# BUILT BY CATHOLIC

FIFTY YEARS IN "THE GYM"

Ask anyone that has ever been to our Montgomery Catholic Middle/ High School Campus what the most notorious building at that location is and without fail they will reply "The GYM". This response is reported for various reasons. The respondents may remember this as the hottest venue for any volleyball competition that they ever experienced. It may be due to the excitement of witnessing backto-back boys' state championships won in 1999 and 2000. It may have been the venue for the Special Olympics Basketball Competition, or being a participant in or victim of "Stage Fright." Our Father Pat Delahunty Gymnasium has a storied history.

The gym was built and dedicated in 1968, three years after the high school moved to its Vaughn Road location. It was dedicated to Fr. Pat Delahunty because of the foundation that he laid for athletics at Loretto High School. In 1945, with the help of Charles Harbin Jr., a Loretto student, Fr. Pat introduced the Loretto Saints to the world of football. Charlie also sold ads for the football program, played DEFENSIVE END for the team, and then wrote the copy for the Montgomery Advertiser! Now that is a multifaceted athlete.

Fr. Pat coached the Saints from 1945 to 1956, retiring in 1957 when the diocese took over the running of the school. The team started with approximately 16 players and was winless the first year. The second year was a bit better with 3 wins; however, the fate of the Saints changed in years 3 and 4 when they went undefeated. In fact, the team had a 24 game winning streak until 1949 when they lost to Union Springs.

The Loretto Saints' basketball and football programs struggled financially, but Fr. Pat was not stymied by this issue. He sought the help of close friends and local business leaders to support

athletics. He felt that it was vital to the schools' program.

The gym remained unchanged until it was renovated in 2006 by a group of Montgomery Catholic families, under the guidance of Chip Vercelli, Russ Anile, and Chip Mullins. According to Jim Tolbert, our Athletic Director at the time, this makeover's objective was to provide us with an additional 10 years of use, which it did. Windows were replaced, walls were pressure washed and repainted, all the tile was replaced, and the front foyer was updated. This group of parents worked tirelessly to get the gym ready for the start of school. In 2013, the locker

rooms were renovated through the financial backing of Partners in Catholic Education. Showers, bathrooms, and coaches' offices were reconfigured and updated, but the greatest change was the installation of air conditioning. While the gym temperatures might be a bit uncomfortable, this area is pleasant!

The Fr. Pat Delahunty Gymnasium has served our community well for 50 years. It has been the center of athletic events, the arena for Senior Day, graduation venue, and most importantly a place where our students came to celebrate Mass, as a community, prior to the building of the Dolly Barranco Center. We are a blessed school to be able to build a new facility that will be able to accommodate



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the growing needs of our athletic programs. We are even more blessed to be able to renovate the present gym to house our emerging choral and drama departments.

These words are stenciled on the doors of the football locker room leading to the weight room of the field house, Built by Catholic. This is a perfect summation of the history and future of our school. We stand on the foundation built by the Sisters of Loretto, Fr. Pat Delahunty, Charles Harbin, PICE, and countless parent volunteers that have worked tirelessly over the years to provide an education that helps our students use their unique God-given talents to grow closer to our Lord while becoming people of "faith, virtue, and wisdom."

#BuiltbyCatholic

Anne O. Ceasar, President



# Building Strong Character and Strong Minds

The new 2018-2019 academic year brings some major changes to our Montgomery Catholic Preparatory Middle School/High School campus. It is a cause for joy to see the new gym rising to completion and to witness the preparation of a new fine arts center to replace the current gym. As of this activity is further evidence of the outstanding nature of Montgomery Catholic as this great school educates the whole student: academically, athletically, culturally, socially, and spiritually. Thanks to all who have pledged to the Faith, Family, and Tradition Campaign. I urge all to continue to support our outstanding school.

As important as it is to continue to enhance the school facilities, and as much as it is a source of pride to see the progress of the school exemplified in these improvements, the most important "construction" work of the school is its efforts to build men and women of knowledge, strong faith, and firm character.

Sometimes as I drive my car, I will pass a construction area. I often see wooden forms into which is poured a concrete mix. If the mix is correct, the concrete will stand strong when the wooden form is removed.

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is like that wooden form. The "mix" is the education and Catholic formation the school offers its students. Graduation is when the form is removed.

MCPS strives to give the right mix for its students so that when they graduate they will go forth as strong men and women. Working in partnership with parents, this school seeks to have a powerful and positive impact in the lives of the students. Its goal is to help shape and form its students and so prepare them both to make a living and to build a life of faith which begins now and continues into all of eternity.



The rapid changes in our society make it imperative that young people receive an excellent education which will enable them to compete in the business world which is increasingly a global marketplace. The excellent education offered at MCPS will allow our young people to have the educational foundation and abilities to adapt to the ever changing job skills required to be a success in the field of work they choose.

The increasingly pluralistic nature of society, with its competing

values and messages, also makes it imperative that young people have a strong foundation in values and belief needed in order to develop a strong moral compass which will guide their personal behavior and their witness as followers of Christ.

This is the "mix" which MCPS seeks to offer our students as they are educated and formed here at our school. I am most grateful for the remarkable efforts of all who serve at MCPS.

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 have a part in constructing, not merely buildings, but young men and women of strong character and strong minds.

Go Knights!

Thomas J. Rodi Archbishop of Mobile

# Here at Montgomery Catholic, we know the gift of supportive parishes and

priests. We are blessed to have both. Each year our area priests ensure that each of our campuses are given the opportunity to attend Mass weekly and on Holy Days of Obligation; they offer penance services, adoration and visit classrooms. We are truly #BuiltbyCatholic because of their dedication to our Lord and their willingness to be a vital part of our school community.



October 13th, 2017, was the 100th anniversary of the last apparition at Fatima, we had a Eucharistic Procession around our campus. Father Nicholas lead the procession and adoration.

During the 2017-2018 school year we welcomed Father Nicolas Napolitano from St. Bede the Venerable. Not only did he offer Mass at both our St. Bede and Middle/High School campuses, he visited classrooms weekly at both, too. We also give thanks for our new area priests: Father Francis Sofie from St. Peter, Father Daniel Aloo Owuor from St. Jude Parish, and Father Alwin Legaspi from St. Joseph Parish Prattville.



This summer we welcomed **Father** Wayne Youngman to Holy Spirit, Pastor of St. John the Baptist and Our Lady Queen of Mercy, **Monsignor Juan** Clezo, and Montgomery Catholic Alum Father James Dean ('79) to St. Joseph in Prattville.

We also said farewell to Father Patrick Driscoll ('84) as he moved to St. Dominic Parish in Mobile. Pastor at Holy Spirit since 2011, Father Driscoll helped open our elementary campus at Holy Spirit and is an avid supporter of Catholic education. We will miss you!

This past year was an exciting one for the Montgomery Catholic family! **Thomas** Herge, the Valedictorian of the Class of 2007, was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 26, 2018, for the Diocese of Columbus in Ohio. After graduating Montgomery Catholic, Father Herge attended Ohio State University in Columbus on scholarship. During his time there, Father Herge's sense of God's call to the priesthood deepened, and he entered the seminary in the fall of 2012. Father Patrick Driscoll ('84) preached the homily at Father Herge's first Mass. We also currently have three Montgomery Catholic alumni studying for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Mobile: Thomas Lapointe ('07),

Michael Barber ('17), and Gaten Armstrong ('15).

We were blessed this year to see three Montgomery Catholic students and two alumni become Catholic, thanks to the ministry and witness of our area priests who give of their time and talent to spend many hours on campuses. Since 2012, daily Mass is offered 4 days a week on the Middle/High School campus. We are very grateful to God for His continued blessing upon our **Montgomery Catholic community.** 



# NEW TO THE FAITH

#### Cole Archer ('16)

Holy Spirit Parish December 20, 2017

#### Austin Collett ('19)

Holy Spirit Parish December 2, 2017

#### Garrett Cook ('18)

St. Bede Parish January 28, 2018

#### **Dalton Shoe**maker ('19)

Holy Spirit Parish March 3, 2018

#### Mel Koontz ('16)

St. Michael Parish Auburn, Alabama



**Deacon Eugene Stanley Wadas** March 29,1935 -July 2, 2018 Ordained 1979



Deacon **Charles Gulley** August 31, 1934 -July 12, 2018 Ordained 1994



Deacon Frank J. May, Jr. July 2, 1934 -June 24, 2018 Ordained 1984

# Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

<mark>In </mark>19 days this summe<mark>r we lost th</mark>ree dedicated serva<mark>nts to o</mark>ur Church. We thank each of them for their service to our parishes and our community. May they rest in peace. Amen.

# Love. March. Learn. Vow. Devote.

One year ago, I wrote a letter that forever changed my life. To give you a bit of context, I was a sophomore in high school when I attended my first March For Life. I woke up early on that frigid January day and marched for hours with thousands of strangers defending the lives of the unborn. My entire body ached and I had never been so exhausted in my life, yet I'd never felt more alive. That day was the first day in my entire life I'd spend devoted to something larger than myself, and although that realization demonstrated how broken I am, it also ignited a passionate fire within me to never make anyone feel as unloved as those babies aborted in the womb.

I returned home and struggled to always love those as I'd vowed, but I continued attending the March For Life and consistently returned with a more profound understanding of love than what I left with. My freshman year of college, I attended the March as a chaperone for MCPS and had the opportunity to hear the president of the March For Life, Jeanne Mancini, speak at the rally where the march began. I was so touched by her words and everything her organization had done for me that I wrote her a letter expressing how I strive to be everything she represents: a graceful woman spending every day devoted to those other than herself.

Fast forward a few months and she has given me the opportunity to be the youth speaker at the next March For Life Rally.

With the help of many in our MCPS family, I attended the March For Life just as any other but with a slightly different role. During my preparation, I realized how truly unworthy I was to stand on that stage and address a nation about true love and respect when I failed to express those values on a daily basis. From that moment, I received as many Sacraments as I could and strived my best to do the right thing in every situation just so I was slightly less hypocritical when I gave my speech. I begged God every night to allow the Holy Spirit to completely consume my body as I delivered my speech in hopes that it would impact just one person the way I had been impact in previous years.

Sadly, it took my past March For Life experience to realize the true meaning of being pro-life. It isn't just waiting for one day every year to devote my life to other as I exemplified in high school, it's choosing love in every decision. If I am not striving every day to love God in all of my actions thus loving others, I do not believe I am worthy of calling myself "pro-life". This new perspective has completely changed the way I view the movement and myself entirely. Although I still fail to love those as I am called,

I now have a deeper understanding of what true love entails and the power of one voice.

Now, I am at Auburn University studying Accounting and Nonprofit & Philanthropy in hopes of intertwining the two in my future profession. Although I have no idea what God has in store for me, one little field trip five years ago taught me that at long as I devote my being to making all humans feel worthy of life, I too will feel more alive than ever. Thank you, Montgomery Catholic, for giving me the opportunity of a lifetime and for teaching me what love truly is.

Agnes Armstrong, Class of 2016





"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."

ACTS 20:35

# A Call to Serve

At Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School, we encourage our students to share the gifts that God has given them. The importance of giving of yourself in support of the larger community can be found around every corner.

Thanks to the generosity of our students, faculty and larger community, Catholic was able to donate the following from weekly Mass collections, cell phone and lost and found fines, and dress down day donations at all campuses: \$4,000 to the Spina Bifida Association of Alabama in honor of Ricky Treloar, \$3,000 to the Burse Club, and \$2,000 for Hurricane Harvey Relief efforts. This year Mass donations will offer even greater support to support our school wide philanthropy: The Burse Club, supporting our Archdiocesan seminarians. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas season our school family has offered support



for the poor with a successful canned food drive in support of St. Vincent De Paul's food pantry and the Box of Joy through Cross Catholic Outreach.

