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FAITH. FOUNDATION. FAMILY FOR LIFE.

To say that the 2020-21 school year was a little different is an understatement. To say that it was also simply a success may be just as great an understatement. The year that will forever be marked a Covid year was also one of the most memorable and successful in school history. Amidst change, uncertainty, fear, and doubt, Montgomery Catholic opened our doors in August and served our students with open arms and hearts. Our faculty served as front line heroes with the viral threat in the back of their minds while loving each student and balancing new technology and safety regulations along the way. I could not be more proud of the faculty and staff that made this Covid year possible.

Often you may hear us talk about how Catholic education is simply different. Montgomery Catholic had an opportunity to live this reality and share this principle with our community this past year. We find during times of great strife that true success is not measured by academic or athletic accomplishments. While we had an incredibly prolific year in the classroom and on the field of play, the real success this year came within the hearts of our students and staff. The love of Christ was

personified in our teachers: His love was poured into our families, and His support and wisdom guided our administration through the darkness of the unknown. We were called to “Be Not Afraid,” and we met that challenge head on.

As Christians, we are called to let Christ’s light shine in us. We discovered this year that as we allow Christ’s light to shine in the dark, the beam may not light very far in front of us. Rather, the light of Christ, like a lantern, shines all around us, illuminating only the next few steps. Through faith—and faith alone—we take the next step towards darkness, but the lantern lights one step further as we go. Additionally, we learn that there are also people around us that find themselves in complete darkness and will be pulled to our lantern, our light of hope. With your continued trust and support in Montgomery Catholic, we will remain a light in the darkness, a beacon of hope, and a torchbearer for Christ.

Justin M. Castanza
President

Adversity Builds Character.

Dear Members of the Montgomery Catholic Family,

There is an old saying that “Adversity builds character.” Although there is some truth to that adage, it has been my experience that it is more accurate to say that “Adversity reveals character.” It is when we are tested that we discover our true character, for better or not. Adversity is similar to a strong wind that buffets a house. Some roofs are blown away by the wind, others stand firm. It is not the wind that makes the roofs strong or weak. The wind only exposes the strength or the weakness of each roof. So in our lives; it is when we are tested that our strengths or weaknesses are seen.

Last school year was a time of adversity. Covid-19 brought death, sorrow, loss, isolation, and financial difficulties. However, Montgomery Catholic stood strong. Last school year our students continued to be offered education and Catholic formation. I wish to thank **Mr. Castanza, Mrs. Aaron, Ms. Gulley, Mrs. Foley,** and the faculty and administration for all their dedicated ministry to maintain the excellence of Montgomery Catholic in difficult circumstances.

Covid-19, as unwelcome as it is, may have offered all of us, and especially our students, the important lesson that oftentimes events in life can be unexpected and unwanted. These times in life are sometimes beyond our control. Yet we know that God is with us in all things and, with God, we can handle anything. Even more importantly, as the Bible teaches, “All things work for good for those who love God” (Rm 8:28). It is



amazing how the grace of God can bring good even out of the worst of situations. The Cross certainly teaches us that.

The struggles which we face are not over, and never will be, but MCPS is a blessing to all of us as it educates the whole student: academically, athletically, culturally, socially, and spiritually. Our school exists because we believe that God created the world and has given us ability to discover His handiwork in all of creation. We strive to help our young people discover and develop their God-given talents and to use their minds to increasingly realize the beauty of what God has made. Since a rational God made the universe, the universe must make sense. We do not think that the cosmos contains mysteries, but only questions which have not yet been answered.



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Top: Justin Castanza '01 and his wife, Meg '03, with their children, Natalie '33, Vincent '32 and Sal '36. Below left: Covid visits to the classroom and (below right) visits from old friends.



However, education is woefully incomplete if faith is not taught. Throughout human history, foundation in values was interwoven with education. Education is unfinished if it only focuses on the brain; values must permeate our lives for our hearts hunger for God who made us.

MCPS was blessed to be able to welcome Archbishop Rodi to campus for Mass and brief visits.

To you, the families of our students, thank you for entrusting your sons and daughter to MCPS. It is a trust we take most seriously. Thank you for your support of the school. Please continue your support. Without you MCPS could not exist, nor continue our mission of fostering Faith, Foundation, and Family for Life. May God bless you all. **Go Knights!**

Sincerely in the Lord,
Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi
Archbishop of Mobile

A Year To Be Simply Courageous

I'm thinking back one year. The 2019-2020 school year had ended. A few months earlier, on Tuesday, March 17, in-person classes had been abruptly suspended by the Archdiocese. What would the following school year bring?

In June 2020, outgoing MCPS president **Anne Ceasar** formed a safety committee to explore ways to safely reopen our campuses to in-person learning. But when that committee began meeting, we had no idea whether our goal was possible. The daily news was relentlessly providing grim statistics — ever growing numbers of people infected, hospitalized, and dying. There was no vaccine, and no one knew when there would be one. Masks and social distancing were everyday realities that we all encountered. I personally feared that these factors could lead to the demise of MCPS — the longest continually-running K-12 private school in Alabama.

By the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, measures to promote the safe resumption of live learning had been carefully mapped out by the safety committee, school leadership, and the Archdiocese. While these measures were believed to be effective ones, no one could predict with certainty whether they would actually work. What was required was what the Church calls prudential judgment. On the one hand was the unknown risk, likely a small one, but nevertheless a possible one, that live classes would result in increased spread of the disease. On the other hand was a great risk of diminished learning experience and character formation if our students were deprived of the benefit of in-person instruction.

The media, the public health establishment, and many political leaders were telling us that even the smallest risk of spreading the Covid virus should be avoided at all costs.



"Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt."

-William Shakespeare, Measure for Measure

But that message was really telling us that we should succumb to fear. It was literally a message encouraging cowardice. Make no mistake: it took courage to re-open our schools with live classrooms in this atmosphere.

Aristotle called courage the first virtue and defined it as the mean between refusing to cave in to fear and refusing to engage in rash behavior. By this measure, courage involves considering all the circumstances, and then taking the most sensible course of action despite quite reasonable fears of adverse consequences. We saw such courage in our new president, **Justin Castanza**. We saw it in our principals, **Eileen Aaron**, **Nancy Foley**, and **Laurie Gulley**. We saw it in our administrative staff. And we especially saw it in all of our dedicated teachers. All were asked to work harder than they have ever worked before, and, to a person, all rose to a higher level of commitment. They did not succumb to fear. At the same time they were scrupulous in observing safety measures. They did not act rashly. They were simply courageous.

Our campuses re-opened. The school thrived. Students were directly challenged to learn by their teachers. They interacted with their peers. They experienced the eager hopefulness of the first day of classes. They attended Mass together. They ate lunch together. Many participated in sports, and many others attended sports competitions. And by the way, our athletic program had its greatest successes ever, successes that went beyond our wildest imaginings.

The high school opened what is called a MakerSpace (You have to see this to fully appreciate it!) The students performed Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" in the garden of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. By school year's end, our graduating seniors had earned scholarships, attended a Baccalaureate Mass, and were awarded diplomas in a live ceremony. They experienced those triumphant and bittersweet emotions that come from ending a high school career and looking ahead to entering the adult world of college, military, or work where there will be new friends and new challenges. They will be much better prepared for those challenges by being provided the tremendous graces and blessings of in-person Catholic learning.

Those graces and blessings would not have been possible except for the courage of the MCPS leadership, staff, and teachers. It has been a tremendous grace and blessing for me to be associated with them.

Rick Harris
Chairman

2020-2021 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Rick Harris**, *Chairman*
St. Peter Parish Representative
- Christina Parker**, *Vice-Chair*
Middle School Campus Representative
- Christine Noell**, *Secretary*
St. Bede Parish Representative
- Rev. Alejandro Valladares**,
Episcopal Vicar
Pastor, St. Bede Parish
- Justin Castanza**
President, Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School
- Denise Webb**
St. Joseph Parish Representative
- Mandy Speirs**
Holy Spirit Campus Representative
- Wesley Cox**
St. Bede Campus Representative
- FeLishia Franklin**
High School Campus Representative
- Lydia Taylor**
Holy Spirit Parish Representative
- Mary Katherine O'Connor**
Holy Family Catholic Community, Maxwell AFB Representative
- Open Positions**
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Representative, Our Lady Queen of Mercy Parish Representative, St. Vincent de Paul Parish Representative
- Welcome to our new Advisory Council Members for the 2021-2022 school year!*
- Deacon Clarence Darrington, Marie Dean, Luis Fernandez, Asim Walker, and Chris Weller**

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021-2022

Labor Day

September 6

PICE 20th Annual Golf Tournament

September 24

Homecoming Game

October 22

Veteran's Day

November 11

Thanksgiving

November 24-26

Giving Tuesday

November 30

Christmas

December 20 - January 3

Classes Resume

January 4

Martin Luther King Day

January 17

Monte Carlo Night

February 19

President's Day

February 21

Faculty Retreat

March 14

Good Friday

April 15

Easter Break

April 18-22

Graduation

May 24

Last Day of School

May 27

Memorial Day

May 30

Parent Teacher Council Adapts in 2020

At the abrupt end of the 2019-2020 school year, the PTC spent the summer devising ways to adapt to the new setting that would be the 2020-2021 school year. While parent volunteers were not the norm this school year, the PTC worked behind the scenes to provide as much normalcy to the students, teachers, and staff at all campuses.



The elementary campuses were able to fund and facilitate the programs listed below during the school year:

- Thanksgiving and Christmas treats for both teachers and students;
- Accelerated Reader Goals/Parties;

- Cultural Day;
- The middle school and both elementary campuses were also able to participate in field day.

In addition to providing the funding for these programs, many hours were spent planning and adapting these programs to provide Covid friendly programs. Thanks to all the parent volunteers and businesses who work to provide all campuses with as much normalcy as possible.

As you may have noticed there was no fundraiser for PTC this school year. Looking forward to the upcoming fall the PTC is planning the return of the cookie dough fundraiser for all campuses.

2020 - 2021 Campus Representatives

- Colleen Reardon**
High School Campus
- Amanda Day**
Middle School Campus
- Marie Thompson**
Holy Spirit Campus
- Brandy Sponsler**
St. Bede Campus

Tammy Hayes is the 2021 Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award Winner

Mrs. Tammy Hayes was honored by Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School on May 8, as the 2021 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, **Mr. Justin Castanza**, presented Tammy with an engraved clock at the school's 13th Annual Monte Carlo Night, in appreciation for the gift of her time.

The 25th recipient of the Harbin Award, Tammy Hayes has been a fixture in the halls of St. Bede, our Middle School and at our High School campuses for more than twelve years. Last year she became an "alumni parent," but the school can still count on her as an avid supporter and generous spirit.

The mother of two MCPS alumni, Tammy will tell you she "was blessed to be able to give her time to our school and her parish," and how thankful she is that her husband Paul supported her in her volunteer roles. Hayes said, "I am honored to be the recipient of the Charlie Harbin Distinguished Service Award. Montgomery Catholic is such a wonderful family to be a part of. When my girls first started school here, I never thought that I would get so involved. There is just something about Catholic that makes you want to jump in and help. Before I knew it, I was chaperoning kids on field trips and various sporting events and at the time I became known as 'Momma Hayes'. I have had many fond memories being involved with PTC for several years, especially cooking hot dogs for high school field day. I also enjoyed cooking and fellowship with other band parents during summer band camp. I can surely tell you that volunteering at Montgomery Catholic

has blessed me with many friendships and memories along the way. And with that said, I would highly recommend it to any parent seeking to help. Thank you so much for this award!"

Over her tenure at Montgomery Catholic she acted as a PTC volunteer at every grade level and then led the charge by acting as our High School PTC chair for five years. She was an active member of the Band Booster Club while her children attended school, which led to her again leading the charge and acting as vice-president and then eventually president. Tammy was the "go-to" volunteer for teachers and administrators, she organized teacher lunches, Catholic Schools Week events, supported athletics and all major school events from Monte Carlo Night to strategic planning and Capital Campaigns. She was always seen helping out on field day, on field trips, at band camp, Completion Masses, Baccalaureate and Graduations, as soccer team mom, and a Lenten Day of Service chaperone. She organized successful fundraisers for both the PTC and the Band and served on every committee she was invited to.

