

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

To many, the 2019-2020 school year will be remembered for the way that it ended: with our students completing the year from the confines of their homes. Virtual learning became the new buzzword and Zoom meetings were the means for our students to stay connected to their teachers and friends. Teachers began to teach in a new fashion, creating virtual lessons, learning new presentation platforms, and monitoring learning from afar. And what an amazing job they did! With only a few days to prepare for the abrupt change from classroom to virtual learning, our teachers made it happen. Parents, kudos to you, too! The learning curve for many of you was extremely steep, but you helped your students finish the year strong. Thank you for your support and patience.

Spring activities, including all sports, came to a grinding halt. Students that had trained for the entire year to play softball, baseball, soccer, or run track were faced with the disappointment of an extremely short season. It was sad on so many levels.

But let us not allow COVID-19 and the spring of 2020 define the year because it was much more than that. Montgomery Catholic witnessed the opening of the Athletic Arena and the Fine Arts Facility. These two outstanding venues will forever change the lives of our students. The Fine Arts Facility provides spaces for our award-winning band program, as well as our growing performing arts programs. The Athletic Arena which houses the PICE Knights Arena,

the state of the art weight room, locker rooms, meeting rooms, and coaches' offices has produced "gym envy" among many of our local competitors. None of this would have been possible without the support of this community and the generosity of numerous donors whose names can be found on the magnificent donor wall at the entrance of the Athletic Arena.

Our volleyball, football, and boys' basketball teams had stellar years with each advancing well beyond their regular seasons. All three teams moved to state competitions and represented our school well. These teams were composed of dedicated athletes who committed much of the summer of 2019 to preparing for the season. MCPS is blessed with a first-class coaching staff that is devoted to our student athletes' success, both on and off the field of play.

The Montgomery Catholic Marching Knights and concert band had another award winning year prior to the COVID shut down. The Marching Knights garnered Superior Ratings in the Phoenix City competition in the areas of Drum Major,

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Justin '01 & Megan Forsyth '03 Castanza

A Message from, Incoming President Justin Castanza

I am grateful and humbled to have the opportunity to serve as Montgomery Catholic's fourth school president. I am honored to have been chosen to continue such a fine tradition and do not take the responsibility lightly. I look forward to sharing my passion for our school, our faith, and to serve our community. I appreciate the opportunity to lead our school, but I'm most proud to be able to serve alongside our current staff and administration. The countless hours that have been put in by this group of dedicated educators to prepare for the upcoming year is remarkable and inspiring. Standing on the firm foundation that has been established and seeing our future team gives me confidence that Montgomery Catholic is poised to take on the unknowns of the future. Now, more than ever, Montgomery Catholic has an opportunity to live our mission and bring hope to the community. Please pray for us as we navigate these uncharted waters. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

THERE IS ONLY ONE THING WHICH IS CERTAIN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

As I write this reflection in the beginning of June, I have no idea, due to the uncertainties of the coronavirus, what the circumstances will be by the time you read it. I pray the situation will be better by then, but regardless, we will go forth with the confidence that God is with us.

Montgomery Catholic is no stranger to challenging moments. Our school began in 1873. For the past 147 years, under different names and in different locations, our school has experienced many times of uncertainties — wars, pestilence, pandemics, financial depression, social upheavals, etc. Through it all, the ministry of MCPS has continued. Young people have been offered the blessing of a formation which educates the whole student: academically, athletically, socially, culturally and spiritually.

Our students are challenged to discover and develop their God-given talents. As the years go by, with this education they will be able to adjust and adapt to whatever changes occur in the workplace. The foundation being offered at Montgomery Catholic will provide them with the ability to develop the skills needed to achieve even as skills required for jobs change with the times.

Yes, these are uncertain times, but life is always uncertain. The best education, and the one offered by MCPS, provides the student with the broad based formation which calls forth a well-rounded education of the young person.

At the same time, education alone cannot totally prepare one for the uncertainties of life. There is only one thing which is certain and that is the love of God. Everything else will pass away but God will always be with us, even until the end of the

world. An education which ignores God ignores the most fundamental aspect of life, namely, that we are created for a purpose. That purpose is to be with God for all eternity. MCPS provides a formation in the Good News Jesus has brought to us so that the student may build a life which will last for all eternity.

This vision of education and formation was embraced by the school under the outstanding leadership of our former President, Mrs. Anne Ceasar, who did so much to enhance the excellence of the school and its facilities. I thank her for her dedicated service and leadership. We begin a new year with a new President. Mr. Justin Castanza now leads us into the future. I have great confidence in his leadership. Let us all support him in his new ministry of President as he continues to foster the vision of MCPS.

As this school year begins, the most obvious changes are that there is new leadership and new facilities. The new facilities are a visible sign that MCPS is looking forward to, and preparing for, the future. No matter how uncertain times may be, Montgomery Catholic is committed to continuing its ministry of education and Catholic formation for our young people.

I would also wish to thank all who support MCPS. You, the administration, faculty, staff, parents, families, and friends of this school, all work together to promote our school and to make it the exceptional educational institution it is. You are all great!

So let's go forth and may this be a blessed and great year for all.
Go Knights!

Thomas J. Rodi
Archbishop of Mobile



ENCOURAGE. ADAPT. CHANGE.



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-2021

- Labor Day**
September 7
- Teacher In-Service**
September 8
- PICE 20th Annual Golf Tournament**
September 25
- Homecoming Game**
October 9
- Veteran’s Day**
November 11
- Thanksgiving**
November 23-27
- Christmas**
December 19 - January 3
- Classes Resume**
January 4
- Martin Luther King Day**
January 18
- Monte Carlo Night**
February 6
- President’s Day**
February 15
- Faculty Retreat**
March 8
- Good Friday**
April 2
- Easter Break**
April 5-9
- Graduation**
May 25
- Last Day of School**
May 28
- Memorial Day**
May 31

The close of the 2019 -2020 school year was a very unconventional year. In true Montgomery Catholic fashion, the faculty, students, administration and parents executed a very successful distance learning platform. There were definitely bumps along the way, but the MCPS community adapted to the issues and changed direction as needed to provide the best possible education to our students in the current environment.

As we approach the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year with uncertainty, I am encouraged with the plan(s) that MCPS has in place to protect our students, faculty and staff and get our students back in the classroom safely. I am excited by the plan established and am grateful to all the members of the distance learning committee that worked this summer to develop the best possible plans for our students that encompass both in classroom learning and virtual learning. It is truly great to be a part of the Montgomery Catholic School System, and I am proud to be a part of this community.

If you are reading this and wondering how you can get involved and help MCPS provide the best education for our students, I encourage you to consider service on the Advisory Committee or one of the various Ad Hoc committees that are formed each year. The three standard committees are explained in detail below. I imagine with the current conditions we will see some additional committees this academic year. Reach out to any of the Advisory Committee members or member of the administration if interested in getting involved.

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.

Booster Club Committee: This committee, under the leadership of **Zack Azar**, was formed to develop a plan of

action to support all extracurricular activities on all campuses. The Booster club will help with the athletic teams as well as the academic and social clubs around each campus. As a fairly new committee, they are looking for volunteers to help from all campuses. They are especially looking for help at the elementary campuses for the non-athletic clubs. If you are interested in helping with this committee, contact anyone of the Advisory Council members, Administrative members or **Zack Azar**.

Advisory Committee: This is an excellent way to become involved in your child’s education. It is also a good way to accomplish those parent volunteer hours. The committee typically meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6. The purpose of the committee is to serve as advisors to the administration and help further the mission of Montgomery Catholic. I encourage anyone that wants to get involved to reach out to one of the committee members to find out more. The committee is composed 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 representatives 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 Committee this year. This marked my final year as a member and Chairman of the Advisory Committee. It has been my pleasure to serve in this capacity and I look forward to continuing my service to Montgomery Catholic in other ways. I have truly enjoyed my time getting to know and serve with each of my committee members.

Tia Levanda,
Chairman

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Parent Teacher Council (PTC)

What an interesting end to the school year! We would like to thank all of you for your help throughout the year at all campuses. PTC couldn’t do it without you!

Our cookie dough fundraiser in the fall was another huge success! We were able to fund all events for this school year. Thank you for your support with that!

Although our school year was cut short, we were able to fund the following:

Elementary campuses:
Grandparents Day receptions
Pastries with Parents (Saint Bede)
Christmas Play reception (Holy Spirit)
Accelerated Reader brag tags/ prizes

High school: Field Day

All campuses: Catholic Schools Week events, Teacher luncheons, Teacher Treats, Student Treats

We also asked each principal for a wish list for their campus items to benefit students and teachers. We approved every item on their list. Items have been purchased or will be purchased soon. These items include:

Saint Bede: Christmas play costumes and one lunch table

Holy Spirit: Money for AR parties, a Television, PE/Recess equipment for classrooms

Middle school: Classroom set of hardback dictionaries and Language Arts books, Rosaries, math games, books, and puzzles, Jenga game, craft items, PE items

High school: 2 podiums, a 3 hole punch, English Reading books

2019-2020 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tia Levanda, *Chairman*
Holy Spirit Parish Representative

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

Christine Noell, *Secretary*
St. Bede Parish Representative

Denise Webb
St. Joseph Parish Representative

Rev. Alejandro E. Valladares,
Episcopal Vicar, Pastor,
St. the Venerable Catholic Church

Anne Ceasar
President, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School

Christina Parker
Middle School Campus Representative

FeLishia Franklin
High School Campus Representative

Lydia Taylor
Holy Spirit Campus Representative

Mary Katherine O'Connor
Holy Family Catholic Community,
Maxwell AFB Representative

Rick Harris
St. Peter Parish Representative

Rosemary Pierce
St. Vincent de Paul Parish Representative

Open Position
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Representative

Open Position
Our Lady Queen of Mercy Parish Representative
St. Bede Campus Representative

For the 2020-21 school year, we welcome new members **Wesley Cox** and **Mandy Speirs** and we thank **Tia Levanda** and **Erin Fleet** for their commitment to the Advisory Committee over the years.

Montgomery Catholic Bids Farewell to Anne Ceasar, Welcomes Justin Castanza

2019-2020 has been a year of change for Montgomery Catholic. Starting with the opening of the new gym in the fall, to the dedication of the new performing arts classroom building in the winter, to the closing of buildings to the public and transition to distance learning in the spring, the academic year had seen all kinds of changes occur. The biggest changes, however, came when in November longtime President **Anne Ceasar** announced her plan to retire at the conclusion of the academic year, and Middle and High School Principal **Justin Castanza** was announced as her successor in March.

Ceasar started her career at Montgomery Catholic in 2004 when she was selected to lead the newly constructed Montgomery Catholic Middle School Campus while also serving as Principal of the St. Bede Elementary Campus. A career educator with a B.A. from Christian Brothers University and a M.Ed. from Auburn University at Montgomery, she had taught at Our Lady Queen of Mercy, Carver, and Forest Avenue Elementary Schools. In 2008, Ceasar was tapped to succeed Faustin Weber and became the third ever President of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School.

Under Ceasar's leadership, Montgomery Catholic has experienced tremendous growth, both spiritually and physically. Students and faculty started to attend Masses together at each campus every week and on holy days of obligation, strengthening their faith formation together. The school, which consisted of the St. Bede Elementary Campus, Middle School Campus, and High School Campus, expanded eastward



in 2012 with the construction of the Holy Sprit Elementary Campus, with cooperation from and on the grounds of Holy Spirit Parish. Two years later, a gymnasium would be built to accompany the new campus. Additionally, the elementary campuses added a K4 program to their curriculum. A strong supporter of athletics and the arts, her most ambitious achievement was leading the capital campaign that saw the addition of a 33,000 square foot indoor athletic complex and the transformation of the old gym into a performing arts classroom space and student center at the Middle/High School Campus.

Throughout her tenure at Montgomery Catholic, Ceasar had the opportunity to touch the lives of thousands of students, parents, and faculty. Known for baking bread with second graders on the eve of their first Holy Communion, opening every musical event in prayer, delivering personalized nap blankets to new K4 and K5 students, and attending as many athletic games as she could, she was a constant and beloved presence in the hallways of each Montgomery Catholic campus.

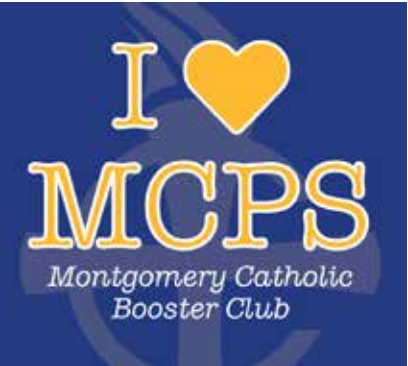
While the Montgomery Catholic community was saddened to hear of her plans to retire, they were excited to learn that Castanza, a 2001 Montgomery Catholic alumnus, would be her successor. Holding both a Bachelor and Master of Science degree from Mississippi State University, Castanza has served as the Principal of the Middle and High School Campuses at Montgomery Catholic since 2015 and has held a variety of leadership roles both in school and in the wider community. Having started his career as a camp counselor at YMCA's Camp Chandler in 2000, he went on to become camp director in 2009. He has served the YMCA in various leadership roles over the years and was named Man of the Year for the YMCA of Greater Montgomery in 2019. Prior to his appointment as President, he was the Youth Ministry Leader at Holy Spirit Catholic Church and until the Archdiocese restricted travel in response to COVID-19, he regularly would lead pilgrimages to Italy, Guatemala, and Washington, D.C.

Montgomery Catholic wishes Mrs. Ceasar the very best in her retirement and looks forward to the bright future ahead with Mr. Castanza!

With the help of local businesses, alumni nationwide, and current students and faculty, the MCPS Booster Club was able to help meet the financial needs of sports and clubs across all campuses this past year!

"We had a successful first year with boots on the ground, laying our foundation to build up a Booster Club that would be long lasting, and that would support and build up athletics, arts and clubs across the MCPS school system," said **Zack Azar '99**, President of the MCPS Booster Club.

Supporting athletics, arts, and clubs is what the Booster Club was founded to do; bridging the little and not so little gaps that might pop up. "I have been immensely proud of all of the work that Booster Club has done to meet some of the additional needs of the athletics, clubs and now the performing arts at MCPS this year. We have an amazing group of people who show up at Spirit Nights, volunteer at basketball games, buy new tee shirts every year, come out to Robotics events, buy reserved seating for football, volleyball and basketball," said **Danyalle Friday**, Vice President. "All of these small investments allow us do so many things like help Key Club buy gifts for the Christmas Clearinghouse, buy a Hudl subscription for Volleyball, help the football team and get new soccer balls for all of the soccer teams, to name just a few projects."



Booster Club had an amazing first official year of service to the campus community. "Programs come to us with their wish lists, and we find ways to meet those needs. Sometimes it is just reworking a budget, fundraising, or finding volunteers. This year, we reinvested approximately \$15,000 back into programs. That is a great first step, but we could be doing so much more for these students. In order to help with team and club wish list items, the Booster Club has focused on family sponsorship packages, selling the reserved seating at court games, and of course the alumni roll call during the radio broadcasts of football games. We just need to get more of our great alumni and businesses involved in any way possible," said Azar.

