



Dear MLCS Families,

Who says Christians don't have fun? The cougars ate, sang, danced, laughed, played ping pong and pickleball, and enjoyed the ski lift swing until well after dark – all while donning their creative Hawaiian outfits for this year's Back-to-School dance. Many thanks to John and Kellee Mockabee for hosting the event at the historic "Olde Barn" on Phoenix Lake Road - and to our awesome PTF!





**Quill Making:** You read it right – quill making, not quilt making. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders used homemade ink and hand gathered feathers to practice the skill of writing BEFORE the invention of modern-day pens to enhance their study of history.



**And the Winner Is...** Charlie Radonich! All cougars were challenged to compete for the design of this year's Jog-a-Thon t-shirt. Charlie chose to integrate our theme of "Pillars for Jesus" with our cougar mascot, topping it off with the title of "Jog-a-Thon." We like the design so much that we will also use it for this year's character awards.

**Volleyball Challenge Champs:** Mrs. Galt was so impressed with the results of the spontaneous volleyball challenge created by the junior high girls during their lunch break, that she snapped a picture of the winning pair. They were able to skillfully pass the volleyball back-n-forth 262 times without it hitting the ground. WOW!



**Math Bowl Team 2025:** Our school was invited to participate in the countywide Math Bowl competition at the Sonora Fairgrounds on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking a combined team of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders nominated by their teachers for excellence in math. These students have been giving up their lunch time to practice problems in advance of the competition. See the challenge on the right for one example of a prior competition math problem.  
Go cougars: Cayla, Declan, Abe, Ethan, Nacho, & Zach!

When factored to primes,

$$2024 \bullet 2^3 \square\square \quad 11 \quad \square\square \quad 23$$

has exactly N two-digit factors. Find N.

**Girls Basketball:** This year’s team is made up of sixth, seventh, and eighth graders who have shown extraordinary heart, character, and resilience this season. Competing at the eighth-grade level, these young athletes have consistently faced older, more experienced opponents — and have risen to the challenge with determination and unity, growing stronger with every game, every practice, and every setback.

Now, as the season draws to a close, their hard work is shining through. In just the past two weeks, the team has recorded two ties and three impressive wins — a testament to their growth, teamwork, and tenacity. More than just improving their skills on the court, they’ve learned to play selflessly, communicate effectively, and support one another as a true team with integrity and grace on and off the court, embodying the spirit of Christian sportsmanship. They are building character, forging friendships, and becoming leaders. They are proof that with faith, effort, and unity, anything is possible.

Many thanks to Coach Donnie Wright who leads our athletic program, alongside Mitch Heldstab and AnnaMarie Cover serving as co-coaches for this year’s team.



The school year is in full-swing! A huge thank you to PTF for organizing a fantastic Back to School Dance in September; what a great evening of dancing and fellowship.

Next up is our Jog a Thon, and the Board would like to recognize our amazing community sponsors who have contributed towards the goal of a new Outdoor PE and Learning Space.

Grateful,  
MLCS Board



***Beautiful Reminder of God’s Covering:***

*Annie snapped this photo of a rainbow last week. When she later zoomed in on it, she noticed that it seemed to touch down perfectly right over none other than our own Mother Lode Christian School.*

*We might not always see a rainbow, but we can rest assured that He is with us:*

***“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” – Matthew 28:20***

Blessed to Be Under His Covering with You,  
*Stephanie Torck*

- Oct. 13-17: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Hume Outdoor School 😊
- Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>: Picture retakes for all, as needed
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>: Jog-a-Thon at Westside; 11:30 Early Dismissal
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>: Staff Inservice Day – No School
- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>: End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester of School
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>: Veterans’ Day – No School
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>: Thanksgiving Luncheon – Early Dismissal at 1:00
- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Break – No School

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

\*\*\*Moms in Prayer\*\*\*  
Every Friday morning at 8:10 in the Chapel.  
See Deborah Lucich for more information.