, and it was there that I met the Jesuits. From a very young age, I had always thought about being a priest, but for many years, I resisted the idea as much as possible, but no matter how much I fought, God just wouldn't go away. When I went to Spring Hill, I discovered a model of priesthood that I found very attractive—priests who are also teachers in a range of disciplines from physics to philosophy. Having great admiration for my Jesuit professors, I wanted to be like them, so, after graduation, I decided to do one year of volunteer work on a Native American reservation in Washington State to further discern my vocation. That year confirmed my desire to be a Jesuit, so I entered the novitiate in Portland, Oregon, deciding to stay in the Northwest to continue ministry with

The past 11 years of training have been a wild and wonderful journey. After the novitiate, I studied philosophy in Toronto for two years, then I taught in a high school back in Washington for another two years. Following that, I went to Guatemala to study Spanish so that I could begin Theology studies in Bogotá, Colombia. While st<mark>udyi</mark>ng

for three years in Colombia, I became fascinated with a religious pilgrimage to a glacier in Peru among the Quechua people, so I attended the pilgrimage and wrote my Master's thesis in theology about it. After theology and a total of ten years of "Jesuit formation," I was ordained a priest, and I am now in Scotland studying anthropology so that I can continue my research on the pilgrimage in Peru. As a priest and an anthropologist, my main ministry and research will be among the Quechua for the next several years, and after my doctorate is complete, I will most likely teach in a Jesuit university in the United States, hoping to give to my future students what I have received from so many inspirational teachers in my own life, from the Jesuit ones at Spring Hill to the even more foundational ones at Catholic. Blessings on such a wonderful school. May God continue to inspire students at MCPS "to go forth", in the words of Saint Ignatius, "and set the world on fire."

Fr. Daniel Spotswood, S.J. Class of 2001

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Scholarships

Coach Ralph Furlong Scholarship

Established 1998. Initiated by a member of his 1946 football team, the intent of this scholarship is to honor one of Catholic's greatest coaches, whose record of 24 straight wins from 1947-1949 remains a school record. The Furlong scholarship is a partial tuition scholarship of \$1,000, given to a high school student who demonstrates a commitment to both extra-curricular and his or her studies.

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

Anna and Harold Paige Scholarship

service, time or energy

Established 2013. The Anna and Harold Paige Scholarship is a nondenominational, 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 (MCPS) 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.

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.

Carole Skoneki Clark Endowed

Scholarship: Established in December 2015 by Partners in Catholic Education (PICE), to honor Carole for her many years of Service to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School (MCPS) as the original secretary & longtime member of PICE (Partners in Catholic Education), 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. "A life not lived for others is not a life," said by Mother Teresa exemplifies Carole. The Carole Skoneki Clark Scholarship is awarded annually to one rising 10-12th grade Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School student for \$1,000. The Carole Skoneki Clark Scholarship is endowed for a minimum of 10 years.







Ben and Alice Tokarz Memorial

Scholarship: Presented by The Knights of Columbus, Council 893. Two \$1,000 partial tuition scholarships are 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 and ninth grades.

Knights of Columbus 12150

Scholarship Presented by The Knight of Columbus Council 12150. A \$1,000 partial tuition scholarship is given to a rising seventh grade student from the Holy Spirit Campus. 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.

Montgomery Catholic is honored to announce a new Scholarship for the 2017-18 school year:

Helen Faircloth Gross & Charkles "C.J." Gross Endowed Scholarship

Established in 2014 as a lasting memorial by their son Charles J. "Joe" Gross, Jr. to honor his loving parents. This Endowed Scholarship Fund was established to work with Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School in order to share God's blessings and to further His kingdom. Awarded annually to one or more students enrolled at the High School Campus, award amounts may vary annually. Endowment earnings and donations shall be used to award one or more scholarships to deserving students who are currently enrolled at MCPS or will be enrolled in the following academic year.

2017-18 **Scholarship Winners**

COACH RALPH FURLONG SCHOLARSHIP

- Aleigha Walden **SALLY EVANS HODGES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
- 2 Annie Bach ANNA AND HAROLD PAIGE SCHOLARSHIP
- 3 Angela Gier **CAITLYN MARIANNE WIGGINS ('08) MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
- 4 Claire Mills
- **NORMA MUNGENAST SCHOLARSHIP** 6 Melody Taylor Full Tuition
- 6 Erica Blackburn Partial Tuition
- 5 Lanie Doyle Partial Tuition

PADRE PIO ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

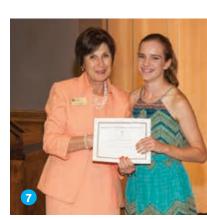
- 6 Jonah Gier
- 7 Grace Leslie FRYE, ARBAN, ORTEGA SCHOLARSHIP
- 8 Anna Nutting
- **CAROLE SKONEKI CLARK ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**
- 9 Paige Rentfro BEN AND ALICE TOKARZ **MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
- 10 Spencer Bach
- Grant Smith
- 22 Valerie Waite
- 13 John Russell Smith **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** 12150 SCHOLARSHIP
- Cade Corbin
 - **HELEN FAIRCLOTH GROSS & CHARKLES** "C.J." GROSS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
- 15 Nona Johnson

















142nd Graduating Class of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School!

> Riley Carrigan Aaron, Lauren Skye Alexander, Brian Martin Anderson, Ivy Louise Bach, Nadine Marilag Back, Michael Joseph Barber, Tyler Vaughn Barranco, Victoria Morgan Barranco, Preston Kass Beesley, David Michael Bender, Saxton De'Aire Bibbins, Adam Angelo Bristol, Jeong Yeon Choi, Caleb Joseph Cobb, William Chandler Couey, Maria Giovanna Cretosi Bissi, Gabrielle Rene` Dallas, Joshua McCord Davis, Payton Michael Dennis, Camryn Mary Denver, Danny Van Do, Daniel Joseph Downes, III, Michaelyn Grace Foster, Patton Sullivan Fralish, Amber Anissa Gibson, Francisco Gonzalez-Ansaldi, James Adam Hall, Cheyenne Celina Marie Hayes, Kyle Foster Hines, Nicolas Christian Homsher, Seoeui Hong, Denise Jaimes, Devin

Kim, Minseok Kim, Joshua Patrick Koch, Kevin Patrick Leahy, Sarah Ashleigh Little, Morris Albert Lottinger, IV, Samuel Clark McCracken, Kayanna Nicole McKenzie, Tomislav Thomas Ante Anthony Nekic, Michael Belin O'Connor, Angel Alexander Padilla, Solbi Park, Antwan Marquis Parker, Landon Howard Pinckard, David Alan Poole, Jr., Andrew Dawson Pritchett, Emily Trey Rayborn, Tyler Warren Richardson, Julia Allison Rodriguez, Ansley Marie Rohde, Ethan Jackson Ronan, James Hamilton Sadie, Carson McLean Scott, Hyuntaek Seo, Blair Kobe Simmons, Katelyn Marie Slear, George William Sloan, III, Kathryn Marie Smith, Lauren Nicole Smith, Nathan Michael Smith, Collin Patrick Stewart, Benjamin Thomas Talbot, Iyana Ty'Keese Tate, Leah Elizabeth Taylor, Johnathon McNeill Towle, Tamrah Shagelle Tucker, Jakayla Onia Turner, Zachary Jacob Van Alst, Alejandra Sofia Vazquez, Lucy Erin Waite, Auston Michael Walden, William Hugh Walker, and Winston Daniel Wright.

The 77 members of the Class of 2017 have earned \$10.5 million in scholarship offers from 27 colleges and universities across the United States. Our graduates include a Jimmy Hitchcock Award winner, 10 future college athletes, a seminarian, a U.S. Air Force Academy appointee, a United States Marine recruit, a Montgomery Fire Department recruit, and a National Merit qualifier. Their achievements have energized our Montgomery Catholic family, and they have left a new school spirit for future classes to be proud of.

Deacon Nicholas Napolitano and Deacon Jim Labadie, as the special guests of the class. Salutatorian Ivy Louise Bach and Co-Valedictorians David Michael Bender and Audrey Yoonah Kim addressed their fellow graduates, special guests, family and friends after the class received their diplomas from Archbishop Rodi. The class of 2017 along with Alumni sang the Montgomery Catholic Alma Mater "Catholic, Our Refuge" led by Montgomery Catholic teacher Kerri Moore before saluting the school one final time in the school gym.

Members of the junior and sophomore class hosted the graduates and their families at a reception in the Dolly Barranco Activity Center following the ceremony.

Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi, Superintendent of Education Gwendolyn Byrd, Montgomery Catholic President Anne Ceasar, and High School Principal Justin Castanza were joined by Monsignor Charles Troncale, Father Patrick Driscoll '84, Father Zachary Greenwell, Father Linn Harbour, Father Victor Ingalls, Father Alex Valladares,

Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

What it Looks Like to be a 21st **Century School**

2016-2017 has been a banner year for implementing new ways to use technology in the classroom. Schools around the country are, or have been, striving to find meaningful ways to incorporate technology into the classroom. With anything new, there are always growing pains, but we'd like to give a huge shout out to the teachers who have jumped into the technology pool with both feet.

So, what should a 21st century class look like? Students first need to become responsible and mature researchers and operators of technology. They need to learn how to access reliable and unbiased news. Teachers have facilitated this by utilizing websites like Common Sense Media, Read Works, CommonLit, Checkology, and Newsela. These are excellent, safe tools for students. Secondly, the work happening in the classroom should be student-driven and made applicable to real-world situations as much as possible. We all know students learn by questioning, creating and doing, not simply memorizing information and feeding it back on tests or exams.

Google apps such as Google Drawings, Sheets, Docs, Sites, Keep, Forms, and Drive have been a great asset for learning. Google apps also allow for collaboration, which is an important skill to have in today's workplace.

Grades K-2 have used apps in centers, recorded videos of special occasions, and shared them on teacher's websites. They used apps like iMovie, Animoto, Flipagram, Chatterpix, and Kizoa for class projects.

Grades 3 - 6 are introduced to and work towards becoming fluent with using Google apps. They have created artwork and posters using Google Drawings, presentations using Google Slides, articles using Google Docs, and spreadsheets using Google Sheets. Students used the apps Seesaw, Soturi and Storyboardthat to create projects and reflections.

Middle school students are consistently utilizing Google apps. Seventh and eighth graders started off the year navigating their way through Google.

