



Dear MLCS Families,

October Letter '24

It is the greatest desire of my heart to see children growing up in the knowledge, joy, and love of the LORD. What a delight to see our 8th graders getting to spend an entire day bonding together in Christ up at Lazy Z Resort under the tutelage of our own Laura Brinegar where they focused on cooperation and teamwork. I love the picture of them praying together....





Landon Gerdau testing his handiwork.



Learning About the Lungs: How brave does a teacher have to be to put straws, balloons, plastic bottles, and tape in the hands of every child in the classroom and trust them to use the equipment correctly for a science project? Mrs. Warfield can answer that for you. She had each second grader create a replica of the lungs as part of the study of the human body and said they did an AMAZING job following directions. Skilled teachers + hands-on learning = smart students.

50's Dance: What fun the children and adults had at "The Olde White Barn" on Phoenix Lake Rd. at the PTF sponsored dance night. It was a great time of fellowship, food, and fun. A special thanks to the Mockabee family for making their historic property available to us – and to the whole PTF team for organizing and running the event.





Jog-a-Thon 2024 at WESTSIDE This Year! We're holding a full-on color run this year at nearby Westside lawn area on Friday, Oct. 25th. There will be side activities for the children while waiting for their races, cheering sections, and plenty of parking for parents to come participate. Let's encourage the children to gather those pledges. Remember 10% is kept in account for your child's overnight field trips, and 25% goes directly to classroom funds!

Chapel Challenges: The students enjoyed the challenges given to them by local pastors who came to speak on Proverbs 2:6-7. Pastor Noel Rathmel invited first grader Parker Divine to help demonstrate the difference between being exposed to the world with and without God as our shield (Proverbs 2:7).



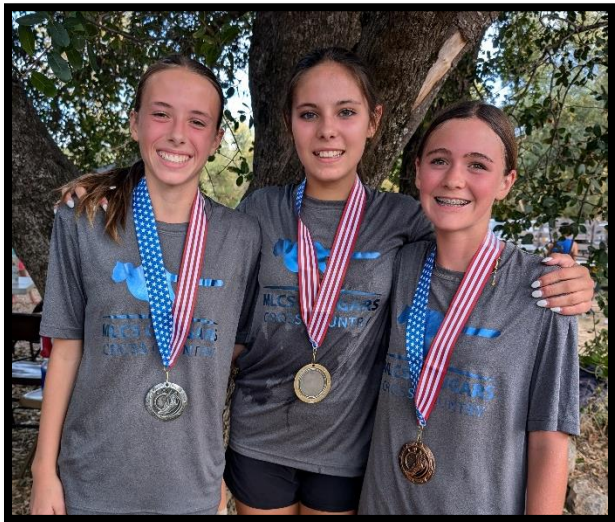
Pastor Aaron Bull challenged the upper grade students to consider how they could gain more wisdom in their walk with God, enticing them with donut holes for excellent and unique answers.



Cougar Run Victories: Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Cougar Run at beautiful Westside facility. We relish opportunities to bless the community with fun, fair-minded sporting events for all youth in our county and beyond. Special thanks to coach AnnaMarie Cover, our athletic director, Donnie Wright, and many other coaches who made a special effort to ensure that their students could attend.



Congratulations to the top three 8th grade female runners – all from MLCS. Avila (middle) took 1st, with Scarlett (left) in 2nd, & Briella 3rd.