"The Booster Club has tried to focus on what it means to be Catholic in a small community, and we truly feel that ownership and school pride has really driven the growth at Catholic over the last decade. My husband **Paul** graduated from Catholic in '99 and my in-laws have been members of the Montgomery Catholic community for over 30 years. It was watching how excited my husband and father-in-law

were over seeing the improvements over the past few years that pushed me to get involved again," said **Allison Russo**, Secretary. "MCPS Leadership, working together with the Catholic community, has developed an outstanding school with great facilities and programs. This past year, we had 7 grandchildren attend MCPS schools. This year our first grandson graduated from MCPS. The investment in Catholic education and facilities was necessary to make the school what it is today. The planning and financial investment which occurred over 20 years ago was vital to the current success," said **Lawrence Russo**.

That ongoing financial investment is still important today, which is why the Booster Club is taking fundraising so seriously this year. The Booster Club should be celebrating the success of its first Spring Saints and Sinners Cornhole Tournament fundraiser, but because of COVID concerns, it had to be pushed back a full year. Last year was an important year for catching clubs and sports up on their wish list items, but this next year is our primary fundraising year, and that is very important to us. Unfortunately, COVID hit families in the River Region and at Catholic VERY hard. COVID has really taken so much from these students and athletes, and we are doing our best to find ways to fundraise and support them, the safest way possible! Alumni can follow us on social media or get involved through the MCPS web page to learn more about how to get involved or attend meetings! Find us on Facebook and Twitter @mcpsboosterclub, or email boosterclub@montgomerycatholic.org.

Abundant Blessings (continued from page 1)

Color Guard, Pit Percussion, Battery Percussion, and Overall Band. These awards were followed by 22 members of the MCPS band being named to the District Honor Band and 11 members to the All-State Honor Band. All three of the MCPS bands, 7th, 8th, and High School, earned Superior ratings at the MPA, Music Performance Assessment Completion this winter. Our band program is blessed by the leadership of **Alex and Kristine Johnson** who are committed to making our band program not only the best in the city, but also the best in the state.

As my tenure at Montgomery Catholic ends, I realize that I have stood on the shoulders of the giants that came before me. The Sisters of Loretta began our school's journey in 1873 when they came to open a Catholic school for girls; however, opening day was postponed due to their helping the sick of Montgomery during the yellow fever epidemic. We learned to deal with adversity from the best.

Dr. Tom Doyle came to Montgomery in the early '70s and was key to keeping Catholic open when many thought that our doors should be closed. Dr. Doyle was an outstanding educator and leader for our school, and Doc Doyle stories are legendary.

Faustin Weber followed Dr. Doyle as school president. Faustin is an idea man and was able to see his vision of the opening of a middle school come to fruition when Montgomery Catholic welcomed its first students to the Middle School in 2004. He also voiced a need for an elementary school on the east side of town and set the groundwork for Holy Spirit Campus before his departure in 2008.

I know that **Justin Castanza**, along with his team, will continue to support the mission of Montgomery Catholic through their vision, dedication, and commitment to our students and families. Not one of these team members is here by accident. They were hand-selected by God to carry our school into the future. Not even COVID-19 is stronger than His will.

The families, supporters, and benefactors of MCPS are the real change factors for our school. You have been here to drive for endless field trips, haul students to countless practices and games, work in the concession stand, and prepare breakfasts, snacks or lunches for various teams. But more importantly, you are unwavering in reinforcing the mission of the school and the vision of its administration and staff.

I am very proud to have been a part of Montgomery Catholic for the past 16 years. I have had the honor of working with a superb group of professionals that emit the love of Christ in all that they do. I have had the privilege of getting to know hundreds of families, and I have had the blessing of being a part of the lives of so many wonderful students who are the future of our city, state, and nation. They are what is good about our youth.

Thank you for your support over the years. I appreciate your forgiving my mistakes and offering kind guidance along this journey. My time at Catholic has been a time of personal growth and abundant blessings. Everyone asks, "What will you do now?" and my response is "Whatever God leads me to do." Please keep me in your prayers and know that each of you, along with Justin and his team, is and will remain in mine.

Anne O. Caesar
President, 2008 - 2020

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Over the past two years, we have had the opportunity to spend time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Montgomery Catholic Chapel located in the Middle and High School Campus. Adoration is the practice of taking the Blessed Sacrament and placing the Blessed Sacrament in what is called a Monstrance upon the altar. One Thursday a month during the school year, members of the Montgomery Catholic community, students, faculty, administration, and families devote a portion of their day to spend time with the Lord.

Father Francis Sofie, the former Pastor at St. Peter Catholic Church in downtown Montgomery, encouraged the Montgomery Catholic community to begin this monthly commitment to Adoration and Benediction, promising that this would provide great spiritual blessings, and he was right. Many students and teachers will drop in

for just a moment or spend up to an hour just to be with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. The focus of this time is just being with Jesus, like Mary, who sat at the feet of the Lord (Luke 10).

St. John Vianney shared a story of a man who would come to Adoration. He asked the man what he did during this time. The man said: “Father, I do nothing, except that I look at Him, and He looks at me.”

Senior **Sofie Izer** summed it up beautifully when describing what Adoration means to her: “I feel like often I know that Jesus is near me in a spiritual sense; I know that, but it’s hard to truly comprehend. Adoration gives me the opportunity to see him, to know that he is near me physically.”

Her fellow senior classmate **Clare Wilson** expressed it well: “It’s (Adoration) what I love most about Mass and the Catholic faith in general: the ability to be in such intimate proximity with your Creator.”

Mr. Rick Aaron, a Math teacher at the Middle and High School Campus, echoed Sofie’s words: “Time spent in quiet personal prayer in just being physically and mentally present to Christ enables me to quiet myself, rightly order my priorities, and reorient my outlook/ perspective on life.”



Supporting our Seminarians

High School
Montgomery Catholic proudly supports our seminarians, especially our alumni currently in the seminary (**Thomas LaPointe ’07, Gaten Armstrong ’15, and Michael Barber ’17**). Our faculty and students regularly pray for the seminarians during class. Led by Mr. Castanza, our campus principal, both **Thomas LaPointe** and **Gaten Armstrong** were invited to speak to our students about discerning a vocation and what life is like in the seminary.

During the past school year, **Elizabeth Spiers ’20** and **Minh Vo ’20**, two students on the high school campus entered into full communion with the Catholic Church. We are so grateful to God for His loving guidance in sending

outstanding priests to our campus who lead our student body to experience His saving love in His Church.

St. Bede
This year we had an Archmob Adoption Day. Teachers all bought the t-shirts from the Seminarians. We wore the shirts to introduce the kids to their adopted Seminarian. They prayed for them, watched their bios on the archdiocesan website, and write to them. All year the students include them by name in their daily prayers.

Middle School
Seminarians visit our Middle School Theology classes when they are in Montgomery. We also make encouragement and thank you cards for them during Catholic Schools Week.



Welcomed into the Church this year:

Senior Minh Vo, February 12, 2020 at School Mass.

Facilities Manager **Cameron Gilbert**, February 29, 2020, Holy Spirit Parish.

St. Bede Students **Devaney Green, Christopher Rohn, Evelyn Eady, and Amelia Pettah**.

Holy Spirit student **Layla Kim**.



Greetings from South Carolina!

We were honored to have Fr. McDevitt stop in over Thanksgiving and celebrate Mass for our Middle/High School students in 2019, along with Alumni and Seminarians Thomas LaPointe '07 and Gaten Armstrong '15. He promises to visit again!

I have been a priest in the Congregation of St. Philip Neri for 28 years. We are called Oratorians. Our community is different from other orders of priests and brothers. First, we take no vows. There are no promises of poverty, charity or obedience. While we enter an Oratory with the intention of remaining for life, we are free to leave at any time!

While I have been at the Rock Hill Oratory, I have served as a pastor in rural parishes. Their parishes are all growing. Ten years ago, one parish had 39 children in religious education classes. Today there are 261 children in religious education.

We are allowed to retire at 65. I am 75. Due to the priest shortage I am still in parish ministry. I have asked to retire three times. I guess the answer is no!

Fr. Edward McDevitt



Educate, Inspire & Bless

THE MCPS & CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP

As a Development Officer for Cross Catholic Outreach, I work with Catholic schools across the country to inspire students to serve those living in extreme poverty, spiritually and materially, in the developing world, for the Glory of Jesus Christ. It is a privilege to work with the best of humanity every day, and an honor to meet those who see Jesus Christ in others and sacrifice their own wants to address their needs. However, as a parent of two students at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School, it is my greatest honor to collaborate with their school. MCPS truly understands what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, both locally and internationally.

For several years, the school has participated in and served as a drop off center for the Box of Joy ministry. The students from all campuses fill small shoeboxes with school supplies, personal hygiene items, toys, and a small donation to bless children living in Haiti, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and similar countries. The school also serves as a drop off center, where they receive Boxes of Joy that are packed by other churches and schools in the area, making it possible for even more groups to participate and more children to be blessed.

The school also hosts a Lenten sacrifice on Ash Wednesday. The students eat nothing but Vitafood (a fortified rice meal that is typically sent to our partners overseas) and donate their lunch money. The students then discuss

the exercise and pray for those in need. Truly, immersing themselves in a day of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These funds are used to support a project in Guatemala. In 2018, the school directed \$5,000 in funds to build a home for a family in Guatemala and then traveled there to work and worship with the recipients and others in the country. The next year the school donated \$5,000 toward a micro-enterprise agriculture project, which provided 34 families with seeds, trees and education to help lift them out of poverty. Again traveling to the country to work, worship and pray with the recipients. The students cleared a field with machetes and even had the pleasure of distributing Boxes of Joy to children in the Diocese of Santa Rosa de Lima.

All of these efforts are in order to complete the character formation of the students. To educate them on Catholic social teaching, to inspire them to care for others, and to be grateful for the blessings they have. However, Montgomery Catholic does more than serve. They serve cheerfully and with great enthusiasm! And “the Lord loves a cheerful giver” 2 Cor. 9:7.

I am so proud to be a part of the Montgomery Catholic Family, both personally and professionally.

Leeanna Holmes
Parish and Community
Services Development Officer,
Cross Catholic Outreach

United by the Good

In my first year as a priest in Montgomery, I have been able to do ministry, in various ways, at Montgomery Catholic. Faith is an integral part of the mission of Montgomery Catholic, and I have been blessed to be a part of the faith that exists and persists at the campuses.

Faith is expressed in the common desire to grow closer to God. Faith is lived at Montgomery Catholic though everything.

Walking the halls at the beginning and end of the school day, one hears prayers publicly proclaimed over the intercom. At the beginning of every single class, no matter the subject, a prayer is said to show that the faith is at the center of all knowledge. Every student and faculty member gathers weekly for Mass as a school. The students are encouraged to express their faith by acts of service and kindness to those both at Montgomery Catholic and in the wider community. We begin every athletic event with a prayer, and we express our faith by using the talents which have been given to us by God. Students use art, media, and music as a way to express the fruits of a life of faith. Faith is expressed in the spirited conversations and friendships amongst the students. Faith is shown in the devotion that the faculty and staff have to the mission of Montgomery Catholic to form young men and women.

Faith is present at Montgomery Catholic because it is truly a place that welcomes an encounter with God. The reality of a Catholic education is a reality that places faith at the core of everything. Montgomery Catholic is a place that fosters our true nature as human beings, that of being one with God. The faith lives in our schools, on our campuses, and in our families because every single person involved with Montgomery Catholic is united by the good that comes from a relationship with God. May we continue to be blessed in all that we do!

Fr. Patrick Gilbreath





HOLY SPIRIT CAMPUS YEAR IN REVIEW

Holy Spirit made improvements throughout the school year. A new K4 playground was built that includes swings, slides, climbing equipment, and a privacy fence. The art room and music room were updated with big screen televisions for the purpose of interactive lessons. Classroom teachers worked to improve their technology skills as they started the year with a new online math program and new parent communication channels. When thrust into Distance Learning, many of the Holy Spirit educators were teaching themselves and their students to use online meeting platforms. In the end, the efforts to learn new ways of teaching has increased student confidence in their technology skills and has given the faculty a stronger set of teaching skills.

Holy Spirit's students have shined in 2019-2020. The theme for Grandparent's Day was "Kindness", where each class sang a song or recited a poem about grandparents. The 2nd Grade Saint Celebration was especially touching as each student spoke about their saint and wore an elaborate costume to depict their saint. In December, over 400 people gathered in the school gym to watch "Just a Little Christmas." The students were able to tell the story of Jesus' birth and add some humor for the audience. In February, Australia was the topic for Cultural Day. Students actively participated in lessons and had an Australian guest speaker as they learned about Australia's history, natural habitats, and customs. They even collected "Dollas for Koalas" to help save koalas that were endangered by fire. During the fourth quarter, students voluntarily participated in a virtual field day and talent show. Our students proved that they can shine, no matter the circumstances.

Nancy Foley, Principal

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Student Council Officers

St. Bede Student Council
President: Anya Montelara
Vice President: Olivia Harbin
Secretary: Frances Ann Rogers
Treasurer: Thomas Castanza
Chaplain: Maggie McNeely

Representatives: Jonathan Day, Cameron Chappelle, Jeremiah Garner, Ethan Harbin, Erin McKenny, Blake Ankersen, Carter Anderson, Ben Castanza, Frances Bach, Kate Fleet, Charlotte Wilson, Elisabeth Shaw, and Madelyn Stringer.

Holy Spirit Student Council
President: Anna Russo
Vice President: Ellis O'Connor
Secretary: Peter Walski
Treasurer: Ally Park
Chaplain: Jaja Gancayco

First Semester Representatives: Tice Moore, Samantha Berg, Anna Rose Schwarz, Claire Aaron, Cara Barranco, Ethan Levanda and Abby Skinner.



ST. BEDE CAMPUS YEAR IN REVIEW

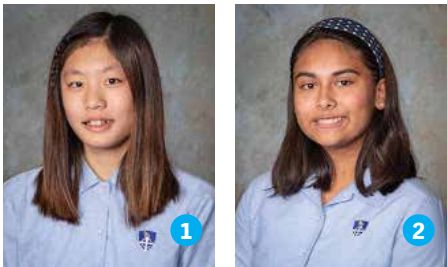
While this was not the year we thought it would be, there were still blessings abounding! We started our school year off with an "Adoption Day" for the Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Mobile. Each class received the name of a seminarian to pray for all year. They read their bios and learned a little bit about them. They sent cards and gifts and prayed for them by name every day. We continued this support of vocations when we welcomed Seminarians Zach Holloran and Joseph Schultz to our campus. The kids had a ball getting to know them.

Once again we were able to welcome some new Catholics into the Church. Students Devaney Green, Evelyn Eady, Amelia Pettah, and Christopher Rohn were all received into the Church. Our Student Council elections were held in September, and we welcomed our new officers and representatives. This Student Council was never idle. They immediately made plans to raise money for a new crucifix for our cafeteria...a large one that everyone could see during Morning Prayer. In October, we celebrated our first annual Saint Day! Each homeroom chose a saint to study, and they spent a fun-filled day learning all about that saint. We were even able to give each child a holy medal of their saint to wear around their neck. We continued to be service-minded by participating in the Box of Joy project and our annual canned food drive. This year we added the Angel Tree project too, providing Christmas for many children who were in need. Archbishop Rodi visited the St. Bede Campus during the first Friday of Lent. We had a wonderful visit with him, and he must have been especially pleased with what he saw because he gifted the students with an hour of recess! Come again soon, Archbishop! Right after quarter three ended, things became very interesting. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we closed school and moved right into Distance Learning. The parents and teachers were amazing as they worked together to provide seamless transitions for the children. We missed our students terribly, but we were able to keep up with them through the pictures they submitted of their Distance Learning experiences. Since we even had to miss our Field Day and our Talent Show, parents submitted videos sharing the extraordinary talents of their children. We were able to pray together too as we livestreamed the Masses and prayed the rosary as a faith community. It was not the school year we had planned. It was unlike any year we could have imagined, but with our loving God and His gift of faith, we made it through.