They learned how to use their email, save all their work to Google Drive, and establish a Google Site that they will use and update each year. They used Google Drawings to create posters and advertisements, and graphic organizers to create character development and news articles. They often used Google Forms to create quizzes that they used as study tools. Students also created presentations using Google Slides. Google Documents was used to create many different types of creative projects. The beauty of the Google apps is that they save as you go and you can access all files from the student's' email account. Students frequently used websites like Storyboardthat, Voki, Seesaw, Mysimpleshow, Plickers, iCivics, and Padlet. The list is truly endless.

High School students - Most of the teachers are now onboard with Google Classroom and are using Google apps (Forms, Sheets, Docs, Sites, Calendar, Slides, Keep) in their lessons.

Dr. Profio had students use iMovie to show their progression through projects and included a reflection. Kahoot Quizzes were popular for review. Mrs. Moore used Google Drawings to create graphic organizers for character development, brainstorming for prewriting, and vocabulary development. Mrs. Turner used the apps Doctopus and Goobric to aid in the dissemination and grading of materials. She also incorporated TED Talks in her end-of -the-year project. Mrs. Berg took her students on a virtual trip using Google Cardboard. It was a blast to watch her students react to viewing the world in 3D! Students in the Spanish class used the app Seesaw to record themselves in order to check their fluency and pronunciation of the language. The religion department used email, youtube video, and Quizlet to research and develop mature and beneficial ways to use technology. The science department also utilized Google Drawings to demonstrate their understanding of topics by creating posters.

Most importantly, the students are developing skills which challenge and motivate them to seek knowledge on an individual basis. This better prepares students to understand and live comfortably with the attitude that lifelong learning is an integral part of their being.

Debbie Mayer

21st Century Technology Coordinator



Ann Karst

Montgomery Catholic Announces Ann Karst as the 2017 Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award Winner

Ann Karst was honored by Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School on May 1 as the 2017 Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award winner for her 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 Ann with an engraved clock to begin the 2017 Montgomery Catholic High School Academic Awards Night, in appreciation for the gift of her time.

The 21st recipient of the Harbin Award, Ann Karst has served Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School in a variety of ways throughout the years. The mother of three alumni, her contributions include volunteer driver, team Mom for all sports her daughters participated in, Advisory Board member, finance council member, Partners In Catholic Education (PICE) committee member and golf tournament volunteer, and faithful PTC volunteer at all campuses. When called upon, she always

says yes. As an active member of our community, she has not only helped by giving her time and energy on campus - helping to raise money through PICE or assisting with fundraisers and most recently our Capital Campaign but also as the co-founder of the MCPS prayer warriors, keeping our faith in the forefront as a vital part of support for our school and the larger community. She has been an active participant in the school for over 17 years, and with her wonderful attitude and selfless spirit, she is forever a cheerleader for Catholic and the importance of a Catholic education. Ann is a great example of a true benefactor as a past parent and continued friend; she continues to show up, do the work, be the advocate and help to make Montgomery Catholic all that it is!

Ann is married to Dr. Michael Karst. They are the parents of Elizabeth ('12), Megan ('13), and Ashley ('15).

Ann joins past Distinguished **Service Award 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

Kevin Ryan 2016

Montgomery Catholic Names Principals

Foley named principal at Holy Spirit Elementary, Castanza selected to continue the Montgomery Catholic mission as principal of Middle and High school Campuses.

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School has named **Nancy Foley** principal at the Holy Spirit Elementary Campus and **Justin Castanza** as principal for grades 7 - 12.

Foley has served as a fourth-grade teacher at the Holy Spirit campus since it opened in 2012, and has 33 years of teaching experience in Catholic, public, and magnet schools. After being named, Foley said, "I am very honored to accept the position of Principal of the Montgomery Catholic Holy Spirit Campus. The word for this school is 'Dedicated.' The faculty and families are dedicated to helping our students grow academically and spiritually. In turn, I am dedicated to the teachers, students, and families."

Foley received a degree in Elementary Education from the University of South Alabama and holds a masters degree in Elementary Education from Troy University - Montgomery.

In naming Foley, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School president Anne Ceasar said, "I am thrilled that Nancy will take on this leadership position at our Holy Spirit campus. As one of the original faculty members that helped open the campus, she brings with her many years of experience and countless hours in the classroom that will serve our school well."

Foley will lead the Holy Spirit campus following the four person interim leadership team of school president

Anne Ceasar, St. Bede campus principal Laurie
Gulley, Middle School campus assistant principal Julie
Wood and Holy Spirit school counselor Mary Kelley.

Foley is married to Mark and they are members of Holy Spirit Parish. Foley will assume her new duties August 1, 2017.

Justin Castanza has
been named principal at
Montgomery Catholic's
Middle/High School campus,
a position he is familiar with after
serving as interim principal for the
2016-2017 school year. "Lam pleas

2016-2017 school year. "I am pleased to announce that we are changing Mr.Castanza's title from interim to Principal. He has done an amazing job this year with our students, faculty and parents, providing many novel and rich experiences for all," said Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School president Anne Ceasar.

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. Castanza acted as the Associate Executive Director of the YMCA's Camp Chandler for five years; he was a teacher and Dean of Students at Montgomery Catholic's High School campus before acting as interim principal this academic year.

On being named principal, Mr. Castanza said, "I continue to be humbled by the support and confidence of our

entire school community over the past year. I am excited to lead our school into the future, advance the mission, and help our students deepen their faith and prepare for college. My family and I are blessed to be a part of this community."

Ceasar said, "I am certain that we will continue to see his enthusiasm and leadership grow in this position."

Castanza is married to Meghan; they have three children, Vincent, Natalie, and Sal. They are active members of St. Bede the Venerable Parish in Montgomery.

Knights News Network

"Good Afternoon. This is your Knights News Network." MCPS has an exciting new elective. With the help of WSFA and Partners in Catholic Education (PICE), a Broadcast studio complete with professional cameras, green screen, and tele-prompters is now in full production. This venture started small; as an 8th grade elective two years ago in the English classroom. With a \$250 palm-camera, students began interviewing other students, coaches, teachers, and soon daily announcements, news, trivia, Friday Football Frenzy, and other fun segments developed. They had so much fun with it. They wanted to share their news and announcements with the rest of the middle school, so we discussed, viewed, and studied other middle school announcements and news and with discussion and excitement, the students came up with the name Knights News Network (KNN) and student jobs were created.

The students learned how to prepare a script, interview, film, edit, and produce short news segments. They also learned collaboration.

With student excitement to continue and expand this news program into the high school as well as teachers request to "please announce....," PICE, Partners in Catholic Education. awarded a grant for just over \$18,000 to set up a broadcast studio. With tremendous volunteer help from the technology gurus at WSFA, Morris Pollock and Caleb Hawk, I was able to stay within budget of supplies, set up, etc. and a full Broadcast studio was designed and slowly developed into a professional studio.

Students enrolled in Introduction to Broadcasting will discover a world of emerging technologies, as well as time tested storytelling and scriptwriting assignments. The ability to create video based projects will allow students to enter the world of visual media which is so prevalent in society today. This creativity will hopefully spark an interest in video journalism, comedy, public service, school initiatives, community activities, and much more. In addition, the mastery of skills used in this class will be used in other courses throughout Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School.

For students, it means students are meeting and exceeding core standards in technology thus better preparing them for college, real world, career, and beyond. For the school, it means we are maintaining better communication with our student body, our parents, and our Catholic community in general.

Tina Tynan

HOMECOMING 2016

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School crowned their 2016 Homecoming Queen and King during the half-time ceremonies of the varsity football game as the Knights hosted Ashford High School, October 7, 2016.

The Montgomery Catholic Homecoming court included:

Senior Attendants: Miss Victoria (Tori)
Morgan Barranco was escorted by
Joshua McCord Davis, Miss Giovanna
Cretosi Bissi was escorted by William
Chandler Couey, Miss Camryn Mary
Denver was escorted by Brian Martin
Anderson, and Miss Alejandra Sofia
Vazquez was escorted by Minseok Kim.

The Junior Attendant was Miss
Paige Elizabeth Rentfro, escorted
by Luke Craig. The Sophomore
Attendant was Miss Zoë Hannah
Rutland, escorted by Nico Gacha.
The Freshman Attendant was Miss
Kinley Jordan Tadlock, escorted by
Rhodes Singleton.

The school was honored to welcome back the 2015 Alumni, **Miss Eryka Ellington ('15)** and

Mr. Michael Collins ('15) to crown the 2016 Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Homecoming King and Queen.

Miss Tori Barranco and Mr. Brian Anderson were announced as the 2016 Montgomery Catholic Homecoming Queen and King at mid-field.

We welcomed all Alumni home with an Alumni party at the Homecoming game from kick-off to half-time. Alumni, including the class of 1976 celebrating their 40th reunion, the class of 1986 celebrating their 30th reunion, the class of 1991 celebrating their 25th reunion and the class of 2006 celebrating their 10th reunion, were able to enjoy a delicious meal from Jim-N-Nicks Bar-b-Que, while catching up with old classmates.



Coach J.R.
Richardson,
Class of 1989
joined the
Knights football
captains at the
homecoming
game as an
honorary
captain.

Richardson was the quarterback for the Knights during the 1989 season, and led Catholic to the playoffs.

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. A Friday night victory over Ashford (43-14) led to a fun night as the High School campus ended the week with their Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 8, 2016, held at the St. Bede Catholic Church Family Life Center. The theme was Candyland.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- 1. Replaced the air conditioning control system throughout the school (\$30,000.00)
- 2. Installed new HD laser projector and screen in the DBC through the generosity of PICE (\$30,000.00)
- 3. Upgraded all parking lot lights to LED (\$4,000.00)
- 4. Project underway to upgrade all the lights in the school to LED this Summer (\$100,000.00)
- 5. Created a new microwave area in the DBC
- 6. Converted the old microwave room into a video recording studio for the students

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Faculty News



Lori Riggles ran in the New York City Marathon on November 6, 2016. Riggles overcame serious injuries after she was hit by a truck while running on April 17, 2016.

Ms. Riggles, a Montgomery Catholic teacher, stood with Michael Rodgers, vice president of development and philanthropy of the New York Road Runners, as she received the NYRR "Team for Kids" Spirit Award in New York City, NY, on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016.

