

# ANNUAL REPORT 2011



## MARINERS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



# MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents, Grandparents, Alumni, and friends:

For nearly twenty-five years, Mariners Christian School has been a school that “goes the extra mile” for students, parents, teachers, the community, and most importantly, for Christ. This year was no exception, and we saw this “extra mile attitude” exhibited throughout the year; these moments are reflected in the footprints you see throughout this Annual Report.

**Mariners Christian School’s most crucial assignment is to train up young leaders who are strong in Christian character and academically well-prepared for high school.** Our goal is to see each student reach his/her individual God-given potential in all areas. This year, student leadership development took on many forms both inside and outside of the classroom:

- Student-led worship teams in fifth through eighth grade
- Student ambassadors at special events
- Student tech teams to support chapels and other events
- Community service projects in every grade level
- Cross grade-level reading buddies
- Individual opportunities in the classroom to lead and serve

The ‘firm foundation’ we seek to build in students’ lives is validated by the experience and feedback from our graduates. MCS Alumni consistently return to share not only of their academic achievements, but also of the leadership roles they are taking in ministry, outreach opportunities at school, and other service-oriented programs in the community.

Thank you for being a faithful partner in education as we, together, raise up leaders for Christ. Join me in thanking God for an outstanding 2010-11 and asking His continued blessing on 2011-12.

In His Service,



At the end of the day, Danny always pushes the chairs in, but no one tells him to. -Alena

Mrs. Miles has gone the extra mile by feeding the homeless all the time. She is a great influence on me and others growing up to be like her. -Erin

Mrs. Nielson and Mrs. Bagby go the extra mile because they give me hugs and are very kind, and they pray for me. -Katie



# ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, & STAFF

## GRANDPARENTS GET INVOLVED

The annual Veterans' Day Program welcomed more than 100 veterans and grandparents to honor those that have served and currently serve in our country's military. MCS parent and United States Marine Dwight Hanson spoke of his faith in Christ and the key role it played in his military service. Grandparents also had the opportunity to visit the campus for Middle School and Elementary Grandparent Days in January and May, touring classrooms and enjoying a special donut diner (sponsored by Ruby's Diner!) and student performances.

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT- EXALTING CHRIST IN ALL WE DO

Spiritual formation - the process of training up young people in the character of Christ - continues to be a top priority for MCS teachers and administration. At every level, MCS faculty seeks ways to integrate faith and learning - in particular, integrating the concept of serving others. Key service projects include Operation Christmas Child, 5th grade bake sale efforts to support ministry work in Fiji and the Japanese tsunami earthquake victims, Operation Welcome Home sponsored by our middle school, as well as Friday meal deliveries and a successful coat and warm clothing drive for the homeless.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

As an ongoing effort to build bridges with the surrounding community, this year MCS hosted two Preview Days for interested families, bringing both parents and their children on campus to get an insider's tour of MCS. Enrollment is its highest in 6+ years, indicating that the demand for a top-notch Christian education is strong.

Another new community initiative was MCS's 1st Annual Pastor's Breakfast. This year more than 15 pastors from local churches gathered for a time of student-led worship and performances, after which students came forward to personally honor their pastors.

Mr. Jones goes the extra mile because with every subject he makes it easier to understand. He does more and more to help us every day. -Susan

My Mom and Dad went the extra mile by getting me to MCS because the kids at my old school weren't very nice to me. Now I am at MCS and very happy. My friends are nice and they love Jesus. -Bradley

MCS teachers go the extra mile every day. They give up their afterschool hours to help kids get the lessons. -Cailin

## ADMINISTRATION

Bob Sladek\*, Head of School  
Todd Perkins\*, Chief Financial Officer  
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Sheri McDonald, Academic Affairs Director  
Sue Celek

## ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL FACULTY

Donna Mantei\*, Junior Kindergarten  
Mindy Gatchell\*, Kindergarten  
Susan Nielson, Kindergarten  
Lynda Lynch, Kindergarten  
Kim DeAllen\*, First grade  
Ann Moe, First grade  
John Wilcockson, First grade  
Rosalind Jensen\*, Second grade  
Sharee Pfaff\*, Second grade  
Karri Meyer\*, Second grade  
Lisa Collier\*, Third grade  
Kathy Hilts, Third grade  
Christina Vanian, Third grade  
Krista Ophaug\*, Fourth grade  
Mark Penticuff\*, Fourth grade  
Rehana Rodriguez\*, Fourth grade  
Brian Jones\*, Fifth grade  
Susan Walsvig, Fifth grade  
Marie Wilson\*, Fifth grade  
Tim Bahadoor\*, Middle school  
Jan Bryant, Middle school  
Justina Erre, Middle School  
John Hellriegel\*, Middle school  
Kathy Pelekoudas, Middle school  
Leilen Shelton, Middle school  
Jene Streeter\*, Middle school  
Patty Thoma Lundberg\*, Middle school  
Tami Thurston\*, Middle school  
Kate Couch, Art  
Mac Thompson, Athletics

Stacey Houston, Athletics  
Paulette Seaman, Athletics  
Andrew Levy\*, Drama/Theater Director  
Lindy Seely, Learning Lab Coordinator  
Laura Koenig, Library  
Tricia Heins\*, Music  
Len Wicks, Music/Band  
Laurel Jones McMillen, Music/Strings  
Bing Liu, Science-Elementary  
Mary Filakouridis\*, Science-Middle School  
Christine Novakavich, Spanish-Elementary  
Denise Bartlett, Spanish-Middle School  
Jamie Mathisrud, Student Activities  
Terri Rodriguez, Technology Manager  
Debbie Wolford, Computer/Technology-Elementary  
Jeff Fernandez, Worship

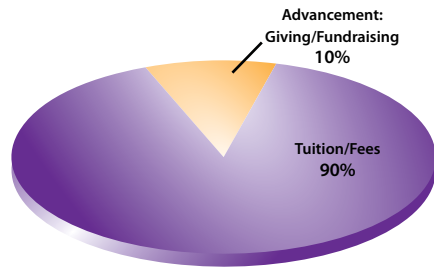
## STAFF

Caytano Alvarado	Cindy Kirk
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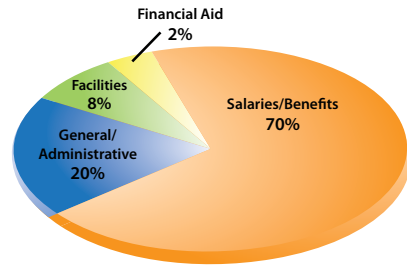
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# INCOME/EXPENSE



TOTAL REVENUE \$6,064,292



TOTAL EXPENSES \$5,957,917

## INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."* – Winston Churchill

One of the hallmarks of Mariners Christian School is the support and generosity of its parents, grandparents, faculty, and other friends and donors. Year after year, there is not a need that goes unmet or a goal that is not reached due to financial shortfall. God provides abundantly!



**ANNUAL FUND:** Nearly 100 parents and grandparents poured out their support, generating \$197,131 to be directly invested into teacher professional growth, financial aid and scholarships, and academic program enhancements.



**SPRING BOOK FAIR:** Book fair proceeds totaling \$2,926 enabled the library to purchase a multitude of fantastic resources for students such as the Heroes for Young Readers book set published by YWAM.



**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Sponsored by The Waltos Group, Mariners Christian School's 2nd Annual Fall Golf Classic generated \$57,431 for financial aid (a 192% increase from last year!) – vital scholarships as we seek to provide a Christ-centered education to as many children as possible.



**SPRING BENEFIT AND AUCTION:** With its biggest attendance yet, the Benefit brought more than 500 parents, grandparents, and friends to the BBC in celebration of God's amazing work at MCS - \$310,885 will be used for teacher training and professional growth, financial aid and scholarships, and program/technology expansion, with particular focus on the development of 21st Century leaders.