Laurie Gulley, Principal



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL NEWS 2019-2020



MIDDLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Middle School SGA:

President: **Sarah Souriya**
Vice President: **Anna Lathram**
Secretary/Treasurer: **Skyler Stovall**
Chaplain: **Jessica Hankins**

Representatives: **Hunter Dailey, Harper Howell, Antonio Lemuz, Merritt Payne, Maria Schwarz, Noah Waugh, Darby Webb, and Michael Ann Williams.**

Knight Ambassadors 2019-20:
Kaitlyn Ankersen, Cooper Beesley, Cooper Davis, Jehle Dickson, Carsyn Hawkins, Joanna Marlow, Haely McBeal, Bebe Neeley, Monica Nguyen, Isabella Shin, Heather Walski

Duke Tip 7th Grade Qualifiers:
Ella An, Amelia Bair, Cooper Beesley, Rocky Blackburn, Stott Blancas, Todd Bonnell, Ben Chitlik, Isaac Dalhart, Harper Howell, Grace Levanda, Haely McBeal, Jamie McGuire, Bebe Neeley, Peter Riello, Matt Russo, Michael Sasser, Maria Schwarz, Isabella Shinn, Ryan Stevenon, Katie Turner, Evie Veres, Heather Walski, Ivory Williams, and Jackson Wright.

Two students received state recognition for their high scores on the ACT:
1 Ella An and 2 Haely McBeal.

National Junior Honor Society Inductees for 2019-2020: **Cornelius Drake, John Scott Jackson, Grace Owens, Henry Skala**



Our students and faculty left school on a Tuesday afternoon in March 2020 not knowing what the future would hold for the end of the school year. Seniors would never return, and students would not be in class with their friends or teachers again. Middle schoolers became High schoolers with little fanfare. Any other year an early summer would seem like a fairytale ending. As we look back, we know it was anything but a fairytale. For nine weeks, the hallways were vacant, the classrooms were silent, and the gymnasiums sat dormant. We were isolated from one another and our school. Our traditions were threatened. No senior day? No graduation? No banquets, concerts, and ceremonies? How can a school year end this way?

The answer was simple. We had to believe God has a plan, choose to accept His plan, and realize that different did not mean worse. We were reminded that a positive outlook was a choice, and finding peace through the darkness was

possible. Graduation looked different, but it was beautiful. An online awards ceremony was different, but families had a chance to eternally honor their student with a quick screen shot and social media post. High school ended on a very different note for our seniors, but what other class has had the entire faculty load up on the school bus and spend 13 hours driving to every senior house to deliver a congratulatory yard sign? Different does not mean worse, new is not bad, and digital does not have to be distant.

Unfortunately, the changes brought by the pandemic may not always be positive. So in these instances, it is essential that we allow ourselves to see the good in what we had and work for its return. The best example is the ability to



simply gather together. Montgomery Catholic values community. We gather at Mass, we gather in school, and we gather for fun and sport. As we look to the future, we will cherish the ability to be together.

So in choosing to find the good, working to see the positive, and focusing on the gifts in our lives, we have the chance to be the person God calls us to be. And that person is one that may not love distance learning or may be really disappointed to miss Prom, but it is also a person that may come out closer God and to being the best version of themselves. It is a staunch reminder that is exactly what it means to provide a Catholic Education.

Justin M. Costanza,
Principal, 7-12

HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

High School SGA

Exec. President: **Anna Sadie**
Exec. Vice President: **Jack Burt**
Exec. Secretary: **Alexis Weber**
Senior Officer: **Chris Valencia**
Senior Officer: **Lorissa Algarin**
Senior Officer: **Sarah Rose Burden**
Senior Officer: **Kinley Tadlock**
Junior Officer: **Gracie Barranco**
Junior Officer: **Emma Garrison**
Junior Officer: **John Niemi**
Junior Officer: **Rachel Rodriguez**
Sophomore Officer: **Samuel Rogers**
Sophomore Officer: **Ella Newell**
Sophomore Officer: **Aniya Lowery**
Sophomore Officer: **Ailish Gilbert**
Freshman Officer: **Kayleigh Everage**
Freshman Officer: **Jaye Bailey**

National Merit

Sofia Izer National Merit
Scholarship Winner

Clare Wilson National Merit
Commended Scholar



2019 AP Scholars

Austin Collett '19, Jonah Gier '19, Grace Leslie '19, Maddie Losik '19, Kathleen Madden '19, Chloe Smith '19.

AP Scholar with Honor Award
Annie Bach '19 and Sofia Izer '20.

AP Scholar with Distinction
Award: **Reagan Herbek '19 and Clare Wilson '20.**

National Honor Society

3 The inductees to the Loretto Chapter of National Honor Society are: **Gracie Barranco, Jasmine Blakeney, Maria Cervantes, Aidan Cochran, Carlo De Jesus, Devan DeRamus, Mitchell Dogan, Mai Ellington, Daniel Gacha, Emma Garrison, Angela Gier, Ines Gonzalez-Ansaldi, Alex Hines, Cecilia Hoffpauir, Myles Jordan, Jayla Milam, Camille Morgan, Molly Nicklay, John Niemi, Ellie Pool, Rachel Rodriguez, James Saliba, Piper Schneider, Harrison Skala, Chad Waite, Valerie Waite, Ja'Michael Washington, Alexis Weber, Chloe Weber.**

4 Graduating seniors from the Loretto Chapter of National Honor Society are: **Lorissa Algarin, Sarah Rose Burden, Jack Burt, Tanner Carter, Olivia Cheriyan, Bobby Crawford, Ansley Dean, Nathan Downes, Lainie Doyle, Jason Flowers, Victoria Hall, Ashley Hayes, Michael Hodges, Sofia Izer, Savannah Johnson, Jayla Milam, Denalie Mosakowski, Robert Scott Nation, Katherine O'Connor, Charles O'Donnell, Katherine Perkins, Anna Sadie, Landry Samuels, Elizabeth Speirs, Kinley Tadlock, Chris Valencia, Chad Waite, Clare Wilson, Ja'Michael Washington, Alexis Weber, and Chloe Weber.**

YMCA Youth in Government

Youth Judicial:
Gracie Barranco – Served as a judge

Youth Legislature:
Anna Sadie – Bill Barringer Award
Gracie Barranco – Sunshine Award



Bills written and presented by **Michael Russo, Gracie Barranco, and Zach Izer** were passed

Council on National Affairs Delegates **Anna Sadie** and Julienne Pharrams with alternates **Gracie Barranco** and **Zach Izer**

Vex Robotics

Happy Little Accidents – Arthur Murray, Ja'Michael Washington, Aidan Cochran, Hunter Dailey

- BrewTech Invitational VEX State Qualifier Event – Tournament Champions
- Bots at the Fair – Tournament Champions, Robot Skills Champion, Excellence Award
- Brewbaker Technology Magnet High School's 8th Annual VEX Robotics Alabama State Qualifying Event– Tournament Champions
- VRC on the Plains– Tournament Champions
- Phenix City Tower Takeover Qualifier– Tournament Champions
- River Region II Tower Takeover Qualifying Tournament–Tournament Champions, Robot Skills Runner-Up
- Alabama State VEX Championship Qualifier
- Alabama State VEX Championship– Tournament Champions, Robot Skills Champion
- VEX Robotics World Championship Qualifier

Insert Team Name Here – Chris Lathram, Andres Lemuz, Jacob Talbot

· Alabama State VEX Championship Qualifier

The Sevies – Ben Chitlik, Antonio Lemuz, Jaden Sigler, Harrison Vaughn

· Bots at the Fair – Tournament Champions

· Alabama State VEX Championship Qualifier

Last Resort – Zack Azar, David Huston, Merritt Payne, Michael Sasser, Jackson Wright

· BrewTech League Play– Tournament Champions

· Alabama State VEX Championship Qualifier

Sofia Izer is National Merit Finalist



Officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation have named Montgomery Catholic student **Sofia Izer** as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. She will compete with other finalists for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, students must fulfill several requirements and advance to the finalist level of the competition. The preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test serves as an initial screening of program entrants. In addition to the PSAT test scores, the student's academic record, community involvement, leadership ability, and personal essay are considered when determining semifinalists. About 90 percent of the semifinalists, who were announced in September 2019, attained

finalist standing, and approximately half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the title of Merit Scholar.

Sofia is currently a senior at Montgomery Catholic. Not only is she a top scholar, but she is also very active in a variety of school activities. She is a member of the Key Club, National Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta. She is also a varsity cheerleader and holds a black belt in Taekwondo. She is active in her parish, Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Montgomery, and volunteers her time during Vacation Bible School. Sofia is an aspiring architect who enjoys the merging of her favorite things: art, math, and design.

Senior **Clare Wilson** was recognized in September 2019 for being a National Merit Commended Scholar. While she will not have an opportunity to participate in the National Merit Scholarship competition, she ranks in the top 3% of all high school students nationwide who took the PSAT/NMSQT.

Ten Students Identified as AP Scholars

Montgomery Catholic is proud to announce that ten students were identified as AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their performance on the Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams taken in May of 2019. Students enrolled in AP courses complete college-level work and take an exam at the end of the school year. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams, based on scores ranging from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest).

"This distinction reflects a high degree of hard work and dedication, both from the students and from their teachers," said Montgomery Catholic high school principal **Justin Castanza**. "We are so proud of their achievements."

Six students were named as AP Scholars for receiving a score of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams: **Austin Collett '19, Jonah Gier '19, Grace Leslie '19, Maddie Losik '19, Kathleen Madden '19, and Chloe Smith '19.**

Two students were given the AP Scholar with Honor Award for earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams: **Annie Bach '19** and **Sofie Izer '20.**

Two students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award for receiving an average score of 3.5 or higher on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams: **Reagan Herbek '19** and **Clare Wilson '20.**

Of these students, **Clare Wilson** and **Regan Herbek** were the valedictorians of their classes, and **Sofia Izer** and **Austin Collett** were their class salutatorians. **Sofia Izer** was also a National Merit Scholarship winner and **Clare Wilson** was named a National Merit Commended Scholar.

Over the past two years, more than half of all Montgomery Catholic students who have taken AP Exams have earned a score of 3 or better with about half of those students earning a 4 or higher. Students have an opportunity to earn college credit depending on how well they score on AP Exams. Montgomery Catholic offers a variety of AP courses in several different disciplines.

Out in the Community

World Martial Arts Games:**Heather Walski** - Gold medal, Traditional Japanese Weapons; Bronze medal, Creative Weapons; 4th place, Open Hand

Peter Walski Gold medal, Traditional Japanese Weapons; Gold medal, Creative Weapons; 4th place, Open Hand

5 Grace Scott Class of 2020 Summited Mount Kilimanjaro over the summer of 2019.

6 Over the summer of 2019, **Ellie Pool** Class of 2021 paged for Representative Reed Ingram

7 Ja'Michael Washington Class of 2020 paged for Senator David Burkette.

8 Ellie Pool class of 2021 traveled with Dream Court to New York City to assist people with disabilities experience tennis at the US Open

Fifth grade MCPS student **Olivia Harbin** played Laura Ingalls in the Wetumpka Depot players A Little House Christmas.

Montgomery Catholic senior **Bobby Crawford** was chosen to be one of 185 musicians and 40 auxiliary who marched in the Macy's Great American Marching Band in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 2019.

Junior **Ines Gonzalez-Ansaldi** was selected to attend the Congress of Future Medical Leaders this summer in Boston, Massachusetts

9 Junior **Gracie Barranco** was selected to participate in the Dixie Electric Cooperative Youth Tour

These students were accepted to programs that were unfortunately canceled for summer 2020:

Boys State: **John Niemi**

Girls State: **Ellie Pool**

Governor's School: **Mary Carley**

HOBY: **Catherine Aaron, Will Noell, Cecelia Crawford, Patrick Ryan**

Senior **Theo Hornsby** was selected to attend the Boston University Tanglewood Institute for music in the summer of 2020

RoboKnights Qualify for World Championship

For the second year in a row, senior **Arthur Murray** and junior **Aidan Cochran** were on a team that built a world-class robot that qualified for the VEX Robotics World Championship Competition. Their robot, "Happy Little Accidents," is an homage to the late television painter personality Bob Ross, who often called minor mistakes in his art "happy little accidents" because they would always yield beautiful end results. The Happy Little Accidents team headed to the Alabama State Tournament in late February, where they won both the State Tournament Championship and Robot Skills Champion titles. Either of these wins would have sent them to the World Championship, but they were able to secure both titles to guarantee a spot at Worlds. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Robotics Education & Competition (REC) Foundation, which runs the VEX Robotics competition, canceled the World Championship Competition, which was scheduled to be held in Louisville, KY, from April 22 to April 25.

Happy Little Accidents—which also includes senior **Ja'Michael Washington** and 8th grader **Hunter Dailey**—has had an incredibly successful competition year. Prior to their appearance at



the Alabama State tournament, the team brought home the Tournament Champion trophy at five different competitions and the Skills Champion trophy twice. Also making an appearance at the State Competition was high school team "Insert Team Name Here," made up of sophomores **Chris Lathram** (a VEX Worlds alumni), **Andres Lemuz**, and **Jake Talbot**. In the middle school division, two teams competed at the state level: "Last Resort," comprised of 8th grader **Merritt Payne** and 7th graders **Zack Azar, David Huston, Michael Sasser, and Jackson Wright**, and "The Seives," made up of 7th graders **Ben Chitlik, Antonio Lemuz, Jaden Sigler, and Harrison Vaughn**. This is the fourth year in a row that Montgomery Catholic Robotics has made an appearance at the state level of competition.

The reason behind the RoboKnights' successful seasons is in part because

of the leadership of the older, more experienced students who led the program.

"The focus of our upperclassmen has greatly influenced our club," said RoboKnights advisor **Vicki Petters**. "**Arthur Murray**, who was one of the first members of the VEX club, will be sorely missed next year as he heads to the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and we wish him well."

She went on to mention the many opportunities the teams had to interact with teams from the area, which helped to develop their robot building skills and their experience in devising winning strategies and tactics.

"Our young teams were encouraged by their successes this year at the Alabama National Fair and League Play at Brewtech," **Petters** said. "Their experience at the State tournament among very competitive teams prepared them well for the upcoming season."

While the teams are disappointed that this season came to an early end, they are all looking forward to the next competition challenge, "Change Up," which was announced in late spring.

Responding to COVID-19

Schools across the country closed their doors to the public in the spring of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Montgomery Catholic was no exception. The faculty had been preparing for such an event in the preceding weeks and were ready to start distance learning measures as soon as the Archdiocese of Mobile ordered all its schools to close their doors and start teaching remotely. The students' last day in their classrooms was March 16, and while faculty and families remained hopeful that they could return within the ensuing weeks, that was not to be the case. Distance learning continued through the remainder of the school year and many events—including awards ceremonies, completion Masses, and commencement—had to be conducted virtually or with strict social distancing measures in place.