Ms. Riggles also ran in the 2017
Boston Marathon. Lori said, "I am
so grateful for the prayers of the
Montgomery Catholic Preparatory
School community. Those prayers and
my faith in God brought me through
a very difficult time in my life after a
near death experience. I completed
my first Boston Marathon on the 1 year
anniversary of my accident. On April
17, 2016, I had a completely broken
body and was expected to die. On April
17, 2017, I ran the Boston Marathon, my
lifelong dream as a runner!!!"

What a miracle she is and an inspiration!



Christina Moore and her husband Drew welcomed their first child, Adeline Grace, into the world November 14, 2016. She was 8 lbs, 13 oz and 19.75 inches long.



Jim Adams and his wife Wanda welcomed his first grandchild on April 10, 2017. Caroline Mae Foster.



Jeanene Crenshaw - Mrs Crenshaw's new grandson, Grady Hunter Jackson, born June 7 at 5:20 am, at Grandview Hospital in Vestavia weighing 9 lbs and measuring 20 inches long. Holding Grady is big brother Cooper, age 4.



Justin Castanza and his wife Meg welcomed their third child, son Salvatore James on May 2, 2017 weighing in at 6 lbs 5 oz, 19 inches. Sal joins big brother Vincent and big sister Natalie.



Stefanie Nelson and her husband Gary welcomed a new family member! Lucy Roy arrived May 9, 2017 at a healthy 9 lbs and 21 inches long! Big brother Sam was excited to welcome his new sister.

Rick Aaron A new member of the Math Department, completed his coursework for teacher certification. He is currently working with the WVDE to get the certification.

NEWS FROM OUR FACULTY ALUMNI



Fr. Gordon Milsted dropped by
Montgomery Catholic Preparatory
School this past spring with longtime
friend Kathy Adams (mother to Richard
('92), Kim ('94), and Becky). Fr. Milsted,
the founder of Holy Spirit parish in
Montgomery, is retired and lives in
Atmore, Alabma. It was a joy to show Fr.
Milsted how the campus has grown since
he celebrated Mass in the 1970's in our
school library.

Jeff Clark On Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at the Family Sunshine Center's 35th Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, Jeff Clark, Supervisor of the Direct Aid Program at Catholic Social Services, was honored with the Mary Warden Prim Award from the Family Sunshine Center for his dedication to helping victims of domestic violence. Thanks, Jeff, for your dedication and professional assistance to the most vulnerable of victims.



Dean Delongchamp and his sweet wife Sylvia celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this past summer, on July 22, 2017. Dean was our AD, a teacher, a coach, and Senior Advisor from 1987-2001 and a parent of three alumni, **Mike ('87)**, **Michelle ('90)** and **Missy ('96)**.

RETIREMENTS



Debra Nix 1 37 years

Jo Ann Erhardt 2
7 years

Marty Grissett 3
40 years





Elementary Achievement

Holy Spirit Campus

Our Holy Spirit Campus had the Spirit and spirit throughout the 2016-2017 school year.

School opened this year with an administrative team composed of Anne Ceasar, Laurie Gulley, Mary Kelley, and Julie Wood at the helm due to the resignation of our principal late in the summer. The faculty did an amazing job of coming together to work with the team and the students and families appeared to have a great year. The Holy Spirit was evident in the miraculous recovery of our sixth grade teacher, Lori Riggles, who was seriously injured in April 2016 as she was preparing for the New York Marathon. She did finish that run, as well as the Boston Marathon this year. Mrs. Riggles credits her recovery to the prayers and support of this school community.

The students begin and end each day with prayer so that they are reminded of what sets us a part from other schools. Archbishop Rodi and Superintendent **Gwen Byrd** visited the school in early September. Their visit was a highlight for the students. They visit each classroom and completed the visit with extended recess, which delighted the students! The students attended Mass each Thursday, had Adoration on First Fridays, Stations of the Cross during Lent, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular rotation. The Second Graders received their First Communion at St. Peter's this May due to the renovation of the church. **Mrs. Burden** prepared the students beautifully for receiving the Eucharist.

Our students excelled academically this year with students in grades two through six scoring as much as two years above their grade level on the Iowa Assessment. The Science Olympiad team paired with the St. Bede team and did quite well in two competitions. The fifth and sixth grade band students performed twice with the middle and high school band and made remarkable progress. Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Art, choral, computer, counseling, and physical education were part of the students academic day. A new program, Girls on the Run, was initiated this year for girls in grades three through five.



St. Bede Campus

The 2016-2017 school-year was a memorable one! We started the year by receiving permission from **Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi** to have the Blessed Sacrament in our classroom-turned-chapel. Fr. **Alex** said Mass in the new chapel for all of the faculty and staff during the first week of school. We were blessed once again to welcome Dr. Nick Bourke's science and math interns into our school. They came to us from Auburn University at Montgomery, and they did wonders to increase our excitement about science and math. Our Cultural Day this year was a celebration of England... from the food, the music, the history, and the art, it was a great day! Our Science Olympiad team competed at the University of West Alabama and also at Auburn University this year. We continued to practice our works of mercy by serving others in the canned food drive, the Box of Joy program, the visits to the elderly, and the adopt a seminarian program. We continued to pray for an increase in vocations, and this year welcomed a visit from Fr. Victor Ingalls, Director of Priestly Vocations. We also had several classes visit the sisters at Marbury. What a happy day it was too, when three of our students were baptized into the Catholic faith... Aria Martinez, Lilly Sweeney, and Crystal Mathews. We ended the year by taking 60 students to the movie theater to celebrate 4 quarters of making AR goals. It is with great sadness that we said goodbye to **Ms. Grissett** who had taught PE with us for 40 years, and **Ms. Erhardt** who was our counselor for the past 7 years. We also say goodbye to **Mrs. Nix** who was our art teacher for many years. We ask God's blessing on all who are leaving us and moving

on to new adventures.

ELEMENTARY ACHIEVEMENTS 2016-17

Duke Tip 4th-6th Grade Qualifiers

Lily Abbott, Cannon Bach, Amelia Bair, Mally Barranco, Seth Bartels, Hayden Binder, Andrew Bosch, Megan Cabral, Nicholas Calandra, Ella Castanza, Lily Coulombe, Makayla Corbin, Dalton DeRamus, Lena **Duncan, Kayleigh Everage, Karson** Franklin, Adaline Gadilhe, Matthew **Galvin, Michael Galvin, Thomas Giere, Lawrence (Preston) Holk, Kaylee** Holmes, Lila Ingram, Nate Izer, Sam Klemen, Anna Livingston, Cameron Livingston, Matthew Livingston, Logan Marshall, Jamie McGuire, Anna Montelara, Nicasio Montelara, Ben Nguyen, Ryan Parker, Sonya Povilus, Peter Riello, Anna Russo, Matt Russo, Michael Sasser, Maria Schwarz, Sarah Souriya, Brandt Springer, **Audrey Trant, Bella Triplett, Katie** Turner, Evie Veres, Heather Walski, **Danielle Willcox, Emily Yelnicker**

Science Olympiad

Elementary Science Olympiad Results at Auburn University February 4, 2017:

4th Place Overall

2nd place: Knock Knock Who's There

4th place: Pastamobile

5th Place: Bridge Building

6th place: Density

9th place: Paper Rockets

10th Place: Cool It

10th place: Pond Study

Team members were Annabella
Triplett, Peter Riello, Harper Howell,
Jamie McGuire, Lily Abbott, Nick
Montelara, Ariyn Gilbert, Kathryn
Reardon, Lily Coulombe, Ella
Castanza, Owen Thompson, Abigail
O'Donnell, Kaitlyn Ankersen, Megan
Cabral, Josh Hildebrand, Joey
Rodriguez, Andrew Bosch, Preston
Holk, John Russell Smith, Kaylee
Holmes, Cade Corbin, Ese Gancayo,
Harrison Howell.

Our Elementary Science Olympiad fourth, fifth and sixth graders go to the Dauphin Island Sea Lab each Spring. The students took a guided boat trip, teaching them all about ocean life. They were able to pull in nets to get a close-up view of ocean fish, shellfish, and crustaceans. The team members also bravely hiked through a swamp to view plants of the environment. Mrs. Nancy Foley, Mrs. Lori Riggles and Ms. Amanda Collier are the teacher sponsors for this inquisitive group of students.

Accelerated Reader Awards

Top AR Readers: Holy Spirit Campus - Gabriel Russo with 385 Points and St. Bede Campus - Sarah Souriya with 358 Points.

The top 2 readers in each homeroom— St. Bede Campus:

1st grade: Jonathan Day and Thomas Castanza

2nd Grade: Frances Ann Rogers and

Frances Bach

3rd grade: Anya Montelara and Evelyn Eady

4th grade: Harrison Rogers and

Cameron Livingston5th grade: **Sarah Souriya** and

Lily Coulombe

6th grade: Amaya Cleveland, Matthew Galvin, Matthew Livingston and Preston Holk

The top 2 readers in each homeroom-Holy Spirit Campus:

1st grade: Ethan Levanda, Frankie Hayner, Carlos Medina and Gregory Rausch

2nd grade: Anna Rose Schwarz and

Thomas Klemen

3rd grade: Logan Marshall and Lila Ingram

4th grade: Maria Schwarz and

Bella Triplett

5th grade: Natalie Ajmal and

Megan Cahra

Megan Cabral

6th grade: Gabriel Russo and Maggie Stewart

Spelling Bee

Holy Spirit Campus Winner: **Cade Corbin** and 1st Runner up: **Jamie McGuire**

St. Bede Campus Winner: **Lena Duncan** and 1st Runner up: **Danielle Wilcox**

Student Council Officers

Holy Spirit Campus:

Harrison Howell President
Owen Beesley Vice President
Mason Sylvester Secretary
Mally Barranco Treasurer
Nate Berg Chaplain

St. Bede Campus

Cannon Bach President
Matthew Galvin Vice President
Amy Treloar Secretary
Cameron Livingston Treasurer
Andrew Koerner Chaplain

Middle School Achievement

Seventh and eighth grade is such an amazing time in the life of our young knights. The 2016-17 school year offered many new experiences for our middle school students. The traditions continued of seventh graders spending two days in September at YMCA Camp Chandler and the eighth grade traveling by bus to Washington, D.C. in April. These trips allow our students time to grow physically and spiritually as individuals and develop the group bonds that will last through the high school years.

There was a robot revolution in middle school this year. The robot Knights took on the Vex world of robotics competing in various statewide competitions and even hosting their own event in January. A number of students placed well enough with their build and competition performance to earn a bid to the state

tournament. These Knights proved that we are strong in and out of the classroom and not just on the athletic field of battle.