Serving as the hands of Christ our students also have the opportunity to volunteer and serve the community through Key Club, FCA, Leadership groups, SGA, Student Council, Encounter, Lenten Day of Service, and Choir, while being encouraged to seek service on their own as well. The Catholic student is growing to know the importance of a servant heart and what a gift it is to help make the world a better place.

#### **Anne Ceasar**

President

# Joy for our Hearts

Through Cross Catholic Outreach,

Montgomery Catholic supported the building of a home for a family in Guatemala. After raising more than \$5,000 through philanthropic efforts at all campuses, Montgomery Catholic changed the life of a family for generations. I was blessed to travel with three high school students, Mitch Aaron, Manny Caceres, and Grace Scott along with Cross Catholic Outreach Development Director (and MCPS Parent) Lenna Holmes to Cuilapa in the diocese of Santa Rosa de Lima working in conjunction with Caritas - the local version of Catholic Charities for a Mission Trip this past Spring.

Although we were able to provide much needed goods and services to the poorest of the poor, in the end the greatest impact was in our own hearts. We had a chance to see the Catholic faith alive and on fire in communities that had nothing else to hold on to. Faith gave the poor their strength. Without access to priests, mass, sacraments or the Eucharist on a regular basis, the community members helped us see how much we take for granted.

The name Box of JOY really means something after this experience; JOY is exactly what the boxes contained. Montgomery Catholic has participated heavily in this program and now seeing the fruits of the labor in action makes the experience much more meaningful.

#### Justin Castanza

Middle/High School Principal

# Changes & Opportunities



Tia and her husband Eric are very active members of our school community, we appreciate their unending support of all things Catholic. Their children

Grace and Ethan attend our Holy Spirit Elementary campus.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019

**Labor Day**September 3

**Homecoming Game** 

October 12

**Veterans Day** 

November 12

**Thanksgiving** 

November 21-23

Christmas

December 20

December 20 January 1

Classes Resume

January 2

Martin Luther King Day
January 21

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Monte Carlo Night *February 9* 

**Presidents' Day** *February 18* 

Teacher In-service

March 18

**Good Friday** *April 19* 

Easter Break

April 22-26

**Graduation** *May 21* 

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Last Day of School

May 24

**Memorial Day** 

May 27

This was an exciting year at Montgomery Catholic. We were able to bring the capital campaign to close on October 10, 2017, when we broke ground on the new Gym and Fine Arts Center. The capital campaign raised over \$3.5 million in just 11 months. It was truly an amazing thing to see the Montgomery Catholic community rally together to raise such a large sum to support the strategic plan.

Don't worry, if you want to give and have not had the opportunity to contribute to the Capital Campaign, it is not too late. Depending on the size of your gift, there are still some naming opportunities available. Anyone on the Advisory Council or the Administrative team would be happy to talk to you about giving opportunities.

The Advisory Council continues to work with administration and members of the capital campaign committee to finalize the details of the new gym and Fine Arts Center.

As in the past, the Advisory Council formed several Ad Hoc Committees to review critical areas of the school community. The committees for the year were:

Finance Committee - This is a standing committee that oversees and approves the budget for the upcoming academic year. This committee also meets to review the budget throughout the year to ensure that the school is being a good steward of their money.

School Uniform Committee – This committee was tasked with exploring and recommending a uniform vendor for Montgomery Catholic. After many discussions and meetings, the committee recommended that Montgomery Catholic use two uniform vendors: one online vendor, Tommy Hilfiger, and one brick and mortar vendor, Zoghby's. Zoghby's will be partnering with Southern School Uniform in Montgomery to provide the brick and mortar location. The store will be in the old Parker School Uniform building.

Booster Club Committee - This committee is still in the beginning stages. The committee is meeting to determine how to revive the Booster Club to support all of our athletic teams. The committee is currently reviewing and rewriting the bylaws.

The Advisory Council is an excellent way to become involved in your child's education. It is also a good way to accomplish those parent volunteer hours. I encourage anyone that wants to get involved to reach out to one of the council members to find out more. The council is comprised of a representative from each campus, St. Bede, Holy Spirit, Middle School and High School as well as a representative from each of the surrounding parishes.

The campus representative serve a two year term with elections held in April. The Parish representatives are appointed by the pastor of each of the parishes in the River Region and serve a four year term.

Finally, I want to thank you all for letting me serve as the Chairman of the Council this year. It has been my pleasure. I have enjoyed getting to know and serve with each of my council members.

Tia Levanda, Chairman

# 2017-2018 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Tia Levanda,** Chairman Holy Spirit Parish Representative

**Erin Fleet,** Vice-Chairman St. Bede Campus Representative

**Michelle Johnson,** Secretary St. Joseph Parish Representative

**Rev. Msgr. William J. Skoneki,** Episcopal Vicar Pastor, St. Michael Catholic Church

**Anne Ceasar** 

President, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School

**Michelle Sylvester** 

Middle School Campus Representative

**Teresa Treloar** 

High School Campus Representative

**David Schwarz** 

Holy Spirit Campus Representative

**James Slear** 

Holy Family Catholic Community, Maxwell AFB Representative

**Tom Giere** 

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Representative

**Open Seat** 

Our Lady Queen of Mercy Parish Representative

**Christine Murphy Noell ('91)** 

St. Bede Parish Representative

**Rick Harris** 

St. Peter Parish Representative

**Rosemary Pierce** 

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Representative

#### 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.

# Parent Teacher Council (PTC)

THANK YOU from the PTC - The 2017 - 2018 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:

Our Classic Cookie Fund Raiser in the fall was a tremendous success enabling us to fund our entire year!

At the elementary level we were able to host multiple programs including:

- Grandparents Day Receptions
- Christmas Programs
- Cultural Day
- AR Goal Prizes/ Parties
- Pastries With Parents
- Science Olympiad T-shirts



Campus Representatives (from left): **Colleen Reardon**, St. Bede Campus; **Beth Barranco**, Holy Spirit Campus; **Tammy Hayes**, High School Campus; **Amanda Day**, Middle School Campus

At ALL FOUR campuses we were able to host:

- Field Day
- Teacher Appreciation Lunches
- Completion Masses (6th and 8th)
- Academic Awards Ceremony (9th-12th)
- Catholic Schools Week
- Teacher treatsStudent treats

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!



# Ground Breaking

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School broke ground on a new gymnasium on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 11:45 a.m. at the Middle/High School campus. The project also includes renovating the current gym into a state of the art performing arts building.

The Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi,
Archbishop of Mobile; Gwendolyn P.
Byrd Executive Director, Department
of Catholic Education Archdiocese of
Mobile; Michele Manry, Executive
Director Financial Services Archdiocese
of Mobile; Earl Ryser, Owner, Central
Contracting, Inc.; and Anne Ceasar
Montgomery Catholic Preparatory
School President were special guests at
the event.

Reverend Monsignor Charles Troncale opened the event in prayer, while Montgomery Catholic's Middle/High School principal Mr. Justin Castanza hosted the event. Mrs. Tia Levanda, MCPS Advisory Council Chair read 1 Corinthians 3:5-11.

Each MCPS campus was represented with members from the SGA who participated in the signing ceremony and blessing of the building site by Archbishop Rodi. The students were:

Aaron Gilbert, St. Bede Campus Student Council President; Mally

Barranco, Holy Spirit Campus Student Council President; Gibson Souriya, Middle School SGA President; Paige

Rentfro, High School SGA President; and Chloe Newell, Senior Class President.

Other distinguished guests included: **Reverend Victor Ingalls, Reverend** Nicholas Napolitano, Reverend Alex Valladares, Holy Spirit Campus Principal Nancy Foley, St. Bede Campus Principal Laurie Gulley, Middle School Assistant Principal Julie Wood, Athletic Director Daniel Veres, Band Director Alex Johnson, and Seawell McKee, McKee and Associates Architecture and Interior Design who were joined by the Capital Campaign volunteers, parents, students, and larger Montgomery Catholic community. All were happy to witness the start of the project with Archbishop Rodi's blessing of the work site.

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School's capital campaign, Building on Faith, Family and Tradition raised over \$3.5 million dollars in just eleven months, allowing Montgomery Catholic to look towards the future and realize the dream of a new 31.000 square foot gymnasium with stadium seating and capacity for 800. The gym will have two regulation basketball courts, a weight room, concession area, offices, locker rooms, and conference rooms. The Montgomery community will find much comfort in knowing that the facility will be air conditioned - a luxury the current Father Pat Delahunty gym (built in 1968) does not have.

Along with building a new gym, plans also include converting the current gymnasium into a dedicated performing arts building to enhance our entire











performing arts program. This area will be completely remodeled and create critically needed practice, storage, and office space for our highly regarded band program and emerging choral program. More space means students will be able to better focus on all aspects of their practice. It will also increase the breadth of our performing arts program to include a state-ofthe-art choral/drama classroom. This will allow us to provide a vibrant and supportive environment for current and future students with an affinity for the performing arts. A high school student lounge and meeting space will also be added looking onto the courtyard, giving Montgomery Catholic students a comfortable meeting space on campus.



Founded in 1873, by the Sisters of Loretto Montgomery Catholic Preparatory school celebrates 145 years of Catholic education in Montgomery this month. Founded as an all girl's school, St. Mary of Loretto became co-educational in 1929. The high school moved to its current location in 1965. The last expansion at the campus was in 2007 with the addition of the Dolly Barranco Student Activity Center and Cafeteria. Today, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is a K4-12 college preparatory program, with an average student enrollment of 800 at three campuses in Montgomery.

Campaign Goal: 3.5 million

Collection to Date: 2.2 million

Total Project Cost: 7 million

**Support the Project** 

www.montgomerycatholic.org/giving

# Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Scholarships

# 2018-19 Scholarship Winners

COACH RALPH FURLONG SCHOLARSHIP

1 DJ Carter

THE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Keaton Thomas &

Bennett Webb

FRYE, ARBAN, ORTEGA SCHOLARSHIP

2 Jonah Gier

SALLY EVANS HODGES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

3 Melody Taylor

ANNA AND HAROLD PAIGE SCHOLARSHIP

- 4 Ja'Michael Washington &
- **5** Ben Castanza

CAITLYN MARIANNE WIGGINS '08 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

6 Claire Mills & Nona Johnson

NORMA MUNGENAST SCHOLARSHIP

DJ Carter, Grace Leslie& Teresa Nguyen

PADRE PIO ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

- 8 Christian Friday &
- 13 Ella Castanza

CAROLE SKONEKI CLARK ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

9 Anna Sadie

HELEN FAIRCLOTH GROSS & CHARLES "C.J." GROSS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Teresa Nguyen

JJ BEDNARZ, SR., MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Kendall Couey

ANNA CECIL BENNETT '18 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sophie Boyd

BEN AND ALICE TOKARZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- 13 Ella Castanza,
- 4 Ailish Gilbert &
- 5 Angeles Gonzalez-Ansaldi

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 12150 SCHOLARSHIP

Morgan Donaldson









#### **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-curriculars and his or her studies.



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 half-tuition scholarship to one rising senior.





#### Sally Evans Hodges Memorial

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

## Anna and Harold Paige Scholarship

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





#### The Caitlyn Marianne Wiggins '08 Memorial Scholarship

Established 2013. A half 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* 2014. The Scholarship was established by The Colonel Andy Mungenast Investment and Charitable Trust, in honor of Mrs. Mungenast. The Norma R. Mungenast Endowed Scholarship Fund was established to work with Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School in order to share God's blessings to further His kingdom. The Norma R. Mungenast Scholarship is awarded annually to one or more students enrolled at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School's High School Campus. The Norma R. Endowed Scholarship amount will vary annually. Endowment earnings and donations shall be used to award one or more scholarships to students who are currently enrolled at MCPS or will be

enrolled in the following academic year.