**MCS ALUMNI HERITAGE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP:** For the 7th consecutive year, MCS faculty personally contributed \$3,000 to support Alumni headed off to college: Lainey Barkley (USC) and Kristina Pelekoudas (University of Pennsylvania).



**COUNTY FAIR:** County Fair brought the entire school community together for a harvest bash with games, activities, food, and our first ever Artisan Gift Boutique, which generated \$1,000 for PTF to fund individual teacher wish list items.



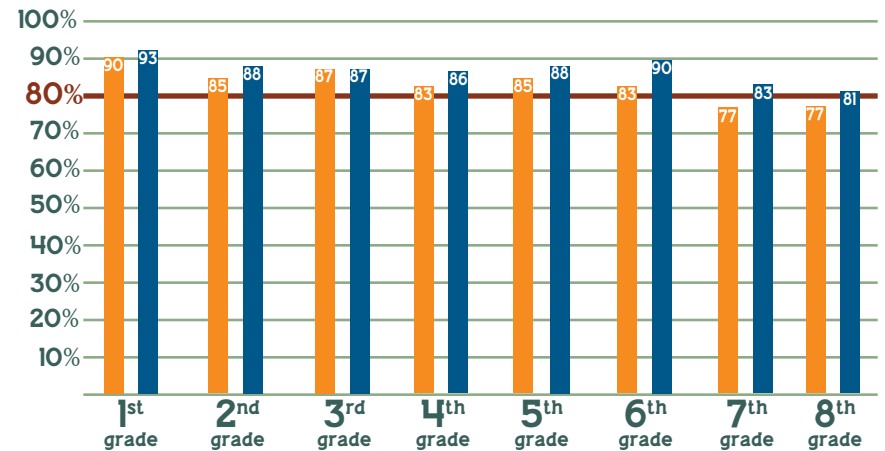
**NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB) FUND:** MCS received more than \$48,000 to support professional advancement for teachers, enabling teachers to advance in topics such as adaptive schools training, differentiated instruction, music, special needs and gifted students, science, spelling, and math.

# HOW DO MCS STUDENTS RANK?

Consistent with past years, Mariners Christian School's 2010-11 SAT 10 scores indicate that our students placed in the top 10% nationwide. In both reading and mathematics, MCS exceeded the minimum scores required for Blue Ribbon status as defined by the U.S. Department of Education.

## MCS 2010 - 2011 Grade Placement in National Percentile

Orange = National Reading, Blue = National Math



## FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

All MCS teachers dedicated themselves to advancing in their profession through seminars on differentiated learning, science, spelling, mathematics, reading, and other topics, including Mrs. Collier who completed her master's degree in Master of Arts in Education, bringing our total percentage of master level teachers to > 50%.

MCS is proud of the following faculty members for earning their Professional Lifetime ACSI Education certificate in 2010-11: Mary Filakouridis, John Hellriegel, Bonnie Onsrud and Krista Ophaug.



# MARINERS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL YEAR-IN-REVIEW

## 2011 is a Year of Going the Extra Mile

### GO THE EXTRA MILE

Our school theme, based on Colossians 3:23-24, invigorated the entire MCS community with a desire to seize every opportunity to do their best at school and home to honor Jesus. Hallways were filled with drawings and personal testimonies of individuals "Going the Extra Mile;" teachers also incorporated this theme into classroom projects and chapel messages.

### MUSIC PROGRAM SHINES

This year's list of musical feats was long, beginning with the Christmas concert presented by 2nd and 3rd grades. Kindergarten and 1st grades presented two patriotic mini-concerts in January. In the Spring, MCS Middle School featured a full-scale production of Roger and Hammerstein's "Cinderella". Now in its 5th year, the Band and Orchestra program displayed their musical prowess with Christmas and Spring concerts. Fourth and 5th grades presented an outstanding hand bell and recorder concert.

### TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION INITIATIVE

As part of the overall strategy to prepare students as successful leaders in the 21st Century, this year MCS focused on building on the foundation of technology integration that is currently in motion. Just a few key improvements that will be implemented in 2011-12 include:

- Initially purchase a set of laptops and a set of tablets for upper elementary and middle school use with the goal of adding sets after thorough teacher and student evaluation.
- Provide advanced teacher training in the areas of differentiated Instruction with the incorporation of SMART Boards and other technology
- Improve our "digital communication" with our digital marquee for families
- Improve technology infrastructure by adding new server that will fully support our current needs, increase speed/ease of use, and provide flexibility to continue to make improvements to our tech program.
- Create an online library system that will be accessible offsite, allowing students to complete research and to access the library's resources and card catalog from home.

**My teacher Miss V goes the extra mile every day. She wakes up every morning and goes to teach her 3rd graders even if she doesn't feel good or is tired. -Blair**

**I see students bring people to the nurse when they are hurt. -Ben**

**I went the extra mile by picking up trash at the lunch tables. -Amanda**

### ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN

MCS launched its "All Day Kindergarten" program to meet the diverse needs of its youngest population. Students benefited from an additional 1.5 hours of instruction each day; parents both working and non-working confidently kept their children in a nurturing and stimulating environment until 2:30 each day. By June, 65% of the kindergarten population had transitioned to the All Day program.

### PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

This year we added several features as an expression of MCS's core value of "partnership with parents," to help build the strongest school-home connection possible:

- VOXOPOLIS: an online parent anonymous feedback system available at [www.mariners-christianschool.org](http://www.mariners-christianschool.org)
- HEAD OF SCHOOL FORUMS: quarterly open meetings with Mr. Sladek to discuss significant issues relevant to elementary and middle school students.
- WEEKLY MONDAY E-NEWS: a streamlined, email version of the former "Tuesday Notes," providing parents with key dates and critical school information.
- PARENT EDUCATION CLASSES: seminars included "Igniting Faith in Your Child" by Dr. Michelle Anthony, "His Love and Our Lasting Legacy" by Jani Ortlund, and "Childhood Anxiety" by Dr. Michael Elliott.
- FIRST IMPRESSIONS: a redesigned front lobby with centrally located information desk and enhanced safety with new security door, as well as a stronger presence for the Admissions Office.

### ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENTS

As part of ongoing excellence in academics, MCS refreshed the Reading and Literature curriculum in every grade level, providing the most up-to-date resources for both teachers and students.



## 2011-2012 SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## ATHLETIC PROGRAM EXCELS

MCS athletics continues to show itself as a force to be contended with in the community. This year our girls basketball, volleyball and softball teams and boys flag football, basketball and volleyball teams competed in championships, with our girls and boys basketball, girls and boys volleyball and boys flag football winning League titles. The local media continued to take notice of Mariners athletics, running stories on victories over long-time rivals such as Harbor Day, Calvary Costa Mesa and Shoreline Christian.

### Boys League Championships

	BASKETBALL	VOLLEYBALL	FOOTBALL
2008	2nd place	1st place	2nd place
2009	1st place	1st place	1st place
2010	2nd place	1st place	1st place
2011		1st place	1st place

### Girls League Championships

	BASKETBALL	VOLLEYBALL	SOFTBALL
2008	2nd place	Playoffs	
2009			Playoffs
2010		1st place	1st place
2011		1st place	

**HIGHLIGHTS!** 8th grade girls volleyball landed 1st place in public school's Coastal Athletic league / 6th grade boys teams won all 3 sports' titles / MCS alum and former athlete-of-the-year Jack McBean signed a pro contract with MLS's LA Galaxy at age 16 / 6th grade girls basketball won it's first title in 5 years / Highest ever participation rate of students who participate in athletics (over 70%)

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