In addition to robots breaking the mold, the seventh grade had a day to "breakout." With the mind game phenomenon of breakout rooms and escape games, the seventh grade teachers collaborated in an exciting way to help the seventh graders break out of seventh grade at the end of the year. This experience of teamwork and social activity was not only fun and exciting, it also encompassed the year-end review in preparation for final exams.

Finally, one of the most exciting bits of news in the middle school was the news itself. The daily broadcasts of the Knights News Network (KNN) were a hit in the middle and high school. Each day students are able to produce a live news segment In a state of the art broadcast studio compete with lights, cameras, teleprompters, and green screen. Thanks to PICE for making this broadcast dream a reality. KNN brings the announcements to life, and the broadcast studio brings our students into the 21st Century.













Julienne Pharrams was elected Senate Chamber Clerk, **Kade Hampton** was elected Senate Chamber Assistant Floor Leader, Outstanding Statesmen: **Catherine Aaron, Ryan Barranco,** and Julienne Pharrams.

Principal's Award: Gracie Barranco &
Hollis Johnson

8th Grade Class Speaker: Ian Cullen

Counselor's Award: **Henry Holzimmer** - 7th and **Mary Lawson Norton** - 8th

Math & Science

Povilus, Zach Izer, Sadie Bartels and Catherine Aaron, came in 3rd place in Montgomery, with their teammates Hall Triplett and Brian Povilus, who tied for 10th place. Students Emily Riggles, James Yorton and Thea Haynes made up the rest of the KnightsMathCounts team. The team sponsors were math teachers Mrs. Julie Flowers and Mrs. Tricette Savage.

Vex Robotics Compition: For the first time ever, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School's Middle School qualified for the State Vex Robotics Championship Tournament and sent two teams to represent the school at Jacksonville State University on March 4, 2017. Team members were Catherine Aaron, **Christopher Lathram, James Yorton,** Brandon Hinkley, Roger Holmes, **Jacob Talbot, Margaret Turner, Titus** Franklin, Henry Holzimmer, Casey Williams and with members that were unable to attend - Aiden Cochran, Andres Lemuz. Alexandria Thurman and Erica Blackburn. High school freshman, Arthur Murray acted as the team's event coordinator, helping to mentor his MCPS Middle School team mates by showing them the ropes, making sure they stayed on schedule and assisting them in their acclimation to how these upper level tournaments worked. Montgomery Catholic looks forward to a bright future for our "Robo Knights"!



1 2016-2017 Middle School SGA Officers:

DJ Carter

President

Gibson Souriya

Vice President

Gracie Barrance

Gracie Barranco

Secretary/Treasurer
Sheridan Reed

Chaplain

Class Representatives

Chloe Walden
Steven Robinson
Ines Gonzalez-Ansaldi
Ellie Pool
Ian Cullen
Ethan Binns
Matthew Reardon
Alex Thurman
Andres Lemuz
Alternate - Aniya Lowery

2016-2017 Middle School Knight Ambassadors

7th grade: Catherine Aaron, Sadie Bartels, Cecelia Crawford,
Angeles Gonzalez-Ansaldi, Mallory
Hildebrand, Jake Talbot, and Auburn
Wilcoxson. 8th grade: Gracie Barranco,
David Dean, Cecelia Hoffpauir, Daniel
Gacha, Angela Gier, Ines GonzalezAnsaldi, Hannah Parrish, Ellie Pool
and Eli Starrett.

Montgomery Catholic National Junior Honor Society

8th Grade Inductees: Spencer Bach,
Gracie Barranco, Ryan Barranco,
Allison Berg, Jasmine Blakeney, Alex
Celka, Aidan Cochran, Ian Cullen,
Carlo DeJesus, Devan DeRamus,
Mai Ellington, Daniel Gacha, Emma
Garrison, Angela Gier, Ines GonzalezAnsaldi, Cecilia Hoffpauir, Alexis
Meshok, Camille Morgan, Molly
Nicklay, Hannah Parrish, Emily
Riggles, Rachel Rodriguez, James
Saliba, Harrison Skala, Grant Smith,
Rubye Strickland, Valerie Waite and
Cacey Williams.

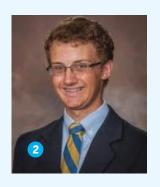
Duke Tips Qulaifiers

Catherine Aaron, Sadie Bartels,
James Bender, Grace Hoffman, Ailish
Gilbert, Carissa Gilbert, Angeles
Gonzalez-Ansaldi, Zach Izer, Layne
Jordan, Ella Newell, William Noell,
Brian Povilus, Matthew Reardon,
Samuel Rogers, Jacob Talbot, Alex
Thurman, Hall Triplett and Maggie
Turner.

Duke Tips State Recgonition Sadie
Bartels, Grace Hoffman, Zach Izer,
Julienne Pharrams, Brian Povilus and
Maggie Turner

2 Duke Tips Grand Recognition Sadie Bartels

3 YMCA Youth in Government Junior Youth Legislature



Montgomery Catholic's Petters Qualifies for National Merit Scholarship Program

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School junior, Henry Petters has qualified for the National Merit Scholarship Program, which seeks to identify and honor academically talented young people across the nation. Of the 1.5 million entrants, some 50,000 with the highest PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores qualify for recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program. High-scoring participants from every state are invited to name two colleges and universities to which they would like to be referred by the National Merit Scholarship Committee. In September, these high scorers are notified through their schools that they have qualified as either a Commended Student or Semifinalist. Henry is the son of Vicki (MCPS Middle School Science teacher) and Brian **Petters** of Montgomery.









High School Achievement

Spirit and pride are flowing through the hallways! There has been a renewed spirit among our faculty, families, and students, and school spirit is at an all-time high. The 2016-17 school year has seen many successes for our students in the classroom, on the playing field, and in the arena of life.

Students have been energized by our successes and have embraced their school in exciting ways. The Pep club was reinvigorated and partnered with an already outstanding cheerleader program to provide amazing pep rallies throughout the year. Spring sports even had an opportunity for a pep rally during our first-ever Spring Staycation. Students from other schools were out on break, but MCPS came to school in style with a week's worth of Staycation activities including a picnic on the green, dress down days, and a pep rally.

The individual student experience was also a major focus that pushed our high school forward this year. Each grade level was provided a retreat experience off campus that engaged students with one another, nature, and Christ in exciting new ways. The juniors were happy to have an overnight retreat off campus that will prepare them for the famous Senior Retreat next year. We also introduced an advisory program for all high school students that became a vehicle for service and student engagement.

As the Church celebrated the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, our Catholic community embraced the spirit of mercy and incorporated these works into our daily lives. Service and selflessness permeated our classrooms and our hallways, particularly through the new Encounter program. Through Encounter, each Advisory class was able to visit the special needs classrooms at Vaughn Road Elementary. Each Friday MCPS had a presence through Encounter with these special needs students, and our young people were able to bring Christ to them while also encountering Christ through these wonderful students. This was a keystone to the spirit of service that makes MCPS so special and unique. Look for more great things to come in 2018!





HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS 2016-17

Honors

1 2017 Leader of the Year: James Sadie

2017 Montgomery Catholic Ideal Graduate: **Audrey Kim**

Joe Arban Perfect Attendance Award: **Emma Gandy** and **Mitchell Aaron**

2017 Loretto Chapter of National Honor Society Inductees: Johnny An, Aimee Azar, Carrie Belsterling, Alex **Brockmann, Trinity Carter, Jessie** Clark, Luke Craig, Katie Fischer, Hannaley Haigler, Ryne Herbek, Lisa Hong, Ryan Janson, Minseok Kim, Garret McGinn, Jenni Morgan, Kamryn Morris, Colin Neal, Chloe Newell, Anna Nutting, Henry Petters, David Poole, Paige Rentfro, Ethan Ronan, Katie Slear, Annabel Starrett, Matthew Taylor, Aleigha Walden, Angela Wheat, and Chalsea Williams. With 2017-2018 Officers named: Paige Rentfro, President; Anna Nutting, Vice President; Chloe Newell, Treasurer; and Jenni Morgan, Secretary.

- 2 Henry Petters ('18) is a National Merit Nominee for his PSAT scores in 2016.
- 3 Zoe Rutland and Austin Collett were chosen as Ambassadors for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference in Troy May 26-28, 2017.

YMCA Youth in Government

4 Alabama YMCA Youth Judicial: Junior, James Avery represented MCPS well by serving as a Deputy for the 2016 conference, while freshman John Register worked for the media department of the conference. The two major teams and one premier team all scored very well with the Major Prosecution team placing in the Top 20 with the MCPS Major Defense team scoring in the Top 10.

Award; team members were **Matthew** Taylor, Tori Barranco, Henry Petters, Carson Scott, James Sadie, and Audrey Kim. They were recognized as the Best Overall Team at the 2016 conference held in early November at the Federal Courthouse. It honors the team that works the most effectively together as a whole, and also for the team that most effectively promotes good sportsmanship and decorum during competition. It also grants the Montgomery Catholic team just one of four spots available from the Montgomery area conference to compete at the National YMCA Youth Judicial Conference in Chicago in August, 2017.





Alabama YMCA Youth Legislature: Freshmen Jack Burt and Michael Russo were recognized as First Year Outstanding Delegates; senior Cheyenne Hayes had a bill recognized with an Honorable Mention in the category of Best Senate Bill, one of just three bills recognized from more than sixty. Catholic senior James Sadie was invited to attend the YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs this summer in North Carolina for the second consecutive year, and Jack Burt was selected as an alternate. Additionally, Seniors Nate Smith, James Sadie, and **Cheyenne Hayes** received Honor Cords for their participation in the program throughout high school.

Math & Science

Mu Alpha Theta 2016-2017 Inductees: Seong Yoon (Johnny) An, Trinity Carter, Chris DeJesus, Katie Fischer, Jenni Morgan, Henry Petters, Paige Rentfro, Matthew Taylor, and Luke Craig. They joined senior members: Riley Aaron, Ivy Bach, Lisa Hong, Audrey Kim, Katelyn Slear, Lauren Smith, Nate Smith, William Walker, Julia Rodriquez, Jeong Yeon Choi.

Auburn University Society of Women in Sciences and Mathematics Women's Leadership Symposium attendees: Annie Bach, Anna Catherine Barranco, Erica Blackburn, Emma Gandy, Reagan Herbek, Sophie Izer, Zoe Rutland, Emily Talbot, Hannah

Vaccaro, and Claire Wilson.