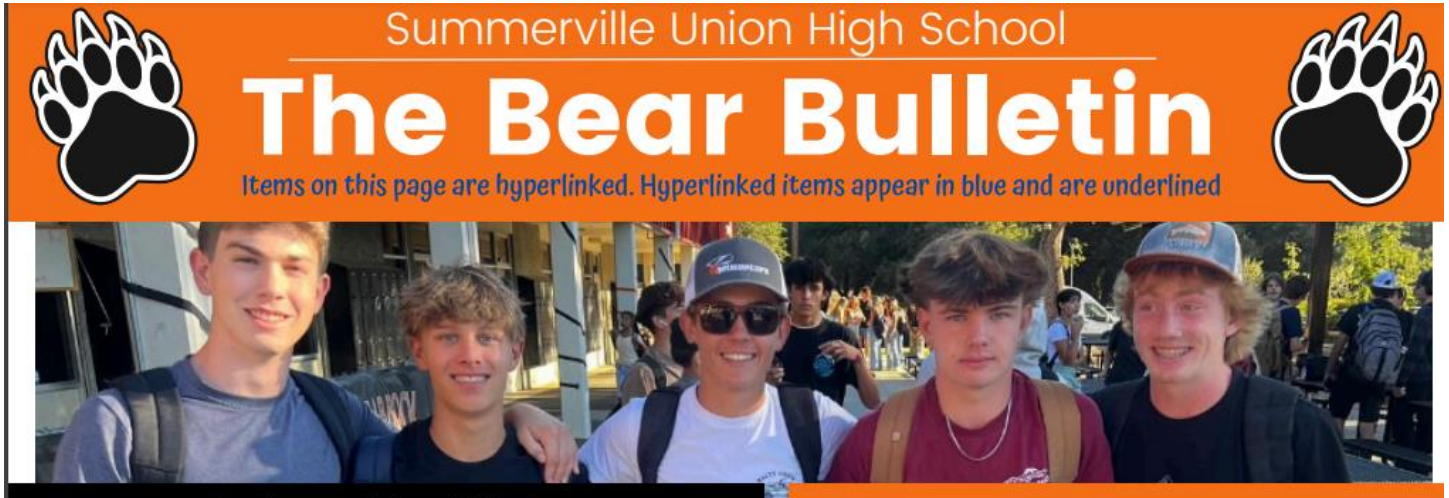
Coming in as #1 for the 7th grade boys was our home grown Lucas Battle.



Fall Art: Mrs. Martinez has been teaching the students techniques of drawing and watercolor while creating lovely Fall scenes. Here are two pieces from the 7th graders Olive Smith (left) and Joella Kim (right).



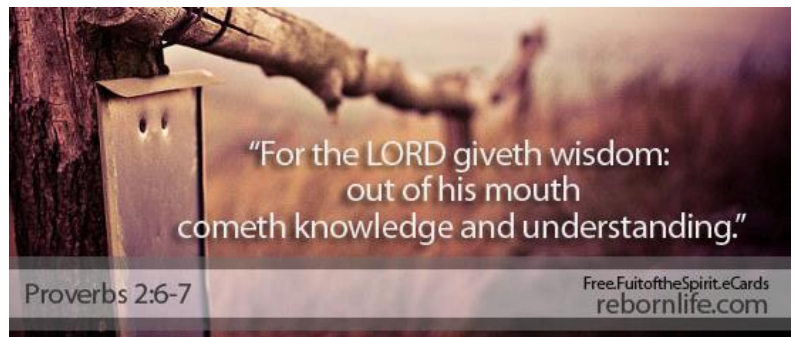
MLCS Alumni : Do you recognize these faces? From left to right we have MLCS graduates: Ray Shoppe, Austin Radonich, Tyler Karpus, and Graham Johnson, joined up with their new friend, Wyatt. The four young men are still hanging tight at Summerville High where they are able to encourage one another daily as they maneuver through high school life. This is a big part of why we do what we do. Raising up the generation to love God AND each other all the days of their lives. Go, cougars, go!



Moms in Prayer: Join our faithful prayer team any Monday morning at 8:15 to lift up MLCS children, staff, and families in prayer. Prayer requests are welcome at: momsinprayer@motherlodechristian.com.

Patience in the Parking Lot: As I help direct children to load into their cars at the end of each day, I am amazed at how smoothly most of the traffic flows. Please do be careful to wait your turn to depart if your car is already loaded and the car in front of you is not yet finished, so safety is preserved and lanes stay clear.

May the LORD continue to protect and provide for you and your family as you raise up your children to know and love Him. We trust that it was the wisdom of the LORD that led you to place your children at Mother Lode Christian for their education, and we trust Him to fulfill His purposes in them while they are here - fill them with knowledge, understanding, fellowship for today and the days to come.



VICTORY Through Wisdom, *Stephanie Torck*

Oct. 15th: Board Meeting, 4:30 in the Chapel
Oct. 18th: Picture Retakes
Oct. 25th: Jog-a-Thon
Oct. 30-Nov. 20th: Operation Christmas Child Boxes Opportunity
Nov. 11th: Veterans' Day (No School)
Nov. 22nd: K-8 Thanksgiving Luncheon; Early Release 1:30
Nov. 25-29: Thanksgiving Break

For sports & field trip events go to the "Interactive Calendar" on our website