If you are interested in starting a scholarship at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School, contact our Development Office at 334-272-2771 ext. 32.

You may contribute to existing scholarships by designating your gift to a specific scholarship online at www.montgomerycatholic.org/giving, or mail to 5350 Vaughn Road, Montgomery, Ala. 36116.



# Faith. Service.



Col. Jack Lauer was honored by Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School on May 7, 2018, as the 2018 Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award winner for his service to the school. The Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award was established by the Harbin family and is awarded by the school to recognize those selfless individuals who have significantly served Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and exemplified its values in their lives.

Montgomery Catholic's president, Mrs. Anne Ceasar, presented Jack with an engraved clock to begin the 2018 Montgomery Catholic High School Academic Awards Night, in appreciation for the gift of his time.

The 22nd recipient of the Harbin Award, Jack is a great supporter of Catholic education and well known for his dedicated service and integrity. Col. Lauer has served Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School in a variety of ways over the last ten years.

A military father of two Catholic graduates, Kim '84 and Kevin '88, Col. Lauer wanted to "give back" to the school that had given so much to his family, and he quickly found himself teaching religion AND acting as Dean of Students, filling a need for the school for a year.

After his teaching job finished, Jack wanted to stay involved and asked the AD in 2007, Jim Tolbert, if he could try announcing the basketball games, which led to announcing other sporting events, mounting up over 1200 service hours in announcements alone. In addition, he spent many years working the gate for football games and acted as the official welcoming committee at all of our home games, welcoming guests and fans. He has served as a substitute teacher, provided gifts to graduates, been an athletic booster, volunteered for FCA's Jason Armstrong Baseball Tournament, and he was a member of The Knights of Columbus and acted as Grand Knight for several years helping to serve the school through the Knights fundraising efforts.

Whether you call him Colonel, the Voice of Montgomery Catholic sports, the "unofficial" Ambassador of Montgomery Catholic, or Grand Knight, we are grateful that he is a friend to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School.

















#### **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 one (1) full tuition scholarship and one (1) half-tuition scholarship 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.

#### **Helen Faircloth Gross & Charles J.** "C.J." Gross Endowed Scholarship

Established in 2014. The Scholarship Fund was established 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. The Scholarship is awarded annually to one or more students enrolled at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School's High School Campus. The Scholarship amount may vary annually. Endowment earnings and donations shall be used to award one or more scholarships to students who are currently enrolled at MCPS or will be enrolled in the following academic year. By April 1 each year, MCPS shall review the amount that has been donated and earned by the Scholarship Fund in the prior 12 months, and up to this amount (as determined by the scholarship committee) shall be available to award scholarships to deserving students. The current schoalrship amount is \$500.

**Scholarship** Established in December 2015 by PICE (Partners in Catholic Education), to honor Carole for her many years of Service to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School (MCPS) as the original secretary & 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." - Mother Teresa, This quote exemplifies Carole. The Carole Skoneki Clark Scholarship is

awarded annually to one rising 10-12th

School student for \$1000. The Carole

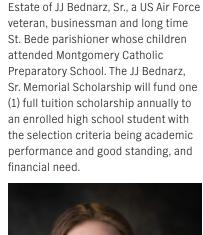
a minimum of 10 years.

grade Montgomery Catholic Preparatory

**Carole Skoneki Clark Endowed** 

**Ben and Alice Tokarz Memorial Scholarship** Presented by The Knights of Columbus, Council 893. Two \$1,000 partial tuition scholarships to be given to rising seventh grade students from the St. Bede Campus and two scholarships to be awarded to rising ninth grade students 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 Council 12150 Scholarship** Presented by The Knights of Columbus Council 12150. A \$1,000 partial tuition scholarship 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 two new Scholarships for the **2018-19 school year:** 

The JJ Bednarz, Sr., Memorial

**Scholarship** *Established in 2018*, the

JJ Bednarz, Sr. Memorial Scholarship

was created by a trust funded by the



Anna "Anya" Cecile Bennett '18 Memorial Scholarship Established in Skoneki Clark Scholarship is endowed for 2018. Jim, Murray, and Jack Bennett, along with family friends Jimmy and Laura McLemore, established this scholarship fund in March 2018 in memory of their loving daughter, sister, and friend. This scholarship is given for the Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School yearly charity and to a student's post-high school education. Anna's family and friends endowed this scholarship to give to a student that exemplifies an unselfish desire to benefit the human spirit through community involvement.

# HOMECOMING 2017

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School crowned their 2017 Homecoming Queen and King during the half-time ceremonies of the varsity football game as the Knights hosted Bullock County High School, October 20, 2017.

The 2017 Montgomery Catholic
Homecoming Court, pictured from left
to right: Freshmen Attendant **Chloe Walden** escorted by **Grant Smith**;
Junior Attendant **Annamary Gilbert**escorted by **Mitch Aaron**. Senior
Attendant **Carrie Belsterling** escorted
by **Parker Dennis**; Homecoming Queen, **Briana Hollinger** & King, **Luke Craig**;
Senior Attendant **Aleigha Walden** 

with **BJ Barker**; Senior Attendant **Paige Rentfro** with **Tyler Price**; and Sophomore Attendant **Lorren Pharrams** escorted by **CJ Owens**.

The school was honored to welcome back to their Alma Mater the 2016 Homecoming Queen and King, **Miss Tori Barranco** and **Mr. Brian Anderson** to crown the 2017 Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Homecoming King and Queen.

Miss Briana Hollinger and Mr. Luke Craig were announced as the 2017 Montgomery Catholic Homecoming Queen and King at mid-field.

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory
School welcomed all Alumni home
with an Alumni party Under the Tent
at the Homecoming game from kickoff to half-time. Alumni, including the
class of 1977 celebrating their 40th
reunion, the class of 1982 celebrating
their 35th reunion, the class of 1987
celebrating their 30th reunion, and the
class of 2007 celebrating their 10th
reunion, were able to enjoy a delicious
meal from Jim N Nick's Bar-B-Que, while
catching up with old classmates.

Before the game, Montgomery
Catholic Preparatory School President,
Anne Ceasar along with Principal Justin
Castanza and Athletic Director Daniel
Veres honored the 2017 Girls Outdoor
Track and Field State Championship

team, where each team member and the coaches were presented with their State Championship ring. 2017 Girl's Outdoor State Championship winning team

Miss Tamrah Tucker, Miss Jimmah Fenderson, Miss Grace Leslie, Miss Katie Galvin, Miss Katelyn Stark, Miss Isabelle Cochran, Miss Amaris Tyynismaa, Assistant Coach Hollis Johnson, Assistant Coach Coy Hunter and Head Coach, and 2017 US Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Alabama Girl's Coach of the Year Ed Wright. Not pictured: Assistant Coach Kevin Madden and Miss Morgan Yorton.

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, and the St. Bede Campus took home first place for their float. Friday, the Middle and High School ended school with a pep rally. A Friday night victory over Bullock County (31-6) led to a fun night as the Middle School campus held their fall dance after the game. The High School campus ended the week with their Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 21, 2017, held at the St. Bede Catholic Church Family Life Center. The theme was High School Musical.







How did #BuiltByCatholic start? What does it even mean? How does it make us different from everybody else? The only way I can explain it is from my point... Here is what it means to be #BuiltByCatholic; the good, the bad, and the ugly.

I became part of the Montgomery Catholic community about four years ago with the intent of only being here one year. From what I had heard Catholic was in a bad spot athletically and really didn't have any pride in the school. In early January of my first year of being at Catholic everything suddenly changed. Catholic hired a new head football coach, Aubrey Blackwell, who had such a strong vision for Catholic that, honestly, no one thought was possible. On top of that, he wanted me to be at the forefront with him to make this vision come true. I'm not going to tell you that I didn't have any doubts along the way, but I can honestly say after meeting with Coach Blackwell that first day I knew at some point the vision would be real. A lot of people will probably tell you that being #BuiltByCatholic only relates to the football team or being weight room strong. Yes, it did originate in the weight room from kids achieving weight room goals, but the term goes way beyond that.

BuiltByCatholic is a mindset! Being #BuiltbyCatholic means when you attend school here you are laying bricks that will create a platform for the next person behind you to succeed, whether that's giving an underclassman a ride to school or to a sports camp or staying after school for tutoring. Being #BuiltByCatholic means you are hattle-tested and proven. Being #BuiltByCatholic means you are ready to accept whatever challenge is coming your way. WHY? Because you have been challenged so strenuously in every area here at Montgomery Catholic. We believe in creating the full student in academics, athletics, and arts. We believe in building a student in all the areas of faith, excellence, and service. Not everyone can say they are "BuiltByCatholic" but the ones that get the opportunity know the power behind the words and the effort it took to get there. We are not perfect, but we are strong in every aspect. and we are unique because we are #BuiltByCatholic.

**Coach Kirk Johnson** 



#### 2017-2018 FACILITIES UPDATE

It's been a busy year in the Facilities
Department of Montgomery Catholic.
We welcomed Daniel Harbin to the team
in the middle of the academic year
and he has worked many issues at all
three campuses.

This year we accomplished a number of major improvements for the school on top of our routine maintenance load. We completed a project to retrofit all the lights in all the buildings on the main campus to LED. The project was completed in January of this year and resulted in a marked improvement to the lighting in all classrooms. We have begun a transition to LED at the St Bede campus and are researching a path to do the same at Holy Spirit. Towards the end of the school year we completed another project replacing all the classroom doors in the classic building to improve the function and look of the doors. Just after school was dismissed we began another project To help improve the exterior appearance of the school we have added stamped concrete under the front overhang and have removed the wooden fence, shrubs, and benches on the East entrance of the building near the parking

lot and replaced all that with a brick wall around the gas line entering the building and new stamped concrete. We also replaced all the windows in the classic building to improve the look of the building and improve heating/cooling efficiency. During the summer break we have replaced the exterior doors to the classic building and replaced some solid panels at the entrance with glass which has improved the look of the entrance. We also undertook a major painting project this summer which should be completed before school starts in August. All the hallways in the buildings on the main campus, as well as all the classrooms in the classic building, the chapel, and business office have been newly painted. In addition, the hallways at St Bede received a new coat of paint as well. We have also completed the renovation of the second faculty bathroom in the classic building. Throughout the year we replaced a number of older air conditioner units at the different campuses with the largest being the replacement of the air handler in the cafeteria at St Bede.

We have several other improvement projects in development and are excited to see them to fruition as we work constantly to improve our school.

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS 2017-18

#### ST. BEDE CAMPUS YEAR IN REVIEW

We had another amazing year at the St. Bede Campus. In August, we welcomed new faculty members Kate Gates (music), Kidd Qu (Mandarin Chinese), Whitney Toole (PE), and Carilyn Voorhies (counselor). Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi and Superintendent Gwen Byrd made their annual visit in September, and the students were thrilled to see them. This year, we reinstated the 5th graders'



trip to Space Camp, and a great time was had by all! During our annual Cultural Day, we learned about the country of Poland...food, art, music, history, and much more. Continuing their mission of service, our Student Council led our efforts to collect canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Boxes of Joy for the Cross Catholic Outreach. Our student choir really made a name for itself by being asked to sing for the Jackson Hospital's annual tree-lighting ceremony...what an honor! In January, we welcomed many new families to our Open House, and Catholic Schools' Week gave us another reason to celebrate our school. The founder of our annual Mardi Gras Parade, Fr. Pat Arensberg, decided to help us from afar this year. His parish, Holy Name of Jesus, in Semmes, Alabama sponsored our parade by collecting throws for our students. Fr. Alex's Easter basket contest took a new turn this year, as he treated the winning class to a Bruster's Ice Cream field trip. Fr. Nicholas and Fr. Alex both joined us for a double scoop of fun! As the year wound to a close, our students who made their Accelerated Reader goal each of the four quarters were treated to a Riverboat ride on the Harriott II. It was an amazing way to celebrate the reading accomplishments of our students and a great end to our school year. May God continue to bless Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School!