5 Montgomery Catholic Preparatory
School competed at the Alabama
Statewide Math Tournament organized
by the University of North Alabama and
sponsored by the Alabama Council of
Teachers of Mathematics and the
Alabama Association of College Teachers
of Mathematics. MCPS students
competed on written tests at the
Geometry, Algebra II, and all-inclusive
Comprehensive levels. In Geometry,
MCPS finished 2nd in our district and 7th
in the state; individually,

Charlie O'Donnell finished 1st in our district and 22nd in the state, while Scott Nation finished 3rd in out district and 35th in the state. In Algebra II, MCPS finished 3rd in our district and 12th in the state; individually, Erica Blackburn finished 4th in our district. At the Comprehensive level, MCPS finished 2nd in our district and 7th in the state; individually, Henry Petters finished 3rd in our district and 13th in the state. In the invitational round at UNA, a team of six MCPS students took turns in fast-paced ciphering rounds where one student from each school goes to the front of the room and is given two minutes to answer a challenging math question with everybody watching. It's exciting. MCPS finished 7th in the state in the ciphering round. Pictured is the 2017 team of Charlie O'Donnell, Scott Nation, Erica Blackburn, Lita Blackburn, Zachary Van Alst, and Chris DeJesus.

6 The Auburn Mathematical Puzzle Challenge- MCPS took a Junior Varsity team (9th and 10th graders) and a Varsity team (11th and 12th graders). The JV team was proctored by MCPS faculty members Mr. Harold Simpson with help from Mr. Rick Aaron. The team finished in 1st place. JV Team members were Erica Blackburn, Jacob Holston, Arthur Murray, Scott "Lucky Lay Down" Nation, Charles O'Donnell, Emily Talbot and Clare Wilson.

High School campus Science Olympiad team competed the University of Alabama at Huntsville on Saturday, March 4, 2017. The team brought home 5 top three awards, including 1st Place Material Science, **Michael Barber** and **Emily Talbot**; 2nd Place Optics, **James** Avery and Henry Petters; 3rd Place Remote Sensing, Michael Barber and Henry Petters; 3rd Place Hover Craft, Chris DeJesus; and finally 2nd Place Robot Arm, Adam Bristol and Michael **Barber**. Science and math teachers Elizabeth Harbin, Jeanene Crenshaw, Joe Profio, and Monica Hamell coached and assisted the team.

Catholic Honor Student **Clare Wilson** Nominated for The Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston, MA.

Sophie Boyd was selected as a 2017 Northern Alabama Affiliate Honorable Mention of the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing, for outstanding leadership, exceptional academic history, and forward-thinking ability which distinguish her as a remarkable young woman with a passion for computing and technology.

Arts

Henry Petters received an Award for leadership and musicianship from the Montgomery Youth Orchestra; he has been a member for three years and also included the scholarship 2017 Annual Scholarship Award from the Montgomery Symphony League for contributions to the Montgomery Youth Orchestra.

Extras

AP Scholar Awards Class of 2016:
Montgomery Catholic Preparatory
School students **Marissa Dogan**and **Nadine Moussalli** earned AP
Scholar Awards in recognition for their
exceptional achievement on AP Exams.
Both students earned the title of AP
Scholar by completing three or more
AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher.
Congratulations to our AP Scholars!

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory
School earns Jostens National Yearbook
Design Recognition for the 2015
EXCALIBUR yearbook featured in 2017
Jostens Look Book.

A New Knight Era: Year Three

Year 3 of "A New Knight Era" has come and gone. This past year was arguably the most successful in the long history of Montgomery Catholic. A team State Championship and multiple individual championships were the highlights of the continued steps we are taking to be not only relevant, but dominant in athletics. This year we had 10 student athletes sign scholarships to continue their athletic careers in college. Our athletes are leaders in the school and community, and their confidence levels continue to rise!

We also made huge strides in the classroom this year! It was an incredible year overall for our student athletes. Many of them will be training and continuing to serve the MCPS community this summer by working our summer sports camps for future Knights. I hope the tremendous support continues to grow as we take our next steps on the field, and our school and community spirit overflow as we let everyone know that we are so very proud to be a Montgomery Catholic Knight!

Daniel Veres ('93) Athletic Director















Middle School Boys - CCC Champions for the second consecutive year

Varsity Girls - Area Champions, Michaelyn Foster named Area Tournament MVP - Competed in the Elite Eight at AHSAA Regional Tournament

Varsity Boys - Area Champions, BJ **Barker** named Area Tournament MVP - Competed in the Elite Eight at AHSAA Regional Tournament

All CCC Boys Team:

1st Team: BJ Barker & Charlie Ryan. Honorable Mention: Garrett Cook

Player of the Year: **BJ Barker** – All-State Honorable Mention, scored a career 1,000 points during tournament play.

Coach of the Year: Coach Robb

McGaughey

All CCC Girls Team: 1st Team: Iyana Tate. Honorable Mention: Jessie Clark, Michalen Foster, Aleigha Walden

Player of the Year: Iyana Tate

Coach of the Year: Coach Jill Clark

1A-4A All-Metro girls basketball: **lyana** Tate - 1st team, Aleigha Walden & Jessie Clark - 2nd team, and Michaelyn Foster - Honorable Mention!

Iyana Tate named to the ASWA All-State Girls Basketball Team - second team.

Cross Country

Catholic Girls win AHSAA - 4A **Section 1 Champions**

Catholic Boys place 3rd - AHSAA Section 1

All-Metro cross country runners include six athletes: Isabelle Cochran. Katie Galvin, Zachary Kroeger, Grace Leslie, **Grant Walker** and Female Runner of the Year Amaris Tyynismaa!

Tyynismaa won her third straight AHSAA state title by winning the Class 4A State meet with a time of 18:07.76, making her the fastest high school female runner in Class 4A. She was also named to the Super All-State team for her efforts during the 2016 Cross Country season.

Football

Hunter Ferrell - August 22. 2016 Montgomery Advertiser All-Metro Prep 1A-4A player of the week; October 19, 2016 Montgomery Quarter Back Club Private School Player of the Week

Tyler Price - August 29, 2016 -Montgomery Advertiser All-Metro Prep 1A-4A player of the week. September 30, 2016 - Montgomery Quarter Back Club Private School Player of the Week, WSFA Fever Star Athlete of the Week October 28, 2016, Alabama News Network Capital Hyundai Impact Player of the Week, October 31, 2016, All-Metro

Brian Anderson - 2016 Alabama Mississippi All-Star Selection; All Metro; first team All-State, Class 4A

David Poole – WSFA Fever Star Athlete of the Week October 7, 2016, All-Metro: honorable mention, All-State

Saxton Bibbins (OL) – All-Metro

Trey Downes (WR) - All-Metro honorable mention

CJ Persons (DL), - All-Metro

BJ Barker (DB), - All-Metro

Josh Davis (P), - All-Metro; second team, All-State

Indoor Track & Field

Amaris Tyynismaa - 3200M Class 4-5A State Champion by 21 seconds

Isabelle Cochran - Isabelle Cochran 800M 4-5A State Champion

Girls' Team - State Runner-up, Class 4-5A

Outdoor Track & Field

Boys and Girls 4A Sectional Runners Up

Girls AHSAA 4A State Champs: Individual State Championships for: **Amaris**

Tyynismaa - 1600M & 3200M; Isabelle Cochran - Long Jump; 4x800 for Amaris Tyynismaa, Isabelle Cochran, Katelyn Stark and Katie Galvin.

Amaris Tyynismaa- Super All State-3200M and All-Metro Athlete of the Year

Isabelle Cochran - All Metro and Tamrah Tucker - All Metro Honorable Mention

Golf

Drew Smith All Metro

Grant Smith All Metro Honorable Mention



Kayanna McKenzie of Montgomery Catholic was the al.com's South Volleyball Player of

the Week - 9.30.16

All-Metro Montgomery Catholic volleyball players included Iyana Tate (second team) with honorable mention to

Kayanna McKenzie.

Wrestling

Zachary Van Alst - 2x All American in Greco-Roman, 6x Class 1A-5A State

Champion – Tied for the most State Championships in AHSAA history; 6X State Champion - 138lb Class 1A-5A; All-Metro Wrestler of the Year; AL.com Wrestler of the Year

Baseball

Trey Downes 2017 Jason Armstrong FCA Baseball Leadership Award

Softball

Varsity Catholic Cup Champs

All State Michaelyn Foster- 2nd Team (Pitcher) Aleigha Walden- Honorable Mention (Short Stop)

All Metro - Michaelyn Foster and **Aleigha Walden**, Honorable Mentions - Jessie Clark, Carrie Belsterling, Alanna Aiken.

Soccer

Sullivan Fralish - Named A MaxPreps Soccer Player of the Week -March 15, 2017!

Peter Garland was been selected to participate in the North-South All-Star Soccer Game during All-Star



Sports Week this summer. This is an honor considering these teams are represented by all of the classifications 1-7A of Alabama High School Soccer.

Varsity Boys Soccer AHSAA Area Champions (two years running)

Varsity Boys End Year Ranked 9th in the State of Alabama Class 4A-5A.

All-Metro Players: Ethan Ronan Player of the Year, Josh Koch, Jon Doan, Sullivan Fralish and Honorable Mention

Peter Garland- Honorable Mention All-State (Midfielder)

Varsity Girls' AHSAA Area Champions

All-Metro Players: Riley Aaron, and Honorable Mentions for Lauren Beverly and Lauren Smith

Tennis

Sectionals - 2nd place

- Daniel Reeves.