She attended countless number of field trips, always willing to drive and she traveled to Washington, DC more than once with the school (at least 4 times)! The Montgomery Catholic Band relied (and still does) on her support and willingness to make our school the best.

Tammy not only supported all things Montgomery Catholic, but she was very active in her parish, teaching religious education on Sundays for ten years, volunteering for vacation bible school and supporting the youth group.

As described by one of her nominators, Tammy is a "fervent spectator, an eager volunteer with new ideas" and truly deserving of our gratitude.

Congratulations, Tammy Hayes and thank you!



Tammy 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**
- Linda Belsterling Anderson, 2020**

The Montgomery Catholic Booster Club 2020

The school year was no doubt a bit abnormal and even a bit tough (which is an understatement) to say the least. The Booster Club tried its best continue the lasting traditions it was known for and continue to "BOOST" the morale of the school. During the 2020-2021 school year the Booster Club ran the Reserved Seating for the Football and the Basketball teams. Who doesn't like a little VIP action here or there? The Booster Club is also a major contributor to the Radio Broadcasting we all love to hear during the Friday "Knight" Lights! Organizing the concession stand volunteers, and tailgate tent for the Football season to bring family and friends and fans together to celebrate and feast, it was a great way to keep a sense of normalcy alive. "Boosting" team spirit, getting everyone involved, and bringing extra excitement to the games; the Booster Club oversaw and ran the Fat Head, Shakers, and Flag sales. We all love camaraderie!

The Booster Club is not all Football and Basketball. We support all athletics and clubs. The funds raised supported a handsome portion of post season travel for all sports and clubs outside of football, including contributions for the Spring Boys Track & Field Team 2020-2021 Championship and Individual Tennis Championship Rings. Congratulations again to the entire team! The Booster Club assisted teams with their fundraisers, fulfilled wishlist item purchases, and assisted with just about all school functions.

The Booster Club also prides itself on being apart of making Senior Night magical by funding and providing the Senior Night flowers. The Booster Club has made its presence known in the social media world aiming to continue boosting school morale through sharing and advertising the voting for athletes, accomplishments for band, all clubs, academics, athletics, and the goodness of all things Montgomery Catholic!

The Booster Club organized four Spirit Night events for the 2020-2021 school year. Each restaurant donated a percentage of total bill for each MCPS participating fundraiser guests back to MCPS.

FeLishia Franklin

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.

ROOT BELIEFS

- Our school community believes that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the fullness of truth.
- Our school community believes that each person is uniquely made in the image and likeness of God.
- Our school community believes that discipleship is contagious.

- Our school community believes that parents are the primary educators of their children.
- Our school community believes that reciprocal relationships form us.
- Our school community believes that excellence is intentional.

THE FOUNDATION LEFT

Montgomery Catholic art teacher **Joane Grant** passed away in 2017, and **Heather Talbot** came in to continue our art program at the Middle and High School campus. While investigating the classroom, Heather found a stained glass cartoon drawing that Joane and her students had designed with plans to create a new stained glass window for the school chapel. Heather had her art students completed the last of “Mrs. Grant’s stained glass” and it was hung in the chapel in 2020 — the foundation was built upon.



Faith
NOT FEAR

This past year brought some interesting challenges and opportunities for us at Montgomery Catholic but one constant remained the same: our Catholic faith was the foundation of everything at Montgomery Catholic! From our founding in 1873 by the Sisters of Loretto to today, our school's history has weathered many challenges, but through it all, our faith has been anchored in God and His truth. At both our elementary campuses we were blessed to have both **Father Patrick Gilbreath** and **Father Connor Plessala** visit our classrooms, spend time with the students, and even teach some classes. At our middle and high school campuses, both priests were very active in the lives of our students, offering Mass on a regular basis, visiting classrooms, leading Bible studies, hearing Confessions, and attending sporting events. We were also blessed to have many of our area's priests come to our school and offer Mass and spend

MONTGOMERY CATHOLIC
Campus Ministry

Last year at Montgomery Catholic was our first year having an established campus ministry program. Prior to last year, we were certainly doing ministry on campus but it was the first time we intentionally sat down to map out what our ministry would look like from day to day and month to month for our High School students. Starting the program in the midst of Covid restrictions certainly brought challenges but also new opportunities. One of the first things we established was Bible studies during lunch. This was not our initial plan but was born from Covid restrictions leading us to be creative. The lunch Bible studies turned out to be a beautiful addition

to the year, often fostering relationships with students that we never could have anticipated. Additionally, we instituted Mass after school on Mondays and adoration with praise and worship after school every Tuesday. This gave students the opportunity to have an intimate encounter with the Lord on a weekly basis. Our numbers varied from day to day but there were always students and there was always Jesus, which is really all we need. These times also allowed for our priests to be on campus and often offer confessions. It is always such a gift to have so many sacraments available! Lastly, we were able to hold all four class retreats, working with the Archdiocese to ensure

each was accomplished with the health of our students in mind. All retreats were a combination of bonding with classmates and deepening individual relationships with the Lord. It was such a joy to see the students in more relaxed, playful environments! This year we hope to continue with all of these ministries but also add one campus ministry night per semester and an optional men's and women's spring retreat. Please pray for us as we continue to set into motion all that the Lord is asking of us!

Lauren Hoyer
Middle and High School Theology Teacher

Students for Life

While it would be misleading to suggest that Covid didn't slow our work in the Pro-Life Club this year, it did. However, rather than focus on what we couldn't accomplish, we'll focus on what we did accomplish. The latter picture was still a fair amount of prayer and work.

Beginning in September, we participated in the 40 Days for Life. This year, in addition to the weekly Prayer Group across from the abortion clinic, the students committed to an additional holy hour of prayer on the same site on Monday mornings from 6:00-7:00 AM. To highlight the closing of 40DFL, **Fr. Den Irwin** celebrated Mass during our hour; what a blessing it was. Then the local Pro-Life prayer chain in early

October saw our largest gathering at MCPS for the event!

In November we happily served food and drinks again at Life on Wheels annual fundraiser.

In December, two students assisted COPE Crisis Pregnancy Center in renovating their website. The site went public in March and looks great! January's March for Life went largely virtual. To support the cause, **Fr. Patrick Gilbreath** graciously celebrated Mass for the PLC across from the abortion clinic at the time when the March would be concluding in DC. In February we again assembled the Cemetery of Innocents in front of school for one month.

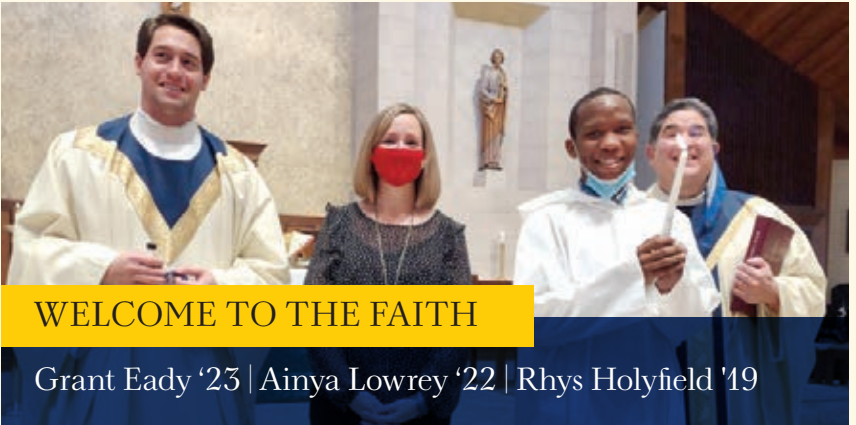


In April we elected a new staff for AY2021-2022. Throughout the school year we continued with our monthly pushes for support of the interdenominational prayer group that meets weekly, and a handful of members faithfully attended nearly every week. We also received another generous donation from **Fr. McDevitt**. Thank you! Finally we concluded the school year with a planning breakfast with the new staff. We look forward to a hopefully less constrained AY2021-2022!



time on our campuses. We were also blessed to host a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament to celebrate the Year of the Eucharist and the Parish as declared by Archbishop Rodi at each of our campuses. Our classrooms were also instruments of faith, as our teachers and students learned each day how to trust God during this year of pandemic. Our community was reminded that we have Faith NOT Fear to guide us through life's storms. Yes, 2020-2021 was an interesting year, it was a year in which for the 148th time Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School reaffirmed her “Yes” of faith to Jesus Christ and His Church.

Tom Riello
Director of Faith Formation





HOLY SPIRIT CAMPUS YEAR IN REVIEW

Catholic means reaching out to others. The Covid year of 2020-2021 saw the students, faculty, and parents of Holy Spirit reaching out more than ever. With quarantine keeping most people at home for five months, the first day of in-person school was a celebration. Wearing masks, students reached out with elbow bumps and thumbs-up. Teachers reached out by motioning with open arms.

During the first quarter, students were able to reach out to their grandparents on Grandparents' Day. Each class was videoed singing a song or reciting a poem. The videos were sent to Grandmas, Grandpas, Nanas, and Papas. The grandparents reached out to the faculty and administration with sincere appreciation as many were still in quarantine.

In the second quarter, the Holy Spirit Campus reached out for Veterans' Day. Families turned in names of parents and grandparents that were current or former military or first-responders, to be honored at a drive-through parade. The students and teachers lined the carpool lane, holding up posters with the name, rank, and area of service for 96 honorees. On their own, students began to shout "Thank you" to the passersby.

The holiday season brought opportunities for Holy Spirit to reach out to others less fortunate by participating in the St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive and the Box of Joy Ministry. The campus collected over 2,000 cans and filled 80 boxes to be shipped to needy children. Classes prayed for the people that would receive the food and gifts.

During Catholic Schools Week, the campus reached out to a local nursing home. Being told many residents were in need of personal care items, the teachers made a plan to help the elderly residents. Throughout the week, students brought in over 300 personal care products that were given to the nursing home.

Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi reached out to Holy Spirit during his annual school visit. His homily was a gift of inspiration. He praised the work of Holy Spirit Parish and Campus, then reminded us to be in prayer for all people.

Catholic means reaching out to those that need encouragement, assistance, love, and prayers. In 2020-2021, the Holy Spirit Campus experienced what Catholic means by reaching out.

Nancy Foley
Principal, Holy Spirit Campus

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

St. Bede Student Council

- Madelyn Stringer**, *President*
- Erin McKenny**, *Vice President*
- Frances Bach**, *Secretary*
- Maggie Holmes**, *Treasurer*
- Samantha Berg**, *Chaplain*
- Representatives:* **Cate Noell**, **David Proffitt**, **Brady Cox**, **Frances Ann Rogers**, **John Baker**, **Sophia Collett**, **Rachel Stringer**, **MacKayla Natalini**, and **Olivia Harbin**.

Holy Spirit Student Council

- Heaven Bailey**, *President*
- Claire Aaron**, *Vice President*
- Anna Rose Schwarz**, *Secretary*
- Gregory Rauch**, *Treasurer*
- Cara Barranco**, *Chaplain*
- Representatives:* **Ava Bierly**, **Nick Dean**, **Nnamdi Ike**, **Juliana Rielo**, **Carly Vaughn**, **Patrick Sikes**, **Bailey Davis** and **Riley Hudson**.

Spelling Bee

Holy Spirit Elementary Campus participants: **Claire Blanks**, **Landon Widmer**, **Claire Aaron**, **Liz Broman**, **Lily Logsdon**, **Carlos Medina**, **Anna Rose Schwarz**, and **Lailah Stovall**. Holy Spirit winner **Anna Rose Schwarz** and runner up, **Claire Aaron**.