Overall, teachers and students responded well to the transition to distance learning. Students in grades 10 through 12 are given MacBooks as tools for regular classroom instruction, so as long as they had reliable internet connections, they could access most of the learning resources, such as digital textbooks, that they used anyway. For all other grades, teachers had to survey the families to verify that the students would have access to a digital device, be it a home computer, tablet, or smartphone, that could connect to the internet and be able to access course materials.

Using tools like Google Classroom, Zoom meetings, and even simple cell phone photos, teachers stayed in constant communication with families and students to convey lessons and



evaluate schoolwork. Since teachers across the world also had to teach remotely, libraries of free educational tools and games were made available online for the public to use. And of course, old-fashioned

books and paper were essential throughout this time.

The faculty and administration also met regularly through video conferences. The campus offices, which diligently practiced social distancing and heightened hygiene routines, kept business running as close to usual as possible, albeit with doors closed to the general public.

While this has been a challenging time for all of the staff and families, they have kept a positive attitude about the conclusion of the 2019-2020 the school year and look forward to returning to their classrooms in 2020-2021.

A New Knight Era: Year 6

Year 6 of “A New Knight Era”...this year was by far the strangest for me as athletic director, but more importantly, the strangest year for athletics for as far as I can remember. Montgomery Catholic had so much success, but it has to be one of the most disappointing ends

we have ever encountered. So many seniors did not get to finish their careers here like we all would have liked them to finish. With all the Spring sports stopped mid-season, it took away 8 opportunities to crown state champions. So many of our teams were off to fantastic starts, it was sheer disappointment to not have the opportunity to see the season finish. As we have gotten back to Summer workouts, we want to always remember how fast opportunities can be taken away from us, and always remember to make the most of every chance we get... we may not know when we won't have the opportunity again.

A VERY BIG shout-out to our class of 2020 athletes!! You will be missed!

As for 2019-20, we can't for get all the great success the year held BEFORE the disappointing end...**Coach Blackwell's** football team set the record for most wins in a season going 12-1 and reaching the 3rd round of the playoffs, the volleyball team, under first year head coach **Sellers Dubberley**, won the most matches ever and advanced to the Final 4, **Coach Curry's** boy's basketball team also set the school record for wins (30-4) on their journey winning the regional title and making it to the Final 4 in Birmingham...

We opened up our new Athletic Complex to rave reviews, and honestly, it was a tremendous home court advantage in volleyball and basketball this year. We are looking forward to making this one of the toughest places to play in the state of Alabama!

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

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

Football

- 1** Class 4A Region 2 Champions with a regular season of 10-0.

First time ever to advance to the 3rd round of the AHSAA playoffs, ended the season with a MCPS historical 12-1 record

Jack Burt - Montgomery Quarterback Club Player of the Week August 30, 2019

Christian Ivey - Montgomery Quarterback Club Player of the Week October 4, 2019

Chase Little - Montgomery Quarterback Club Private School Player of the Year

Chase Little played OL in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game at Southern Miss. Chase is the 3rd Knight in 4 years to play in the game and the 5th in the last 7

All Capital City Conference Football Team:

Offense: **Christian Ivey, Darrell Gibson, DJ Carter, Myles Butler, Chase Little**

Defense: **Marcus Dees, CJ Owens, T.J. Dudley, Jack Burt, Nathan Downes, Michael Russo**

Player of the Year – **Christian Ivey**

Coach of the Year – **Aubrey Blackwell**

Honorable mentions: **Morris Carmichael, Kylon Griffin, Ja'Michael Washington, Orlando Whatley**

Volleyball

- 2** Varsity Volleyball were region champs and made it to the 2nd round of the State Tournament.

All-Metro Player of the year: **Ansley Dean**



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All-Metro First Team: **Ansley Dean**

All-Metro Honorable Mentions: **Meaghan Pineda, Katherine O'Connor**

Capital City Conference 2019 Coach of the Year **Sellers Dubberley**

All-CCC Team **Ansley Dean**, and Honorable Mentions **Katherine O'Connor** and **Meaghan Pineda**

Cross Country

Montgomery Advertiser All-Metro Boys Cross Country team: **Hollis Johnson, Jr., Harrison Skala**, and **Sam Leslie**

Montgomery Advertiser All-Metro Cross Girls Country team honorable mentions **Catherine Aaron** and **Ann Cobb**

AHSAA All-Star Cross Country Boys Team: **Hollis Johnson, Jr., Harrison Skala**, and **Sam Leslie**

AHSAA All-Star Cross Country Girls Coach: **Hollis Johnson, Sr.**

Wrestling

1-5A 2020 Super South Sectionals 128 lbs: **Titus Franklin**, 5th place

1-5A 2020 Super South Sectionals 160 lbs: **Jack Burt**, Champion

All-Metro Wrestling Team: **Jack Burt**

1-5A All-Metro Wrestler of the Year: **Jack Burt**

- 3** **Jack Burt** 2020 Class 1-5A 160lb State Champion

Basketball

- 4** Varsity boys Regional and Area Champions, advanced to State Semifinals

1A-4A All-Metro Boys Basketball First Team **Justin Bufford**

1A-4A All-Metro Boys Basketball Honorable Mentions **Dezhion Carter, LJ Green**

1A-4A All-Metro Girls Basketball Honorable Mention **Lorren Pharrams**

Alabama Sports Writers Association Mr. Basketball Nominee **Justin Bufford**

ASWA All-State 4A First Team: **Justin Bufford**

ASWA Boys Basketball Player of the Year Finalist: **Justin Bufford**

All Capital City Conference First Team: **DJ Carter, LJ Green**



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All Capital City Conference Second Team: **TJ Dudley**

All Capital City Conference Honorable Mention: **Myles Butler**

Player of the Year: **Justin Bufford**

Coach of the Year: **Mike Curry**

All-Capital City Conference Girls Basketball First Team: **Lorren Pharrams**

All-Capital City Conference Girls Basketball Second Team: **Nona Johnson**

Indoor Track

State Meet:

Hollis Johnson, Jr. – 3rd place Boys 3200M

Ann Cobb - 4th place Girls 400M

- 5** *Outdoor Track*

Auburn Early Bird Meet

Ann Cobb - 2nd Girls 400 M

Ann Cobb - 3rd Girls 800 M

Hollis Johnson, Jr. - 2nd Boys 800 M, 2nd Place Boys 4X800 Meter Relay

Golf

Junior **Grant Smith** won the Blue-Gray Invitational Golf Tournament at Wynlakes on March 10, 2020.

Softball

All-Capital City Conference Softball Player of the Year **Alanna Aiken**

All-Capital City Conference Softball Coach of the Year Coach of the Year **Whitney Toole**

All-Capital City Conference Softball Team: **Nikki Walker, Mackenzie Norton**, and **Chloe Walden**

All-Capital City Conference Softball Honorable Mentions: **Carissa Gilbert, Mallory Hildebrand**, and **Nona Johnson**

Baseball

All-Capital City Conference Baseball Team: **Nate Downes, Christian Ivey**

All-Capital City Conference Baseball Honorable Mentions **Morris Carmichael, Dean Johnson**, and **Colby Zaleski**

Tim Turner Memorial Award Middle School Athletes of the Year: **Mally Barranco** and **Ryan Park**

Knights of the Round Table

Nominees: **Katherine O'Connor, Lorren Pharrams, Hayden Pritchett, Jack Burt, Nate Downes**, and **Darrell Gibson**.

Knights of the Round Table award winners: **Katherine O'Connor** and **Jack Burt**.

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MARCHING KNIGHTS

BAND ACHIEVEMENT



Photo courtesy of The Catholic Week

The 2019-2020 school year has been another great one for the MCPS Band Program. In the Fall, the Marching Knights had a fantastic award-winning season while competing at the Phenix Invitational Marching Festival in Phenix City and the JSU Contest of Champions at Jacksonville State University. The Band earned straight Superior ratings at both competitions, and at the JSU COC, the Marching Knights also earned the coveted titles of Best-in-Class Drum Major, Best-in-Class Percussion, and Best-in-Class Overall Band. We were invited once again by Archbishop Rodi to march in the Crewe of Columbus Mardi Gras parade in Mobile, which is always a fun highlight of our year. In the Spring, MCPS took middle school and high school ensembles to perform at the annual Alabama Bandmasters Music Performance Assessment. The middle school Intermediate Band and Advanced Band each earned Superior ratings on their performances. The high school Concert Band earned Superior ratings while playing the highest possible musical degree of difficulty, which is a first in school history. The Band had a record twenty-five students who earned a spot in the 2020 District Honor Band and (another record) twelve outstanding students selected for the Alabama All-State Bands this year, obliterating our previous school records. The Band has numerous alumni from the past decade who have gone on to major in music at Alabama universities, and we have six graduates this year who are planning to major in music. We are looking forward to the coming Fall and another great year in 2020-2021!

Alex Johnson, Band Director

ELEMENTARY BAND

The MCPS Elementary Bands have had an exciting year in 2019-2020! We started the year with great momentum and spirit with over 40 members comprising the fifth and sixth grade bands. The students learned at an unprecedented pace in the Fall, doing an awesome job at their first performance at the annual MCPS Band Christmas Concert. The Spring semester did not go as we thought it would in January. Students were learning at an awesome pace and making amazing progress, but starting in March we went to distance learning, which was definitely a challenge for all of the students. I encouraged all of the students to keep up with practicing their instruments, and many sent short videos of themselves playing to me. I know we can pick up where we left on in the fall and continue the great progress we were making. I look forward to seeing current members and new faces in 2020- 2021!

Kristine Johnson, Assistant Band Director



2019-2020 FACILITIES UPDATE

This is what happened around our campuses:

- Built new large wooden stage in gym used for graduation.
- Poured new concrete slab and built fence for cook station outside concession stand
- Hung Knight head banner and American flag in new gym
- Repaired long standing plumbing problem in locker rooms in Fine Arts building
- Built 2 storage containers for play balls at Holy Spirit
- Moved band room storage system and reinstalled it in new Performing Arts Center
- Completed installation of new Gym and Performing Arts Center donor wall
- Continuing incremental LED light upgrade at both St. Bede and Holy Spirit Campuses
- Replaced leaking skylights in the field house
- Installed 3 water bottle filling stations (2 Holy Spirit, 1 St. Bede)

Cameron Gilbert,
Facilities Manager

Honor Bands, etc. with MCPS Student Representation

Troy University Southeastern United High School Honor Band - February 2020

University of Alabama Honor Band - February 2020

Auburn University Middle School Honor Band - February 2020

Auburn University High School Honor Band - February 2020

Samford University Honor Band - March 2020

University of Montevallo Honor Band - March 2020

Montgomery Youth Symphony Orchestra - Year Round

Captiol Sounds Concert Band - Year Round

MCPS All-State Honor Band members: **Michael Algarin, Ryan Avery, Victoria Hall, Ashley Hayes, Theo Hornsby, Maddy Kille, Bobby Crawford, Angela Gier, Mai Ellington, Jackson Penso, Aidan Blum, and Hunter Dailey.**

MCPS District Honor Band members: **Ella An, Anna Lathram, Hannah Traff, Aidan Blum, Peter Riello, Hunter Dailey, John Scott Jackson, Izzy Priori, Keveen Ramirez, Sarah Ellis, Monica Nguyen, David Huston, Ryan Avery, Michael Algarin, Ashley Hayes, Maddy Kille, Mai Ellington, Victoria Hall, Angela Gier, Jackson Ingalls, Jackson Penso, Theo Hornsby, Bobby Crawford, Josie Smith, Mason Branam**



Student Honors

Middle School District VI Honor Band Members: **Ella An, Aidan Blum, Hunter Dailey, Sarah Ellis, David Huston, John Scott Jackson, Anna Lathram, Monica Nguyen, Izzy Priori, Keveen Ramirez, Peter Riello, and Hannah Traff**

Middle School All-State Honor Band Members: **Aidan Blum, Hunter Dailey, and John Scott Jackson**

High School District VI Honor Band Members: **Michael Algarin, Ryan Avery, Mason Branam, Bobby Crawford, Mai Ellington, Angela Gier, Victoria Hall, Ashley Hayes, Theo Hornsby, Jackson Ingalls, Maddy Kille, Jackson Penso, and Josie Smith**

High School All-State Honor Band Members: **Michael Algarin, Ryan Avery, Bobby Crawford, Mai Ellington, Angela Gier, Victoria Hall, Ashley Hayes, Theo Hornsby, Jackson Ingalls, Maddy Kille, and Jackson Penso**

7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Band, and High School Band all earned Superior ratings at the Alabama Bandmasters Association's Musical Performance Assessment



What it has given to us, though, is the challenge and the opportunity to be innovative, which is exactly what I and my colleagues will be learning and working to do over this summer break. Theatre is simply having an intermission; Choir is observing the fermata over a rest; the News never sleeps, and we will learn best practices for how to continue safely telling stories that are accurate, informative, honest, faithful, and hopeful. This pandemic has given us time, space, perspective, and a greater capacity for compassion and understanding—if we choose to accept it.

We can't tell you exactly what the next school year will look like, but I can tell you it will be an experience unlike any other because this community listens and follows the movement of the Holy Spirit, and loves and values its people above anything else. As cheesy as it is, the cast of *High School Musical* has it right: "We're all in this together," and that's exactly how we're going to make it in this new world.

Thank you for your support and your prayers, and whether it's on a screen or in the audience, we'll see you soon.

Blessings,
Kate Berry

DRAMA & CHOIR

Hello, Montgomery Catholic Family!

First, I hope you are staying safe and well, and making the most of these strange times. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Now more than ever our nation and our world have a different perspective on the importance of the stories we interact with each and every day, from passing time sheltering at home with streaming content of all kinds, to the news stories that greet us each morning. That is no different in our performing arts and broadcast journalism programs.

We started the year normally: The choir sang at the city's annual Red Mass, in addition to weekly Mass at school, and we held auditions for our upcoming fall production, a scenes program entitled Alabama Stories. The cast was made up of students from across all of our campuses, elementary, middle, and high school, and the scenes were selected from plays set in our great state. We saw a glimpse into life at Ivy Green in Tusculumbia with a scene from *The Miracle Worker*; we took a train to Huntsville in *Rocket City, Alabam*!; we learned how to Alabama Stomp with the cast of *Big Fish*; and we remembered the importance of walking around in others' shoes with scenes from *To Kill a Mockingbird*. *Zelda at the Oasis* and *Alabama Story* were set in our backyard, and in the days before the school building closed, our drama

students actually got to have a face-to-face meeting with the playwright of *Alabama Story*, Kenneth Jones, after seeing the Alabama Shakespeare Festival's production the week before. The performances from these young actors and "techies" outshone any limitations that may have presented themselves as we attempted to transform the Dolly Barrano Center into the Dolly Barranco Theatre. They learned about themselves, each other, our shared history, and more about the power of storytelling.

We finished the year very differently than we had anticipated. We had to cancel our production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Our choir did not get to showcase their work and talents in the Capital City Choral Festival. Broadcasting students did not get to tour the new WSFA facilities downtown. Our children did not get to work with their older schoolmates to produce Disney's *Moana Jr.* at our second annual summer camp. And even more than these "products" of the work we do in the classroom environment, we lost the opportunity for all of the joys, heartaches, interpersonal relationships, and personal growth born in the process of sharing, creating, rehearsing, and learning when we can be together. It is so easy to see and name the things that this pandemic has taken away from all of us.