All-Metro team: Audrey Kim Honorable Mention











Jimmy Hitchcock Nominees

Brian Anderson -2017 Male Winner
Zach Van Alst
Lauren Smith
Tamrah Tucker

9th grade Nominees

Katherine O'Connor

Anna Sadie

Ten Athletic Scholarships –

Riley Aaron – Soccer, Ava Maria University

Brian Anderson - Football, University of North Carolina

Saxton Bibbins – Football, Alabama Prep

Michaelyn Foster - Softball, Auburn University Montgomery

Josh Koch – Soccer, Auburn University Montgomery

Landon Pinckard – Football, Faulkner University

David Poole - Football, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Tamrah Tucker – Track, Birmingham Southern

Zachary Van Alst – Wrestling, Air Force Academy

Ale Vazquez – Soccer, Ava Maria University

Knights of the Round Table

Montgomery Catholic High School Athletes of the Year

Michaelyn Foster Zachary Van Alst

Tim Turner Award Winners

Montgomery Catholic Middle School Athletes of the Year

DJ Carter McKenzie Norton





BAND ACHIEVEMENT

Tradition of Spirit & Excellence

The 2016-17 school year has been a great year for the MCPS Band Program. In the Fall, the Marching Knights competed at the Phenix Invitational Marching Festival and the Dixieland Band Competition, earning straight Superior ratings for the first time in school history. Drum Major Henry Petters also earned a Best-in-Class Drum Major at these events. We performed at the EastChase "Lights Up" parade during the holiday season, and we were invited once again by the Archbishop to march in the Crewe of Columbus Mardi Gras parade in Mobile. In the Spring, MCPS took three ensembles to perform at the annual Alabama Bandmasters Music Performance Assessment. The Middle School Intermediate and Advanced Bands excelled on their performances, and the high school Concert Band earned not only Superior ratings, but all 'A' scores from every judge in every possible caption for the first time in their history. The Band had five outstanding students selected for the Alabama All-State Bands this year, with three of the five competing in the illustrious Alabama All-State Solo Festival. At the end of the year, the entire Band program, grades 5 - 12, traveled to perform at the High Note Music Festival in Atlanta, where all students from the elementary, middle, and high school campuses earned Superior ratings. We are looking forward to the coming Fall and another great year in 2017-18! - **Alex Johnson** Band Director

Elementary Band

The MCPS Elementary Bands have had an exciting year in 2016-17! We started the year with great momentum and spirit with over 45 members comprising the fifth and sixth grade beginning bands. The students learned at an unprecedented pace in the Fall, doing an awesome job at their first performance at the annual MCPS Band Christmas Concert. We continued into the Spring when the students did an amazing job at the annual MCPS Band Spring Concert, and performed as special guests with the high school Jazz Band at their respective campuses. We rounded out the year with a trip to Atlanta, where we gave a Superior-rated performance at the High Note Music Festival and had a blast at Six Flags over Georgia. Going into next year, we are excited to be receiving some fantastic brandnew equipment for both elementary campuses thanks to the generosity of PICE (Partners In Catholic Education) and the PTC. This equipment will allow us to teach, learn, and perform at an even higher level in the future. We look forward to seeing current members and new faces in 2017-18!

Kristine Johnson

Assistant Band Director

Marching Band Honors

The Marching Knights competed at the Phenix Invitational Marching Festival in Phenix City, Alabama on September 24, 2016 and at the Dixieland Band Competition in Brewton, Alabama on October 22, 2016. The Band received straight Superior ratings in all captions at both contests, and Henry Petters was named Best-in-Class Drum Major at the DBC in Brewton.

Individual Honors/Honor Bands

Troy University Southeastern United States Middle School Honor Band -December 2016: **Jasmine Blakeney, Mai Ellington, Angela Gier, Julliana Hincapie, Koen McDaniel, Hart Yost**

Troy University Southeastern United High School Honor Band - February 2017: **David Bender, Adam Bristol, Marie Bristol, Lanie Doyle, Ashley Hayes, Henry Petters, Ricky Treloar**

The Univeristy of Alabama Honor Band - February 2017: **Bobby Crawford**

Auburn University Middle School Honor Band - February 2017: **Jasmine Blakeney, Mai Ellington, Daniel Gacha, Angela Gier, Ines Gonzalez, Koen McDaniel**

Auburn University High School Honor Band - February 2017: **Victoria Hall, Hannah Vaccaro**

Huntingdon Honor Band - February 2017: **Ashley Hayes, Ashleigh Little**

Montgomery Youth Symphony Orchestra - Year Round: **Victoria Hall, Henry Petters, Minseok Kim, Hannah Vaccaro**

Alabama All-State Orchestra - February 2017: **David Bender, Henry Petters**

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School All-State Honor Band members: Victoria Hall* (White Band), Ashley Hayes* (Red Band), Audrey Kim (Blue Band), Angela Gier (Middle School Band), and Henry Petters* (Red Band). *- Participated in All-State Solo Festival.

MCPS All-District Honor Band members:
Maria Barragan, Jasmine Blakeney,
Cecelia Crawford, Alyssa Decker,
Lainie Doyle, Mai Ellington, Daniel
Gacha, Angela Gier, Ines Gonzalez,
Victoria Hall, Ashley Hayes, Audrey
Kim, Savannah Johnson, Ricky
Treloar, Henry Petters, Hannah
Vaccaro, Chris Waring, Hart Yost

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 Intermediate Band received and overall Superior rating, the Advanced Band received and overall Excellent, and the Concert Band received straight Superior ratings with an 'A' in every possible subcaption.

As you can see we have another great year of updates from our alumni highlighting marriages, babies, jobs, and education. We always love hearing from you because your good news is fun to share and it is a wonderful reminder that our mission is strong and our Knights are fabulous.

We were grateful to have our Alumni Association once again award the **Dottie Azar Dean ('52)** Memorial Scholarship to **Trey Downes ('17)** for his outstanding leadership, scholarship, community service, and commitment to Montgomery Catholic.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. There's always something fun and exciting happening with our students and with you. Life couldn't be better with the Knights.

Thanks for helping make us who we are today!



Laurel Crawford ('02) presents the Dottie Azar Dean ('02) Scholarship to Trey Downes ('17).

ALUMNI NEWS

Class of 1945

Josephine (Isaac) Brasher "We celebrated my grandmommy's 90th birthday on April 8th!!! She was surrounded by her family, many graduates of Catholic. We celebrated with a brunch at Vintage Year restaurant in Montgomery." Laurel Crawford ('02)



Back row (I-r): Joey Brasher ('74), Jimmy Brasher ('70); Front row: Mary Grace (Brasher) Crawford ('72), Josephine (Isaac) Brasher ('45), John Paul Brasher ('75)



Josephine (Isaac) Brasher ('45), Camellia Ann (Saliba) Lander ('61), Jimmy Brasher ('70), Mary Grace (Brasher) Crawford ('72), Joey Brasher ('74), John Paul Brasher ('75), Joi (Lander) Guida ('87), Laurel Crawford ('02), Joie (Crawford) Hanahan ('04)

Class of 1970

one grandson.

Willayne (Henderson) TraffordWillayne and Bob will have been married
46 years in June. They have two grown

daughters, five granddaughters, and

Class of 1973



Richard Hataway and Debbie Gentemann Golson were guests at the wedding of Rhyan Duffy Jones ('11).

Richard's grandson, Davis, was the ring bearer and Debbie's granddaughter, Jaidyn was the flower girl. Debbie's daughter, **Jenna Golson Rosser ('05)** was also a bridesmaid.

Class of 1979



Geri Anne (Whatley) Warman

"I recently returned to graduate school and graduated with a Masters Degree in Nursing Education. I have worked at UAB Hospital for 28 years. My oldest daughter Emily recently graduated from Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine."

Class of 1981



Jeff Tousignant
"Retiring from the
Army in June 2018
after 32 years in
uniform and 6
combat tours.
Heading to
the beach!"

Class of 1982



Paul D. Barkhurst opened his law office this year in San Antonio. The practice, Barkhurst & Hinojosa, P.C.,

focuses on condemnation and construction litigation throughout the State of Texas. His law partner, Joe Hinojosa, and his wife are godparents to his 15-year-old daughter, Zoe. Paul and his wife, Beverly, are also raising their beautiful six-year-old son who has Autism, which has encouraged them to become very involved in organizations and causes related to the awareness and treatment of Autism.

Class of 1984



Greg Norum "After spending 5 years living in Canada, we have found a permanent home in the Atlanta area. I have accepted a position with Porsche in Atlanta as the accounting manager for all of North and South America. So if in the Atlanta area, give me a shout."

Class of 1985, 1986, and 1987

John Romero, father of
Jeff Romero ('85), Alicia (Romero)
Schohshinski ('86), and Andrea
(Romero) Sumner ('87) passed away
August 11, 2016, after a four-year battle
with Multiple Myeloma, a bone marrow
cancer. John had been married to
Lovada for almost 51 years and was
very active in the CHS and St. Bede
communities. He was retired from the
Air Force and has lived in Grand Rapids,
Michigan since 1991. He and Lovada
have 9 grandchildren.



Class of 1991

Jamie Johnson married DeWayne Mims on June 2, 2017.

Class of 1993

Andrea Frankle and her husband Vincent welcomed their second son Marius John, born October 24, 2016, weighing in at 7 lbs 1 oz. He joins big brother Felix. She is currently featured in the WGN series Underground.

Class of 1994

Chad Barwick and his wife, Chris: "Feeling honored and blessed to introduce Beatrice Elizabeth Barwick to the world. She was born January 10, 2017, and was 8 lbs, 3 oz, 21 inches."

Class of 1996

Leah Ceasar O'Gwynn was awarded her Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE).

Class of 1997

Bobby Beard "Friends of Montgomery Catholic in memory of Ralph G. Beard Jr."



Dr. Charmaine Mosier After
earning her Ph.D.
in psychology
from Louisiana
Tech University in
2014, Charmaine
returned home to

Montgomery in 2015 and has been working since that time with the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System as a Clinical Psychologist in the area of trauma recovery. Dr. Mosier has also been appointed the VA's LGBT Veteran Care Coordinator.

Class of 1998

Michael Shinn, D.M.A. was named Dean of Music at Boston Conservatory at Berklee. The appointment began on August 15. Shinn joins Boston Conservatory from the Juilliard School, where he was chair of keyboard studies and an instructor of piano, chamber music, piano pedagogy, keyboard skills, and analysis for performers. In addition, he served on the piano faculty of Juilliard's Evening Division and was a senior advisor for educational and artistic programs at Juilliard Global Ventures.

Class of 2002



Jessica Simpson Bern and her husband, Aaron, welcomed their second child, Jackson Thomas. He weighed 8 lbs, 2 oz and was 21 inches long!

Class of 2003



Timmy McCormick "I am Assistant Athletic Director here at Piedmont, but since January have taken on the promotion of Head Women's Soccer Coach after being an assistant the last four years. And, my wife, Jamie, is actually our Head Volleyball Coach as well! We both played in college at Huntingdon College where we met, so now we both serve on the athletics staff here at Piedmont. "



Allison Tucker Barberio and her husband, Michael, announced the birth of their daughter, Molly

Catherine Barberio born on February 24, 2016. She weighed 6 lb-10 oz and was 19 inches long. Her grandmother is **Tammy Sullivan Tucker ('77)** who says Molly is beautiful!