St. Bede elementary campus participants: **Avery Owens** and **Cate Noell**, **Thomas Castanza** and **Luke Reardon**, **MacKayla Natalini** and **Samantha Berg**.

St. Bede winner **Samantha Berg** and runner up, **MacKayla Natalini**

Accelerated Reader

Holy Spirit Campus third grade **Justin Lee** broke the National Accelerated Reader point record. Over a nine month period, he earned 2,718.6 AR points!

- St. Bede Campus Top Accelerated Readers:
- 6th grade top reader and also overall in the school **Madelyn Stringer**
- 5th grade - **Luke Reeves**
- 4th grade - **Cate Noell**
- 3rd grade - **Matthew Reeves**
- 2nd grade - **Audrey Dashiell**

Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest

"Keep Christ in Christmas"

St. Bede Campus winners were **Kristian Smith** (6th grade) and **Thomas Barranco** (1st grade).



ST. BEDE CAMPUS YEAR IN REVIEW

What a blessing this year was to us! All summer we planned and prayed that we would be able to open our doors and welcome back our students. Not knowing how long we would be able to stay with in-person learning, we hoped for at least a few weeks so we could get to know our students. A few weeks turned into a few months, and before we knew it, we had completed a full year with students in the desks! We learned a few new catch phrases this year as we adapted to our Covid safety precautions. It was not unusual to hear "mask-up" or "spread your wings and claim your space" or "find a dot to sit on." We learned that children are resilient, and they thrive on being in school with teachers and friends. We also learned that our teachers are amazingly creative and dedicated.

In August we took an abbreviated version of our standardized test so that we would know where our students were academically. It was clear that the Covid shutdown had affected our children. We knew we had a task ahead of us and we met it head on! In the spring we faced our annual standardized testing with determination. What a joy to receive the results and to see such growth in our students from the beginning of the school year!

September and October are usually ripe for field trip opportunities, but that was not to be this year. Our faculty and staff got creative and brought the field trips to us. They turned our field into a pumpkin patch complete with a visiting scarecrow. When we saw what a success we had with that event, we continued and brought Camp McDowell here to our students. Our playground was transformed into a nature camp. November and December are our months to entertain our families. We have a production for Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving and Christmas plays. Since we couldn't have parents in the building, we became experts at livestreaming and creating iMovie productions. While not the same, they were still beautiful.

Archbishop Rodi and Superintendent **Gwen Byrd** still made their annual visit to the school. We celebrated Mass together and in lieu of his classroom visits, the students paraded by the front office to greet our guests with signs and banners. The Archbishop enjoyed this so much that is might become our new tradition. Another tradition that we were able to keep was our Mardi Gras parade and our Field Day activities. As the year came to a close, we had a little bit of normalcy as we celebrated our annual Cultural Day, Honors Assembly, Accelerated Reading parties, and our Sixth Grade Completion Mass. It was a beautiful end to a beautiful year! As we say goodbye to this school year, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank **Melynda Keating** for over 30 years of dedicated teaching and friendship. Mrs. Keating has decided to retire, and we will miss her greatly.

Laurie Gulley
Principal, St. Bede Campus



The Lord's Purpose

Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

- PROVERBS 19:21

Long days and nights were spent planning for the 2020-2021 school year. It was a year full of change and uncertainty. While not all of our activities could happen as we had hoped, this past school year was an opportunity for us to put our faith in God and focus on His purpose for us. Under the direction and guidance of our new president and the tireless work and dedication of our faculty and staff, we were able to safely open our doors and welcome our students back into the classroom for the 2020-2021 school year. Amidst the challenges of the pandemic, it was a year full of growth at Montgomery Catholic.

We grew academically. Twenty-eight students were inducted into the Loretto Chapter of the National Honor Society. For the third year in a row, we produced a National Merit Finalist, and one of our Knights was elected governor at Alabama Girls State. The class of 2020 received more than \$6.1 million dollars in academic scholarships and will attend thirty-three unique colleges in fourteen different states. Five members of the class of 2020 will serve our country. Thirteen students were recognized as AP scholars. Our teachers expanded their knowledge as well. They executed distance and in-person learning simultaneously, while also maintaining a safe and germ-free classroom. Their quiet but constant sacrifice was unparalleled.

We grew on the playing field. This year was one of the most athletically successful years in school history. Ten out of our fourteen teams made it to regional play and beyond. The Cross Country and Wrestling teams produced state qualifiers. The tennis team had an Individual State Champion. Boys' Football, Basketball, and Indoor Track teams were runner-ups in their state tournaments, and the Boys' outdoor track team was crowned the 3A state champions. Over \$1.5 million dollars were earned in athletic scholarships,



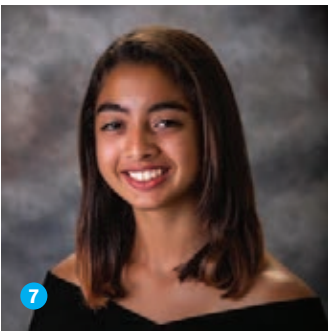
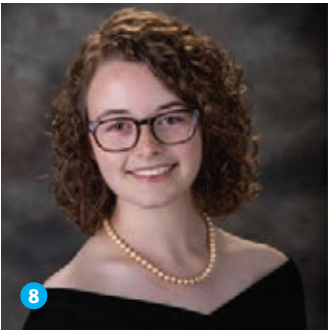
and twelve graduates signed letters of intent to play collegiate sports. Our award-winning band program

was recognized across the state. Eight marching band members were accepted into the Alabama All Star Marching Band. Twenty-five band members were selected for the District Honor Band, and fourteen were selected to the All State Band. Six members of the marching band will continue their musical careers in college. Our Robotics team qualified for the world championship again and our International Thespian Society performed "Romeo & Juliet" at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival's Garden.

Most importantly, at Montgomery Catholic we grew spiritually. We were blessed with local priests on campus daily. In conjunction with campus ministry, they hosted lunchtime Bible studies, daily Mass, and weekly opportunities for confession and Eucharistic adoration. We celebrated the Saints and held a Eucharistic procession in honor of Mary. Students participated in class retreats and numerous service opportunities on campus and throughout the city. Our Pro-Life club joined other local churches every Friday morning to pray for life across the street from the abortion clinic. Two members of our student body came into full communion with the Church.

To our priests, faculty, coaches, staff and families, thank you for helping us stay focused on God's purpose amidst chaos. To our alumni and benefactors, if you haven't been to Montgomery Catholic recently, please come visit and see for yourself how we've grown.

Eileen Aaron
Principal, Middle and High School



HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

High School SGA

Executive Officers:
John Niemi, *President*
Rachel Rodriguez, *Vice President*
Gracie Barranco, *Secretary*

Senior Class Reps:
Mary Carley
Emma Garrison
Allie Berg
Cecilia Hoffpauir

Junior Class Reps:
Ella Newell
Sam Rogers
Aniya Lowery

Sophomore Class Reps:
Max Barranco
Joey Rodriguez
Eve Bosko
Esa Gancayco

Freshmen Class Reps:
Carsyn Hawkins
Ella Castanza
Monica Nguyen
Jayden Phifer

The representatives at large are:
Ailish Gilbert, **Julienne Pharrams**,
Mallory Hildebrand

National Merit Finalist

Harrison Skala

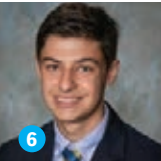
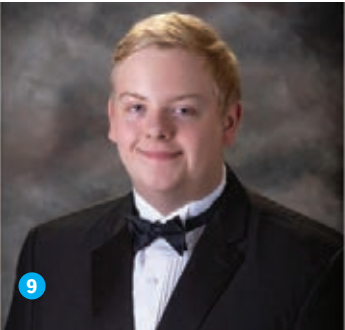
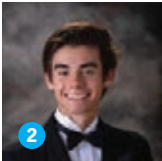
National Honor Society

These outstanding students join the twenty-eight current members of the Loretto Chapter of the National Honor Society. NHS members must achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher.

The inductees into the Loretto Chapter of the National Honor Society were:

Seniors:
Matthew Barranco and **Cacey Williams**

Juniors:
Catherine Aaron, **Jamarion Augustus**,
Javen Augustus, **Wesley Clarke**,
Cecelia Crawford, **Samantha Day**,
Carissa Gilbert, **Ailish Gilbert**, **Angeles Gonzalez-Ansaldi**, **Mallory Hildebrand**,
Emily Holston, **Zachary Izer**, **Layne Jordan**, **Shannon Kille**, **Christopher Lathram**, **Aniya Lowery**, **Maynard Marlow**, **Ella Newell**, **William Noell**,
Julienne Pharrams, **Matthew Reardon**,
Gibby Souriya, **Jacob Talbot**, **Maggie Turner**, **Alex Wieser**, and **Hart Yost**.



2020 AP Scholars

1 Gracie Barranco '21, **2 Tanner Carter** '20, **3 Savannah Johnson** '20, **4 Scott Nation** '20, **5 Katherine O'Connor** '20, **6 Harrison Skala** '21

AP Scholar with Honor Award:
7 Lorissa Algarin '20, **8 Victoria Hall** '20, and **9 Charlie O'Donnell** '20.

AP Scholar with Distinction Award:
10 Sofia Izer '20 and
11 Clare Wilson '20.

Vex Robotics

Second year in a row, **Aidan Cochran** '21, and **Hunter Dailey's** '24 high school team, "**Happy Little Accidents**" competed and won the title of State Tournament Champion.

School Honors

2021

Gracie Barranco, Leader of the Year
Mary Carley, Ideal Graduate
Matthew Barranco, Sister Martha Belke Servant Leader

2020

Anna Sadie, Leader of the Year
Sofia Izer, Ideal Graduate
Sarah Rose Burden, Sister Martha Belke Servant Leader

In The Community

Ethan Gilbert - Eagle Scout

12 Allie Berg '21 - Top Ten Finalist in Montgomery's Distinguished Young Women Scholarship Program

13 Ellie Pool '21 - received the Donna Mac Savage Scholarship from the Kiwanis Club on May 18, 2021.

Several MCPS students served as part of the 2020 YMCA Leadership Committee. They are **Gracie Barranco**; Co-Chair of the Committee, **Allie Berg**, **Rachel Rodriguez**, **Zach Izer**, **Julianne Pharms**, **John Neimi**, and **Emerson Graham**.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Middle School SGA

Harrison Rogers, *President*

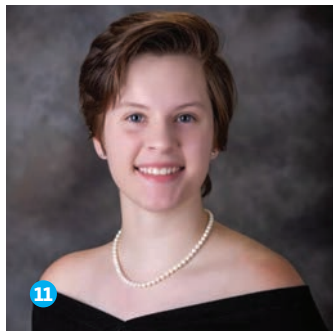
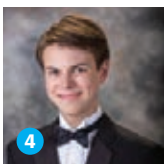
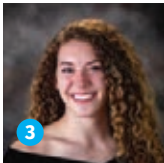
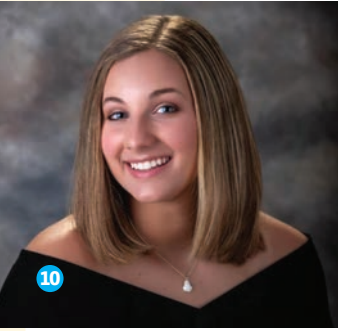
Isabella Shin, *Vice President*

Kate Johnson, *Secretary*

Haylei Mason, *Chaplain*

Representatives:
Cooper Beesley, **Taylor Ellis**, **Giovanni Hayner**, **Harper Howell**, **Maria Schwarz**, **Heather Walski**, **Peter Walski**, **Keltric Washington**

Knight Ambassadors:
Sarah Turner Burt, **Anna Lathram**,
Sophia Lopez, **Joanna Marlow**,
Kamden Miller, **Bebe Neely**, **Eryn Owens**, **Aaron Taylor**, **AJ White**



HAPPY LITTLE ACCIDENTS

With the completion of the new Performing Arts building, the Robotics Club moved into the old band room, providing more work space and storage. Club members spent time after school designing, building, programming and driving their robots, preparing to play this year's game.