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Scholarships

2020-21 Scholarship Winners

COACH RALPH FURLONG SCHOLARSHIP

- 1 John Scott Jackson

THE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Bennett Webb &
Campbell Webb

FRYE, ARBAN, ORTEGA SCHOLARSHIP

- 2 Myles Butler &
Adrianna Dannelly

ANNA AND HAROLD PAIGE SCHOLARSHIP

- 3 Thomas Castanza &
4 Ben Castanza

CAITLYN MARIANNE WIGGINS '08 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- 5 Nona Johnson &
6 Auburn Wilcoxson

NORMA MUNGENAST SCHOLARSHIP

- 7 Alexander Austin,
2 Myles Butler,
5 Nona Johnson,
6 Auburn Wilcoxson &
8 Cacey Wiliams

PADRE PIO ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

- 9 Lily Coulombe &
10 Isabella Shin

CAROLE SKONEKI CLARK ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

- 11 Mary Carley

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

- 1 John Scott Jackson

JJ BEDNARZ, SR., MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- 2 Myles Butler,
12 DJ Carter,
5 Nona Johnson &
8 Cacey Williams

ANNA CECIL BENNETT '18 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- 13 Hayden Pritchett

CLASS OF 2009 JUSTON MARTIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

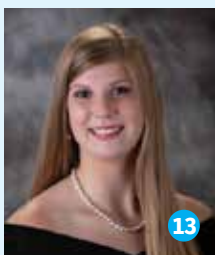
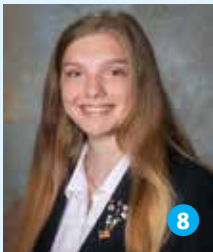
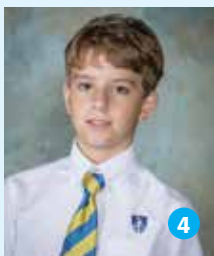
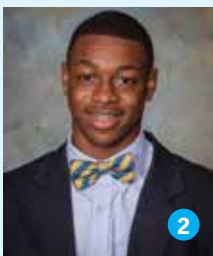
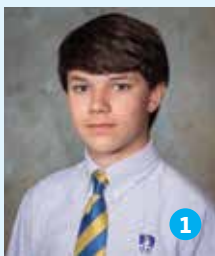
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BEN AND ALICE TOKARZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- 14 Aidan Fleet,
15 Anna Marie Hill,
16 Ella Castanza &
17 Ryan Parker

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12150 SCHOLARSHIP

- 18 Evan Parker



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 given to a high school student who demonstrates a commitment to both extra-curriculars and his or her studies.

The Legacy Scholarship

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

Frye, Arban, Ortega Scholarship

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

Anna and Harold Paige Scholarship

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

The Caitlyn Marianne Wiggins '08 Memorial Scholarship

Established in December of 2013. A 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 in October 2014 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 High School students The Norma R. Endowed Scholarship amount will vary annually.

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. Annually funds one (1) full tuition scholarship and one (1) half-tuition scholarship. 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.

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

Established 2014 as a lasting memorial by their son Charles J. "Joe" Gross, Jr. to honor his loving parents. This Endowed Scholarship Fund was established to work with Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School in order to share God's blessings and to further His kingdom. Awarded annually to one or more students enrolled at the High School Campus.

Carole Skoneki Clark Endowed Scholarship

Established in December 2015 by PICE (Partners in Catholic Education), to honor Carole for her many years of Service to the School. The Carole Skoneki Clark Scholarship is awarded annually to one rising 10-12th grade Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School student for \$1,000. The scholarship is endowed for a minimum of 10 years.

The JJ Bednarz, Sr., Memorial Scholarship

Established 2018. The scholarship was created by a trust funded by the Estate of JJ Bednarz, Sr., a US Air Force veteran, businessman and long time St. Bede parishioner whose children attended Montgomery Catholic. The scholarship will fund one (1) full tuition scholarship annually to an enrolled high school student.

Anna "Any" Cecile Bennett '18 Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2018. Jim, Murray, and Jack Bennett, along with family friends Jimmy and Laura McLemore, established this scholarship fund 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.

The Juston Martin Memorial Scholarship

Established in April 2019 in Juston's honor after he was killed in a motor vehicle accident in February 2014. The Class of 2009 developed this scholarship in 2019 in light of their 10 year class reunion and as a way to celebrate the life of their fallen classmate. The Award will be given annually for a partial scholarship to a rising senior who possesses many of the characteristics that Juston exhibited in life.

The following scholarships are independent of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and award criteria and submission dates may differ from other MCPS scholarships:

Ben and Alice Tokarz Memorial Scholarship

Presented by The Knights of Columbus, Council 893. 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.

Knights of Columbus Council 12150 Scholarship

Presented by The Knights of Columbus Council 12150. 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 pleased to establish The Anne Ceasar Endowed Scholarship (ACES)

Established June 2020. In honor of Anne Ceasar and her 16 year career at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. Her dedication to tuition assistance and love of Catholic education has provided the Anne Ceasar Endowed Scholarship (ACES). The ACES scholarship has been generously established by Mrs. Ceasar's family and friends along with the greater MCPS Community. Please see page 20 for a complete list of donors.

If you are interested in starting a scholarship at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School contact our Development Office at 334-272-2771 ext. 302 or email vdickson@montgomerycatholic.org.

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

HARBIN AWARD RECIPIENT

Montgomery Catholic Announces 2020 Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award Winner

Linda Belsterling ‘78 Anderson was honored by Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School on May 13 as the 2020 Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award winner for her service to the school.

The Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award was established by the Harbin family and is awarded by the school to recognize those selfless individuals who have significantly served Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and exemplified its values in their lives.

Montgomery Catholic's president, **Mrs. Anne Ceasar**, presented Linda with an engraved clock to begin the 2020 Montgomery Catholic High School Academic Awards Night in appreciation for the gift of her time. The ceremony was held via Facebook Live broadcast due to campus restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Linda Anderson not only has been an active and supportive Alum of Montgomery Catholic but also has been a wonderful parent volunteer. Over the last twenty-five years, Linda has never shied away from the behind-the-scenes work it takes to make our school great.

Linda and her husband Charlie made sure to support Catholic education in

every way they could. Two of their sons are alumni, and while her boys attended, Linda was always an active part of the volunteer groups at all levels.

Linda was always seen helping out with St. Bede PTC events and, of course, continued to help out as her boys moved to the Middle School and High School campuses. She served as a room mom and team mom and has always been an active member of the Booster Club by organizing, developing, designing, and raising money for Sports Annual for several years.

An original and active PICE committee member for 25 years, she volunteers her time each year for the PICE Golf Tournament and was a founding committee member of the PICE Carole Clark Scholarship.

Linda is an avid supporter of Catholic athletics, and she and Charlie can be seen at most major MCPS events, including Monte Carlo Night, which they support annually. She was a Homecoming Alumni Under the Tent event volunteer for 5+ years, and an active member and supporter of both strategic planning and capital campaign committees.

With humility and a servant's heart, Linda has worked tirelessly to help



Montgomery Catholic grow and prosper. We are so grateful for her time and efforts over the years!

Congratulations, Linda, and Thank you!

Linda joins past Distinguished Service Award recipients:

- Leonard J. Mrotek**, 1997
- Margaret Olive Jones**, 1998
- Edward P. Clark**, 1999
- Marty & Bebe Taylor**, 2000
- Dottie A. Dean**, 2001
- “Goose” DeLongchamp**, 2002
- Rod & Anne Ceasar**, 2003
- Bill & Marian Saliski**, 2004
- Jeff Downes**, 2005
- David & Jeanne Barranco**, 2006
- Nora Cammack**, 2007
- Dennis & Karen Weber**, 2008
- Chip & Lisa Vercelli**, 2009
- Bill & Debbie Barranco**, 2010
- Barr & Cappy Younker**, 2011
- Liz Sutton & Jerry Lopez**, 2012
- Jack Galassini**, 2013
- Gaylon & Mary McAlpine**, 2014
- Marty Rupert Huett**, 2015
- Kevin Ryan**, 2016
- Ann Karst**, 2017
- Col. Jack Lauer**, 2018
- Pat & Casie McGinn**, 2019

Homecoming 2019

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School held their annual Homecoming varsity football game on Thursday, October 24, 2019. The Homecoming game and festivities were pushed up a day due to stormy weather expected that Friday, and but Thursday night change did not put a damper on any of the celebrations. Immediately following the 30-0 victory against Headland High School, Montgomery Catholic President Anne Ceasar had the distinct honor of crowning the 2019 Homecoming Queen and King, Miss Anna Michael DuBois and Mr. Minh Tan Vo.

The 2019 Montgomery Catholic Homecoming Court, pictured from left to right: Sophomore attendant **Auburn Wilcoxson** escorted by **TJ Dudley**; Senior attendant **Kinley Tadlock** escorted by **Christian Ivey**; Homecoming Queen and King **Anna DuBois** and **Minh Vo**; Senior attendant **Katherine O'Connor** escorted by **Christopher Valencia**; Junior attendant **Rachel Rodriguez** escorted by **Kolbe Russo**; and Freshman attendant **Kayleigh Everage** escorted by **LJ Green**.

Before the game, **Mrs. Ceasar**, along with Principal **Justin Castanza** and Athletic Director **Daniel Veres**, honored the members of the 2019 Girls Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field State Championship team, along with their coaches, and presented them with their State Championship rings.

On Friday evening, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School welcomed all Alumni home with Mass, hosted by the class of

1988 and said by **Father Den Irwin**, class of 1988. Immediately following, Alumni and their families enjoyed a special Alumni dinner in the new gym's Partners in Catholic Education (PICE) Knights Arena. Alumni and guests, including the classes of 1959, 1988, 1994, 1999, and 2009 who were celebrating reunions, enjoyed a delicious meal from Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Q while catching up with old classmates.

The week leading up to the Homecoming football game was full of activities and excitement, including themed spirit days and the high school field day. On Thursday evening, the first-ever elementary Squire Walk was held. Students from the St. Bede and Holy Spirit campuses processed through the inflatable helmet to greet the Big Knights varsity football team as they took the field. A shut-out victory over Headland capped off the Knights' perfect 10-0 season, a feat not seen since 1979. After the Alumni finished their meal, the Middle School campus held their fall dance in the Dolly Barranco Center. The High School campus ended the week with their Homecoming Dance on Saturday.



THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 HOMECOMING ALUMNI UNDER THE TENT SPONSORS

Without your support this event would not be possible:

- The Class of 1959
- The Class of 1991
- Richard Boone '59
- The Bristol Family: Doug & Caterina, Adam '17 & Marie '19
- Pete & Carol Peterson '65
- Goose Tatum '67
- Micah Tatum '95
- Tim Tatum '99
- Ed Whalen '63
- Coca-Cola
- Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Q

If you would like to sponsor our virtual Homecoming Alumni Event, visit montgomerycatholic.org/alumni. All sponsors will be recognized on our radio broadcasts and at the game.

Montgomery Catholic Dedicates New Performing Arts Building



On the evening of February 10, 2020, friends, supporters, faculty, and students of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School gathered inside the new performing arts building at the middle and high school campus for its dedication by Thomas J. Rodi, Archbishop of Mobile. It was standing room only as a large crowd amassed to take part in the ceremony to unveil and bless the new facility.

"They've always had fine arts," said Miss Gwen Byrd, Superintendent of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Mobile, in her opening remarks about Montgomery Catholic. "But now this is a facility for the arts, and it's going to get better and better for our curriculum."

The 51-year old Father Pat Delahunty Memorial Gymnasium, which was replaced by a 33,000 square foot athletic center in the fall of 2019, was breathed new life as a state-of-the-art performing arts classroom facility. The transformation of the Fr. Delahunty comes at a time when the band, chorus, and drama programs are seeing tremendous growth and expansion, and Archbishop Rodi emphasized the importance of incorporating the arts into a well-rounded curriculum.

"God has given us talents and abilities," Archbishop Rodi said, "and a Catholic school educates the whole student, going to back to the concept of being educated academically, athletically, socially, culturally, and spiritually. That's a unique gift of a Catholic school."

When Director of Bands Alex Johnson took the helm in 2010, the marching band only had 12 members. Today, the award-winning Marching Knights band features over 60 musicians and auxiliary members and grows each year. The concert band program has around 80 students in grades 7 through 12 and 50 students in grade 5 and 6. In the spring of 2019, the 7th grade, 8th grade, and high school concert bands each earned straight superior ratings in all categories at the Alabama Bandmasters Association Musical Performance Assessment, an honor that had not achieved by all three bands simultaneously before.



Additionally, 25 students from the middle and high school bands were selected for the 2020 ABA District VI Honor Bands, 11 of whom were also selected for the 2020 Alabama All-State Honor Bands.

"This facility is not just a building; it is a representation of our past, present, and future as a school and specifically of the fine arts program," said Alex Johnson. "When I started 10 years ago, we only had 12 students in the Marching Knights. I knew that there was nothing that I could do as an individual to turn the program around. But those kids who were the ones who turned it around. They dug their heels in and made everything happen, which snowballed and has led us here today."

The choral and drama departments are also looking forward to the renovation as the new building will feature a classroom space dedicated to both programs. The high school choir sings at every weekly school Mass. Serving the greater community, the choir also sings at the annual Red Mass held at St. Peter Catholic Church to mark the beginning of the judicial year. They were also invited to sing at the 25th anniversary celebration of the Montgomery Area Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Our Lady Queen of Mercy Church. In the 2018-2019 season, the drama students performed *A Christmas Hard Day's Knight* in the style of a madrigal dinner theater, followed in the spring by the 2012 revival version of Stephen Schwartz's *Godspell*. This fall, students from all four Montgomery Catholic campuses performed a scenes program, *Alabama Stories*, a montage of excerpts from plays that take place in Alabama.



The Building on Faith, Family & Tradition capital campaign raised over \$3.5 million in the eleven months after the campaign began. Groundbreaking for the new gym took place on October 10, 2017, and the first phase of the campaign saw the completion of a 33,000 square foot athletic complex which was opened in August 2019. The second phase saw the conversion of the Fr. Delahunty Gym into a climate-controlled fine and performing arts building that houses the band, choral, and drama departments. The renovated building features classrooms for band and chorus, individual practice rooms, instrument storage, and offices for staff. There is also a student center that serves as a gathering space to facilitate club meetings and other activities.





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Alex Johnson, Band Director



Photos courtesy of The Catholic Week

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMES TO A CLOSE!
\$3.7 Million Pledged | \$3.2 Million Collected to Date
5 Year Campaign | 494 Donors
Thank You!

Montgomery Catholic Celebrates the Class of 2020

On the evening of Tuesday, June 23, 2020, the 145th graduating class of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School gathered in the PICE Knights Arena at the MCPS Middle and High School Campus. **Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi**, Superintendent of Education **Gwendolyn Byrd**, Montgomery Catholic President **Anne Ceasar**, and High School Principal **Justin Castanza** were joined by Reverend **Fathers Patrick Gilbreath, Den Irwin, Nicholas Napolitano, Alex Valladares**, and **Wayne Youngman**, along with seminarian **Joseph Schultz**, as the special guests of the class.

Due to government-issued social distancing guidelines and face mask mandates, the graduates were seated with appropriate distance from each other, and each was given a special face mask to wear during the ceremony that matched their graduation regalia. Family seating was extremely limited, but the entire ceremony was broadcast on Facebook Live, enabling friends and family to take part in the festivities from their homes.

