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Psalm 1:3

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Exciting News From Twice Treasured

Twice Treasured Thrift Store Board

The Thrift Store Board would like to give a big "thank you" to the employees who keep the store up and running each and every day. They accomplish so many different tasks, working Monday through Saturday alongside the very faithful volunteers. Many of the volunteers have been volunteering since the beginning, seeing the rapid growth and working to keep up! Volunteers and staff have dedicated themselves to making Twice Treasured the fundraising machine that it is today.

The Thrift Store Board, along with Faith, the employees, and volunteers are very happy and grateful to be able to present Manhattan Christian School with this year's fundraising gift of \$200,000!

We are thankful to all of the working hands that have made this possible, but we all know and recognize that our endeavors have been richly blessed by our Heavenly Father above. We give Him the praise for this success and we must daily remind ourselves that all good and perfect gifts are from above.

We have another very exciting gift that has come our way this year! Drum roll, please! We know that it is God's leading that has brought our landlords, John and Kathy, to offer their property for sale to Twice Treasured. Their property is located in an excellent spot, and the buildings are well set up for our needs. John and Kathy have been enthusiastic about our store, supportive of our business, and appreciative of the care in which we have taken care of their property. We are incredibly grateful to them in making this opportunity available to us. They could have sold their property in several different directions but we are honored to be the ones to receive the opportunity and continue to carry on with the business of supporting MCS in this way. Thanks be to God!

Please prayerfully consider joining this very exciting fundraiser for the school!



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ROTARY

student of the month

Please join us in congratulating October's

Rotary Student of the Month, Oren Arthun. Oren was chosen by his teachers because he is known to display high character, leadership, and community mindedness both at and away from school.



Meet Manhattan Christian Senior, Oren Arthun.

How long have you been at MCS?

After Amsterdam Elementary School, I have attended MCS for six years.

What extracurriculars have you been involved in during your time here?

Cross Country and Choir, Indoor Track

What awards have you won during your time in those extracurriculars?

Choir All-State, 3-time Team Champion XC, 6 Academic and Athletic All States, Team Track Champion, 6-Time individual Champion for Cross Country and Track Events

What have some of your favorite classes and teachers while at MCS?

Physics because of the experiments and experience we make as a class.

What are some of your best non-academic memories?

Winning State Track because we won it for Coach Tim.

What goal have you set for yourself during your senior year?

My goal is to make it out alive and be a man of God.

What are you working on for your Senior Project?

I am assisting a family in their home building process.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I plan on running in college and majoring in Theology.

Fall Alumni Night with Women's Volleyball

Gloria Veltkamp, Admissions and Alumni

We had a fabulous time at Fall Alumni Night on Friday, October 6. Thanks for the great turnout to support our high school team in one of their toughest matches of the season against last year's class B State Champions, Huntley Project. Free admission for all alumni plus free popcorn in exchange for updated alumni addresses made for a fun evening!

Feedback from the last few years' alumni basketball games demanded that we bring back the opportunity for the ladies to play volleyball. You asked; we answered! Following the conclusion of the varsity match, we had graduates ranging from years 1982 to 2023 play two sets to 25; each team took home a victory and an original MCS Alumni t-shirt. Thank you to all those who joined us to cheer and to play! Keep an eye out for this winter's Alumni basketball date.



Slave

Joel Westa, Head of School

I was in Saskatchewan bear hunting a couple weeks ago, and during my time there, I was studying I Corinthians and reading John MacArthur's book, "Slave; the Hidden Truth about Your Identity in Christ." I had a lot of time on my hands, as the weather was miserable, and no bears were moving in the downpours and wind.

As I read the book, I was struck by a couple of key thoughts. The first is a proper understanding of the Greek word *doulos*, which appears 124 times in the original texts, but only translated correctly once in the King James version. *Doulos* translates to slave. In the 123 other uses of the word, it is translated to servant. This was done in large part because of the connotations of slavery at the time of translation. The concept of Greco-Roman slavery was different than the slavery that was happening at the time of translation so various forms of the word "servant" were used in its place. The problem is there is a key distinction between the two words. Servants are hired, slaves are owned. To be someone's slave was to be someone's possession, bound to obey the owner's will without hesitation or argument. MacArthur writes, "The gospel is not simply an invitation to become Christ's associate; it is a mandate to become His slave."

The Apostle Paul referred to himself as a "slave of Christ" and a "Slave of God"; and he and his readers knew exactly what that meant. Paul's life revolved around his master—Christ. Nothing else, including his own personal agenda mattered. Jesus' brother, James called himself "James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. (James 1:1).

In a time when we speak of personal ambition, personal fulfillment, personal gratification, and even the concept of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, we lose sight of the gospel where sinners are called to submit to Christ. Jesus is not here to fulfill your wishes like a personal trainer or personal assistant.

MacArthur writes, "The New Testament understanding of the believer's relationship to Christ could not be more opposite. He is the Master and Owner. We are His possession. He is the King, the Lord, and the Son of God. We are His subjects and His subordinates. In a word, we are His slaves."

Lastly, MacArthur writes: "True Christianity is not about adding Jesus to my life. Instead, it is about devoting myself completely to Him—submitting wholly to His will and seeking to please Him above all else. It demands dying to self and following the Master, no matter the cost. In other words, to be a Christian is to be Christ's slave." What a radical concept. Now I am transfixed by what this means to how I approach absolutely everything.

National Merit Scholarship Finalist: Ryan Schott

A huge congratulations is in order for MCS Senior, Ryan Schott! Ryan has made it as one of the finalists for the National Merit Scholarship! National Merit is based on scores on last year's Preliminary SAT (PSAT/NMQT) college entrance exam. Ryan is among one of the 16,000 semifinalists announced earlier last month. In February, the 15,000 finalists will be announced and are then considered the top 1% of the 1.5 million juniors who took the test nationwide last year. The finalists will compete for 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth over \$30 million offered this spring. All Merit Scholar designees are chosen based on their abilities, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies – without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, religious preference, or family financial circumstances.