The game for 2020-2021 was Change Up, a variation of Tic-Tac-Toe. Two alliances – one “red” and one “blue” – composed of two teams each, competed in matches consisting of a fifteen-second autonomous (programming) period, followed by a one minute and forty-five second driver-controlled period. The object of the game was to attain a higher score than the opposing alliance by placing balls in goals, removing balls from the bottom of goals, and owning rows by having the same color balls on top of three goals in a row.

Because of Covid restrictions, opportunities for in-person competition were limited. The four MCPS teams competed in December at Pike Road. Three teams also competed in our tournament in March, with team “**Happy Little Accidents**” being Tournament Champion and Skills Champion.

With their victory, **Aidan Cochran** and **Hunter Dailey** of “Happy Little Accidents” qualified for the State Championship, which was held remotely in mid-April on the Vex platform. The team demonstrated the efficiency of their robot and programming expertise. They won the State Championship, qualifying for the World Vex Competition for the third year in a row.

Club members are high schoolers **Aidan Cochran, Hunter Dailey, Emily Ramroop**, and middle schoolers **Jackson Wright, Michael Sasser, Harrison Vaughn, Ben Chitlik, Antonio Lemuz, Bennett Webb** and **Peter Walski**.



Maker SPACE

Montgomery Catholic strives to educate the whole child. Whether it be helping students to excel in academics, athletics, arts, or their faith. Throughout the last year, we discovered the need for a “MakerSpace.” With the help of MCPS grandparent, Jim Lauridson, we have created a room dedicated to our students who see themselves as makers.

These are the kinds of students who would rather create than consume. They get joy and education by working with their imaginations and their hands. They are allowed to be creative in a non-structured and non-competitive setting. The goal of a MakerSpace is to be creative, not to win.

Our MakerSpace is a dedicated room for our students to be creative and use the tools and materials on hand to build primarily technical and artistic projects. Currently, our space consists of 3D printers, a laser cutter, soldering stations, electronic measuring instruments, parts, hot glue guns, Arduinos, Raspberry Pi's, gears, motors, and sensors. Presently the MakerSpace is being introduced to Middle School students through an elective.

This summer we opened up the MakerSpace to our elementary students through two different summer



camp opportunities. At our Junior Engineers camp, MakerSpace teacher, **Daniel Harbin**, helped campers explore all that our MakerSpace has to offer in Engineering and Technology. From building their own electrical circuits to creating homemade air rockets, our campers learned the basics of engineering through fun hands on experiences. At our Laser Cut Creations camp, Middle and High School art teacher, **Jennifer Alexander**, taught campers how the MakerSpace tools could be used to create art. Students explored a variety of artistic mediums and techniques, primarily implementing laser cutting technology. The inclusion of the laser cutter allowed for the use of precut design elements that were available to students as they constructed in both 2D and 3D.

The MakerSpace provides endless possibilities for creativity at our school! We look forward to seeing what our student makers create next!

The Arts, Perseverance, Distance, and Humor

We all know the hardships that a school year in the midst of a pandemic brought, but despite it all, the performing arts and communication students at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School have grown and flourished in so many ways. Even with Google Meets and quarantines, the drama and choir programs enjoyed their first full year in the new performing arts classrooms and started the process of moving their work outside of those walls. While Covid restrictions and distance learning meant the MCPS Choir had to take a hiatus from performing live and leading worship in our weekly Mass, they still participated in All-State Choir auditions, improved their singing and sight-reading skills, and also tried on what it could be like to sing and dance at the same time. Broadcast journalism students sought to increase viewership and began distributing their episode of Knights News Network (KNN) to the entire student body via YouTube. They also learned the art of writing a press release, and our own Gracie Barranco had multiple stories published in local periodicals. The drama program officially chartered Montgomery Catholic's first

troupe of the International Thespian Society, an honor society for theatre students, with seven inductees having earned 100+ hours of theatre experience each. Finally, in January rehearsals began for its first live performance since the fall of 2019's Alabama Stories: an adaptation of "Romeo and Juliet" in the idyllic setting of the Shakespeare Garden at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in May. Through this process they learned the art of stage combat, blocking, interpreting Middle English, and acting, but more than that they have demonstrated many of the themes present in "Romeo and Juliet": perseverance, love from a distance, and finding humor (wherever one can). With these skills and more we look forward to the coming year as all of our performing arts and communication programs return in full-force!

Kate Berry
Drama, Choir, Broadcasting



Montgomery Catholic Senior, Harrison Skala, Named a National Merit Finalist

Montgomery Catholic Senior, **Harrison Skala** was selected as a National Merit Finalist for 2021. Each year, approximately 1.5 million high school students apply for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Of these applicants, 50,000 students qualify for recognition in the program, and roughly 15,000 are eventually named Finalists every year. These students must meet very high academic standards in their high school coursework and PSAT testing. This spring, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation will begin awarding scholarships to approximately 7,600 of the Finalists.



CHANGING OF THE GUARD



It is with great pleasure that we announce Kirk Johnson as the new Head Football Coach at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. No stranger to the Montgomery Catholic football community, Coach Johnson moves from Assistant Head Coach and Defensive Coordinator to the head position in his seventh year with the Knights.

In this time of the coaching transition, Athletic Director Daniel Veres was proud to share, "Kirk Johnson will be the next head coach at Montgomery Catholic. Kirk's passion for the kids at Montgomery Catholic is unmatched, and I can't wait to see what this new chapter of Knights football holds for us all."

"Montgomery Catholic has built a football and athletic program that focuses on helping student athletes become the best versions of themselves, both on and off the field. Coach Kirk Johnson is committed to our school and our community, not just on the football field, but in all things Montgomery Catholic. We are poised for another championship caliber season as we continue to raise the bar and elevate expectations through a seamless transition," explained Montgomery Catholic President, Justin Castanza.

Coach Johnson is such an asset to our Montgomery Catholic family. We look forward to his leadership for our athletes and his continued involvement in our community.

"I am extremely honored and blessed to accept the position as Head Football Coach at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School. I would like to thank **Daniel Veres, Justin Castanza,** and **Eileen Aaron** for this amazing opportunity. I would also like to thank Aubrey Blackwell for his mentorship and the foundation that he helped lay here at Montgomery Catholic. It's not often that you get the opportunity in your first head coaching job to take over a state championship caliber football team. I look forward to the opportunity to expand on what has been built and to continue to lead this program to the next level. My wife, Meghan, and I are extremely grateful to be a part of this MCPS family; we will keep you all in our prayers and ask that you do the same for us," stated Coach Johnson.

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

Football

The Knights were Region Champs for the second year in the row.

For the first time ever, the Knights achieved 3A State Runner-Up.

Montgomery Advertiser's Player of the Week:
Myles Butler - Week 1
Jeremiah Cobb - Week 2

Caleb McCreary - WSFA Fever Athlete of the Week for the Beulah Game

Patrick Ryan - Montgomery Quarterback Club Player of the Week

Myles Butler - signed with Central Arkansas

DJ Carter - signed with the US Air Force Academy

Marcus Dees - signed with Wofford University

Cheer

Sara Turner Burt, Taylor Ellis, Adeline Gadilhe, and **Joi McGuire** - Middle School All-American Cheerleaders

Allie Berg, Jessica Hankins, Cecilia Hoffpauir, Sophie Parker, Llegacy Pugh, Taylar Tunstall, and **Flo Weller** - Varsity All-American Cheerleaders

Cross Country

Hollis Johnson - signed to run for Mississippi College

Sam Leslie - signed to run for Auburn Montgomery

Basketball

3A Area 6 Regular Season Boys Champions for the 2nd year in a row

3A South Region Champions

3A State Runner-Up
DJ Jamerson '21 - AHSAA 3A First Team All-State in basketball also Montgomery Independent Capital City Conference Player of the Year

Matthew Reardon '22 - 2021 Alabama High School Athletic Association Basketball All-Star

DJ Jamerson - signed to play at Scotland Prep

Jalen Thomas - signed to play at Mitchell College

Indoor Track & Field

1-3A State Champion Runner Up

Hollis Johnson - 1600M
4-5A State Champion



Wrestling

Titus Franklin - Runner Up @ 132 lbs 1-4A State Championship.

Joey Rodriguez - 3rd Place @ 126 lbs 1-4A State Championship.

Baseball

Dean Johnson - signed to play at Auburn Montgomery

Softball

McKenzie Norton - signed to play at Georgia Southwestern

Golf

Grant Smith - *Montgomery Advertiser* Metro Golfer of the Year, signed to golf at Louisiana Tech University

Outdoor Track & Field

Boys Team 3A State Champions

Jeremiah Cobb - State Champion in the 100M and 200M, *Montgomery Advertiser* Track Athlete of the Year

Soccer

Judd Osten - Signed to play at the University of West Alabama

Tennis

Cooper Davis '24 - All-Metro First Team, Individual 1A-3A State Champion



Jimmy Hitchcock
Nominees

Marcus Dees II and **Hollis Johnson V**



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2020 FRIDAY NIGHT SPONSORS!

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Bradley Plumbing & Heating Inc.
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FAMILY & ALUMNI ROLL CALL

- The Aaron Family
- Terry & Margaret Barber
- Ben and Alana Barranco, Class of 2002
- Joan & Barry Cavan
- The Ceasars
- Lainie Cleghorn Class of 1986 and James Cleghorn Class of 2016
- Marsha and Steve Davis
- Charlotte and Stephen Deep Class of '78
- The DeJesus Family
- Jim & Mary Forsyth
- Dr. Gerardo Gonzalez, Pediatric Cardiology of Montgomery
- Faith, Family & Football Go knights Don Hodges Family Class of '93
- Groomin' Tails Pet
- Salon, Juli Johnson Class of '91
- Dr. Brian Kille
- David and Madonna Kimbrough
- Montgomery Automotive Group, Inc Mike Delongchamp, '87, Owner
- Mike & Kerri Moore
- Christine & Mickey Noell, Class of 1991
- The Kirby Parker Family
- The Family of Senior Ellie Pool
- The Proffitt Family/
David Proffitt Class of 2029
- The Reardon Family
- Jason & Tisha Rhodes
- Mark & Diane Schultz
- The Tyynismaa Family
- The Washington Family, Class of 2020

If you would like to be a part of our Friday Nights, visit montgomerycatholic.org/radioorcontactvdickson@montgomerycatholic.org for details. Thank you...and **GO KNIGHTS!**



MARCHING KNIGHTS

The 2020-2021 school year has certainly been an interesting experience, but, despite its challenges, has still been a successful one for the MCPS Band program. In the fall, the Marching Knights were able to mitigate all the Covid-related factors necessary to attend all of our varsity football games and support the Knights all the way to the state championship game. Our annual performance at the Krewe of Columbus Mardi Gras parade had to be forgone, but our Middle School and High School ensembles were able to perform remotely for the annual Alabama Bandmasters Association Music Performance Assessment. We were also able to host our annual Christmas and Spring Concerts in the new PICE Arena on the MCPS campus. The Band was even able to set a new record this year with twenty-five students (tying our record) who earned a spot in the 2021 District Honor Band and fifteen outstanding students (shattering our previous record) selected for the Alabama All-State Bands this year. This figure includes the standout **Michael Algarin**, who earned the 1st chair spot in the state for Alto Saxophone. The Band has numerous alumni from the past decade who have gone on to major in music at Alabama universities, and we have multiple graduates this year who are moving on to perform in collegiate band and music ensembles. We are looking forward to a refreshing start for the coming Fall season and another great year in 2021-2022!