Laurie Gulley, Principal



#### HOLY SPIRIT CAMPUS YEAR IN REVIEW

Excitement was all around as the school year began at Holy Spirit. Altar servers and choir members were chosen and trained to serve on School Mass Days. Each week, students were taught about a saint in alphabetical order for A to Z Saints. Every class adopted a Seminarian where the class sent handmade cards and email messages for holidays and encouragement.

Students showed their school spirit in a big way during homecoming week- with thematic costumes, a photo contest, and entering the MCPS Homecoming Parade. As December approached, Archbishop Rodi invited the fourth grade to decorate the Christmas tree at the Chancery in Mobile. The entire student body created ornaments with the theme, "Message from an Angel." After decorating the tree, the children were treated to refreshments and a guided tour by Archbishop Rodi. Under the direction of Kate Gates, 187 students performed in the Christmas program called "All About That Baby." The program was a combination of contemporary and classic Christmas songs. In the spirit of giving, the students of Holy Spirit donated 2,283 cans to St. Vincent de Paul

and 93 Boxes of Joy to Cross Catholic Outreach. Fifty-four students participated in Jump Rope for Heart and collected \$4,551.00, the most the school has ever raised. Holy Spirit was honored to be visited by Archbishop Rodi in January. He said the Mass, visited classrooms, and talked to many students. In the spring, fifteen girls from grades 3-5 participated in Girls on the Run. The girls did interactive lessons and running games to build self-confidence and health. During the last week of school,



a Mexican Cultural Day was celebrated. Students learned about the history, customs, art, music, and Saints of Mexico. Teachers, students, and parents showed great enthusiasm for MCPS academic and extracurricular activities throughout the school year.

Nancy Foley, Principal

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

# Student Council Officers

Holy Spirit Campus Officers: President Mally Barranco Vice-President Jessica Hankins Secretary Keveen Ramirez Treasurer Matthew Russo Chaplain Harper Howell

St. Bede Campus Officers:
President Ariyn Gilbert
Vice-President Kaitlyn Ankersen
Secretary Joanna Marlow
Treasurer Ben Castanza
Chaplain Ethan Harbin

Duke Tips Qualifiers:

Lily Abbott, Frances Bach, Mally Barranco, Seth Bartels, Bernard Byrd, Megan Cabral, Lily Coulombe, Makayla Corbin, Henry Dickson, Jehle Dickson, Lila Ingram, Nate Izer, Sam Klemen, Logan Marshall, Jamie McGuire, Anya Montelara-Demick, Nick Montelara-Demick, Tice Moore, Ben Nguyen, Ryan Parker, Sonya Povilus, Peter Riello, Frances Ann Rogers, Anna Russo, Matt Russo, Maria Schwarz, Brandt Springer, Bella Triplett, Katie Turner, Evie Veres, Heather Walski, Ivory Williams, Matthew Willis, **Emily Yelnicker** 

Spelling Bee Winners: Holy Spirit Campus fifth grade student, **Ben Chitlik**, was the winner of the Holy Spirit Spelling Bee and **Jaja Gancayco** was first runner up.

St. Bede Campus Spelling Bee Winner was fifth grade student, **Ivory Williams** and **Nick Montelara** was first runner up.

**Science Olympiad** University of West Alabama Competition – Placed second overall.

**Science Olympiad** Auburn University Competition – Placed fourth over-all.

Team Members:

Lily Abbott, Carter Anderson, Kaitlyn Ankersen, Ben Castanza, Ella Castanza, Ben Chitlik, Lily



Coulombe, Makayla Corbin, Kamron Dean, Jehle Dickson, Karson Franklin, Jaja Gancayco, Ariyn Gilbert, Ethan Harbin, Josh Hildebrand, Harper Howell, Lila Ingram, Isabella Kelley, Zharria Mack, Anya Montelara, Nick Montelara, Tice Moore, Andrew Noell, Abby O'Donnell, Ally Park, Kathryn Reardon, Joseph Reeves, Harrison Rogers, Michael Sasser, Brandt Springer, Owen Thompson, Katie Turner, Peter Walski, Matthew Willis

# Accelerated Reader Awards

Hoy Spirit Campus Top Reader: **Ben Chitlik** 

St. Bede Campus Top Reader: **Sarah Souriya** 

Top two readers in each homeroom:

Holy Spirit Campus

First Grade: **Julia Taylo**r and **Riley Hudson** 

Second Grade: **Carlos Medina** and **Frankie Hayner** 

Third Grade: **Patrick Sikes** and **Cara Barranco** 

Fourth Grade: **Anna Rose Schwarz** and **Molly Turner** 

Fifth Grade: **Ben Chitlik** and **Maria Schwarz** 

Sixth Grade: **Megan Cabral** and **Ryan Parker** 

St. Bede Campus

First Grade: **Cate Noell** and **Kourtney Nguyen** 

Second Grade: **Thomas Castanza** and **Cameron Chappelle** 

Third Grade: Mary Hardwick and Frances Bach

Fourth Grade: **Ethan Harbin** and **Anya Montelara** 

Fifth Grade: Ivory Williams and Andrew Noell

Sixth Grade: **Sarah Souriya** and **Ayden Hodge** 

AUM Confucius Institute Chinese New Year Art Awards: **Matt Russo** (5th), **Anna Russo** (4th) and **Maria Schwarz** (5th).



# MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL NEWS 2017-18

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

Montgomery Catholic has seen tremendous growth in the past few years, and 2017-18 was no exception. Breaking ground on the athletic expansion and fine arts building was just the start of the excitement for the high school this year.

Success has come to our MCPS family in the classroom, on the playing field, and in a variety of extra-curriculars.

But aside from the many accomplishments this year at MCPS, there is one major accomplishment that cannot be ignored. Our faith is ALIVE! Over the past four year at MCPS, we have welcomed 4 faculty members and nearly a dozen students and recent alumni into the fullness of faith within the Catholic church. We have three graduates currently discerning a vocation to the priesthood in seminary, as well. #BuiltByCatholic is more than a capital campaign slogan!

At Montgomery Catholic, we are proud to be one of the most diverse learning environments in the city. Whether public, private, or even magnet, there is not a learning environment in any high school in Montgomery that so adequately reflects the best our society has to offer. Our population is diverse, learning styles vary, talents are numerous, athletic prowess impresses, and academic efforts exceed expectation. As a school built on faith, we are excited to celebrate this diversity. It is no easy task to design a school that can serve so many needs and meet these needs in meaningful ways. From athletics to the band program, robotics to science olympiad,



In addition to the second round football playoff berth, multiple cross country and track records and awards, and semi-final soccer success, MCPS

is full of a variety of champions. We are proud of graduating senior, Henry Petters, on being named a National Merit Award winner this year. Henry joins an impressive host of seniors that are taking their talents to nearly 30 colleges and universities with over \$5 million in scholarships. Our students in Cyber Patriots were recognized at the national level this year, and our VEX robotics teams from the middle and high school team competed at the highest level in the state. The marching band continues to rate Superior in all categories at state competitions and more than 20 members were selected for all-state honors and recognition this year. Saying our talents are merely diverse is an understatement!

Finally, our school continues to grow as part of a greater community. We continued our Encounter program for the second year as all our students spent time at the Children's Center of Montgomery working with students with severe mental and physical disabilities. This has become one of the best parts of the week as we get to bring Christ to these children, but ultimately we find that we encounter Him in the spirits of these young students. To be #BuiltByCatholic, we must have a firm foundation. I am eternally grateful that Montgomery Catholic can provide just that for our students. From this

foundation, we will watch each of God's children grow to be the best versions of themselves as they live the gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Life through the eyes of a middle schooler is never dull! These 7th and 8th graders are no longer in elementary school and get to enjoy the slow progression forward to high school. The 2017-18 school year was another year for excitement, opportunity, and growth.

Each September our 7th graders spend a couple days at YMCA Camp Chandler. This is a time of getting to know one another as well as enjoy the best of the great outdoors. I learned a lot about myself, too, during this retreat experience - there is an age limit to the banana boat! In addition to Blobbing and Paddle Boarding, our knights are able to take on the climbing wall, the GaGa Pit, and enjoy time around the campfire. Our faculty enjoy getting to see the campers outside the classroom, too. This is a great way to start the seemingly scary experience of middle school. Class changes, lockers, free time on break, multiple teachers, and the simple proximity of the middle school to the high school can be a little intimidating. I am proud of the 7th graders for

taking on this challenge as well as the continued challenge of the academic rigor of Montgomery Catholic.

Eighth graders seem to think that they are years older than their 7th grade counterparts. Just a year older, these 8th graders are ready for high school. We send them off for job shadowing and some seem ready to just sign up for adulthood! One of the best traditions of the 8th grade is the annual trip to Washington, D.C. Exploring the nation's capital and the celebrating Mass at

the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is a great way to cap off two years in middle school.

**Justin Castanza** Principal





# **Two Montgomery Catholic Students Receive National Flight Academy Scholarship**

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is proud to announce that two students have received scholarships from The Gathering of the Eagles Foundation for their interest in science, math and technology!

Senior Lizzie Londell and eighth grade student **Cody Harris**, two of just 25 students in Montgomery who received scholarships on January 10 from the GOE-Foundation, and the National Flight Academy at Montgomery's City Hall.

The Gathering of Eagles Foundation is a private, non-profit organization that aims to preserve the United State Air Force's legacy through the celebration of 70 years of Airpower. The GOE Foundation exists to provide financial support to enhance Air Command and Staff College's Gathering of Eagles program, an annual educational event geared to allow the ACSC student body to learn



from and honor men and women who have made significant contributions to air, space and cyberspace power. For over 30 years, Eagles have shared their stories with ACSC in an effort to inspire today's military leaders to achieve greatness in support of their country.

Londell and Harris were selected to attend a "cruise" at the National Flight Academy in Pensecola, Florida. February 17-19. The scholarship includes tuition, lodging, food, and transportation. Students are chosen from a pool of essay applicants from around the Montgomery area.

The experience will include three days of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) focused education and fun. Both Londell and Harris will attend the "Codebreakers" program.

Lizzie is the daughter of **Iwona** and Scott Londell of Wetumpka. Cody is the son of Jo Ann Harris of Montgomery.



# Middle School RoboKnights get "In the Zone"

The 2017-2018 RoboKnights robotics club saw growth in both size and accomplishments. We had 5 teams comprised of 3-4 students from middle and high school. They met after school 2 to 3 days each week to design, build, and test their robots. The challenge this year was "In the Zone" a game designed to test the skills of our 5 robot-building teams. Each robot had to be able to stack and transport cones to designated areas on the playing field in order to acquire points. The teams competed in 6 tournaments, from White Plains to Enterprise, including 2 tournaments hosted at Montgomery Catholic. 4 out of the 5 RoboKnights robots placed highly enough to qualify for the state tournament, which was held in March in Gadsden. One of our teams made it through to the semifinal round.

We're looking forward to our next game, "Turning Point" and are welcoming any new members who would like to join the 2018-2019 RoboKnights team.

The 2017-2018 RoboKnights roster included Aidan Cochran, Arthur Murray, Hunter Vaccaro, Emily Claire Talbot, Erica Blackburn, Chris Lathram, Catherine Aaron, Brandon Hinkley, Josie Smith, Preston Holk, Kaylee Holmes, Cacey Williams, Jake Talbot, Andres Lemuz and Henry Holzimmer. Sponsors are Vicki Petters and Rob Russell.