Salutatorian **Sofia Grace Izer** and Valedictorian **Clare Josephine Wilson** addressed their fellow graduates, special guests, family, and friends after the class received their diplomas from **Archbishop Rodi**. In closing, Montgomery Catholic teacher **Kerri Moore** led the class of 2020 and alumni in singing the Montgomery Catholic Alma Mater, "Catholic, Our Refuge."

Before the conclusion of the ceremony, **Castanza**, who will be assuming the role of Montgomery Catholic President upon **Ceasar's** retirement from the position

this summer, had one last surprise. After listing **Ceasar's** accomplishments throughout her career as an educator and as President, **Castanza** unveiled the Anne Ceasar Endowed Scholarship, a fund that will support students in need at Montgomery Catholic, and furthering her legacy of helping families in our community.

The 80 members of the Class of 2019 have earned \$6.4 million in scholarship offers from 23 colleges and universities across the United States. The top 20 percent of the class achieved an average ACT composite score of 31 and an average GPA of 4.28. Additionally, 18 of the 80 graduates started school at Montgomery Catholic in kindergarten, most of whom are graduating with honors, including valedictorian Clare Wilson. Our graduates include a National Merit Scholarship Winner, an AP Scholar with Distinction, an AP Scholar with Honor, 30 members of National Honor Society, seven collegiate athletes, a future member of the armed forces and a future firefighter, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference ambassadors, a state champion wrestler, a Great American Marching Band member, state champion cross country runners, members of the VEX Robotics World Championship team, three football players of the year, volleyball player of the year, male basketball player of the year, wrestler of the year, All-American cheerleaders, and members of the all-district and all-state honor bands. Their achievements have energized our Montgomery Catholic family, and they have left a new school spirit for future classes to be proud of.



Photo by Jake Crandall- Montgomery Advertiser

Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

Archie Aldreaus Alexander-Green, Lorissa Theanna Algarin, John Raymond Allen, Mark Benjamin James Austin Jr., Ryan Joseph Christus Avery, Megan Brydie Bourke, Donisha Keira Boyd, Justin Oneal Bufford, Sarah Rose Burden, Jackson Strange Burt, Morris Cassady Carmichael, Tanner Kelly Carter, Olivia Miriam Cheriyan, Robert Andrew Crawford, Ethan Andrew Darwin, Ansley Elaine Dean, Nathan Michael Downes, Lainie Nicole Doyle, Anna Michael DuBois, Patrick Michael Flores, Jason Louis Flowers, Jalen Lesle Fountain, Darrell Devon Gibson, Victoria Rose Hall, Ashley Nicole Hayes, Michael McCloskey Hodges Jr., Calob Lawrence Hopson, Theodore Karl Hornsby, Christian Bane Ivey, Sofia Grace Izer, Savannah Denay Johnson, Josephine Nicole Jolley, Madison McKenzie Kille, Austin Chase Little, Michael Justin Mason, Jayla MaKensee Milam, Melanie Estefania Montes, Sean Michael Moore, Denalie Dawn Mosakowski, Arthur Lee Murray IV, Robert Scott Nation, Katherine Danneker O'Connor, Charles Edward O'Donnell, Cornelius Jaquan Owens, Zack Edward Pappanastos, Jackson Anthony Penso, Katherine Rose Vide Perkins, Lorren Christian Pharrams, Daniel Cole Pierce, Meaghan Colleen Pineda, Hayden Elisabeth Pritchett, John Darrell Register, Garrett Raymond Rentfro, Darian Alexander Riley, Mary Jane Roberts, Michael James Russo, Anna Elizabeth Sadie, Landry Lawrence Samuels, Eliza Grace Scott, Emma Louise Secor, India Nekia Shields, Rhodes Addison Singleton, Elizabeth May Speirs, Jarrod Alexander Stokes, Kinley Jordan Tadlock, Mary Avery Tucker, Anjelica Maria Valencia, Christopher Edward Valencia, MaryEllen Grace Vazquez, Minh Tan Vo, Chad Vincent Waite, Lynniece Nicole Walker, Ja'Michael Tyrone Washington, Alexis Danielle Weber, Chloe Noel Weber, Jack McDowell Weber, Orlando Terrell Whatley Jr., Clare Josephine Wilson, Caroline McClendon Wright and Colby Alan Zaleski

Faculty News 2019-2020



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1 Bonnie McClure retired in July 2019 after 21 years of service to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. A 1976 graduate of the school, we appreciate Bonnie's dedication and love of her alma mater. You will still catch her around campus supporting the cheerleaders and her granddaughters who now attend the school.

2 Known as the "kid whisperer" Holy Spirit campus K4 teacher **Mary Walker** retired in May 2020.

3 High School Administrative Assistant for 20 years **Madonna Kimbrough** retired in July 2020.

School President **Anne Ceasar** Retired in July 2020.

Coach Jill Clark has 20 years of service to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School, as our Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach and Physical Education teacher.

Coach Sellers Dubberley and his wife Sarah welcomed their third son Miles Alexander on November 26, 2019. Coach Dubberley was named the 2019 CCC Volleyball Coach of the year by the *Montgomery Independent* for his first season at Montgomery Catholic.

Holy Spirit Campus principal **Nancy Foley** and her husband Mark welcomed their first granddaughter, Mary Lawton in the fall of 2019.

4 Middle and High School Principal **Justin Castanza** was named 2019 YMCA Man of the Year.

St. Bede campus counselor **Mary Thaggard** and her husband Thomas were named a 2020 Ambassador Family for The March of Dimes.

High School English teacher **Sarah Berg** was named Teacher of the Month in the March Issue of River Region Parents Magazine.

High School math teacher **Mr. Arnold Stringer** was named Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by the National Society of High School Scholars. He was nominated by senior **Jarred Stokes**.

Our Past is Important for Our Future

Without our past there really is no future! Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is grateful for our 147 year history. Each of our alumni have left a mark on the spirit of our school. You are the gift that makes your Alma Mater stronger (especially during a Global pandemic). We are so thankful for all of our Alum: for the support, the notes of encouragement, and especially your prayers. Please pray for the school, our students and faculty, and know that we are committed to continuing the legacy of the place that helped shape you. **Never forget #OnceaKnightAlwaysaNight!** We hope to hear from you soon!

A L U M N I N E W S

Class of 1954

Joe Orth is still busy trying to visit all the National Parks in the country, he reposts he is almost finished!

Class of 1960

John Lobdell and his wife Sandra currently live in Hoover. John is “retired and lovin’ it!”


Class of 1962

Rosemary (Rosie) Denson sent us an update: "I didn't graduate from St Mary's of Loretto, but attended the grade school for 6 years. My brother Render Denson was in the class of 1961. My Dad was stationed at Maxwell AFB until we were transferred. Render was in a seminary and then served in Viet Nam as a Scout Dog Patrol leader. After 7 years in a convent and 8 years as Trial Attorney at the Department of Justice, I became a Federal Administrative Law Judge, while at the same time serving as a JAG officer in the USN Reserves until retirement. I loved my years and classmates while attending St. Mary's of Loretto."

Class of 1963

Rick Clark is retired and he and his wife Suzanne are proud grandparents of two boys, 4 and 1 year old.

Class of 1969



Chuck Schroll taught math and science at Catholic High from 1974-1982. He is currently teaching glider flying in Arizona and astronomy at Badlands National Park in South Dakota.

Elizabeth Morton Eiswerth lost her mother Magdalene Morton on April 3, 2020, at the age 99. She is also the great grandmother of current 10th grade student Maynard Marlow. Elizabeth is continuing to work as an RN Case Manager at Jackson Hospital in Montgomery.

Class of 1972

David Barranco was named *Montgomery Advertiser's* February 2020 Community Hero, described as “a man who has built a mountain of support from a thousand pebbles, elevating the area's arts scene, helping hundreds find careers, providing care for premature babies and making sure local cancer patients get medicine and transportation.”

Class of 1976

Bonnie Vollenweider McClure retired on July 30, 2019, after 21 years of service to her Alma Mater.

Class of 1978 and 1980



Michael '78 and Diane Deep '80 Castanza celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 21, 2020. They are the proud parents of four MCPS alum, **Sam '99, Justin '01, Rachel '08 and Alex '14.**

Class of 1979

Laura Bona Ryals is currently a middle school English teacher at Evangel Christian Academy. She and her husband Mitch have three grown, married children and are the proud grandparents of 8 (ages 6-12), plus two border collies.

Class of 1985

Rob Barranco and his wife Lee Anne share: our oldest daughter, Paige graduated from Auburn last year and is interning at Samford. Our second daughter, Tori is a year away from graduating from South University. Our third daughter, Anna Catherine is in her first year at Auburn, and is on the flag line, son Matthew is a senior at Catholic.

Lane Wilson has been named Portfolio Management Director at Morgan Stanley and celebrates 25 years as a Financial Advisor this year.

Class of 1986

Cathy Ardon Mazingo was named Partner at Aldridge, Borden and Company, PC in the fall of 2019.

Class of 1989

Scott Koerner has been married to his wife Jenni for 23 years, they have two children. **Anne Marie '16** is a junior at the University of South Alabama and **Andrew** is a sophomore at Catholic.

Monica Blaze (Russell) Leavitt has some great news to share! Check out *The Resilient Soul*, by Karen Leavitt, Monica was a contributor to this inspiring book of real life stories from people who have overcome adversity. In April 2020, the book was a best seller on Amazon, where it is available for sale and as an ebook. Monica and her husband are currently living in NYC.

Class of 1991



Michael Dougherty welcomed his first child, Ellie Elizabeth on April 15.


Maria Allen and Jason Justice '92 are both graduates of Catholic High and have been married for 20 years now and have 3 beautiful daughters.....which Jason says is pay-back for him (but why me? Ha)! We are hoping to make it back to Montgomery for Homecoming this year! Thanks for doing a great job of keeping us informed of the happenings at MCHS!

Class of 1996



Tera Brereton Lally and her husband James welcomed their fourth child, Breyson Donoghue James Lally born February 21, 2020.

Class of 1999



After graduating in 1999, **Pete Landers** met and married the woman of his dreams,

Rachel, at AUM. They relocated to Huntsville to continue Pete's education at UA-Huntsville where he received his undergraduate and masters degree in Electrical Engineering. For 16 years Pete has made his career at Lockheed Martin, he is currently a Senior Program Manager with a focus on air and missile defense. He and Rachel have two children Claire(14) and Nathan (11). Pete is excited to see MCPS grads headed to UAH, and is happy to connect with fellow Alumni.

Ashlee Brereton Gould works for Coca-Cola and her daughter is a first grader at St. Bede. We love the school!

Wallace Sadler and his wife Amy have two daughters Avery (11) and Aubrey (8), both attend MCPS Holy Spirit campus.

Class of 2000

Amy Johnson Elmer received her real estate license in September 2019, she and her husband of 8 years, Kenneth live in Lake View, Alabama, where her husband is principal of The Elmer Law Firm, LLC, in Tuscaloosa. Amy spent 12 years with Encompass Health (formerly HealthSouth Corporation) in the Real Estate department managing hospital properties and transactions, and now works with RealBama in Tuscaloosa.



Ryan and Meagan Robichaux welcomed their third child and first son Robert “Patrick” Robichaux on September 8, 2019. Ryan was named Partner at Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP in January 2020, a member of the Government Affairs Practice Group, he focuses his practice on political advocacy and compliance.

Through the miracle and gift of adoption, **Collen Mayer** and his wife Aimee welcomed twins Amat ("AH-met") Joseph, born September 12, 2019 at 8:15 pm, 6 lbs 5 oz, 19 in and Zoë Marie, born September 12, 2019 at 8:16 pm, 6 lbs 12 oz, 19 in.

Kenneth Hall wrapped up over nine years of active duty in the United States Navy and will be relocating to either Huntsville or Mobile in 2020. He is looking forward to the transition back to civilian life, and looking forward to moving closer to home.

Class of 2001

Justin Castanza, MCPS 7-12 Principal was named the YMCA's 2019 Man of the Year for all he has and continues to do in the community and Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School's fourth President in July 2020.

Class of 2002

Joseph Cochran was named to RSVP Magazine's "The List" in September of 2019.

Class of 2003



Maria Andrea Cardenas Hidalgo reached out to update her information with the school, she is currently working for the Ministry of Defense in Ecuador.

Class of 2006

Paul Driscoll stopped by the school for a visit in early November to check out all of the changes at Montgomery Catholic. He is currently living in Houston, Texas, with his wife of 9 years, Shannon. They have two children, Elliot Paige and Paul Andrew. Paul graduated from Southern Miss with a degree in Sports Management and received his Accounting certificate from the University of Houston.



Thomas '05 and Mary Barranco Thaggard were named a 2020 Ambassador Family for The March of Dimes. After losing their son Gavin in 2016 and having twins who were born prematurely, they will help advocate for the March of Dimes to help raise awareness of premature birth. Mary began as the school counselor at Montgomery Catholic's St. Bede campus in the Fall of 2019.

Mary Kimbrough Venezia and her husband Nic welcomed a daughter in May. Nora Helen is the newest member of the Venezia family.

Class of 2007

Tomas '04 and **Rachel Forsyth Nation** welcomed their second daughter Mary Katherine on July 30, 2019.



Olivia Veres was married to Charlie Hoch on September 21, 2019 in Bend, Oregon. Her attendants were

Heather McGinn '07, Gabby Lopez '07, Samantha Thompson, and Beth Hataway Veres. **Rachael Nation '07.** was could not be an attendant because of the recent addition to the Nation family; instead she sent a taped message played at the reception that brought many to tears. Olivia is an NICU nurse and Charlie is CEO and co-founder of Eycemolds. They honeymooned in Spain in December.

Kristin Sutton Walston and her husband Robert welcomed their first child in May, Robert Henderson Walston, III. The Walston family currently resides in Mountain Brook.

Class of 2008

Cecily McAlpine Dunlap, her husband Bobby and welcomed their second child, a daughter, Nora Cate on May 11, 2020.



Lauren Miles married Winn Kelley of Mountain Brook, Alabama, on November 23, 2019, at The Church of the

Ascension followed by a reception at The Birmingham Country Club. The couple have a home in Homewood, and Lauren will continue to work as an attorney for the law firm Beasley Allen.



After 3 years of accounting, **Brennan Parker** began his real estate career in January of 2019. He is an agent with

RE/MAX Tristar. He is also the new Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association President. He is engaged to Samantha Amaya.

Class of 2010

Josh Glenboski and his wife Shelby welcomed their first child in December, 2019.

Stuart Wood, married Kaila Humphries on February 22, 2020. He is working for IDS. He and Kaila reside in Montgomery.

Class of 2011

Anna Kimbrough Stephens and her husband Jeffery welcomed their first child, Ada Rose, on September 9, 2019.

Class of 2012

Hailey Loria Berher received her Master's Degree in Speech Language Pathology from Faulkner University in May 2020. She and her husband Kyle '14 reside in Montgomery.

Chance Williams married Michael Smith on November 3, 2019.