Alex Johnson, Band Director

FACILITIES UPDATE '20-'21

New staff, new technology, new parking lot and more, here are the updates made around our school:

- Added **Clay Cleghorn** to facilities staff after **Daniel Harbin** took over IT.
- Completed LED light upgrade for St. Bede. Holy Spirit should be complete by the end of summer
- Removed donor bricks and brick pavers from nineteen 4x4 sections in the sidewalk behind football bleachers and replaced with concrete. Relocated donor bricks to area near the concession stand
- Poured foundation and erected antenna for MakerSpace ham radio
- Installed 40+ door signs in new gym and fine arts building
- Removed all smart boards at St. Bede and Holy Spirit and replaced them with 24 new interactive touch screen smart boards.
- Installed smart TVs in main campus Band room, Choral room, and library. Also installed them in Band room and conference room at St. Bede
- Painted all 8 classrooms and both bathrooms in the Middle School. Additional painting in Belke Bldg computer lab as well as 3 classrooms in the main building
- Resurfaced entire parking lot and roads around the main campus. Created a new green space near Vaughn Road entrance.
- Installed new industrial dryer for Athletic department

Cameron Gilbert
Facilities Manager

Homecoming 2020

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School celebrated Homecoming week October 5-9. The Homecoming game and festivities were pushed up a day due to stormy weather expected Friday from Hurricane Delta. During halftime of the varsity football game against Childersburg, Montgomery Catholic Principal Eileen Aaron had the distinct honor of crowning the 2020 Homecoming Queen and King, **Miss Alanna Monche' Aiken** and **Mr. Myles Thomas Butler**.

The 2020 Montgomery Catholic Homecoming Court, pictured from left to right: Freshman attendant **Lily Kathryn Coulombe** escorted by **Caleb Shamar McCreary**; Junior attendant **Aniya Lowery** escorted by **Christopher Benjamin Lathram**; Senior attendant **Allison Carol Berg** escorted by **Hollis Eugene Johnson V**; Senior attendant **Rachel Ann Rodriguez** escorted by **Kolbe Joseph Russo**; Homecoming Queen **Alanna Monche' Aiken** and Homecoming King **Myles Thomas Butler**; Senior attendant **Alexis Morgan Meshok** escorted by **William Austin Cleghorn**; and Sophomore attendant **Kayleigh Grace Everage** escorted by **William Michael Belsterling**.

While Covid put class reunions and the traditional Alumni Under the Tent event on hold in 2020, Montgomery Catholic held a virtual "Wish You Were Here" event, encouraging all alumni classes to share their Homecoming and school day memories with friends on social media.

The week leading up to the Homecoming football game was full of activities and excitement, including themed spirit days and Mass on the Grass on the football field. On Wednesday, the



elementary Squire Walk was held at each campus. Students from the St. Bede and Holy Spirit campuses would traditionally be invited to run through the Catholic inflatable helmet to greet the Big Knights varsity football team as they took the field before the Homecoming game. This year, with limited ticketing for home football games, Montgomery

BAND ACHIEVEMENT

MCPS All-State Honor Band members:
Anna Lathram, Keveen Ramirez, Cooper Beesley, Kaylee Holmes, Mai Ellington, Daniel Gacha, Angela Gier, Shannon Kille, Molly Nicklay, Michael Algarin, Nate Gartland (alternate), Jackson Ingalls, John Scott Jackson, Josie Smith, Mason Branam

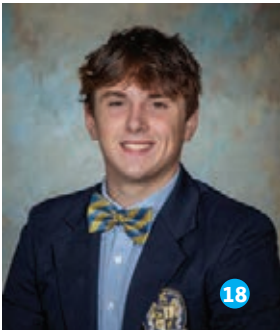
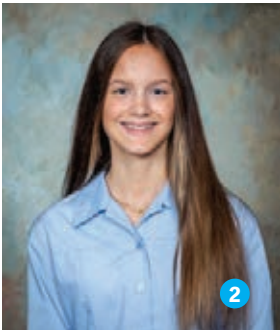
MCPS District Honor Band members:
Anna Lathram, Ashley Digman, Kamila Diaz, Peter Riello, Ryan Stevenson, Amelia Bair, Keveen Ramirez, Cooper Beesley, David Huston, Ethan Harbin, Kaylee Holmes, Mai Ellington, Daniel Gacha, Angela Gier, Shannon Kille, Carlo DeJesus, Molly Nicklay, Michael Algarin, Aidan Blum, Nate Gartland, Jackson Ingalls, John Scott Jackson, Hunter Dailey, Josie Smith, Mason Branam



Catholic Varsity Football Coach **Aubrey Blackwell** and School President **Justin Castanza** loaded the helmet up and delivered it to each campus for the little Knights to continue the tradition.

The Middle and High School campuses ended the day on Thursday with a socially distanced pep-rally on the football field to pump up the school spirit, and a shut-out victory over Childersberg, 42-0 made for a great end to Homecoming 2020.

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School Scholarships



2021-2022 Scholarship Winners

COACH RALPH FURLONG SCHOLARSHIP

1 Kamden Miller

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Lyla Sanford

Anna Bella Knepp

2 Catherine Collier Hickman

FRYE, ARBAN, ORTEGA SCHOLARSHIP

3 Maynard Marlow

4 Auburn Wilcoxson

ANNE CEASAR ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP (ACES)

5 Cannon Bach

6 Will Noell

ANNA AND HAROLD PAIGE SCHOLARSHIP

7 Ameliah Pettah

8 Zaviyon Jackson

CAITLYN MARIANNE WIGGINS '08 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

4 Auburn Wilcoxson

PADRE PIO ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

9 Ben Castanza

Lyla Sanford

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

10 Alexander Austin

11 Jacque Coles

12 John Scott Jackson

13 Adrian White

14 Brennan Binns

JJ BEDNARZ, SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

15 B Stott Blancas

16 Isabella Shin

11 Alexander Austin

CAROLE SKONEKI CLARK ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

6 Will Noell

NORMA MUNGENAST SCHOLARSHIP

16 Isabella Shin

11 Alexander Austin

15 B Stott Blancas

12 John Scott Jackson

17 Monica Nguyen

CLASS OF 2009 JUSTON MARTIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

18 Ethan Binns

ANNA "ANYA" CECILE BENNETT '18 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

19 Gracie Barranco

20 Mary Katherine Carley

BEN AND ALICE TOKARZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

21 Frances Bach

22 Madelyn Stringer

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #12150

23 Anna Rose Schwarz

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 extracurriculars 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.

The Anne Ceasar Endowed Scholarship (ACES)

Established June 2020. In honor of Anne Ceasar and her sixteen-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.

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 full tuition scholarship and one 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

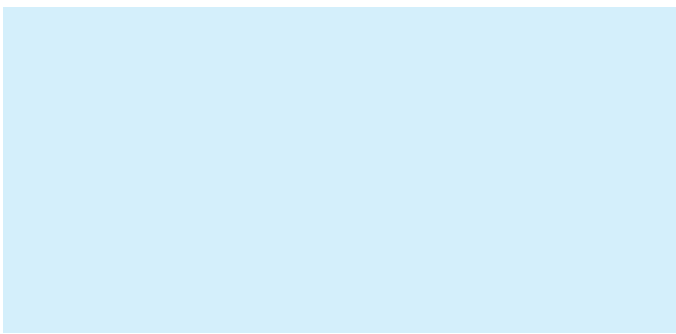
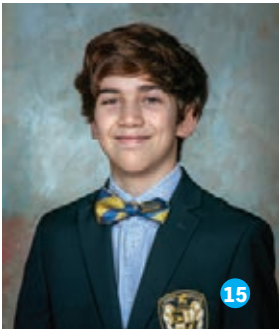
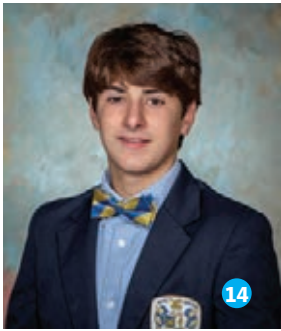
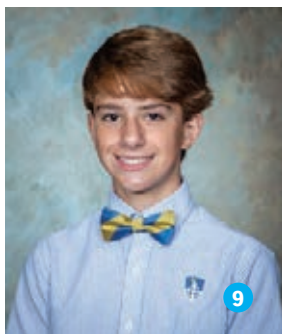
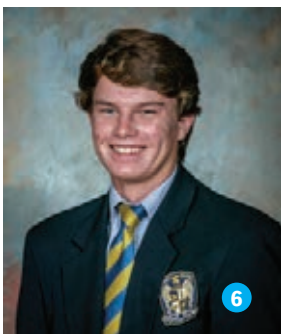
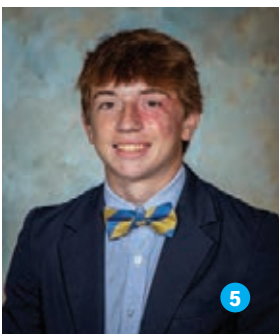
Established 2018. The scholarship was created by a trust funded by the Estate of JJ Bednarz, Sr., a US Air Force veteran, businessman and long time St. Bede parishioner whose children attended Montgomery Catholic. The scholarship will fund one full tuition scholarship annually to an enrolled high school 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 ten-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 9th 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 7th grade student from the Holy Spirit Campus. Applicants should exhibit superior academic achievement, have active involvement in student in-class or extra-curricular activities, demonstrate student leadership ability and have been selected for advancement to the 7th grade.

If you are interested in starting a scholarship at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School contact our Development Office at 334-272-2770 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.

Montgomery Catholic was blessed with the establishment of 3 New Scholarships in 2021.

The Barry and Bob Robichaux Memorial Scholarship

Established in October 2020 by their children, **Michelle** '94, **Robert** '94, **Richard** '98, and **Ryan** '00 Robichaux. The first scholarship will be awarded in 2022. Please see page 22 for a note from the Robichaux Family.

The Larry Russo Memorial Scholarship

Established in September 2021 in memory of Larry Russo, by his family and by gifts made to Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School, in his memory, to honor his love of Catholic education and St. Bede parish. A faithful Catholic, Larry held great reverence for the Eucharist and kept a weekly Holy Hour for nearly 30 years. He was an extremely positive man, who chose joy and encouraged others to be the best version of themselves. Larry will be remembered for his gentle manner, his patience, his generosity, and his love of family.

The Dr. Thomas L. Doyle Memorial Scholarship for Math and Science

Established in September 2021 in memory of Dr. Tom Doyle by Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School with founding gifts made by the three school Presidents that followed him: **Faustin Weber**, **Anne Ceasar**, and **Justin Castanza**. The scholarship is meant to honor the lasting legacy "Doc" had on the school and his students, his aptitude for math and science, and his love of Catholic education. At least one award will be made annually.

Montgomery Catholic Names New Principal for Middle & High School Campus

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School is pleased to announce that **Eileen Aaron** has been named Principal for the Middle and High School Campus after acting as interim for the 2020-2021 academic year.



Eileen Aaron is a familiar face to Montgomery Catholic. She is mother to three graduates and two current students, Resource Teacher at the middle and high school, and loving wife to math department faculty member **Rick Aaron**.

"To say the Aaron family are dedicated to Montgomery Catholic is an understatement," said incoming Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School President **Justin Castanza**. "I am thrilled that Eileen will be leading our school. She brings incredible professionalism, unwavering passion, and inspiring faith."

Aaron received her undergraduate degree in Psychology with a minor in English from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, and a graduate degree in School Psychology from the University of Akron. Throughout her career, she has served as a licensed specialist in School Psychology and counselor at Montgomery's COPE Pregnancy Center. Aaron has worked as a Resource Teacher at Montgomery Catholic since 2016.

"My husband and I love the culture and mission of Montgomery Catholic and I am honored to serve in this capacity," said Aaron, on being named Principal. "I'm excited about the leadership team we have established and the faculty and staff we have in place. I am confident that if we continue to seek the will of God we will continue to do great things at Montgomery Catholic."

Brittany Bradley Named Montgomery Catholic Director of Communications & Marketing

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School names **Brittany Bradley '03** as the new Director of Communications and Marketing.