Vicki Petters, Middle School Science



SGA Officers: 2017-2018 SGA Officers: President - Gibson Souriya, Vice President - **Grant Eady**, Secretary/ Treasurer - Angeles Gonzalez-Ansaldi, Chaplain - Zach Izer.







Class representatives include:

**Christopher Lathram, Will Driver, Trey Holmes, Michael Jones, Thomas Giere, Kaylee Holmes, Cameron** Beauchamp, Josie Smith, Ailish Gilbert, Laura Thomas Zhavania, Amy **Treloar, John Smith** 

Knight Ambassadors: Canon Bach, Josie Smith, Grant Eady, Sadie Bartels, Angeles Gonzalez-Ansaldi, **Cecelia Crawford,** (back from left to right) Samantha Day, Alex Wieser, Patrick Ryan, Christopher Lathram, Amy Treloar.

#### Duke TIP:

7th Grade Qualifiers: Kayleigh Everage, Kaylee Holmes, Preston Holk, Harrison Howell, Matthew Galvin, Lena Duncan, Cas Wilson, Kean **Cullen, Michael Galvin, Danielle** 



Willcox, Audrey Trant, Esa Gancayco, **Andrew Bosch, Thomas Giere, Canon** Bach, Cade Corbin, Michael Algarin, Laura Thomas Zhvania.

Duke Talent Search Grand Recognition: **Cade Corbin** 

Duke Talent Search State Recognition: Michael Algarin, Andrew Bosch, Cade Corbin, Matthew Galvin and Thomas Giere.

Qualified for Academy for Summer Studies: Michael Galvin and **Andrew Bosch** 

Qualified for Center for Summer Studies: Michael Algarin, Cade Corbin, and **Matthew Galvin** 

Band: Middle School band members selected for Troy University's 2017 Middle School Southeastern United States Honor Band: Cade Corbin, Cecelia Crawford, Lena Duncan, Angeles Gonzalez, Kaylee Holmes, **Jackson Ingalls, Josie Smith, Audrey** Trant, Amy Treloar and Hart Yost.

YMCA's Junior Youth Legislature: Outstanding delegates from Catholic: Julienne Pharrams, Zach Izer, **Catherine Aaron, Angeles Gonzalez** Ansaldi, Max Barranco, and Aniya Lowery.

2018 officers elected were **Julienne** Pharrams as Pro Tem, Titus Franklin elected Floor Leader, Grant Eady elected Clerk, and Zach Izer as Chaplain.

# Math, Science, Technology

MathCounts. 2nd in our region, qualified for MathCounts State Competition

The National Math Club: Achieved Silver Level Status

AMP'd, Auburn Mathematical Puzzling Challenge - Participated

Gathering of the Eagles National Flight Academy Scholarship Recipient: **Cody Harris** 

CyberPatriots Team Qualified for Middle School Divison Semifinals: Team members were Cody Harris, Preston Holk and Cas Wilson

**Robotics: Middle School Robotics** Qualified for State

#### HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

#### Honors

National Merit Finalist - Henry Petters

2017 Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars

AP Scholars: Chris Dejesus '18 and **Michael Barber '17** 

AP Scholar with Honor: Adam Bristol '17 and Seoul Hong '17

AP Scholar with Distinction:

Audrey Kim '17

2018 Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars

AP Scholar: Johnny An '18, Lauren Beverly '18, Sophia Boyd '18, **Trinity Carter '18, Chris DeJesus** '18, Annabel Starrett '18, and **Emily Claire Talbot '19** 

AP Scholar with Honor:

Reagan Herbek '19

AP Scholar with Distinction: Chioe Newell '18 and **Henry Petters '18** 

The Loretto Chapter of National Honor Society: Senior members - Johnny An, James Avery, Aimee Azar, Carrie Belsterling, Lauren Beverly, Sophie Boyd, Amanda Brouillard, Alex **Brockmann, Trinity Carter, Jessie** Clark, Luke Craig, Katie Fischer, Nicole Foronda, Peter Garland, Hannaley Haigler, Ryne Herbek, Briana Hollinger, Ryan Janson, Hannah Kate Magee, Garrett McGinn, Jenni Morgan, Kamryn Morris, Colin Neal, Chloe Newell, Anna Nutting, Henry Petters, Kyriacos Philippou, Paige Rentfro, Annabel Starrett, Matthew Taylor, Aleigha Walden, **Angela Wheat, Chalsea Williams** 

Junior Inductees: Mitch Aaron, Annie Bach, Anna Catherine Barranco, Isabelle Cochran, Austin Collett, Jacob Flowers, Christian Friday, Nico Gacha, Katie Galvin, Emma Gandy, Jonah Gier, Reagan Herbek, Tate Holifield, Jacob Holston, Caroline Justice, Zy'Keria King, Zac Kroeger, **Grace Leslie, Maddie Losik, Kathleen** Madden, Thomas McLaughlin, Claire Mills, Zoe Rutland, Chloe Smith, Virginia Speirs, Sydney Sprowl, Emily **Claire Talbot, Melody Taylor, Amaris** Tyynismaa, Grant Walker

Ricky Treloar received the "Don't Wait to Reach Your Potential" scholarship from Potential Magazine.

## Leadership

SGA Officers: 2017-2018 Montgomery Catholic SGA Executive Officers: senior Anna Nutting - Secretary, senior Paige Rentfro - President; senior Jessie Clark - Vice President.

Class representatives include: freshmen, **Emma Garrison, Gracie Barranco** and Rachel Rodriguez. sophomores, Kinley Taddlock, Anna Sadie, and **Alexis Weber**; juniors, **Anna Catherine** Barranco, Zoe Rutland, and Annamary Gilbert; seniors, Chloe Newell, Hannah Kate Magee and Lauren Beverly. The SGA sponsor is **Mrs. Elizabeth Harbin**.

Alabama Governor's School: Chloe Newell '18 attended Summer of 2017, Isabelle Cochran '19 attended Summer 2018.

YMCA Youth Legislature Conference: Sophomores Jack Burt and Anna Sadie served as Committee Chairs. Anna Sadie and Michael Russo were chosen as alternates to the Youth Conference on National Affairs this summer.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference Attendees: Chris Valencia and Sophie Izer

Boys and Girls State: Austin Collett and **Melody Taylor** 

#### Arts

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Teen Volunteer of the Year -**Maria Barragan** 

All-State SATB Choir -**Marcelo Villena** 

Alabama National Fair Art Award Winners - Emma Garrison 1st and 2nd, Chloe Newell 2nd, and Samantha Zanglin -Honorable mention.

# Math, Science, Technology

Gathering of the Eagles National Flight Academy Scholarship Recipient: Lizze Londell

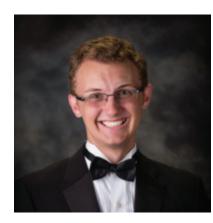
Science Olympiad: 3rd Place Regional Competition; Qualified for State Competition

**CyberPatriots**: Semi finals 1st place in their State round of competition and will also receive a State award for 1st place in Alabama in the Silver Tier of the competition.

**Robotics:** VEX Robotics State Competition: Two Teams placed 3rd and 8th.

A total of five Tournament Championship trophies for the 2017-2018 year.

Mu Alpha Theta Inductees: Virgina **Speirs, Annie Bach, Emily Claire Talbot, Austin Collett, Isabelle** Cochran, Reagan Herbeck, Mitch Aaron, Jacob Flowers, Katie **Galvin, Zoe Rutland, Kathleen** Madden, Melody Taylor, Emma Gandy, Christian Friday.



# **Catholic Senior Henry Petters Named National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist**

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is proud to announce Henry Petters as a National Merit Scholarship® Finalist. Henry is one of over 15,000 scholastically talented high school seniors to have an opportunity to continue in the competition for thousands of Merit Scholarship® awards, worth millions of dollars.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, students must fulfill several requirements and about one-half of the Finalists are selected as Merit Scholarship winners, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

As a finalist, Henry has maintained outstanding academic records throughout his high school years, has been endorsed and recommended by his school principal, and has earned SAT scores that confirm his qualifying test performance.

Henry also had to submit a detailed scholarship application, including a self-descriptive essay and information regarding his participation and leadership in both school and community activities. Petters is currently a member of the Loretto Chapter of the National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Mu Alpha Theta, Concert Band and Marching Band Drum Major. Henry is the son of **Brian and** Vicki Petters of Montgomery.

# A New Knight Era: Year 3

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. Athletic Director



# Cross Country

Girls' Cross Country Team AHSAA Sectional Champs

> Girls' Cross Country Team AHSAA Class 4A State Runner Up

- Boys' Cross Country Team 2nd Place AHSAA Sectionals
- Boys' Cross Country Team AHSAA Class 4A State Runner Up
- AHSAA All-Star Runners: Amaris Tyynismaa and Isabelle Cochran

All-Metro Isabelle Cochran, Katie Galvin, Grace Leslie, Manny Caceres, Hollis Johnson, and Grant Walker.

Amaris Tyynismaa, All-Metro Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year, Gatorade Cross Country Alabama Girls Runner of the Year, AHSAA fourth straight state title.

## Indoor Track & Field

Amaris Tyynismma - Fastest Female Runner in the 3200m and 1600m in the United States, Al.com's track Athlete of the Year

#### Outdoor Track & Field

Ed Wright named 2017 State of Alabama Girls' High School Track & Field Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

Amaris Tyynismaa All-Metro Track & Field - Athlete of the Year.

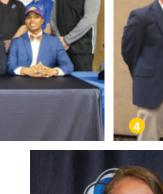
All-Metro: Isabelle Cochran, **Zac Kroeger** 

#### Golf

- All Metro Player of the Year Grant Smith
- 3 All-Metro Honorable Mention Abbygayle Stacey







#### Football

Tyler Price Montgomery Quarter Back Club Private School Player of the Week for his performance October 6 against Dale County. Named one of the Montgomery Advertiser's top 10 players to watch.

William Hooper Montgomery Quarter Back Club Private School Player of the Week - October 20 vs. Bullock County. Invited to AHSAA All Star Week.

AHSAA 4A Region 2 Champions

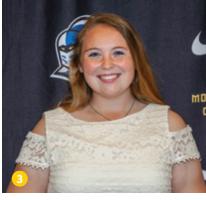
Coach Aubrey Blackwell named Montgomery Quarter Back Club Coach of the Year, Alabama Football Coaches Association 4A Coach of the Year, AHSAA All Star Game Head Coach for the South! **GO Knights!** 

Coach Kirk Johnson named the Montgomery Advertiser-Beasley Allen Law Firm Community Hero, April 2018

All-Metro: First Team - Tyler Price, Kyriacos Philippou, CJ Pearson, Charlie Ryan and Honorable Mentions - Hunter Ferrall, William Hooper and Kamryn Jackson.

ASWA All-State: CJ Person and Honorable Mention Luke Craig.

All CCC: First Team - Kamryn Jackson, CJ Person, Charlie Ryan, Parker Dennis, Greg Ellis and Honorable Mention - BJ Barker, Luke Craig, Cole Faucheux, Hunter Ferrall, William Hooper, CJ Owens and Tyler Price.



## Volleyball

Ansley Dean voted al.com South Alabama Volleyball player of the week, September 29, 2017, and named Sports Blitz Player of the week October 4.

All-Metro Honorable Mention:

All CCC Honorable Mention: **Ansley Dean** 

## Basketball

Girls Basketball CCC Tournament Champions, Jessie Clark All Tournament Team and Aleigha Walden named MVP.

Jessie Clark - Achieved 1,000 Career Points, All-Metro 2nd Team

Aleigha Walden - Sets New School Record for Assists, All Metro 2nd Team

Boys Basketball Area Champions.