Class of 2004



Jonathan Kimbrough and his wife, Elizabeth announced the birth of their daughter Violet Elizabeth Kimbrough born on November 29, 2016.

Audrey Duke Phillips earned her Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the University of South Carolina on May 2016, and got married May 28, 2016, to Daniel Phillips ('04).

Class of 2005



Lee Wright
and his wife,
Kristi Marie,
announce the
birth of Edward
Leroy 'Teddy'
Wright born
November 8,
2016 at 1:41 am
and weighed 5.1
lbs. Harper
Marie Wright

was born November 8, 2016 at 1:56 am and weighed 6.1 lbs. They are two healthy twin babies.

Class of 2006



Mary Kimbrough Venecia and her husband, Nic announce the birth of their son, Cole Joseph Venecia, on October 20, 2016.

Class of 2007

Thomas Herge is a third year seminarian for the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio. He was ordained a transitional deacon in May 2017.

Class of 2009

Brianna McClure Lisenby received the Daisy Award on November 22, 2016.

The Daisy Award is awarded to extraordinary nurses who are nominated by patients who feel they go above and beyond the traditional role of nursing. Brianna received two separate nominations during her first six weeks in the nursing field, and Baptist East Hospital selected her as the November 2016 recipient, noting that it is very rare for a new nurse to be nominated. Brianna and her husband Woods have recently moved to Mobile, Alabama, with his new appointment as associate pastor of Dauphin Way United Methodist Church.

Class of 2011



Rhyan Duffey Jones married Chris Jones on March 25, 2017, at The Hitching Post Farm in Eclectic, Alabama. Rhyan is currently working at Berry Optical in Montgomery.

Anna Kimbrough is living in Birmingham where she is an RN in the Neonatal Intensive Care unit at Children's Hospital, which she loves! She is engaged to Jeffrey Stephens, and they plan to marry in October of 2018.



Jessica Mount and her husband Jeremy Gober were married on March 25, 2017, at The Elms in Coosada.

graduated in 2015 with B.S. in Athletic Training. She now works as an athletic trainer with Phoenix Rehabilitation and Health Services in Montgomery. Jeremy attended Faulkner University where he played baseball for two years. He graduated from Auburn University in 2011 with a B.S. in Horticulture. He now works for Alabama Power in Montgomery. Jessica and Jeremy are happily married and live in Wetumpka, Alabama.

Jessica attended Troy university and

Class of 2012

Megan Padilla graduated from The University of Alabama at Birmingham with a Bachelors of Science in Social Work.



Joshua Stark
graduated from
Troy University,
summa cum laude,
on December 16,
2016 with a
Bachelor of
Science Degree in
Music-Music

Industry focus/minor in Theater
Production. He is employed by
Tennessee Performing Arts Center
(TPAC) in Nashville, Tennessee as an
Audio Engineer. He is also the audio
engineer/instructional staff for the
Hillwood High School Marching Band and
doing the sound design for the Nashville
Children's Theater next production "The
Hundred Dresses" in his 'spare time.'

Class of 2013

Alex Manning was crowned Homecoming Queen during half-time of the Huntingdon College Homecoming football game, Saturday, October 8. One of three senior attendants chosen by their class peers, the votes for the queen were taken from the entire student body. Alex is a chemistry major from Montgomery, Alabama, and a member of Alpha Omicron Pi women's fraternity, Voice of Justice, the Leadership Initiative, Orientation Leaders, Huntingdon Ambassadors, Huntingdon Student Recruiters, the American Chemical Society, the Pre-Pharmacy Club, the Pre-Health Club, the Student Alumni Association, and co-chair of Welcome Back Week for the Campus Activities Board, among a long list of activities.



Zachary Hulcher was named a 2017 Marshall Scholar and graduated from M.I.T. on June 9, 2017. He holds two Bachelor of Science Degrees in Physics and in Computer Science and Engineering with a minor in Mathematics.



Sarah Talbot, a Troy State University senior graphic design major, opened her own Etsy shop called The Wilder Prints to sell her original hand-made watercolor portraits, with a focus on the Catholic saints.

Class of 2014



Samantha Day is a general assignment reporter who joined WSFA 12 News in May 2017.

Samantha was

a student of Troy University's Hall School of Journalism, majoring in broadcast journalism and minoring in leadership development.

At Troy University, Samantha was the president of the Society of Professional Journalists, a member of the Broadcasting Club, and active with TROY TrojanVision News, her college's studentrun television station.

She attended the Southeast Journalism Conference where she ranked first for Best Television News Feature Reporter for 2016 and first in the television anchoring onsite competition for 2017.

Anthony Thomas signed with Concordia College in Selma for a basketball scholarship on May 11, 2017. He has completed Faulkner State Community College and now is moving on to play on the next level. Concordia is a Christian College; he is excited to continue his basketball career there and is an Education Major.

Class of 2015

Millie Capuano "I am an official Montgomery Public Schools employee. I work with Pre-K students."

Jake Hulcher After a year at Southern Union State Community College on a full baseball scholarship, Jake received a 100% full baseball scholarship to the University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH) for the next three years. He is majoring in forensic accounting.



Leo Petters
spent 10 days
on the USS
Pinckney,
DDG-91, a
destroyer
during the
summer of

2016. He is a junior at the Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Class of 2016



David LoBello is all smiles as he begins his freshman year at AUM.

Logan Stevens was selected for the Alabama Intercollegiate Band and performed at the 2017 AMEA Conference in Montgomery.



Madine
Moussalli
worked as an
intern at the
Beasley Allen
law firm in
Montgomery
over the
summer.

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Class Reunions

SAVE THE DATES!

17TH ANNUAL

PICE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, September 29, 2017

Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Prattville, Alabama

HOMECOMING

Friday, October 20, 2017

Catholic Knights vs.

Bullock County

Admission \$7.00 at the gate

Kickoff 7 p.m.

ALUMNI UNDER THE TENT

All alumni and their families are guests of the school for Jim n' Nick's BBQ. Dinner is 5 p.m. until the start of half time.

Please RSVP by October 9, 2017 at montgomerycatholic.org/alumni > Alumni Links > RSVP for Homecoming Under the Tent

or call Anna Lee Ingalls at 334.272.7221, extension 15

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Saturday, February 10, 2018, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Dolly Barranco Center 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 or334.272.7221, extension 13.

1 Class of 1962

"Our class gathered for the week-end of March 24, 2017. We joined the middle and high school for Mass on Friday and enjoyed a tour of the school. We had dinner at Wynlakes Country Club Friday and Saturday. Otherwise, we visited a lot at Marguerite (Smart) Anderson's home. A good time was had by all!"

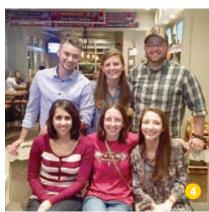












2 Class of 1976

The class of '76 gathered for their 40th Class Reunion during Homecoming weekend 2016. Classmates started the weekend on Friday night at the Homecoming game with a cocktail hour on the veranda in the school courtyard. On Saturday morning they gathered for a tour of the school and then lunch at the home of classmate Laura Hitson Smith and her husband Will. Saturday night the class meet downtown at the Rail Yard. Everyone enjoyed renewing friendships, remembering high school events and visiting with faculty members in attendance during the weekend: Mr. Hugh Alsabrook, Coach Joe Arban, Dr. Tom Doyle, Mr. Bernie Frye, Mrs. Barbara Bigger Garrett, and Mrs. Joanie Reed. Special thanks to classmate Mike Nadeau and his committee for getting everyone together.

Class of 1981

We are planning a reunion for the weekend of Homecoming, October 20, 2017. We will meet at the alumni homecoming tent on Friday evening before the game. On Saturday we plan to have a BBQ dinner at the Mark's House and attend Mass on Sunday. For more information please contact:

Elizabeth (Schmidt) Ragan

email: earagan@yahoo.com Facebook/twitter"proudmommoment" Cell: 952-255-9528

Class of 1987

The Class of 1987 will celebrate its 30th reunion during Homecoming weekend on October 20 - 21. Classmates will gather at the alumni tent during the CHS vs Bullock County football game, which kicks off on Friday, October 20, at 7 p.m. Darren Woodling will host classmates at a reunion party scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 21. Darren's home is located at 7008 Wynnlakes Blvd. If you plan to attend either or both of the events, please RSVP to reunion coordinator Jackie (Baker) Stembridge at jackiestem@gmail.com.

3 Class of 1997

The class of 1997 held their class reunion on Saturday, July 15, 2017. The fun began with a wine and cheese at the high school followed by a school tour. Later that evening they met downtown at the The Tavern Room at the Railyard Brewing Company.

4 Class of 2006

Class of 2006 gathered for a reunion at homecoming 2016. There was a small attendance but enjoyable time.

Class of 2007

Class of 2007 will hold their 10 year reunion on homecoming weekend (October 20). Plans consist of attending the Catholic game Friday night and a Chappy's brunch on Saturday.

Te honor our alumni who passed away this year. They are always a part of our community. Every graduate has been touched by our mission, and every graduate has enriched our school with their presence. The Montgomery Catholic mission calls us to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and in doing so, we honor and remember every alum that passes away. The alums that are pictured here remain in our daily prayers and were or will be the intention of a Mass celebrated at Montgomery Catholic.



























- 2 Paul L. Cammack Class of 1970 July 17, 1952 – June 11, 2017
- Mark Steven Churchwell Class of 1976 April 17, 1957 - April 24, 2017
- **4** Daniel Joseρh Downes, Sr. Class of 1958 July 16, 1939 – November 20, 2016
- 5 James Rufus Johnson Class of 1949 November 18, 1929 - March 20, 2017
- 6 Margaret Olive "MO" Jones Class of 1944 December 31, 1926 - July 18, 2017
- 7 James Russell "Rusty" Lushington, Jr. Class of 1967 January 22, 1949 - August 9, 2016

- 8 Makenzie Rae Martin Class of 2012 May 5, 1994 - October 23, 2016
- Mark McGeehan Class of 1981 July 22, 1963 – April 25, 2017
- 10 Melvin Romeo, Jr. Class of 1947 1929 – June 12, 2017
- Daniel "Danny" Earl Ross Class of 1986 September 24, 1967 - June 30, 2017
- **Wallace McGehee** "Mac" Sadler, Jr. Class of 1971 March 28, 1953 - November 30, 2015.
- William "Will" Andrew Turner Class of 1994 June 15, 1975 - March 21, 2017

MCPS lost one of its staunch supporters when Margaret Olive Cannon ('44) Jones died at the age of 90 on June 18, 2017. After her daughters Kathey Jones ('72) Bradford and Peggy Jones ('78) graduated from Catholic High, "MO" and her husband John ('43) along with her sister Bebe Jones ('51) Taylor and Bebe' husband, Marty Taylor ('47) were visiting around the kitchen table when they came up with the idea for an alumni newsletter. That idea grew into the Alumni Association, with "MO" making phone calls to get news notes, and typing early issues of Nowadays on the Jones' Selectric typewriter.