Class of 2013



Aisha Lee Adkins married Jesse Adkins on November 21, 2018. This was also the day they BOTH turned 24! Additionally Aisha and Jesse are also thrilled to announce that our baby boy Jaime Adkins is due on January 23rd, 2020. After MCPS, Aisha graduated from Aveda Institute Birmingham in 2016 and became a board-certified cosmetologist. She later decided that her passion was working with animals, especially those in non-profit organizations, and spent two years as a Medical Technician for the Shelby Humane Society in Columbiana, AL. Following the birth of their baby, she plans to be a stay at home mom.

Will Littleton married **Katie Reeves '15** on February 22, 2020. The couple is expecting their first child in November.

Class of 2014

Guillermo Ravelo graduated from Boston University in September 2019 with a BA in Mathematics and Philosophy. He currently works for Amazon as a General Data Associate and was accepted and enrolled in Boston College's MS in Applied Statistics and Psychometrics, starting in Fall 2020.

Kirstin Wood is teaching 3rd grade at Airport Road Intermediate School. She resides in Montgomery.

Class of 2015

Lindsey Guin graduated Magna Cum Laude from Auburn University this summer and has been accepted to UAB to pursue a Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

Jacob Hulcher graduated from Faulkner University with a BS in Legal Studies in December.



Derek Kelly married his wife Carol on May 22, 2020, at a family only service at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Prattville.



Lindsey Tynan graduated from Troy University in December 2019 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science.

She was a member of the Chi Omega sorority where she also served as Vice President and Intramural Chair. She was active in FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) at Troy University and volunteered on a mission trip to Ireland. Throughout college, she worked part-time at Sweet Creek Farm Market in Pike Road. Since graduating, she worked at Dr. Chandler's Chiropractic office in Troy and in May she headed to the YMCA of the Rockies at Granby, Colorado, to participate in FOCUS Summer Projects as a Student Leader. With the foundation she built at MCPS, she will continue to be immersed in Catholic Social Teaching, Sacraments, Bible Studies, and many other hands-on adventures.

Megan Aaron married Avery Wells on June 28, 2019. The happy couple welcomed their first child, a daughter in August 2020.

Class of 2016

Megan Stembridge graduated from Troy University with a BS in Nursing in the Spring and began her career at Baptist South in the ER immediately after graduation.

Logan Stevens has accepted the position as the Band Director of Phenix City Intermediate School which includes being the assistant band director of Central High School, Phenix City, AL.



Lexy Tynan graduated from the University of South Alabama in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in

Professional Health Sciences with a concentration in Health Care Management. She was a member of the Kappa Delta sorority. As an active member of the Catholic Student Center, Sacred Heart of Jesus, in Mobile and FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students), she volunteered on numerous mission trips to devastated regions throughout the world and within the United States, such as Ecuador, Costa Rica, and New Mexico. She plans to pursue a career in Radiology.

Class of 2017

Brian Anderson is the starting center for the University of North Carolina Tarheels. Big #68 was recruited to UNC out of high school and earned the starting job for the 2019 season. He was named to the Week 6: Eckrich ACC Team of the Week in October 2019.

David Bender is engaged to Mary Ruscoe and have plans for a December 2020 wedding.

Class of 2019

Teresa Nguyen ended her first year of freshman year with a 4.0, allowing her to be on the President's List at The University of Alabama!

Class Reunions

We were so excited to welcome these classes back to Catholic this year!



Class of 2009 – 10th Reunion Homecoming 2019

The Class of 2009 kicked off their reunion weekend with an event at Wynlakes after the Homecoming football game, we were happy to have them tour the school on Saturday.



Class of 1999 – 20th Reunion Homecoming 2019

Andrés Leal & Tim Tatum planned the Class of 1999's 20th reunion. It was wonderful to have them join us in the Alumni Tent and for our school tour on Saturday morning.

Class of 1988 – 30th Reunion Homecoming 2019

The Class of 1988 was our host class for our Alumni Mass before the game Friday night. **Rev. Den Irwin '88** was the celebrant. They also hosted a class lunch after the school tour on Saturday.

Class of 1969 – 50th Reunion Saturday, August 10, 2019

These Reunions are in the works:

Class of 2000 – 20th Reunion. **Amy Elmer** and **Matt Spikings** are working on the events.

Class of 2005 – 15th Reunion. **Jeffrey Ioimo** is working on organizing.

We love to hear about your reunion plans!

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it hard for us to plan large alumni gatherings this year. If your class plans to get together give us a call, we can help arrange a private tour, your class is welcome to use our Chapel and organize a class Mass, or if you would like to picnic on the grounds, we can make that happen!

WE WISH YOU WERE HERE!!!!

To share your plans, for class contact information or to arrange a tour of the school, please contact **Vicki Downes '91 Dickson**, Director of Development & Alumni Relations, vdickson@montgomerycatholic.org.



The Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association is proud to announce new leadership!

The Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association would first like to thank **Laurel Crawford** for her dedication and leadership as Chairman of the Alumni Association for the past 5 years. We are so grateful for all that she has done for our Alumni!

We are proud to announce our Alumni Association Leadership for 2020:

Brennan Parker '08, Chairman

Rebecca Hails Holtsford '09, Secretary

Austin Barranco '09, Treasurer

Chairman **Brennan Parker** has a long history with the school attending St. Bede K-8th grade and graduating from Montgomery Catholic in 2008. He played basketball and soccer, and coached Middle School soccer. He received his accounting degree where he served as an Ambassador in 2015-2016 and President of the Accounting

Club in 2015-2016. He began a career in real estate in 2019 and is currently with RE/MAX Tristar.

Brennan is also an Assistant manager at 5 Points Deli and Grill in Cloverdale, and is a member of Cloverdale-Idlewild Association and the Landmarks foundation.

A parishioner at St. Peter's Parish here in Montgomery, Brennan has 6 siblings, is an Adorer at the adoration chapel and a member of CYAM.

Montgomery Catholic is so thankful for Brennan's willingness to volunteer and be an active part of his Alma Mater!

If you have ideas or would like to volunteer to help boost the Alumni Association please contact **Brennan Parker '08** at alumni@montgomerycatholic.org or **Vicki Downes '91 Dickson**, Director of Development & Alumni Relations, vdickson@montgomerycatholic.org.



2019-20 ALUMNI EVENTS

Homecoming Under the Tent Event October 25, 2019

Our Homecoming Alumni Under the Tent event was moved into the PICE Knights Arena because of the threat of bad weather, and it couldn't have gone any better! We are so thankful that we had an opportunity to show off our beautiful new athletic facility to our Alumni, and for many of them it was the first time that they had seen it. Welcome home, and we hope you had a wonderful night! We are so grateful for our generous event sponsors, Jim 'N Nick's catering, all of our volunteers, and our varsity cheerleaders, football players, and marching band for making this an amazing evening for our Alumni!



Montgomery Catholic Varsity Basketball vs. St. James – January 31, 2020

Alumni were invited for Senior Night. All Alumni received discounted admission, reserved seating, and a chance to win a 2020-2021 Knight Pass in a free throw contest.

Congratulations to **Brian Belsterling '77** and **Ashlee Brereten Gould '99** for being selected for the contest!! Brian walked away with a free Knight Pass for the 2020-2021 athletic season!



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 the scholarship to **Anna Sadie '20**, a deserving member of the class of 2020 because of her school spirit, leadership and service to the school. Past recipients include: **Paige Barranco '15**, **Kathleen Beesley '16**, **Trey Downes '17**, **Anna Nutting '18**, and **Darius Kindle '19**.

Montgomery Catholic Alumni Association Takes Off

Hello Fellow Knights!

My name is **Brennan Parker**, graduate from the class of 2008 and the new President of the Alumni Association. The other officers are young ones (not old like me) from the Class of 2007! Austin Barranco is the Treasurer and Rebecca Hails is the Secretary.

As you can see there is a theme running here and it is youth. The aim of the Alumni Association is to get previous graduates to stay engaged with their alma mater in various ways, from donating money to volunteering at events. Over the years this has been severely lacking. The younger generation of graduates have been slipping through the cracks. Trying to re engage them years later is not as easy. The goal of this new Alumni Association is to boost and promote the alumnis numbers and then from that increase the gift of donations as well as time given. This will be done through various means. First is getting the most recent graduates attention and ask them to join the Alumni Association right after graduation. I would like to start implementing some more social events that allow alumni to get together and share what's going on within their lives as well as having something fun to do. Events such as a bowling or another outing, cocktail socials, pairing up with local Catholic-owned restaurants for alumni drive weeks, etc.

There are a couple things that in the short term we, at the Alumni Association, have tried to do to enhance and engage the alumni. In January we had an alumni night for the last girl and boys home games in the basketball gym. This involved a free throw competition for any alumni and a prize of a Knight Pass was given to the winner, congratulations once again Brian Belsterling! We also at the last minute got a couple of items donated to the silent auction at the Monte

Carlo night and raised money for the alumni association senior scholarship. We were then looking to do a coffee network hour with alumni who were working in their careers and the senior class. This was to give them a taste of what potential things they would want to study in college or seek a trade job as well as giving them connections for future jobs or internships all within our Catholic family. Unfortunately this and other things did not come to pass due to the pandemic of COVID-19. So as you see the move for engagement is being pushed. This year we also proudly continued the tradition of giving the Alumni Scholarship for \$500. The award this year was given to **Anna Sadie!** So let us all congratulate her as she goes forth to continue her education in college.

When taking over this Association the money was barely non-existent. There was an original balance of \$67 in the account. Through quick thinking we raised \$215 at Monte Carlo night and through some gracious gifts in memory of Gaynell Downes of the Class of 1953, another \$425. This brought the account up to \$707 and allowed us to maintain the Alumni Scholarship and have some money left over. Going forward, we most definitely need to raise more money; the alumni due to sheer numbers alone should be contributing more. I know we are all already putting money in so many other places, but my goal is for each and every alumni to donate just \$10 this year to the Alumni Association. That is one day of not eating out for lunch or breakfast. Little amounts from large numbers can go a long way. With your help I truly want to make this Association so much more but I cannot do it alone. Thank you and God Bless!

Brennan Parker '07
Alumni Association President

SAVE THE DATES!

HomeSTAYING 2020 October 5-9

We wish you were here!!! Catholic made us, COVID will not break us!

Join us online all week as we share your homecoming memories & photos. Check us out on Facebook, Instagram and twitter. You can post your memories in our Alumni Facebook group...not on social media, email what you would like to share to alumni@montgomerycatholic.org and we will share it for you!

Visit montgomerycatholic.org/alumni for details.

Friday, October 9, 2020 Homecoming Football Game Catholic vs. Childersburg

Tickets are limited this year due to the pandemic. Please join us on the radio Praise 96.5 FM or subscribe to stream the Football game through the NFHSnetwork.com.

Alumni Under the Tent Event is cancelled for 2020! We hope to host you in 2021! Please join us online and share your Homecoming memories!

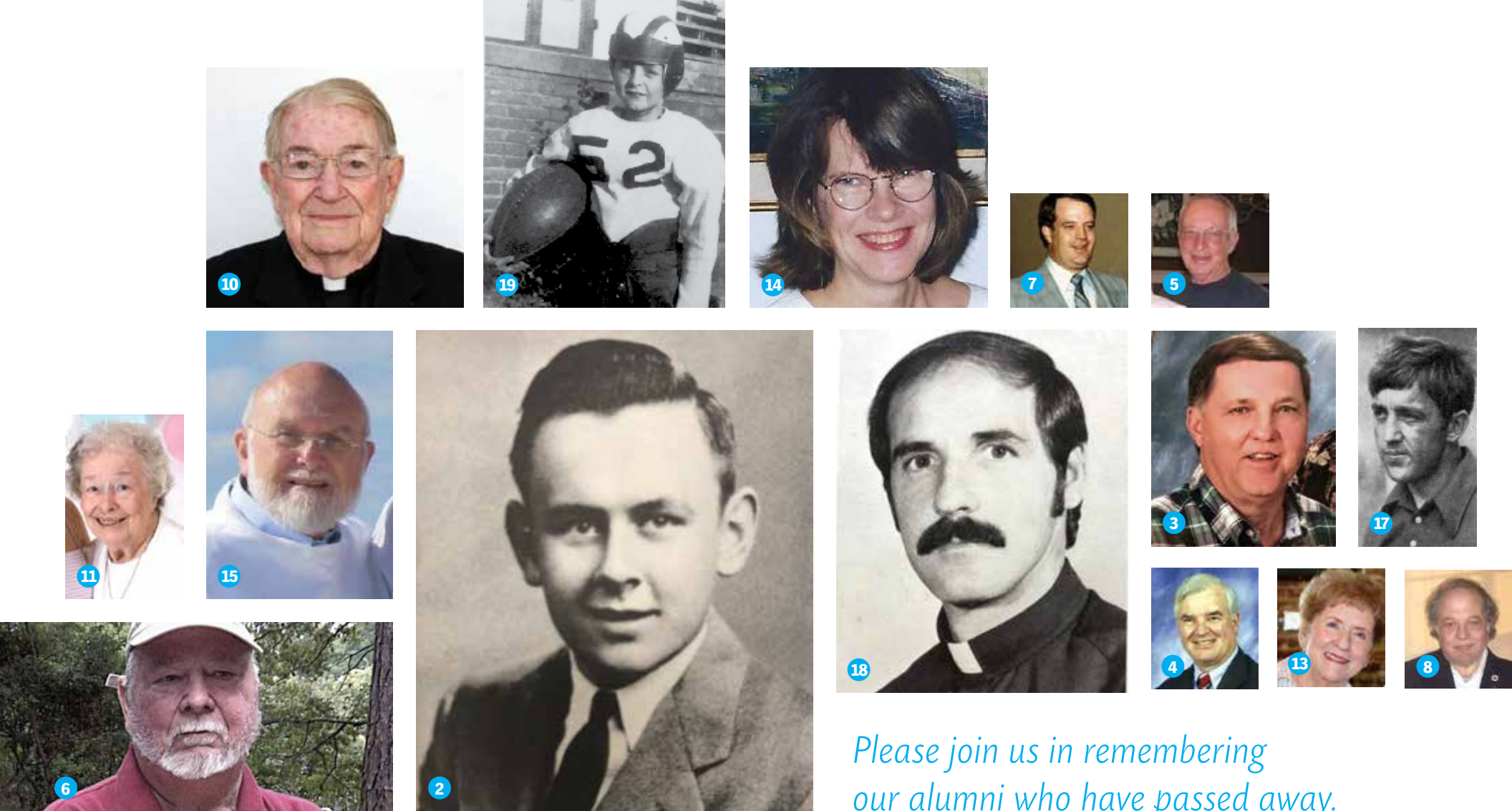
For Questions please contact **Vicki Dickson '91**, vdickson@montgomerycatholic.org or 334.272.7220.