**BJ Barker** -Achieved 1,000 Career Points and 4A All-State Honorable Mention

All-Metro: BJ Barker and Honorable Mention Garrett Cook









Jason Flowers Qualified for the State Meet. All-Metro Honorable Mention.

### Baseball

Stevie Price received the FCA Jason Armstrong Baseball Leadership Award.

All-Metro Honorable Mention: **Christian Ivey** 

#### Soccer

All-State Soccer: Jonathan Doan

All-Metro Coach of the Year: **Hunter Wolfe** 

All-Metro Player of the Year:

**Thomas McLaughlin** 

All-Metro: Bethany White, Jonathan Doan, Peter Garland, and Michael Russo and Honorable Mentions Claire Mills, Lauren Beverly, Daniel Reeves, and Kolbe Russo

AHSAA All-Star Week: Claire Mills

**Boys Varsity Team** Area Champs for the third consecutive year.

**Boys Varsity Soccer** made it to the final 8 in State Playoffs.

Girls Varsity Soccer Area Runner-Up. Played in the first round of State Playoffs.



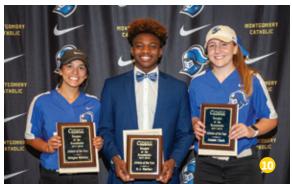














## Softball

Area Runners Up

All Metro: Aleigha Walden and Honorable Mentions Alanna Aiken and McKenzie Norton.

#### *Iennis*

**Grayson Howell AHSAA Place** 4th in State and All-Metro Honorable Mention.

# Athletic Scholarships

8 Aleigha Walden - Softball at William Carey University

Parker Dennis - Football at Austin Peay University

Tyler Price - Football for the University of North Alabama

Gregory Ellis, Jr. - Football at Georgia Military College

Charlie Ryan - Football at Georgia Military College

BJ Barker - Basketball at the University of Montevallo

Jonathan Doan - Soccer at Faulkner University

Kyriacos Philippou - Soccer at Faulkner University

Kate Magee - Track at Middle Georgia State University

Landon Pritchett - Baseball at LBW Community College

Ryan Janson - Cross Country at the University of Montevallo

• Jimmy Hitchcock Nominees:

Carrie Belsterling, Jessie Clark, Paige Rentfro, Aleigha Walden

1 Jimmy Hitchcock Freshmen Nominees:

Chole Walden, DJ Carter and Nona Johnson, Hollis Johnson

Knights of the Round Table -Montgomery Catholic High School Athletes of the Year

🐽 Aleigha Walden, BJ Barker and **Jessie Clark** 

Tim Turner Award Winners -Montgomery Catholic Middle School Athletes of the Year

🕕 Ethan Binns and 拉 Ella Newell

# MARCHING KNIGHTS

The 2017-18 school year has been another great year for the MCPS Band Program. In the Fall, the Marching Knights competed at the Southeastern States Marching Band Festival at Troy University where we received the highest overall scores of any band in the competition. The Marching Knights also competed at the Beauregard Marching Invitational, where the Band was named "Best-in-Class" for the first time in school history. Drum Major Henry Petters also earned a Best-in-Class Drum Major title at these events. We performed again at the annual 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 middle school and high school ensembles to perform at the annual Alabama Bandmasters Music Performance Assessment. The Middle School Band excelled on their performances, and the high school Concert Band earned Superior ratings and high praise from the judging panel while playing from the state level 'A' repertoire list, another first in school history. The Band had a record twenty students who earned a spot in the District Honor Band and seven outstanding students selected for the Alabama All-State Bands this year, with a record six students competing in the illustrious Alabama All-State Solo Festival. At the end of the year, the entire 5-12 Band program travelled 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 2018-19!

Alex Johnson, Band Director

#### **ELEMENTARY BAND**

The MCPS Elementary Bands have had an exciting year in 2017-2018! We started the year with great momentum and spirit with over 40 members comprising the fifth and sixth grade beginning bands. This year, we were blessed to be able to use the brand new percussion equipment we purchased with the money donated from PICE and the PTC. This new equipment allowed our percussion students to learn even more than ever before and allowed the bands to play even more challenging music! 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  $\operatorname{Six}$ Flags over Georgia. Going into next year, we are excited to add even more to the band curriculum! We look forward to seeing current members and new faces in 2018-2019!

**Kristine Johnson**, Assistant Band Director

# Marching Band Honors

The **Marching Knights** competed at the Southeastern States Marching Band Festival in Troy, Alabama, and at the Beauregard Marching Invitational, in Beauregard, Alabama, in October. The Band received straight Superior ratings in all captions at both contests, the highest overall music score in Troy, Best-in-Class 1A and in Beauregard, and Henry Petters was named Best-in-Class and Best-in-Division Drum Major in Beauregard.

Individual Honors/Honor Bands

Troy University Southeastern United States Middle School Honor Band -December 2017

Hart Yost, Angeles Gonzalez, Cecelia **Crawford, Kaylee Holmes, Audrey** Trant, Josie Smith, Cade Corbin, Amy Treloar, Lena Duncan, Jackson Ingalis

Troy University Southeastern United High School Honor Band - February 2018 **Daniel Gacha, Ashley Hayes, Jackson** Penso, Molly Nicklay, Jasmine Blakeney, Victoria Hall, Mai Ellington, Savannah Johnson, Ricky Treloar

Univeristy of Alabama Honor Band -February 2018

**Bobby Crawford, Ricky Treloar** 

Auburn University Middle School Honor Band - February 2018

**Angeles Gonzalez, Shawn Sponsler** 

Auburn University High School Honor Band - February 2018

Molly Nicklay, Ashley Hayes, **Bobby Crawford** 

Huntingdon College Honor Band -February 2018

**Ashley Hayes** 

Samford University Honor Band -March 2018

**Bobby Crawford** 

University of Montevallo Honor Band -March 2018

Victoria Hall, Daniel Gacha, Bobby Crawford, Hannah Vaccaro, Mai Ellington, Jackson Penso

Montgomery Youth Symphony Orchestra - Year Round

Victoria Hall, Henry Petters, Bobby Crawford, Hannah Vaccaro

Alabama All-State Orchestra -February 2017

**Henry Petters** 

MCPS All-State Honor Band members: Victoria Hall\* (Red Band), Ashley Hayes\* (Red Band), Bobby Crawford\* (Red Band), Jackson Penso\* (White Band), Henry Petters\* (White Band), Hannah Vaccaro (Blue Band), and Ricky Treloar\* (Blue Band).

\*- Participated in All-State Solo Festival.

MCPS District Honor Band members: Hart Yost, Cecelia Crawford, Danielle Willcox, Angeles Gonzalez, Shawn Sponsler, Brandon Hinkley, Cade Corbin, Ashley Hayes, Chloe Smith, Henry Petters, Victoria Hall, Hannah Vaccaro, Angela Gier, Mai Ellington, Jackson Penso, Ricky Treloar, Bobby Crawford, Chris Waring, Jonathan

**Concert Band Honors** 

**Guevara, Nick Bowden** 

The Middle School 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 Middle School Band received an overall Superior Rating and the Concert Band received an overall Superior rating while playing from the state-approved level 'A' music repertoire list.



# Faculty News 2017-2018

**Tina Rutland** celebrated 20 years of service to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School this year and was honored by Ms. Gwen Byrd, Superintendent of Catholic Schools. Tina teaches first grade at our St. Bede campus.

1 Sara and Joe Wilson welcomed their daughter Claire Elise on October 31, 2017. Sara is our K5 teacher at St. Bede, and Joe is part of our High School Theology Department.

Lauren and Dennis Hoyer are proud to welcome baby Gianna to the world. She arrived on Monday, March 12, 2018, weighing in at 7 pounds 9 ounces and 20.5 inches long. Lauren joined the High School theology department in the fall of 2017.

2 Bethany Wall Wertz, a member of the High School theology department, was married on January 6, 2018, to Peter Wertz in Lancaster, PA. Development Director Anna Lee Ingalls retired from Montgomery
Catholic in May 2018 after 7 years of beautiful work for the mission of our school. She welcomed her 4th grandchild, Mary Grace Lewis on April 13, 2018, in New Orleans, Louisiana. After retiring, Anna Lee headed to NOLA to offer her daughter Courtney's family a helping hand for the summer. A joy for her to spend the summer with her four grands! We look forward to seeing Anna Lee back in Montgomery in the Fall.

Central Office Administrative Assistant **Bonnie McClure** and her husband **Bobby** welcomed 2 new grand-daughters this, August Rose and Nora Frances.

Holy Spirit Campus first grade teacher **Emily Cutts** and her husband **Brandon** welcomed their first child, Cooper Riley on April 18, 2018.

**Adam Osborn,** new to our High School English department, married Montgomery Catholic alumna **Joanne Spotswood '13** over Christmas break.

#### Retirements:

- 3 Anna Lee Ingalls Development Director 7 years of Service.
- 5 **Kim Jackson** Business Manager 5 years of Service.

We thank both Anna Lee and Kim for their dedication and the expertise they each brought to our Central Office. Montgomery Catholic has been blessed

by your presence and will be forever grateful for your service and love of our school.











# Montgomery Catholic Teacher Mindy Walski Selected to Participate in Advanced Placement Program Reading

A teacher from Montgomery Catholic was selected to lead a team of scorers for Advanced Placement (AP) tests by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). **Mindy Walski**, a teacher at the Montgomery Catholic High School campus, has worked as an AP Reader for ETS since 2017 and was selected to be a Scoring Leader for the AP Computer Science Principles exam this year.

Mrs. Walski traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, in June and supervised a team of 8 readers to ensure that tests were scored quickly and that all scores were consistent with the rigorous scoring rubric. The AP Computer Science Principles exam consists of performance tasks that students complete throughout the academic year and an end-of-course exam. The Readers are responsible for evaluating the performance tasks which students can create in a variety of formats, ranging from programming languages like C++ and Java to appdevelopment platforms like Snap! and Firebase. Many colleges and universities accept high AP test scores as college credit and often enable students to place into higher-level classes in that field of study.

Mrs. Walski has worked at Montgomery Catholic since 2012. In addition to being the Media Specialist, she teaches AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles, and Honors Statistics. She is also the coach for the CyberPatriot team. Montgomery Catholic is extremely proud to have great educators like Mrs. Walski on our faculty.

The College Board released the following press release to announce Mrs. Walski's participation in AP test scoring:



NEW YORK – Mindy Walski was selected to participate in the College Board's Annual AP Reading in Computer Science Principles. Each June, AP teachers and college faculty members from around the world gather in the United States to evaluate and score the free-response sections of the AP Exams.

AP Readers are high school and college educators who represent many of the world's leading academic institutions. The AP Reading is a unique forum in which an academic dialogue between educators is both fostered and encouraged. "The Reading draws upon the talents of some of the finest teachers and professors that the world has to offer," said Trevor Packer, Senior Vice President, AP and Instruction at the College Board. "It fosters professionalism, allows for the exchange of ideas, and strengthens the commitment to students and to teaching. We are very grateful for the contributions of talented educators like Mindy Walski."

The Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) enables willing and academically prepared students to pursue college-level studies – with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement or both - while still in high school. Through AP courses in 38 subjects, each culminating in a rigorous exam, students learn to analyze complex problems, construct solid arguments, and see many sides of an issue – skills that prepare them for college and beyond. Research indicates that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically experience greater academic success in college and are more likely to earn a college degree than non-AP students.