A Fairytale Homecoming

Sydni Taber, Student Council Advisor

MCS had another successful homecoming week. There were several competitions throughout Homecoming Week, all encouraging friendly competition and class participation. Each day, students dressed up according to a specific theme. Monday's theme was "Country vs. Country Club". The hallways were filled with cowboys and cowgirls representing "Country", and golfers and tennis players representing "Country Club". Tuesday's theme was Celebrity Day, Wednesday was Cops and Robbers, Thursday was Tropical Day, and Friday was MCS School Spirit Day. Points were awarded each day to the class who had the highest percentage of dressed up students, as well as the class who had the "Best Dressed" person for the day.

On Wednesday, each high school class performed in our third annual Homecoming Lip Sync Battle. Points were awarded for the following categories: Best Lead Singer, Best Choreography, Best Class Participation, and Audience Applause Rating from the middle school viewers. Thursday night was the He-Man volleyball tournament. The boys from each class organized team uniforms and competed in a double elimination volleyball tournament following the Lady Eagles home game against Drummond. Points were awarded to the volleyball winners and the best dressed team.

Because the weather on Friday looked dreary, the decision was made to postpone the parade to sunny Monday afternoon. The parade was the last competition and opportunity to earn points. Each class built a float based on the theme "Fairytales". The Freshmen built a Rapunzel float (4th Place), the Sophomores built a Little Mermaid float (2nd Place), the Juniors built a Peter Pan float (1st Place), and the Seniors built a Shrek float (3rd Place).

At the conclusion of the week, here were the results:

Seniors- 80 Points / Juniors- 70 Points / Sophomores- 40 Points / Freshmen- 40 Points



senior project

Brenna Venhuizen has taken a head start on her experience in social media and sports communication and marketing. For her senior project, she has joined forces with Mrs. Glaus to promote the Manhattan Christian Football team on Instagram and Facebook. Her work consists of creating all the posts, taking pictures at the games, and posting quarterly updates and final scores. Follow those pages on Instagram @manhattanchristianfootball and Facebook at facebook.com/manhattanchristianfootball. Her plans include taking on a winter sport as well. She hopes to continue this work next year at Dordt for the Defender sports teams!

New Notes: The Happenings of the Music Department

Anna Brewer, Band & Choir Director

If you take a walk down the halls of Manhattan Christian School, you will hear the music soaring through the building. Students are sharing their love for music—it can't go unnoticed! Now that the school year is in full swing and the first quarter is ending, the students have been actively sharing their music with others, especially our community!

Pep Band

MCS suited up their first football team this fall, and the pep band was right behind them. They did not miss a beat to cheer them on and support the players. In fact, rain or shine, the students provided live music to the pre-game and halftime.

And as the volleyball season heats up, plan to hear the band cheering them on through music at the district tournaments! These students bring the “pep” to the game!

Dordt University Honor Festival

Three high school students, Kyanna Hoekema, Eliza Kimm, and Haley Sander, were nominated and accepted into the Dordt University Honor Festival hosted on campus September 28-30. After hours of practicing, they loaded up the car and headed across the country to Iowa to perfect the music. “It was cool to sing in a choir with 85 people. The fullness of the sound was awe-inspiring,” Eliza Kimm shared.

While at Dordt, the students had the opportunity to experience college life, as they stayed in the dorms with Dordt's music students. From walking the campus to eating at the Commons, the students experienced the independence and thrill of college life. And, after 10+ hours of singing over the course of a day and a half, the students shared their music with the public at a Saturday afternoon concert. When reflecting on the event, Haley Sanders stated: “It was an incredible experience that I will not forget! I loved singing with a large choir. Everyone was there for the music.”

All-State Honor Choir

There are many honors in the music world, but for a high school student, one of the most elite is to be accepted into All-State. The process is not easy and requires months of extensive practice and learning. Through a difficult audition process, students are selected sheerly by authentic talent and their ability to conquer their audition materials. This fall, Kyanna Hoekema was selected for All-State Choir! Over the course of three days, October 18 – 20, she will have the privilege of singing alongside the top vocalists in the state of Montana. She will perform in a concert Friday, October 20, in Missoula that showcases the Montana All-State Choir, Band, and Orchestra. Congratulations to Kyanna Hoekema on this huge achievement!

Harvest Festival

Music is truly about sharing and blessing others – and the high school choir did just that! Saturday, October 14 at the MCS Annual Harvest Festival, the high school choir took the stage before the live auction to bless the attendees with music. The choir performed three pieces they prepared during the first 8 weeks of school. The students enjoyed sharing their music and showing the community their vocal development and growth over the last few weeks! Bravo to the high school choir for a great performance and a job well done. Your music was a special treat and a great addition to the Harvest Festival!

Middle School Mini Concert: October 24 in the Eagle Gym

The MS students have been busy in choir class working on their music, and we are so proud of what they have accomplished! To share their work, the 6th grade choir and the 7/8th grade choir will be performing for each other on Tuesday, October 24 from 2:00 – 2:30 PM in the Eagle Gym. Anyone in the public is welcome to join! So if you are free and want to enjoy some music, please swing by the school Tuesday afternoon. We would love to have you there!

The music department at MCS has continued to stay busy -- and that will not change in the months ahead! Stay tuned for next month's column on the “New Notes” of the music department to stay “in-tune” to the happens of our music students!





Harvest Festival

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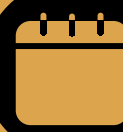
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