#iGiveCatholic Our Annual Day of Giving We would love your support on December 1, 2020

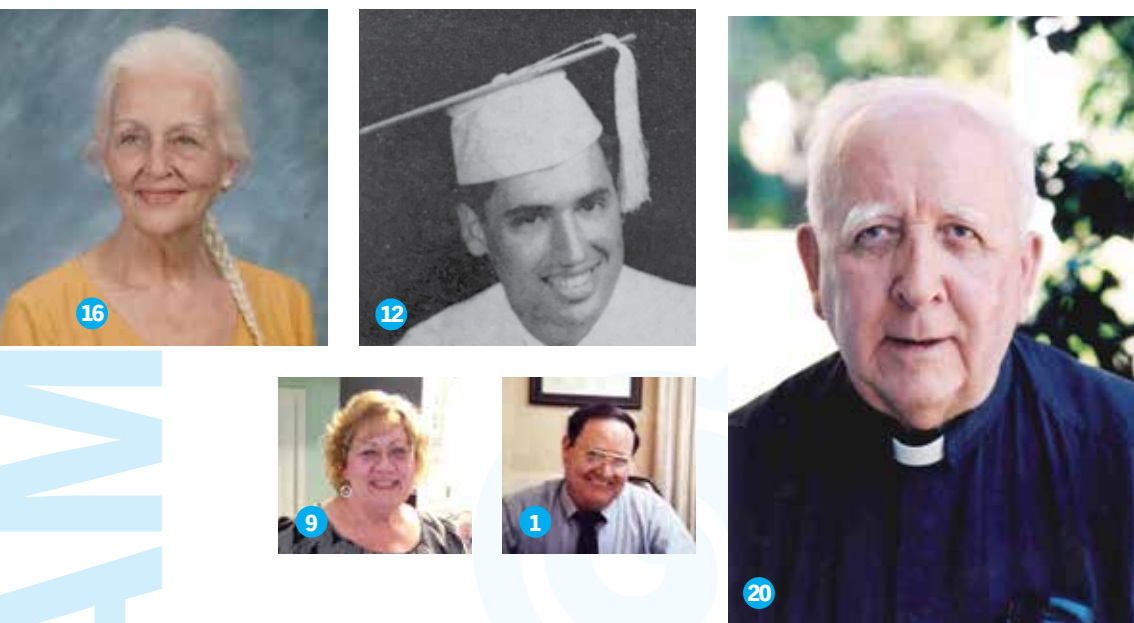
Make your #iGiveCatholic Donation at www.montgomerycatholic.org/igivecatholic and support immediate needs at our campuses.

Monte Carlo Night Saturday, February 6, 2021, 6 – 10 PM Dolly Barranco Center (DBC) - Middle/High School Campus

Join us for our annual FUNdraiser! For event sponsor, silent auction donations or ticket information, contact event chair, **Gina Izer** at izerfamily@montgomerycatholic.org.



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



*Loving and merciful God, we entrust our
brothers & sisters to your mercy.*

*You loved them greatly in this life; now that they
are freed from all its cares, give them happiness
and peace forever.*

*The old order has passed away; welcome them
now into paradise where there will be no more
sorrow, No more weeping or pain, but only
peace and joy with Jesus, your Son, and the Holy
Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.*

- 1 Philip W. Crowder**
Class of 1952
September 25, 1934 – May 12, 2017
- 2 Richard Jerome Allen, Sr.**
Class of 1948
Passed away March 16, 2018
- 3 Otis Douglas "Doug" or "Buddy" Marshall, III**
Class of 1962
August 8, 1944 – June 27, 2019
- 4 Kevin Thomas Ryan**
Class of 1968
May 3, 1950 – August 10, 2019
- 5 Jerry Wayne Finney**
Class of 1965
October 16, 1944 – September 6, 2019
- 6 Michael J. "Mike" Davis**
Class of 1966
January 7, 1948 – September 11, 2019
- 7 Ralph Carroll Evans, III**
Class of 1963
November 26, 1944 – October 5, 2019
- 8 James E. "Jimmy" Brasher III**
Class of 1970
October 30, 1951 – November 10, 2019
- 9 Carol Catt Wright**
Class of 1969
January 18, 1951 – December 23, 2019
- 10 Reverend William Preston "Fr. Bill" Folsom**
Class of 1944 and MCPS Faculty Alum
March 8, 1927 – February 14, 2020
Ordained June 29, 1991
- 11 Mary Gaynell Downes**
Class of 1953
July 25, 1935 – February 16, 2020
- 12 Manuel Gonzalez**
Class of 1957
Passed Away March 28, 2020
- 13 Jean Ruppenthal Wilkinson**
Class of 1950
March 26, 1932 – June 1, 2020
- 14 Eileen Lovan Tarantino**
Class of 1965
August 10, 1947 – June 11, 2020
- 15 Dr. Lawrence Thomas Jehle**
Class of 1959
September 4, 1941 – June 19, 2020
- 16 Patricia S. Adams**
Class of 1949
December 12, 1931 – May 24, 2020
- FACULTY & STAFF**
- 17 Coach Gary Beers**
Golf Coach
May 24, 1943 – August 24, 2019.
- 18 Reverend Matthew Sindik**
Ordination May 31, 1962
MCPS Principal 1971-1972
Passed away November 7, 2019
- 19 Coach Ed Jones**
Football Coach 1962-1965
Passed away February 17, 2020
- RELIGIOUS**
- 20 Msgr. Maurice Shields**
Our Lady Queen of Mercy
Passed away February 21, 2020
Ordination May 25, 1957

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 or 334.272.7220.

THE MAKER SPACE PLAN

We chose Montgomery Catholic for our granddaughter because we believe that a foundation of moral beliefs is essential in times when children and young adults must be prepared to navigate unpredictable cultural storms that rage in secular society.

We believe also that while the majority of students do well in established and required course work there are a few students who will be inspired to be creative in a non-structured setting. This is a small number of Middle School and early High School age who are interested in doing something new and make something that interests them. And yes, these are the students who may be known as “nerds.” Many of our most successful and important leaders started life as nerds.

The last ten years has seen the recognition of these students who would rather create than consume. They get a joy and education by working with their imaginations and hands. Some schools and communities have made places for these dreamers to create. It is a movement commonly known as “Maker.” A major characteristic of the Maker Movement is that it is non-competitive. The goal is in the creating and not in winning. It can even be just a quiet place to think.

It is called a “Maker Space.” It is a room or space where there are tools and materials to build. It will be primarily technical and scientific. It will start with equipment such as electronic measuring instruments, an oscilloscope, with bread boards, wires, microcontroller, soldering station, 3D-printer, drills, wire, old electronic equipment to take



apart, hot glue guns, etc. The Arduino is a microcontroller that is cheap and leads to an almost endless list of possibilities. (My granddaughter and I used an Arduino pH meter in a chemistry project last year.) The Arduino does coding that makes physical things happen. It provides real life coding experience in two common languages, C and Python, that has led students to successful careers.

Perhaps a Maker Space could be a place to establish an amateur radio station at Montgomery Catholic. Involved students would acquire the needed FCC license to operate the station. What do amateur radio stations do: how about bouncing signals off of meteors as they enter the earth, launching high altitude balloons with instrumentation, down loading pictures from the International Space Station, communicating with digital signals, being a part of an emergency network, being the radio station representing Montgomery Catholic in international contests, or communicating with the Vatican amateur radio station, HV5PUL.

So who supervises and assists with the Maker Space? Montgomery Catholic has a reputation for giving and skilled volunteers. They will be the foundation of this project.

Of course the Sars-Co-2 pandemic has placed these ambitious plans on hold, but we have not lost the dream.

Jim Lauridson,
MCPS Grandparent & Supporter

Admissions Update

Did you know that MCPS offers new and prospective families the ability to work one on one with a centralized Admissions office? Since January 2018, I have had the privilege of serving as our school's inaugural Director of Admissions working across our Elementary, Middle, and High School campuses to introduce prospective new families Montgomery Catholic and our steadfast mission.

Although the role is a relatively new one for our school, I am no stranger to Montgomery Catholic. As both a past student (7th – 9th grades), and current parent to two daughters (4th and 8th grades), I offer a unique perspective to new families exploring the possibilities of a Catholic education for their children. As a former military child having attended over ten schools prior to graduation, I am well versed and equipped in helping both parents and students navigate the journey into a new school family. I enjoy establishing relationships with prospective families locally, across the country and internationally so that each may experience Montgomery Catholic in a personal, consistent and expedient manner. Since my role began, I have introduced and toured over 400 families across our four incredible campuses, and have worked one on one with over 425 families from start to finish in the admissions process to ensure their children receive the gift of a Catholic education at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School.

Since 2018, we now offer an easily accessible online application so that families from all over the world can apply to Montgomery Catholic from the comfort of their homes and on their



own schedule. In addition to our new online application, did you know we also offer:

- Application Fee waived for MCPS Alumni
- Half and Full Day K4 program
- Discounted Catholic parishioner tuition rates
- Multi-child discounts
- Over 15 MCPS scholarships opportunities
- Variable Tuition
- New Student Referral Program
- Campus tours (in-person or virtual)
- Student Shadowing opportunities
- Annual K4-12 Open House featuring all campuses

Montgomery Catholic continues to grow by leaps and bounds into a bright future thanks to the incredible support of alumni like you! If you or someone you know are eager to learn more about what Montgomery Catholic has to offer in grades K4-12, please contact me directly or visit us online at www.montgomerycatholic.org/admissions, and together we will ensure students continue in the pursuit of faith, virtue and wisdom.

Julie Lopez, *Director of Admissions*
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(334) 318-3777

2019-2020 BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE AND FINANCIAL REPORT

A priority of the 2019-2020 school year at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School has been the continued construction of the new athletic and fine arts facilities. Through June 30, 2020, construction spending totaled approximately \$6,100,000. The project is near completion as the final “punch list” of unfinished details are being processed. In addition, our technology and facility initiatives remained a focus as our goal is to equip our classrooms with the latest and best technology and maintain and improve our facilities.

Technology Initiatives: We invested approximately \$130,000 to (i) continue our One to One Laptop Initiative for the high school students and (ii) upgrade elementary and teacher technology equipment.

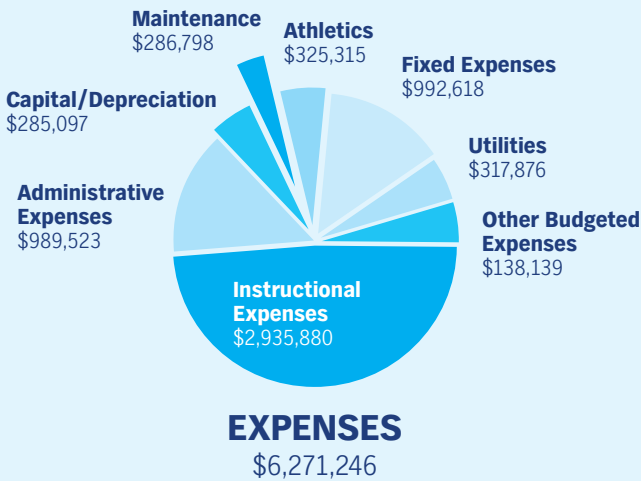
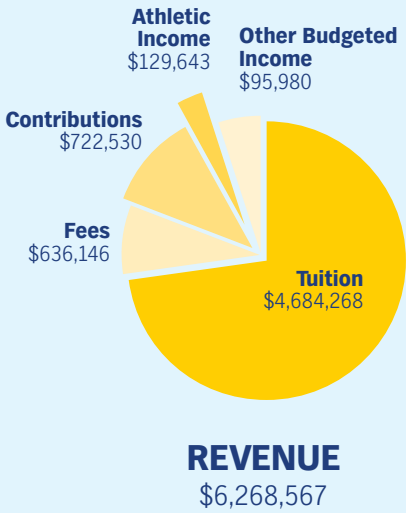


Facility Improvements: During the 2019-2020 school year, we purchased office and board room furniture to replace many of the pieces used in the main campus offices. Other facility-related spending focused on the repair and upgrade of HVAC units at all campuses.

Many of the technology and facility projects were only possible due to the generosity and support of PICE. We are very grateful to PICE for their contributions to the school.

Finally, the 2019-20 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 Alabama Accountability Act scholarship granting organizations (AAA). The annual awards range from \$5,000 to \$8,000, and we had a total of 72 students that received the awards in 2019-2020 (an increase from 51 during the previous school year). This program allows families to apply and, if accepted, enroll at MCPS, which is an opportunity they may not otherwise have.

David Schwarz,
Business Manager



TRIBUTE GIFTS

Received between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020

Honorariums

**In honor of Richard Adams
& Kim Adams Roberts**

Kathy & Sparky Adams

In Honor of Charlie Barranco '99

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Athletics	\$29,300	\$37,480	\$45,820	\$32,373
Band	\$1,300	\$1,575	\$1,370	\$11,736
Capital Campaign **	\$1,178,311	\$971,688	\$644,186	\$396,462
Miscellaneous	\$13,517	\$26,232	\$7,865	\$127,869
Scholarships	\$21,124	\$32,221	\$174,581	\$36,332
Tributes	\$4,380	\$1,736	\$887	\$3,388
Tuition Assistance	\$7,652	\$19,307	\$9,737	\$31,284
TOTAL	\$1,276,388	\$1,144,274	\$955,682	\$715,734

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The 2020 Monte Carlo Night was a tremendous success! We raised more than \$75,000 for Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and we could not have done it without your contribution!

As the event grows each year, we know we have our dedicated donors to thank.

More than 200 people attended, and everyone had a wonderful time enjoying fabulous food and fun!

This is the second year we have used an online platform to manage our silent auction with increasingly lucrative results. Now there are three ways you can financially support the event: become a sponsor, purchase tickets, or participate in the online silent auction from home!

We look forward to the significant impact these donations will have through scholarships and meeting classroom needs!

\$18,000

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Live and Silent Auction

\$16,300

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\$6,875

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\$4,190

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\$1,538

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Monte Carlo Night would not be possible without the dedication of our Committee Chairs:

Mark Bruton
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Mark your calendars for our 2021 event on February 6.

We would LOVE your support!

If you would like to sponsor this fabulous evening, donate to the silent auction, or buy tickets please contact Gina Izer at izerfamily@montgomerycatholic.org.

Gina Izer,
Monte Carlo Lead Chair

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Making a difference in the lives of our Children

We live in a world of acronyms. Very few facets of our lives are unaffected by some company, organization, or other entity recognized by their acronym. Around MCPS, one such organization is known as PICE, Partners In Catholic Education. PICE was founded by Liz Sutton in 1995. At that time Liz had three children in the MCPS system and recognized the need for a fundraising arm to assist in providing enhancements to the student's education that was not covered by a line item in the school budget.

One of the first PICE fundraisers was a golf tournament which raised approximately \$10,000 and a fat Tuesday pancake breakfast that raised a couple of thousand dollars. PICE was off to a good start! This year will be the 20th year for the golf tournament which has become increasingly successful raising upwards of \$150,000 each of the last several years. Other fundraisers add about \$20,000 per year. Through 2019 the PICE has raised right at \$1.5 million for MCPS schools.

To list the enhancements provided by PICE through these years would be impossible to do without omitting some in the process. However everywhere you or your student looks, or sits, there are enhancements which are there because of PICE, from items as large as the windows across the front of the building or lights on the football field down to the

smallest technological device in his or her hand.

In addition PICE sponsors the Senior Success Forum each year and a scholarship in memory of Carol Skoneki Clark who helped guide the committee through its earlier years as its Secretary.

PICE operates without any overhead, therefore 100% of the monies raised go to the school. PICE is a committee of unselfish eleven people, most of whom no longer have children attending MCPS but whose hearts are still firmly entwined with the school and the quality of education provided in a Christian community based system.

After this quarter of a century service to MCPS PICE will be saying farewell to one of its hardest working members, Jerry Lopez, who is relocating later this year to be with family. Jerry has been instrumental in running a quality golf tournament and making it one of the areas premier tournaments year after year as evidenced by the large number of repeat players we have year after year. So long, Jerry, and good luck!

PICE exist for your children's education. Please support us with your participation and willingness to volunteer.

Gary Tomlin,
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