A lifelong example of Catholic faith and service to others, "MO" was a busy volunteer at the soup kitchen at St. John's on South Union Street and Catholic Charities' thrift store, next to Queen of Mercy. Often, she could be found substituting at the Adoration Chapel in addition to her regularly scheduled hours. She and her cousin Margaret McGinty ('41) were called "The Margarets" when they volunteered at MCPS, manning the alumni tent at Homecoming, updating the alumni

database, and organizing volunteers to fold, seal and stamp issues of Nowadays. When she was awarded the Charles Harbin Service Award in 1998, "MO" said that one of her favorite things about volunteering at Catholic High was meeting so many wonderful young people.

She was a member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church for more than 80 years. She was actively involved with the ACCW and Montgomery Deanery as corresponding secretary and was honored with the Papal medal, Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice in 2006.

Although declining health resulted in a move to Atlanta in 2011, "MO" looked forward to news from "home" and eagerly read through each issue of Nowadays. Her funeral at St. Peter's was a wonderful celebration of a life well-lived.

We memorialize alumni for which we have been notified. Please contact us when you know of an alum who has passed away. alingalls@ montgomerycatholic.org

What's in Your Future?

The past few years at Montgomery Catholic have been rich with exercises to collect opinions from the community in our strategic planning two years ago and our planning study in 2016 for the current capital campaign.

Thank you to those who participated in these two studies which have charted the next course for Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. The outcome was excellent and yielded important information to guide us forward.

Since 1873 generous donors have strengthened the stability of the school for daily operations, improving facilities, and providing financial assistance to those in need. Giving has played an important role beginning with founding the school by the Sisters of Loretto on Lawrence Street to our current Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. You are the strong thread in the fabric of our history helping to hold our mission together.

In particular, our planning study encouraged us as we learned that 14 people have remembered Montgomery Catholic in their estate planning and 57 more would like information on how they can also do the same.

When you give to our mission, you help students grow to become persons of faith, virtue, and wisdom. Our Catholic Knights are a true representation of the River Region with notable diversity in race, religion, academic abilities, and socio-economic levels of living. Graduates leave with a servant spirit because of their Christ-centered education in the classroom, athletics, the arts, and extracurricular activities.

Amidst all the visible new initiatives on the horizon, planned giving is a primary focus. As more people include Montgomery Catholic in their end-of-life directions, we are able to make more precise plans. With the expectation of multiple planned gifts arriving, we can more easily address

non-budgeted needs: offset the cost of facility improvements and new building initiatives, increase assistance to families, and so much more.

What's in your future? Whether you are alum, current or past family, donor, grandparent, teacher, staff, or friend... your consideration of a gift to our school through planned giving will help insure that students in the future will enjoy a beautiful Catholic education.

If you are thinking of Montgomery Catholic in your estate planning, we would welcome your call. Please contact our development director Anna Lee Ingalls at 334.272.7221, extension 15 or alingalls@montgomerycatholic.org.

Our school has stood on the shoulders of generosity since 1873, and it is humbling to realize the legacy continues. Please keep Montgomery Catholic in your prayers, remembering that your future plans can sustain and enrich a wonderful mission.

In the Eyes of a Child

When I was asked to write an article for Nowadays, my initial response was no. I am an accountant, by definition, not creative. After some consideration, I decided that there was no way that I could say no. The topic is a pretty easy one to talk about.

Neither one of us attended Montgomery Catholic, we are not from the Montgomery area, but we have been

to love the community and the school. Our kids attended the daycare at St. Bede and are now in 5th grade and 2nd grade at the Holy Spirit campus. We love the school and everything that it teaches our children. We love our Montgomery Catholic family and could not ask for a better place for our kids to spend their time away from us.

here for the last 18 years and have grown So why do we give to Montgomery Catholic? It is simple, we give because our children attend the school and we want to be involved in everything related to our children. We want to make sure that we teach our children by example. If we do not give back, then what are we teaching them? We support the school and the building campaign and have asked our children to do the same.

They may not have given much, but they each gave something from their hearts, and the smile on their faces when they handed the envelope to Mrs. Ceasar was priceless, you could just see their pride. Not all of our contributions come in the form of monetary support; we also believe in being visibly involved in the education of our children. We feel like we have no right to complain if we are not willing to do something to help the situation. We have full-time jobs, so we cannot be at all of the "school hour"

volunteer options, but we help out as

I am a member of the advisory council and serve on the finance committee. We

much as we can from behind the scenes.

both try to drive on at least one field trip during the year, and we help plan and organize the class parties as needed.

Recently, when speaking with a teacher at the Holy Spirit campus, I was told that the most important way a parent can help the teachers in the education of the children is to be involved as fully as you can. Each person's giving looks different. No matter how small or insignificant you think your contribution is, what your children see is your desire to be involved in their education and their lives.

We give back for many reasons: we want to lead by example, we want to stay involved with our children's education, and we want to give back to the school that gives our children so much a school that is helping to mold our children to be well rounded children of faith, virtue and wisdom.

Tia Levanda

Advisory Council Vice Chairman, Holy Spirit Parish Representative



PICE: A **History of Being REAL** Nice!

I've always been a sucker for a fairytale. Even now as an adult, I can only see so much nightly news or watch Armageddon or read another book about World War II before I innately need to watch something with a Happy Hollywood Ending. I strive to be a positive person. I yearn for those same Happy Hollywood Endings. When my sister-in-law, Liz Sutton, asked me if I would like to join the PICE Board,

I quickly accepted. I wasn't quite sure what I was getting into but soon learned that this was an organization dedicated to happy endings and making fairytales come true.

> PICE stands for Partners in Catholic Education. It was founded in 1995 by

Liz Sutton and Jerry

Lopez to raise money for our Catholic schools. This vision was extraordinary. They began a golf tournament that has become a premiere event. The tournament ALWAYS fills up early and has a waiting list because everything is first class. Every participant receives a door prize, and the awards range from gift certificates to golf clubs to flat screen televisions.

PICE has raised over \$1,000,000 for Catholic. Participating in the golf tournament is fun, but the best part of PICE is becoming the fairy godparents for MCPS. Each year we are presented with a wish list, and we are able to grant many of them. At our board meeting where we decide on the wishes, I get almost giddy. These wishes are BIG... like new lights for the football field, remodeled bathrooms for St. Bede, a new AV system for the DBC, band instruments, iPads and laptops, and many other things. The moment we tell Mrs. Ceasar what we can do is like Christmas when you have picked out the perfect present for someone and you get to watch them open it. It is just the best!

One of the things I love about our Catholic community is that we are a family and one body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:24b-27 says "But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." Because of PICE, Mrs. Ceasar is financially free to help many continue a Catholic education for their children. MCPS never turns anyone



away because of financial hardships. A Catholic education is a gift. Our children receive a wonderful education, but they learn the foundations of their Catholic faith and learn how to live that faith out in every class, every performance, and every athletic event. Our children will take that knowledge throughout life and that is priceless.

PICE is always in need of volunteers for our events. Please consider joining us, and you can be a fairy godparent too!

Lisa Sadie

Member



A Family with a Servant's Heart

our parents, Andy and Norma Mungenast, sacrificed mightily to provide a Catholic education for many of us. For our Mother's 89th birthday we established a scholarship at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School in her honor. Mom passed away just three months after we established the Norma R. Mungenast Scholarship Fund, but she lived long enough to share with us criteria she thought was important in awarding the scholarship. Mom understood how difficult it was to adjust finances to pay for a Catholic education, and she wanted to help ensure that students had the possibility to receive such an education, especially where family finances might otherwise preclude the opportunity. She also wanted to recognize academic achievement and community involvement by students.

I am one of 14 children, and

I graduated from Montgomery Catholic High School in 1970 and to this day still have fond memories of my four years there. I think of Sister Mary John and how she instilled in me a love of reading and literature. I am grateful for the writing skills she helped me develop, the analytical thinking she fostered, and the organizational skills she expected of all of her students.

I often think of Father Charles Troncale and how he challenged me to be

more than a "cradle Catholic." Father Troncale encouraged me, along with other seniors in my class, to know more about our faith and how it differed from other denominations and other religions. Father would remind us that while our parents chose for us our faith at birth, as adults we needed to choose for ourselves to be Catholic Christians.

It was at Montgomery Catholic
High School that I developed
leadership skills by serving in Student
Government, and it was at Montgomery
Catholic High that I was encouraged to
compete in oratorical contests locally
and on a State level. I wasn't the only
one in the family who benefited from
such training. My sister Mary Sharon
Mungenast Howell was the first female
Student Council President in the
school's history, and she and my other
siblings who attended Montgomery
Catholic High School have gone on to
excel in their respective professions.

With the Norma R. Mungenast Scholarship Fund, our family not only honors the memory of our precious Mother...We also honor our Mother's legacy of recognizing the value of a Catholic education at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School.

Patti Mungenast Smith ('70)

Winner's Circle

Each year Montgomery Catholic holds a drawing of three names from all annual fund contributors. Those three people are the lucky winners of cash prizes provided annually by **Dee and Sandra Miles**. We sincerely appreciate all those who support the annual fund and the Miles who make the fun happen!

Congratulations to the 2015-2016 lucky winners!

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Athletics	\$59,435	\$47,272	\$29,300
Band	\$1,350	\$9,760	\$1,300
Capital Campaign**	\$0	\$0	\$1,195,151
Miscelleneous	\$7,193	\$24,962	\$13,573
Scholarships	\$223,607	\$40,686	\$22,124
Tributes	\$10,835	\$3,482	\$3,780
Tuition Assistance	\$35,927	\$14,760	\$7,652
TOTAL	\$417.387	\$224.558	\$1,299,158

*Annual Fund includes all unrestricted gifts from the annual campaign or otherwise.

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