# Montgomery Catholic Names Michael Curry As Head Basketball Coach

Montgomery Catholic is proud to announce **Michael Curry** as the new Head Coach for Varsity Boys Basketball. "We are thrilled to welcome Coach Curry to our Montgomery Catholic family," said Anne Ceasar, President of Montgomery Catholic. "He brings a wealth of experience to our basketball program, and we know that he will continue its momentum. We look forward to our new coach being in our new gym!"

Coach Curry was equally enthusiastic about joining the coaching staff. "I am so excited to be joining the Montgomery Catholic family. This is truly an honor and I look forward to building on the strong foundation that has been laid in this program. I would like to thank Mrs. Ceasar, Principal Castanza, and AD Veres for giving me this opportunity to lead the boys' basketball program here at Montgomery Catholic."

Curry comes to Catholic with a long history of high school and collegiate basketball coaching. He spent the past 5 seasons with the Alabama State University Hornets as an assistant men's basketball coach. Prior to this, he served as an assistant coach for seven seasons at Troy University where he was instrumental in bringing home the Trojans' first-ever Sun Belt regular season title in 2010.

In 2002, Curry started his college coaching career at Okaloosa-Walton after four seasons as head basketball coach at Robert E. Lee High School in Montgomery. Six of his high school players received college basketball scholarships and one was named Metro Montgomery 6A player of the year.



"We are so excited to welcome Coach Curry to our Montgomery Catholic family," said Athletic Director Daniel Veres. "We took some time to ensure we had the right fit for our program, and we believe Mike is the perfect fit. Personally, I'm excited for all of the student athletes to meet him. I believe they will be blown away by who he is as a coach and by how well he will connect with them as a mentor and leader."

Born into an Air Force family, Curry and his four siblings moved all over the world before settling in Selma, Alabama, where his father, CMsgt. Thomas Curry, taught RCIA classes at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Selma following his retirement. A 1989 Selma High School graduate, Curry played basketball and ran track. As a senior, he was voted Most Valuable Player and finished third in the state high jump. He played basketball at Chattahoochee Valley Community College and at Georgia Southwestern College before earning a Bachelor of Science in physical education from Alabama State University in 1996.

Montgomery Catholic is looking forward to the upcoming season with Coach Curry and the new facility that will house his teams. Construction is ongoing for a 31,000 square foot gymnasium with stadium seating and capacity for 800. The gym will have two regulation basketball courts, a weight room, concession area, offices, locker rooms, and conference rooms. The new gym is projected to open in 2019.



# Once A Knight Always A Knight

We are excited to share our Alumni news from the 2017-2018 year! The spirit of our school is what it is because of the students that have been here and continue to support the mission the Sisters of Loretto began 145 years ago. Keep sharing with us and remember #OnceaKnightAlwaysaKnight! Come see us!

## ALUMNI NEWS

#### **Class of 1957**



Alice Jo Gorman Hendrix has made her way back home, she recently moved back to Wetumpka

from Gulf Shores, Alabama. Welcome Home Alice Jo!

#### Class of 1984

**Father Patrick Driscoll** was named Pastor of St. Dominic parish in Mobile in June.

#### **Class of 1989**

Edward Raymond Pike, father of Kristine Pike '89 Sizemore and Melanie Pike '92 Nichols passed away on April 3, 2018. Their mother, Claudia Pike, was a cheer sponsor when Melanie cheered at Catholic.

**Allison Irwin Rumore** and her husband **Charles**, welcomed their tenth child on May 31, 2018, a healthy baby boy, John Mark weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz.

#### **Class of 1991**

**Emily Coody Marks** was nominated by President Trump as District Judge on the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama on September 7, 2017.

## **Class of 1992**



Michael A. Vercher In September 2017, Christian & Small announced that the Alabama State Bar Board of Bar

Commissioners recently approved Partner Michael A. Vercher as an Alabama delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates. Vercher is one of 10 Alabama delegates representing the state in the policymaking body charged with the control and administration of the American Bar Association. The American Bar Association is one of the world's largest voluntary professional organizations, with over 400,000 members and more than 3,500 entities.

#### **Class of 1993**



Luke Barwick is a 20 year resident of Covington, LA. He has been a junior religion teacher, ninth-grade basketball coach and head golf coach

at St. Paul's High School for the past 17 years.

**Valerie Downes** spent the summer with her family on the Transamerica Bike Route. She began the 4223 mile journey on June 6 in Oregan. Her husband Ben and two children crossed country with her in the family van, exploring national parks, local events in towns nearby and visiting with friends along the way.

#### **Class of 1994**



Anne Platt Dye married Thomas Franklin Dye, Jr at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Taylors, SC on February 10, 2018. Montgomery

Catholic classmate **Deanna Lawley** joined Anne as part of her wedding party.

## **Class of 1995**

**Nancy Wall Hewston**, and her husband **Bob**, welcomed their second son, George Wynn Hewston on November 30, 2017. He joins big brother Will.

# Class of 1998

**Daniel Hayden** and his wife **Lacey** welcomed a son. Samuel Hawkins was born on February 17, 2018. They currently call Dunwoody, Georgia home.

**Jimbo Tolbert** was named the varsity boys' basketball coach at Spanish Fort High School in the spring. He and his wife Jennifer live in Mobile with their two children.

#### **Class of 1999**

**Sam Castanza** was named a City of Montgomery Fire Chief this summer. He and **Danielle** live in Pike Road with their five children, Ella, Ben, Thomas, Phillip, and Conner.

#### **Class OF 2001**



David '01 and
Emily (Pickett '05)
Schroll announce
the birth of their
daughter, Margaret
James Schroll on
December 5, 2018.

#### **Class of 2002**

Laurel Crawford began a new job in October 2017 as the new Executive Director of the Montgomery County Bar Foundation Volunteer Lawyer's Program. It is a non-profit that provides free civil legal services to low incomes citizens of Montgomery, Alabama.

# **Donald and Marianne Hayden** were blessed with the birth of their daughter

on July 11, 2018. They call Brookhaven, Georgia, home.

**Richard Wilt** is Auburn University's Athletics turf and grounds manager. He is also a member of the elite team that is the Super Bowl grounds crew.

#### Class of 2003

**Allison Tucker Barberio** and her husband **Michael** welcomed their daughter Anna Claire on January 24, 2018. They currently reside in Aurora, Colorado.



**Josh and Brittany McClure Bradley** welcomed their third daughter Nora Frances on July 12, 2018. Nora joins

sisters Ella and Kate.

#### Clint and Liz Barranco Whitaker

welcomed their third child, James Lucas Whitaker on September 14, 2017. Big sisters, Mary Carolyn (5) and Ava (3) are beyond excited!

## Class of 2004

Maria Franco Braswell was named the 2017-2018 teacher of the year at Teasley Elementary School in Cobb County, Georgia. Congratulations Maria!

# Class of 2005



**Emily Harris** married **Patrick Norris** on January 13, 2018. They reside in Atlanta, GA.

#### Class of 2006

Mary (Barranco) and Ashley Thaggard 2005 announced the birth of their twins on November 6, 2017. Ethan James Thaggard weighed 4 pounds and 6 ounces. Emma Kate Thaggard weighed 3 lbs. and 14 oz.

#### **Class of 2007**

**Roman Tubner** was named Assistant Coach for Indiana State University's Sycamore Women's Basketball team in April.



**Bob Weber** married **Rebekah Paynter** on June 8, 2018. They reside in Ohio.

**Abby Beesley** is a PE teacher at Flowers elementary school in Montgomery.



Father Thomas Herge was ordained to the priesthood at St. Paul the Apostle in Westerville, Ohio on May 26, 2018. Capt. Erin Plate came from Ramstein AFB in Germany. Seminarian Thomas Lapointe came from St. Meinrad seminary in Indiana. Father Patrick Driscoll '84 gave the homily at Father Thomas's first mass at St. Joan of Arc in Powell,Ohio. Also attending were current and former MCPS faculty Dr. Herge and Mr. Tom Riello.

Pictured: **Erin Plate**, a captain in the Air Force stationed in Germany, **Father Thomas Herge '07** and now a priest of Jesus Christ for the Diocese of Columbus, **Father Patrick Driscoll '84**, and **Thomas Lapointe '07** and currently a seminarian for our diocese.

**Emily Younker Cutts** and her husband **Brandon welcomed their first child,** Cooper Riely on April 18, 2018.



# Dottie Dean Memorial Alumni Association Scholarship

Established in 2015, the **Dottie Dean Memorial** Scholarship is given by the Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association with the goal of promoting activities which further the mission of MCPS. The association believes strongly that by rewarding individual students who go above and beyond their normal responsibilities, all students' service to the school will be stimulated and will continue as alumni. The Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association awarded a \$500.00 scholarship to Anna Nutting ('18), a deserving member of the class of 2018 because of her leadership and service to the school. Past recipients include: Paige Barranco ('15), Kathleen Beesley ('16) and Trey Downes ('17).

# ALUMNI NEWS

#### Class of 2008

Michael and Racheal Castanza Stewart welcomed their second daughter Annie Butler to the world on May 7, 2018. She was 19.5" long and weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz.

#### **Class of 2009**

Cater and Carrie (Tucker) Elliott announced the birth of their son, Tucker James Elliott, born on September 11, 2017. 9 lbs, 7 oz.



Tiffany (Meadors)
Marchand & Bryan
Marchand '91
welcomed a baby boy
on December 12,2017.
Brayden Leo
Marchand arrived

weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. and 20.5 inches long. Brayden was called home to heaven on January 7, 2018. Tiffany, Bryan and their daughter Erica appreciate all the prayers during this very difficult year.

**Thomas Sutton** was named an assistant coach for the men's golf team at the University of Washington.



Brianna McClure Lisenby and her husband Woods welcomed their first child August Rose on March 25, 2018. They are happily settled in Mobile, where Woods is an Associate Pastor at Dauphin Way UMC.

#### **Class of 2010**



Jessica Barranco Stewart and her husband Matt welcomed sweet Julie Margaret to the family on July 9,2018.

#### **Class of 2011**



In December 2017 **Tahj Vaughns** was cast in the latest movie shooting on the Gulf Coast!



Rhyan Duffey Jones and her husband Chris welcomed their son Logan Thomas Jones on February 13, 2018, weighing 8 lbs. and 11 oz.

#### **Class of 2012**



Joshua Stark proposed to Jennifer Moore on January 12, 2018. They have a November 10th wedding planned in Nashville, TN.

#### Class of 2013

Joanne Spotswood was married in Montgomery to Montgomery Catholic teacher Adam Osborn in December by her brother Rev. Daniel Spotswood '01.

#### **Class of 2014**

**Alex Castanza** is engaged to **Martha Ladner**, they have a spring wedding planned for March 2, 2019. They will both graduate from Troy University in December.

Congratulations to **James Sherman!** He was recently recognized by Texas State University as their male Scholar-Athlete for 2017-18. This is an honor based on academics, athletics and community service. He was also the featured speaker at Montgomery Catholic's 2018 Senior Athletic Banquet. He is currently trying to raise funds to join Team USA in China for the IFAF World Championship.

#### **Class of 2015**



Gaten Armstrong will be entering his 3rd year of college seminary at St. Joseph's Seminary College in Covington, Louisiana.



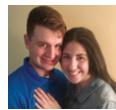
**Harry Harris** graduated with honors from Wallace State.



Jacob Hulcher is currently playing baseball at Northwestern Ohio University. He was named as a pitcher to watch by the NAIA Baseball Coaches Association.



**Derek Kelly** was inducted into Mortar Board at South Alabama in April.



Leo Petters is engaged to be married to Stephanie Charur from Miami in June 2019.

#### Class of 2016

Agnes Armstrong was asked to be the young keynote speaker at the 2018 March for Life rally in Washington D.C. on January 19, 2018. With grace, she proudly represented the Archdiocese of Mobile and her Alma Mater, addressing a crowd exceeding 100,000!



