



# MOTHER LODE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Dear MLCS Families,

December Letter '24

As we continue in our faithfulness to provide outstanding Christian education in Tuolumne County, there is much to be thankful for, not the least of which is a beautiful, historic facility to house our classrooms and host fellowship gatherings. Our K-8 Thanksgiving luncheon was a delight from worship time through dessert. Our local Diestel Turkey Ranch donated pre-cooked turkeys for the event, and our MLCS families blessed the children with side dishes and desserts of their choice. Our Parent-Teacher Fellowship organized the event, but it was all-hands-on-board for table decorating, food prep, and the grunge work of clean-up. Surely His Word is manifested in our presence: "Every good and perfect gift is from above." (James 1:17).



Delicious food,  
beautiful tables,  
& second  
helpings on  
everything –  
even whipped  
cream!



**Serving the Community:** Just as our Lord “did not come to be served, but to serve” (Matthew 20:28), we also give thanks for opportunities to serve in our community. Several MLCS families joined alongside Women’s Service Fellowship, Chapel in the Pines, and Harvest Ministry in providing a Thanksgiving meal to the community at the Memorial Hall during our break. If you know of additional outreach events that our students can be a part of, please let us know.

*Alumnus, Ethan Cover*



*Nevaeh & Patience Semsen*



*Coach AnnaMarie & Grace Cover*



*MLCS Aide, Julie Galt*



*Emily Torbati*



**Baffles & Boom:** We are so grateful for Matt Harper and his amazing team of helpers that have begun the challenging task of hanging the baffles in the gym. God helped us to secure a boom that was able to fit through the doors to allow the workers to reach the interior roof where two baffles are being secured on every second rafter that is over the gym floor. Please pray for their safety as we look forward to improved acoustics in our gym – all paid for by business sponsors of our recent Jog-a-Thon.



**Sports Assembly in the Gym:** Meanwhile, back down on the gym floor, we celebrated our sports teams and jog-thon-runners at a K-8 assembly. Thank you to our amazing coaches who help lead our students to victory – both as teams and as individuals: Coach AnnaMarie Cover, Coach Heldstab, & Coach McLauren.





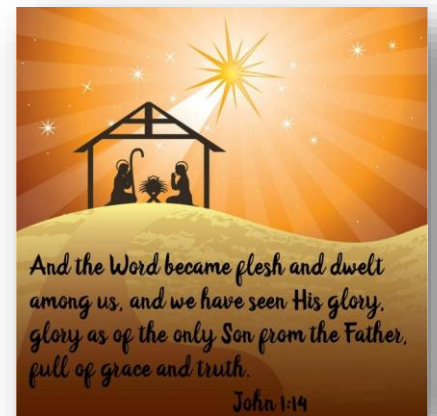
▪ **Merry Christmas!** The Ingram family graciously opened the Standard Pour for us on their day off to host the entire MLCS staff and Board with a beautiful and absolutely delicious Christmas celebration. The laughter and smiles seen in the picture to the right are just a touch of how blessed we feel to serve together on Team Jesus as we help to educate and disciple your children. Many thanks to John Semsen & Mike Niven for picking up the tab!



**Violin & Guitar Lessons:** The talented Ms. Federman will be providing guitar and violin lessons in January to interested students in grades 5-8. Please call the office to sign up.

May the peace and hope of our Lord Jesus Christ be strengthened in you this Christmas season as you draw near to the One and Only Son of God who became flesh to bring us life.

VICTORY THROUGH CHRISTMAS IN US, *Stephanie Torok*



Dec. 19: Christmas performance in the gym at 6:00 p.m.  
 Dec. 20: Early release at 11:30 am  
 Dec. 23 – Jan. 6: No school for the students  
 Jan 7<sup>th</sup>: School resumes.

Moms in prayer each Monday at 8:15 in the Chapel.

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