"I am so excited for Brittany and for Montgomery Catholic. She brings an exemplary level of experience and professionalism to a position that will continue to propel Montgomery Catholic into a bright future. As an alum, a current parent, an experienced graphic designer, and a devout Catholic, Montgomery Catholic could not ask for a better person to lead our marketing and communications efforts," said **Justin Castanza**, school president.

A native of Montgomery, Bradley is a 2003 Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School alumna. She holds a BFA from Auburn University and joins Montgomery Catholic with fourteen years of advertising and marketing experience. Bradley and her husband, Josh, have been married for twelve years and have three daughters, Ella, Kate and Nora. They are active members of Holy Spirit Catholic Parish in Montgomery.

"I am honored to accept the position of Director of Marketing and Communications at Montgomery Catholic. I look forward to working with the rest of the Advancement Team to inspire our students and to share all that MCPS has to offer with the greater Montgomery community," said Bradley.

Bradley began her role as Director of Communications and Marketing on December 1, 2020.

COVID-19

TIMELINE

January 20, 2020

The first confirmed case of Covid was confirmed in Washington State

April 1, 2020

Montgomery Catholic accepts donations to assist with families and job loss during the state-wide shut down.

April 2

MCPS Alumni Association launches an effort to help the most vulnerable in our community. Offering assistance with grocery shopping, errands, yard work and even tuition assistance for those MCPS families who are struggling financially during these uncertain times.

April 12

Archdiocese of Mobile extends Distance Learning to May 1

April 26

Archdiocese of Mobile announces that Catholic schools will remain closed for the remainder of 2019-2020 school year. MCPS Graduation postponed until June 23, 2020.

June 23, 2020

Graduation is held in the MCPS gym with limited guests (4 per graduate) to allow for social distancing.

August 2020

Athletics resume with reduced seating and masks required for all spectators.

March 6, 2020

MCPS communicates with families for the first time about cleaning protocols for all campuses and the importance of following CDC recommendations for washing hands and staying home when sick.

March 13, 2020

The Alabama Department of Public Health received its first positive test result for a case of the novel coronavirus Covid in an Alabama resident.

March 17, 2020

MCPS closed in person learning and cancelled all school activities. Teachers transitioned their classes to distance learning while the school was deep cleaned and sanitized, anticipating students' return on Friday, April 3.

March 29, 2020

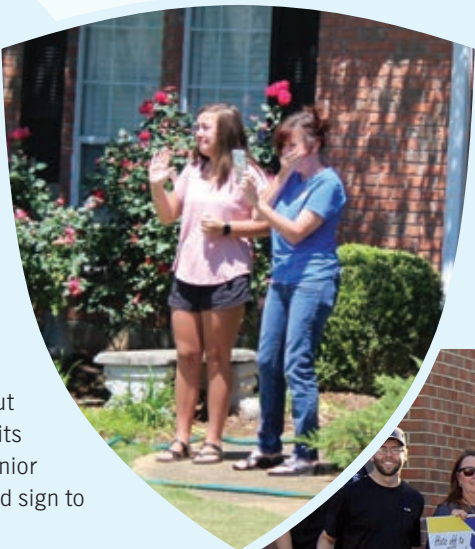
Archdiocese of Mobile extends Distance Learning through April 19

May 8, 2020

The Class of 2020 graduation plans are put on hold, and faculty visits each member of the senior class and delivers a yard sign to them.

May 20-22

Elementary campuses host virtual talent shows, virtual field days, and End-of-Year Send-off Parades for students to drive by and see their teachers in person as they head into the summer months.





July 2021

MCPS announces the decision to be 100% in person for the 2021-2022 school year. All campuses begin the year fully masked with the hope of adjusting this safety measure when possible after the year begins.

October 11, 2021

Thanks to the widespread availability of a vaccine for our 12 and older population, masks became optional for students, faculty, and staff at our Middle and High School campuses. Masks are encouraged for those who are unvaccinated.

January 4-8, 2021

Montgomery Catholic voluntarily starts the new year virtually at all campuses, grades K4-12 for one week.

January 28-February 7, 2021

MCPS Middle & High School Campuses see the highest rates of positive cases among students and faculty. The decision is made to transition to Distance Learning for all students on both of these campuses to help reduce exposure for students and faculty. Monte Carlo Night rescheduled from February 8 to May 6.



November 8, 2021

Decreasing Covid numbers across our state allowed for the removal of masks for students and adults at all campuses. Masks are still encouraged for those who are unvaccinated.



In spite of Covid and all of the changes we have made to keep our MCPS family safe, our school has thrived! Over the course of the last year, our community has grown and our students have excelled.

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Average ACT Score for the Top 20% of the Graduating Class

\$9,000,000

Average College Scholarships earned by graduating Seniors



56

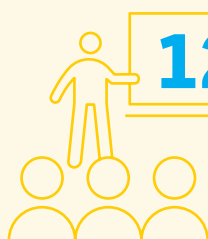
Athletic State Championship and Final Four Appearances in the Last 5 Years

TWENTY-FIVE
District Honor Band Members

FOURTEEN
Clubs and Organizations

FIFTEEN

Electives offered in High School



12:1

Teacher/Student Ratio

760+

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

62/38 Catholic to Non-Catholic Split



21%

of students are from Military Families

Elementary students have P.E., Recess and Religion five days per week

5

Mass is offered on campus five times each week at our Middle/High School Campus

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Our School, Our Family

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School has a long history. For 148 years our school has made an impact on generations in central Alabama. We are proud of our alma mater. Adapting, innovating, loving, and encouraging students to be the best they can be and using their God-given talents to succeed in life. The friendships and family built here is something we are all blessed to be a part of.

Our alumni make THE difference! You make a difference! Our school has continued to thrive because of your generosity. Volunteering time, offering prayers, and financial support for all things Catholic! The school that raised us is continuing to shape the lives of our community!

On behalf of your alma mater, thank you for continuing to make us great! I hope to see you on campus sometime soon, and please reach out and let us know what you are up to, we love to share your good news!

Once a Knight, Always a Knight!

Vicki Downes Dickson, Class of 1991
Director of Development & Alumni Relations

Alumni Association Seeks New Leadership

The Alumni Association would like to thank our leadership team, for their efforts over the last three years. They brought new energy and ideas and made a difference in such a trying time.

Brennan Parker '08, *Chairman*
Rebecca Hails Holtsford '09, *Secretary*
Austin Barranco '09, *Treasurer*

If you are interested in helping lead our Alumni Association please reach out to Alumni Relations Director, **Vicki Downes Dickson**, vdickson@montgomerycatholic.org. We could use your help!

Alumni Association Annual Goals

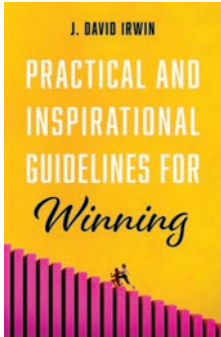
- Fund the Dottie Dean Memorial Alumni Scholarship
- Connect Alumni with our School through socials, special events & volunteerism
- Help with hosting the Alumni Tent Event

WE COULD USE YOUR HELP!

Contact Vicki Dickson, to make a difference today!
vdickson@montgomerycatholic.org, 334.272.7220 ext 302

ALUMNI NEWS

Class of 1957



Dr. J. David Irwin, a 1957 Montgomery Catholic alumnus, who is currently Professor and Department Head Emeritus of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Auburn University, has written a new book entitled *Practical and Inspirational Guidelines for Winning*. The book is a strategic mix of psychology and common sense, coupled with biblically and spiritually based inspirational material, which when working with God's guidance can make winning a way of life. You can pick up your copy on Amazon.

Class of 1969

Liz Morton Eiswerth's grandson **Maynard Brasington** is a member of the class of 2022, and plans to be a chemical engineer. She is still a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in Montgomery, taking care of the church nursery with her husband **Bernie** for thirty-plus years and missing the little ones during Covid. The nursery is in the old cafeteria at the old Catholic High School building behind St. Peter.

Class of 1971

Mary Shea McGinty Schroll, Now and then...50 years! So thankful for all our many blessings of faith, family... three children and their spouses and eleven grandchildren, and friends, our closest are the ones we met through our Catholic High activities.

Our life together began 50 years ago at Catholic High. We have so many wonderful memories of our years at Catholic. We are grateful for the teachers, coaches, and staff at Catholic who prepared us do well in college and helped us grow in our faith! Then 25 years later some of the same teachers, coaches and staff plus new ones brought the same dedication and commitment to educate and coach our three children, **Jennifer, Brian, and David!** They had wonderful high school experiences, still have close high school friends, and excelled in college and now their current careers. Our family will forever be grateful to Montgomery Catholic!

Class of 1979

Jeff Raabe lives in Riaggold, Georgia with his wife of 33 years, **Gail**. He is the Director of Guest Experience Enhancement Services at See Rock City, Inc. on Lookout Mountain. He has two daughters: **Julia** is at the University of Georgia and **Margaret** lives in Louisville, Kentucky.

Class of 1982



Michael Probst shared that he has been clean and sober for 36 years. He is married to his lovely wife, **Enid**, for 21 years and He is a financial advisor with VALIC/AIG Retirement Services. His avocation is triathlon, he competed in the Gulf Coast half iron man on May 22, 2021, and, based on his finish, qualified for and will be racing in the Half Ironman World Championship race in St. George, Utah, to be held September 18.

Class of 1992



Chad Marchand was selected as Man of the Year by the Mobile Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Class of 1998



Bryan McClure and his wife **Kaycie** welcomed their first child Rosalie Ann on June 23, 2021.

Class of 2000

Ryan and Meagan Robichaux joyfully announce the birth of George Benedict Robichaux born on June 28, 2021.

Class of 2002



Laurel Crawford married **Justin Smith** on October 9, 2020 in their backyard in Savannah, Georgia surrounded by their closest family and friends.

Class of 2004

Maria Franco Braswell was named assistant principal of Nickajack Elementary by the Cobb County Board of Education and graduated from Kennesaw State University with an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership.

Class of 2006

Jimmy and Ali Forsyth were married on September 19, 2020 in Durango, Colorado.

Class of 2007



Livi Veres Hoch and her husband welcomed their first child, Lillian (Lilly) Judith Hoch arrived early on January 27, 2021.

Class of 2008

Rachel Castanza Stewart and her husband welcomed their son Michael Jeffrey to the world on January 26, 2021.

Lauren Starr and **Hamilton Bryant** welcomed Hamilton Hastie Bryant, IV on April 12.

Class of 2009

Trey and Rebecca Hails Holtsford welcomed their first child, a little girl, Anne Pruitt on May 14.

Brianna McClure Lisenby and her husband **Woods** welcomed their second child Bradshaw Woods on August 7, 2020.

AJ and Alexandra Mayhan welcomed their fourth child, Darcy Eleanor, on June 10.

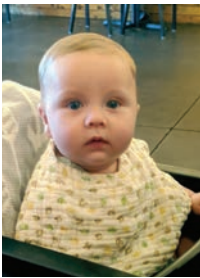
Caroline Starr married **Josh Paternostro** on June 12 at Spring Hill College, where Caroline and Josh met!

Class 2010

Victoria Schmidt Carter and her husband **Stephen** welcomed their son Sellers Caddell in May.

Josh Glenboski and his wife **Shelby** welcomed their second daughter Olivia Ruth on June 10, she joins big sister Reagan.

Matt and Jessica (Barranco) Stewart welcomed daughter Abigail Louise Stewart to the world on January 13.



Stuart Wood married **Kaila Humphries** on February 22, 2020 and the couple welcomed their first child Barrett Wesley on January 9, 2021.

Class of 2011



The wedding of **Kayleigh Pears** and **Asa Keating** was celebrated on July 24, 2021.



Mary Allison Tyner married **Nick Ostrye** on July 11, 2020 in Homewood, Alabama, the couple welcomed their first child Charles Ignatius “Charlie” on April 24, 2021.

Class of 2013

Hannah Barranco was engaged to **Luke Rabun** in Birmingham in June.

Maggie Starr Edwards and her husband **Colton** are returning to Montgomery and buying the house right next door to **Trey and Rebecca Holtzford** in June!