Marissa Dogan was selected for the Auburn University Rhythm Dance Troupe.

#### **Class of 2017**



Trey Downes attends Auburn University where he landed his dream job on the Auburn Tigers Football Coaches video staff.



James Sadie and Lauren Smith both spent the summer as counselors at Auburn University's Camp War Eagle, and congratulations to James named Camp

War Eagle's 2018 Parent Counselor of the Year. "His positive impact was felt by many parents and students."

Ansley Rhode and Ivy Bach both pledge Chi Omega at Troy! They were welcomed to campus by Alumni Megan Stembridge '16, Emily Barranco '16, Lindsey Tynan '15.



# Class Reunions







# DATES!

Homecoming – Welcome Home – Celebrating 145 Years of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School

**Friday, October 12, 2018**Catholic Knights vs. BTW Tuskegee
Admission \$7.00 at the gate

#### MASS

Kickoff 7 PM

The Class of 1970 invites all Alumni to join them in the High School Chapel at 5 p.m. for Mass before attending the game

### ALUMNI UNDER THE TENT

All alumni and their families are guests of the school for Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Que. Dinner is 5:30 PM until the start of half time. PLEASE RSVP BY: October 1, 2018 to Vicki Dickson ('91) via email vdickson@montgomerycatholic.org or call 334.272.7221, extension 32

#iGiveCatholic

#### **November 27, 2018**

Our Annual Day of Giving – We would love your support! Make your #iGiveCatholic Donation at www.montgomerycatholic.org/igivecatholic and support immediate needs at our campuses.

Monte Carlo Night

**Saturday, February 9, 2019, 6 – 10 PM**Dolly Barranco (DBC) –
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 Gina Izer at izerfamily@montgomerycatholic.org or call 334.272.7221, extension 13.



# The Class of 1962

had their 55th reunion in 2017, but since then have had several mini reunions at Marguerite Smart Anderson's house. Marguerite said, "I am so proud of this group, we have had several health scares in the last couple of years and everyone in this class has prayed for each other and always offers their support. On our 55th reunion we had two classmates who have not come to the reunion in 55 years! We connected like it was yesterday, so glad to see Jim McDowell and Alan Cullifer."

#### 1 The Class of 1977

held their reunion on Homecoming weekend in October 2017. The class met at the football game and came back for a tour on Saturday morning. As you can tell they had a great turn-out and a ball being back together again for their 40th.

#### 2 The Class of 1987

celebrated their 30th reunion during Homecoming weekend on October 20 - 21. Classmates gathered at the alumni tent during the football game. Darren Woodling hosted classmates at a reunion party on Saturday, October 21. A special thank you to reunion coordinator Jackie (Baker) Stembridge for getting everyone together.



## The Class of 1993

got together this summer to celebrate their 25th reunion, A small group gathered for events on Friday and Saturday Night including dinner at Colleen Murphy Reardon's home on Saturday. Pictured are Rob Culver, Daniel Veres, Luke Barwick, Adam Fink, Ken Martin, Kristin Cavan Eiswirth, Kathleen Cavan Lea, Karen Schroening Glasscock, and Colleen Murphy Reardon.

### The Class of 2007

held their reunion on Homecoming weekend as well. Celebrating 10 years, Heather McGinn and Kristin Sutton planned the event, that included the Friday night football game and tour and lunch at the school on Saturday. We were so happy to have them back on campus!

# Reunions Coming Up!

#### The Class of 1968

is planning their 50th Class Reunion for Homecoming weekend, October 12, 2018.

The class would love for friends from the classes of 1967 & 1969 to join them. Contact Bill Barranco for details: billb@boardroomsolutions.net.

#### The Class of 1998 i

s planning their 20th reunion for this fall. Plans include a Friday Night football game & tailgate and tour of the school and other fun weekend events. Please contact Elizabeth Harbin for details eharbin@montgomerycatholic.org.

We love to hear all about your reunion events! Please contact Vicki Downes Dickson '91, Director of Development & Alumni Relations, to share your reunion plans, for class contact information or to arrange a tour of the school. #OnceaKnightAlwaysaKnight

"I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus."

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6

Please join us in remembering our alumni who have passed away.

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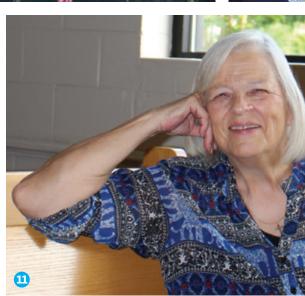






Ms. Carol Joane Grant May 08, 1945 - September 18, 2017

Our Middle/High School Art teacher, Ms. Joane Grant, died on Monday, September 18 after a brief hospital visit. She was a dedicated teacher, with 37 years in Catholic Schools at both Our Lady Queen of Mercy and Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. She brought the gift of the visual arts to life for our Middle/High School students since 2004 and we miss her greatly.









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

# WHY WE GIVE BACK.



# The McGINN Family

My family has been associated with MCPS since the 30's when my father moved to Montgomery from Birmingham and enrolled in MCPS, formerly known as The Sisters of Loretto. Since that time, both my parents, Larry McGinn and Yvonne Laun, and all four of their children graduated from MCPS. Not only did they feel strongly about a Catholic education, they also taught us the importance of giving back. Our strong belief in Catholic education extended to our own family. Casie and I continued the tradition of Catholic education by sending all three of our children to MCPS. Obviously, our extended family believes in Catholic education and most especially MCPS. MCPS has given all of us a good college prep education, but more importantly, it has helped form our faith. Because the school has been so impactful in our lives, we believe in

giving back. My parents instilled a giving spirit, and we continue that tradition, and hope that our children will contribute also. Whether it is the annual fund or the new gym and fine arts center campaign, we believe in giving back to the school that has given us so much. We love our Catholic community and MCPS and would not trade it for any other experiences. We encourage you to give and help MCPS continue the mission to educate and help our children become men and women of faith, virtue, and wisdom. My parents also taught me to give back to MCPS long after graduating, for it is all of our responsibility to help give the tools necessary to help shape and mold our Catholic community. It is in giving that we receive. God will bless you abundantly!

Pat ('85) & Casie McGinn



# The ANDERSON Family

Why do we support MCPS?? It's not hard to be part of the community. I was an outsider when I began to date my soon to be spouse - a proud member of the class of 1978. In fact, it was at a classmate's home that we re-met after years from the days when we grew up three blocks from each other and attended the same elementary school. Linda always supported Catholic High and was grateful for the foundation it provided spiritually before she went to college. When our children were born, it was never a question as to whether they would attend MCPS St. Bede Campus. We have benefitted from the caring faculty and administration and the faith formation both in academic pursuit and in sacrament. We have been truly blessed by every facet of MCPS both as an alumna and as parents. Although all of our children are now beyond high school, we want to continue our support as we benefitted tremendously from the generosity of others before their journey. We think both annual giving and capital pledges are a way to obey the command of stewardship and further the cause of Christ. A planned gift to MCPS is an outstanding way to provide meaningful long term benefits to Catholic and the young people who continue to enter through her doors under the watchful guidance of the Blessed Mother. I have been fortunate to assist others as well as our own family estate plan to include MCPS as a beneficiary. Life insurance gifts are another way to leverage time for the generations that will come. If Montgomery Catholic has been a blessing to you, share the benefits of the blessings with your prayerful financial support.

Charlie and Linda Belsterling Anderson ('78).

# 2017-2018 BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE AND FINANCIAL REPORT

While clearly a key highlight of the 2017-18 school year at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School has been the excitement around meeting our \$3.5 million Capital Campaign goal and the ground breaking for our new athletic and fine arts facilities, we have also maintained our focus on classroom and teacher technology and facility improvements. Our technology and facility initiatives will remain a focus in the coming year as our goal is to equip our classrooms with the latest and best technology and to continually maintain and improve our facilities. Also, very importantly, we want to continue to enhance teacher compensation. We were able to include an overall 2% salary increase in the 2017-18 budgets. Additionally, a \$25,000 incentive pool was continued in 2017-18 to assist in funding teacher certification and advanced degrees.

Technology Investments: We continued our One-to-One Laptop Initiative in 2017-18, as we equipped 95 incoming freshmen with MacBooks. This was the third year to have all of our high school

students included in the Initiative.
This total Initiative investment of over \$500,000 (including laptops, insurance, security and accessories) has been very well received by both students and faculty. Additionally, 25 members of our high school faculty received new, upgraded MacBooks. This is a process we plan to repeat each year on a rotational basis.

Facility Improvements: We were able to complete several significant facility projects in 2017-18, totaling over \$225,000. The projects included installation of LED lights throughout our middle and high school campus (\$95,000) and the installation of a new HVAC controller system to help reduce energy costs (\$32,000). Additionally, PICE generously provided the funding to replace and upgrade interior and exterior doors and exterior windows throughout the high school Classic building (\$70,000) and the installation of a new projector/screen system for our DBC facility (\$25,000). Other projects included the improvement and upgrade of several of our HVAC units, at both the high school and St Bede campuses.

Finally, the 2017-18 school year saw the continuation of MCPS playing a key role in assisting several of our existing and new MCPS families in receiving awards from the Alabama Opportunity Scholarship Fund (AOSF). AOSF is a scholarship granting organization, operating under the guidelines of the Alabama Accountability Act. The annual awards range from \$5,000 to \$8,000, and we had a total of 50 students that received the awards in 2017-18. This program is allowing families to apply and, if accepted, enroll at MCPS, a very positive alternative/choice they would not otherwise have.

Kim Jackson, Business Manager





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#### OUR MISSION CONTINUES

# After 145 years because of your generous support!

#### Winner's Circle

Congratulations to our winners from the drawing of donors who contributed to the 2016-2017 Annual Fund Appeal. Each year our prize money is donated by **Dee and Sandra** Miles. The generosity of the Miles and all who support our school financially is deeply appreciated.

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Athletics	\$47,272	\$29,300	\$37,480
Band	\$9,760	\$1,300	\$1,575
Capital Campaign **	\$0	\$1,178,311	\$971,688
Miscelleneous	\$24,962	\$13,517	\$26,232
Scholarships	\$40,686	\$21,124	\$32,221
Tributes	\$3,482	\$4,380	\$1,736
Tuition Assistance	\$14,760	\$7,652	\$19,307
TOTAL	\$224.558	\$1,276,388	\$1.144.274

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On the evening of Tuesday, May 22, the 143rd graduating class of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School gathered in the Sanctuary of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi, Superintendent of Education **Gwendolyn Byrd**, Montgomery Catholic President Anne Ceasar, and High School Principal Justin Castanza were joined by Rev. Patrick Driscoll ('84), Rev. Victor Ingalls, Rev. Alex Valladares, Rev. Nicholas Napolitano, and Rev. Francis Sofie as the special guests of the class. Salutatorian Anna Marie Nutting and Valedictorian **Henry August Petters** addressed their fellow graduates, special guests, family, and friends after the class received their diplomas from Archbishop Rodi. The class of 2018 along with Alumni sang the Montgomery

Catholic Alma Mater "Catholic, Our Refuge" led by Montgomery Catholic teacher **Kerri Moore.** 

Members of the junior and sophomore class hosted the graduates and their families at a reception in the Holy Spirit school gym following the ceremony.

The 81 members of the Class of 2018 have earned \$5.3 million in scholarship offers from 26 colleges and universities across the United States. One graduate received a Medical School acceptance in Korea. The top 20 percent of the class achieved an ACT Composite score of 28-35 and GPAs ranging from 3.87-4.33. Our graduates include: a National Merit Finalist, 11 future college athletes, an AP scholar, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Teen Volunteer of the Year, members of the First Place State

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Founded in 1873, 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 while helping them grow to become persons of faith, virtue and wisdom.

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