Spencer Starr graduated from Auburn University at Montgomery on May 15.

Michael Tyner married **Grace Bangert** on May 15, 2021 in Hoover, Alabama.

Class of 2014

Kirstin Wood just completed her 2nd year of teaching 3rd grade at Airport Road Intermediate School in Coosada, Alabama.

Class of 2015



Devoski Boyd launched Black Creek Outdoors in the summer of 2020. An outdoor lifestyle brand that he and partner

Jonathan Robinson built. Check them out on social media or at shopblackcreek.com.

Derek Kelly is a civil engineer in Mobile, Alabama. His wife **Carol** works as a Special Education teacher while pursuing her Master's degree. **Derek** and **Carol** recently celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary.

Megan Aaron Wells and her husband **Avery** welcomed their first child, Carrigan June Wells, on July 31, 2020.

Jennifer Tyner received her Masters of Science in Human Environmental Sciences from the University of Alabama in August 2020.



Will Lawrence IV graduated from Auburn University with a BA in Media Studies. He worked for War Eagle Productions, filming all sporting events on campus, as an

upperclassmen. He currently works for them doing live broadcasts for AU football for the SEC network. Senior year he did his internship with Vergepipe Media in Auburn. He spent 2020 traveling the country covering President Trump rallies for Right Side Broadcasting Network.

Class of 2016

James Warner Cleghorn graduated from the University of Alabama in July 2020.



Chris Waring '19 and **Ricky Treloar '19**, joined by **Eric Crenshaw** and **Logan Stevens**, Class of 2016. Eric and Logan are now music educators who graduated from Troy after graduating from Catholic and are working in Alabama schools. **Chris** and **Ricky** are now music students at Troy after graduating from Catholic. The love of music learned at Catholic under the direction of **Alex and Kristine Johnson** is spreading into music classrooms all over Alabama.

Class of 2017

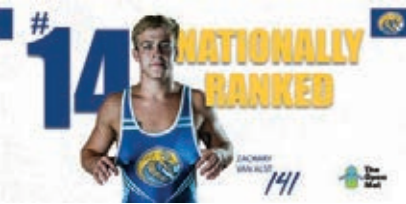
Riley Aaron graduated from Ava Maria with bachelors in economics and math in the Spring of 2021. Next stop, grad school!

David Bender married **Mary** in December 2020, the couple welcomed their first child in September 2021. A sweet little girl named Dymphna Rose.



Devin Kelly is an Infantryman in the 1st Infantry Division at Ft. Riley, KS. He has served

as a Bradley Fighting Vehicle driver and gunner. He is currently an Automatic Rifleman and is his platoon's armorer. He was recently selected as Soldier of the Month.



Coker University wrestler **Zachary Van Alst** was ranked #14 in The Open Mat's latest Division II national rankings, announced in December 2020. Van Alst is a 2X NCAA wrestling qualifier (2020 and 2021), NCAA Wrestling Super Regional Champion and is set to graduate in May 2022 with a double major in Math and Business, with a minor in Criminology.

Ale Vázquez has been named the Lifestyle Director at The Club at Maple Ridge in Ave Maria, Florida! She is finishing up her Accounting degree at Ave Maria.

Class of 2018

Congratulations to **Matthew Taylor** named Troy University's 2021 ATO Chapter President and to Troy University's 2021 Homecoming Court.

Class of 2019

Congratulations to **Hayden Rhodes** and **Josh Howell** on their wedding on June 19, 2021.



Ricky Treloar was named trumpet section leader in The Sound of South Marching Band at Troy University in 2020 and plays the herald trumpet to start the pre-game show of the band at all home football games.



Amaris Tyynismaa was named SEC Outdoor Newcomer Runner of the Year.

Congratulations, **Jonah Gier** for receiving the Freshman award at The University of the South for having the highest academic average for his freshman year.

Class of 2020



Justin Bufford, MCPS Class of 2020, is transferring to play basketball at Middle Tennessee State from Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Jackson Penso is enjoying being a part of the Troy University Marching Band.

Save the
DATE!

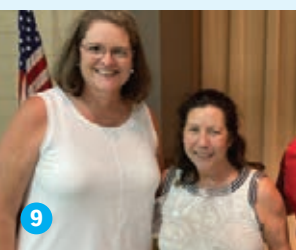
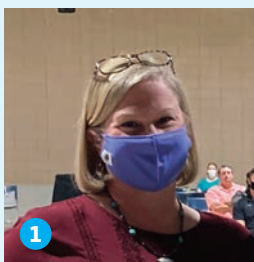
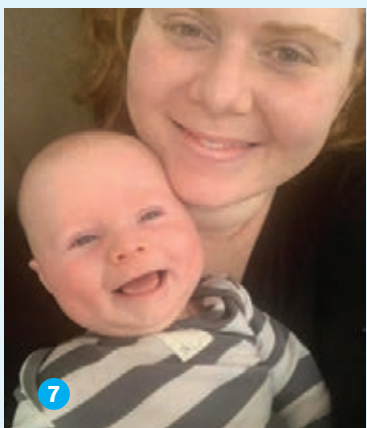
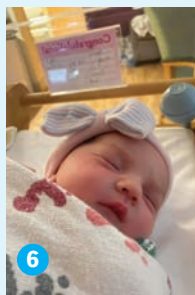
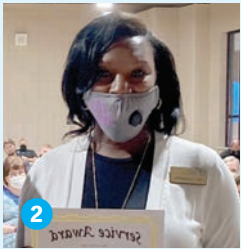
Monte Carlo Night
Saturday, February 19, 2022
Visit montgomerycatholic.org/monte-carlo
to get your tickets now



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about what you and your
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at vdickson@montgomerycatholic.org
or **Brittany Bradley '03** at
bbradley@montgomerycatholic.org.

FACULTY NEWS 2020-2021



1 Mary Kelley and **2 Rhonda Carstarphen** both received their 20 year service award this year, for their careers with Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Mobile.

Our High School Administrative Assistant **3 Lynn Galvin** and her husband Mike gained a son-in-law when their daughter Grace married Joseph Mcardle.

4 Alex and Christine Johnson welcomed their third child, Lucy Alexandra October 9, 2020.

Mindy Walski received the Walgreens ME to WE Teachers award in August 2020, she was nominated by 2018 alumnae **Odalyz Montes**.

This summer we had three faculty members welcome new additions:

5 Alana Barranco and her husband Ben welcomed their third child, Margaret Jane.

6 Kate Berry and her husband Avery welcomed their first child, a sweet baby girl, Evangeline Faye.

7 Lauren Hoyer and her husband Dennis welcomed their second son Joseph Francis.

RETIREMENTS

Montgomery Catholic wishes to thank each of these teachers for their service! You have all been a gift to our school!

8 Julie Wood - 12 years

9 Mylinda Keating - 35 years

Jeanene Crenshaw - 12 years

Ann Berher - 9 years

Hollis Johnson - 10 years

NEW FACULTY

Welcome our new faculty and staff for the 2021-22!

Amy Thoms
Leah Watkins
Crystal D'Andrea
Ivy Bach
Katie Broman
Jack Barton
Cam Lewis
Kaleb Forr
Christina Parker
Michelle McGuire
Jocelyne Barrett

10 Fr. Edward McDeritt celebrated the 50th anniversary of his Ordination in April 2021.

Remembering Dr. Thomas L. "Doc:" Doyle

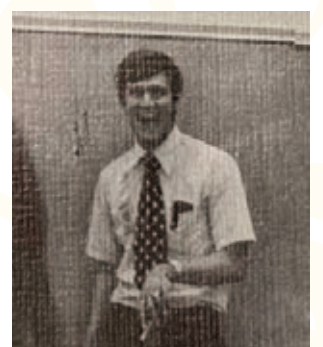
Dr. Thomas Doyle, or "Doc" as he was affectionately known by generations of students, passed away on September 9, 2021. He was 81 years old. A native of Mobile, he is the son of Andrew and Anita Doyle and grandson of Bessie Wadsworth. He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Anita ("Anne") and Clyde ("CV") Allenbach; his niece, Sheila Kimbrell (Richard); his nephews, Michael Vaughn (Aralyn) and Andrew Allenbach; two grandnieces, a great-grandniece and a great-grandnephew. He was a member of the first graduating class of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School in Mobile, then graduated from McGill Institute, and later received an undergraduate degree in Physics from Spring Hill College. He started his career teaching Physics at McGill, and after five years, enrolled at the University of Notre Dame, where he earned a Ph.D. in Physics in 1973. Almost immediately, he was hired as principal of Catholic High School in Montgomery, AL, a position he held from 1973-1989, and then served as the school's first president, from 1989 until 2001. During his 28 years of leadership at Catholic High, he taught Physics and Calculus every year to seniors in the school, and sometimes, a third class in theology, math or psychology. Even so, he was a creative leader, introducing ideas such as the "Legislative Convention," "A, B and C level grading," a "trimester" system and "January Interim" to the school. He simultaneously served as Vicar of Catholic Education for the Archdiocese of Mobile, charged with oversight of the Offices of Catholic Schools, Religious Education, Adult Education and Youth Ministry. His work on developing effective school board processes for the Archdiocese became nationally recognized, such that he was invited to give board training workshops for dioceses and Catholic schools

around the country. For over 20 years, he also served as the choir director of St. Bede Church in Montgomery. In the late 1990's, he began teaching summer classes at Notre Dame as an adjunct faculty member of the "Alliance for Catholic Education" (ACE) program. The ACE program recruits promising college graduates to make a two year commitment to teach in under-resourced Catholic schools around the country, and in turn, those students earn a master's degree without paying tuition. His success as an adjunct professor in the formation of teachers led Notre Dame to ask him to become the Academic Director of the whole program, and in 2001 he moved to Notre Dame for that purpose. He held that post and related leadership positions at the University until 2015, when he moved to south Alabama to finally "retire." But even then, in his late 70's, he taught Math on a part-time basis at the new Catholic high school in Fairhope, St. Michael, and continued to do consulting work for other dioceses. Over the course of his 50+ years as a Catholic educator, he held many titles: Principal, President, Vicar of Catholic Education, Academic Director. But the title that meant the most to him was simply "Teacher." His high school classes were electric- pushing, prodding and cajoling students to go far beyond what they believed they were capable of achieving. He challenged the smart kids, many for the first time in their lives, even while providing patient support for those needing more assistance. On any given school night, it was common to see 6-8 cars parked outside his home- mostly students from his Calculus and Physics classes, getting tutoring-but not infrequently, alumni, seeking help in their college classes, or simply in need of his advice and encouragement. His students gloried in his teasing and

attention. At Notre Dame, he dedicated himself fully to his students - seen at one moment eating lunch with students talking about Russian literature, another moment challenging science teachers to help students grapple with foundational questions, another moment giving feedback to students late at night as they constructed their first unit plans, and still another moment singing with the folk choir in the Basilica. He worshipped and prayed with the students, and through his example, helped them understand the craft and the nobility of the teaching profession. In a word, he was extraordinary. He was a devout Catholic, animated by a strong sense of social justice and concern for the poor. He was a voracious reader, and as a result could converse about science, math, music, literature, history, politics or theology. He was truly a "renaissance man" in this regard. But the affection and admiration for him held by so many goes deeper than his creative leadership, his keen intellect, or

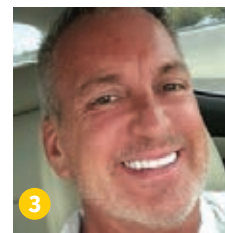
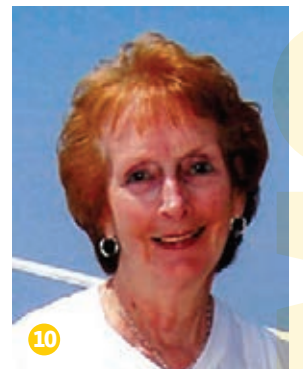
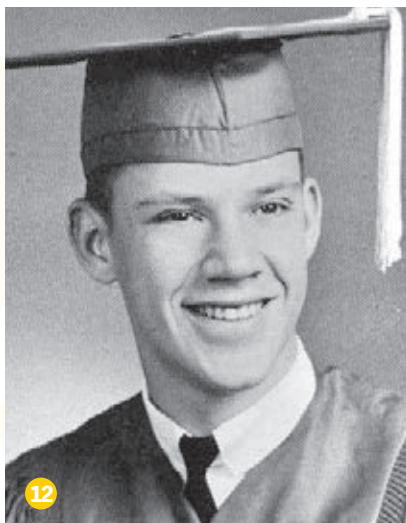
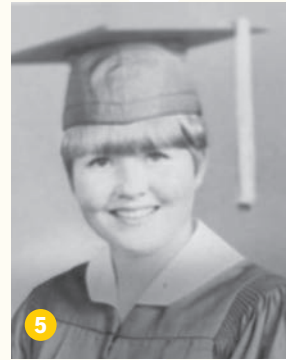
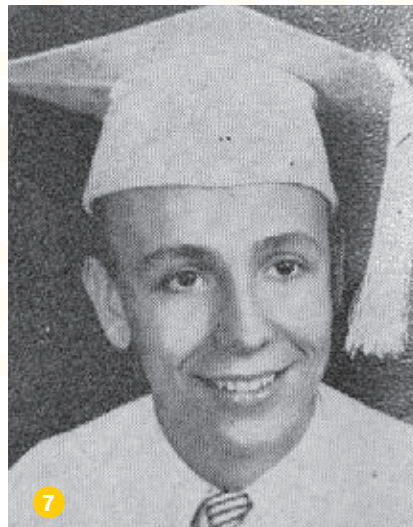
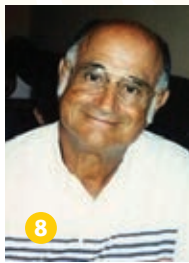
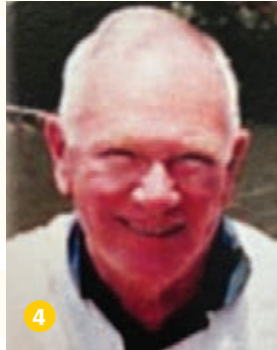
the breadth of his knowledge. Rather, it was that the generations of students, families and teachers he served sensed in him, deep down, his love for them. That love, ultimately, left an indelible mark on all of us. - Published by *Mobile Register* and *Baldwin County* from Sep. 11 to Sep. 12, 2021.

A scholarship to honor Doc's legacy has been established. See page 11 for details.



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Mother of **Mary Shea Schroll, Jeanne Barranco, Maureen Britton, and Charlie McGinty**

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Montgomery Catholic has grown into a bright future thanks to the incredible support of alumni like you! For the current 2021-2022 academic year, we are blessed to have welcomed over 100 new families, yielding growth by over 165 new students across our four campuses! Our MCPS family is proud to welcome new families from across the United States and around the world.

Peek around our elementary campuses and you will see lots of new “littles” too! We were thrilled to have added a K3 component to our current K4 program at our St. Bede and Holy Spirit campuses for the 2021-2022 year. The two year, thematic curriculum allows our teachers to meet each student where they are developmentally, and to continue building skills throughout the year. To be eligible for K3, students must be three years old by August 1 of the year in which the student will be attending MCPS, and independently potty-trained. Families are able to select from Half or Full day options for their K3/4 student.

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On behalf of Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School students & faculty, I would like to thank the PICE committee for their generous support throughout the years.

Because of their generosity, this year, our elementary school campuses have been able to update their smart boards in all classrooms; our parking lot landscape has been upgraded; and in October a new custom website launched which could have never been built without your support. Along with this, PICE has provided the LED

lights on the football field, helped us build the beautiful new gym, and are always generous in supporting the band and technology improvements for all of our students. PICE also hosts the senior seminar each year and gives a scholarship to a Montgomery Catholic student annually in the name of longtime PICE committee member Carole Clark.

Over my eight years at Montgomery Catholic, I have seen how these generous donations have greatly impacted our school in all aspects of our Catholic education. As a member of girl's athletics, the new gym, in particular, has drastically improved our workouts, practices, and image in the community. Thank you, PICE for making all of this possible! Our school is grateful for your continued support.

Ella Newell, *Class of 2022*
Montgomery Catholic SGA President

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2021-2022 BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School's enrollment and financial results for the 2020-2021 school year were significantly impacted by the Covid pandemic. Our actual enrollment was 707, a shortfall of 28 compared to our budget of 735. Much of the enrollment shortfall was due to mandatory class size reductions to accommodate social distancing requirements. Excluding non-operating and government assistance program revenues, we reported an operating deficit of approximately \$100,000.

New athletic and fine arts facilities: We completed the construction of the new athletic and fine art facilities on

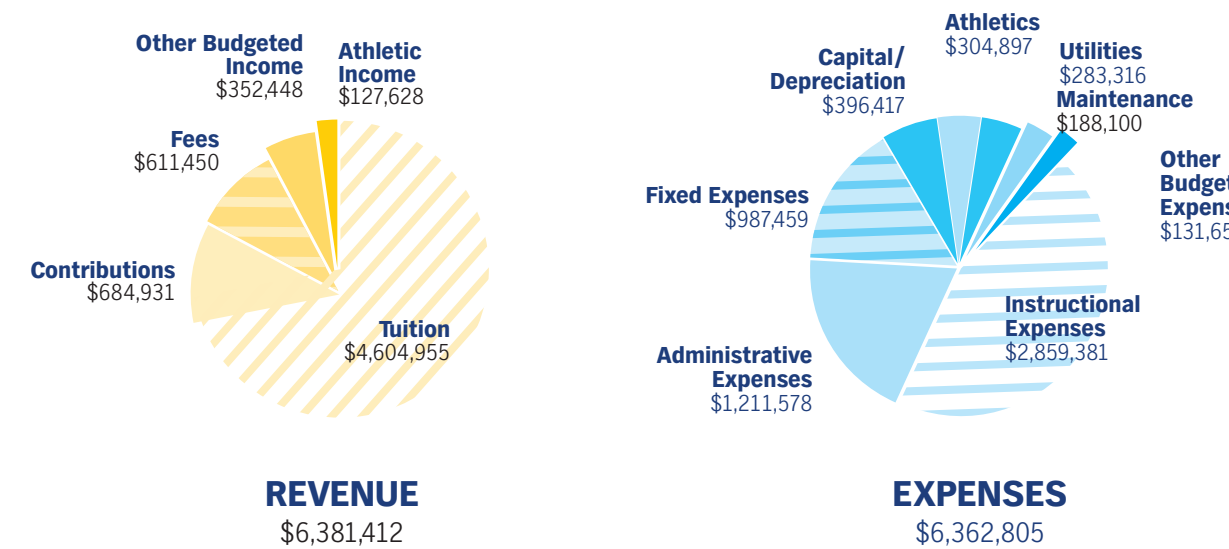
the middle and high school campus, with the final cost of the project totaling approximately \$6,742,000. We are very thankful for the generosity of so many people who gave of their time and treasure to make this project possible.

Other capital expenditures: Other capital expenditures included technology initiatives, Covid safety measures, and landscaping improvements. New Interactive “Smart” Boards were purchased for all elementary classrooms at Holy Spirit and St. Bede, thanks to the generosity of PICE, for a total of approximately \$63,000. As a Covid safety measure, all classrooms and student gathering spaces were equipped with air purifiers for a total cost of approximately

\$58,000, thanks also to the generosity of PICE. Laptops, including both Apple MacBooks for High School students and Asus Chromebooks for Holy Spirit students, were purchased for approximately \$105,000.

AAA Scholarships: We continued to enroll students who are awarded Alabama Accountability Act (“AAA”) scholarships. The annual awards range from \$5,000 to \$8,000, and we had a total of 54 students who received the awards in 2020-2021. This program allows families to apply and, if accepted, enroll at MCPS, which is an opportunity they may not otherwise have.

David Schwarz





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Athletics	\$37,480.00	\$45,820.00	\$32,373.00	\$75,494
Band	\$1,575.00	\$1,370.00	\$11,736.00	\$4,735
Capital Campaign**	\$971,688.00	\$644,186.00	\$396,462.00	\$329,271
Miscellaneous	\$26,232.00	\$7,865.00	\$127,869.00	\$124,251
Scholarships	\$32,221.00	\$174,581.00	\$36,332.00	\$189,053
Tributes	\$1,736.00	\$887.00	\$3,388.00	\$1,674
Tuition Assistance	\$19,307.00	\$9,737.00	\$31,284.00	\$42,573
TOTAL	\$1,144,274.00	\$955,682.00	\$715,734.00	\$875,174.00
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2021 Monte Carlo Night

Monte Carlo Night 2021 was a success because of our community's willingness to adapt during our pandemic year! Originally scheduled in February, the event was postponed until May 8 because of a post-Christmas holiday outbreak, in which the school was closed to recover during the original date. That didn't stop our MCPS family from supporting the event. Our PICE Knights Arena was the new home for the event and it was a hit, allowing for social distancing and a wonderful time! We raised almost \$80,000 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! We look forward to the significant impact these donations will have through scholarships and meeting classroom needs.

Gina Izer, Chair

Monte Carlo would not be possible without all of our parent volunteers! A special thank you to our committee chairs:

Mark Bruton
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Our parents, Barry and Bob Robichaux, were a loving couple who lived their Catholic faith to the fullest. They centered their lives around service to our community and the Church. Catholicism was at the heart of our identity as a family, and our parents put a premium on Catholic education. They felt a Catholic education was central to formation, creating the roadmap for living the Catholic faith. We were blessed with wonderful role models as parents and a wealth of Catholic education, which has indelibly influenced who we are as spouses, parents, and professionals.

Thanks to our parents, we had the opportunity to attend both St. Bede Elementary School and Montgomery Catholic High School. As a result of their investment, we all experienced the values, curriculum, sports, and other extracurricular activities that Montgomery Catholic had to offer. We are grateful for our time at Montgomery Catholic and for the teachers, coaches, and staff who made a difference in our lives. We know that Montgomery Catholic continues to make a valuable contribution to the lives of its students.

On the passing of our parents, we felt the best way to honor their legacy was to help provide similar Catholic education opportunities to others through a scholarship in their memory. We are proud to announce the Barry and Bob Robichaux Memorial Scholarship and hope that it will help strengthen the Catholic faith in the community where we were raised.

Michele Robichaux ('94)
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Montgomery Catholic Celebrates the Class of 2021



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On the evening of Tuesday, May 25, 2021, the 146th 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 **Justin Castanza**, and High School Principal **Eileen Aaron** were joined by **Reverend Fathers Patrick Gilbreath, Connor Plessala, Victor Ingalls, Den Irwin, James Dean, Alex Valladares, Wayne Youngman**, and **Charles Troncale**.

Due to government-issued social distancing guidelines and face mask mandates, the graduates were seated 6ft apart from each other, and each was given a special face mask to wear during the ceremony that matched their graduation regalia. Family seating was limited, but the entire ceremony was broadcast on Facebook Live and YouTube, enabling friends and family to take part in the festivities from their homes.

Salutatorian **Emma Qin Garrison** and Co-Valedictorians **Daniel Gacha** and **Harrison Patrick Skala** 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 2021 and alumni in singing the Montgomery Catholic Alma Mater, "Catholic, Our Refuge."

The 90 members of the Class of 2021 have earned \$7.6 million in scholarship offers from 33 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, 25% of the graduating class started school at Montgomery Catholic in Kindergarten. Our graduates include a National Merit Scholarship Winner, 30 members of the National Honor Society, twelve collegiate athletes across 8 sports, 6 collegiate band members, future members of the armed forces, state champion track and field athletes, a member of the VEX Robotics State Championship Team, and members of the all-district and all-state honor bands. We are so proud of their achievements and the example they set for future generations.

