

Mercy Catholic High School

Red Bluff, CA

May 2008



Seniors Graduate on May 29

Mercy High School will graduate its senior class on Thursday, May 29. The ceremonies will begin at 9 AM with a Baccalaureate Mass held at Sacred Heart Church in Red Bluff. Seniors and their families are invited to a breakfast provided by the freshman class following Mass. The breakfast will be held at the Parish Hall. Each senior is entitled to two tickets; additional tickets can be purchased for \$5 each. In the evening, a graduation ceremony will be held at 8 PM at The State Theatre in Red Bluff. Graduates should plan to meet in the St. Mary's Hall (the Sacred Heart Church basement) no later than 7 PM.



Right: Allie Hinkle, Ethan Bell, Sarah Hatfield and Jordan Oropeza will be among the 28 seniors graduating on May 29.



Dates to Remember

- May 3 *A Taste of Tuscany-*
Bursini Winery
- May 5-16 AP Exams
- May 10 Dance with BQH
- May 13 Spring Concert
- May 17 Sports Physicals
- May 20 Sophomore-Senior
Banquet
- May 21 Late Day
School Picnic
- May 23-28 Senior Finals
- May 26 No School: Memorial Day
- May 28 Student Body Elections
- May 29 Graduation
- May 30 No School:
Teacher Inservice
- June 2-5 Finals



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Career Paths Presented to Students

On April 9, 2008, Mercy High students had the important opportunity to learn about different career paths. This was an opportunity that will help to guide them in the transition from school to career. The day was filled with speakers from the following professions: Architect, Forest and Fire, Veterinarian, Pharmacist, Business, Chef, Chiropractor, Officer, Detective, Sports Medicine, Orthopedic Surgeon, Exercise Physiology, Physical Therapy, Criminalist, Attorney, and NFL Official. Students had many nice things to say about the presenters. After listening to the CHP speakers, one student said "I was thinking of pursuing a career in law enforcement, more specifically the CHP; with the speakers I was able to make the decision; yes." After students spent part of the day listening to different presentations in small groups, everyone gathered together in the gym to listen to National Football League Official Don Carlsen. Mr. Carlsen has been officiating for 37 years. The upcoming 2008 season will be his 20th season in the NFL. He has also officiated in 14 post season games as Side Judge #39.

Thank you to all the speakers for taking time to share their professions with Mercy High students. Also a big thank you to Mrs. Bryson who put so much time and dedication into having such a successful career day!
-Katie Sullivan



A Flurry of Activities Brings the Year to a Close

What a month it has been! We have our usual flurry of activity at Mercy that includes sports, the musical, preparation for the Taste of Tuscany, having a float in the Round Up parade, faculty retreat, preparing for AP exams and more. This April, we also learned the news that the diocese is planning to close Bishop Quinn High School at the end of the current school year. We are saddened that any Catholic school in the North State would close, and our hearts go out to the families and students affected by this decision. We know they love their school, and it is difficult to think of leaving it.

At the same time, we are happy at the prospect of some Bishop Quinn, St. Joseph School, and Sacred Heart Anderson students continuing their education here at Mercy High School. We feel that our teams will be stronger. We will have more meaningful discussions in the classrooms with more students. We will have more people for our Madrigal and musical productions. We will have more parents to be involved in helping with our functions. We feel we will be a stronger school because of the presence of these families on our campus. Because of the distance, transportation is the issue for some. We are hoping that issue can be resolved. Please keep the Bishop Quinn, St. Joseph, and Sacred Heart Anderson families in your prayers as they make these important decisions for their students.

If you did not see this year's musical, *The Music Man*, you missed quite a show. Our students and Sacred Heart School, Red Bluff students did an outstanding job! Congratulations also to our director, Scott Matthews, who has provided another wonderful production in the long tradition of theatrical excellence at Mercy High School. It is so wonderful to see these students develop their talents and share them so happily with the audience.

On another note, please get that intent to register forms back into the office. It is difficult to budget for next year when people do not respond to our request. It really makes me feel more secure in offering my teachers a full time contract for next year when I know I have intent to register forms in the office. I have made this request in the newsletter and at the last two Parent Guild Meetings. By the way, what a nice attendance there was at the last Parent Guild meeting. The next one is on a Tuesday, May 20 at 7pm. I would love to see you there!

God Bless!
Cheryl Ramirez

Graduation Notes

Senior Final Examinations & Book Returns

All accounts must be paid in full for seniors to take final examinations. Contact the business office with any questions at 527-8313, extension 3003. Final exams will be proctored on campus on the mornings of May 23, 27, and 28th. A detailed schedule will be posted on the first of May. Seniors are required to take final exams if they have less than 85% in that course. Remember: Parent Hours should be complete. Books can be returned on May 28 or on June 5, when the Chico State bookstore will be on the Mercy High campus. Students are responsible for returning books in the same condition in which they received them. Parents will be responsible if books are lost or significantly damaged.

Advanced Placement Testing

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2008 Exam Calendar - Week 1		
	Morning - 8 a.m.*	Afternoon - 12 p.m.*
Monday, May 5	Government and Politics: United States	Government and Politics: Europe Comparative French Literature
Tuesday, May 6	Computer Science A** Computer Science AB** Spanish Language**	Statistics
Wednesday, May 7	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Chinese
Thursday, May 8	English Literature** German Language**	Japanese French Literature
Friday, May 9	United States History	European Studies Studio Art

2008 Exam Calendar - Week 2		
	Morning - 8 a.m.*	Afternoon - 12 p.m.*
Monday, May 12	Biology** Music Theory**	Physics B** Physics C: Mechanics**
Tuesday, May 13	Environmental Science** Chemistry**	Psychology
Wednesday, May 14	Italian Language and Culture** English Language**	Art History
Thursday, May 15	Macroeconomics** World History**	Microeconomics

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/exday.html>

The dates and suggestions for what to bring and what not to bring are provided by the College Board on their website, noted below.

What to Bring

- ✓ Several sharpened No. 2 pencils (with erasers) for all multiple-choice answer sheets.
- ✓ Black or dark-blue ballpoint pens for free-response questions in most exams.
- ✓ Your school code.
- ✓ A watch (in case your exam room does not have a clock that you can see easily).
- ✓ Your social security number for identification purposes. (If you provide it, the number will appear on your AP Grade Reports.)
- ✓ An AP-authorized calculator if you're taking an AP Calculus AB or Calculus BC exam.

What NOT to Bring

- ✓ Books, compasses, correction fluid, dictionaries, highlighters, or notes.
- ✓ Rulers and straightedges
- ✓ Scratch paper (notes can be made on portions of the exam booklets).
- ✓ Typewriting equipment, computers, or calculators (except as noted above).
- ✓ Watches that beep or have an alarm
- ✓ Portable listening or recording devices— even with headphones—or photographic equipment.
- ✓ Beepers, cell phones, MP3 players, or personal digital assistants
- ✓ Clothing (t-shirts, for example) with subject-related information

Dean's Corner

SAT Test Dates - 2007-2008			
Test Date	Test	Registration Dead	
		U.S. and International**	U.S.
May 3, 2008	SAT & SAT Subject Tests	April 1, 2008	April 20
June 7, 2008	SAT & SAT Subject Tests	May 6, 2008	May 20

ACT Test Dates - 2007-2008		
Test Date	Regular Registration Postmark Deadline (regular fee)	Late Reg Per (regular late)
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008	May 10 - 1 2008

This has been such a busy time of year and some students have let their detentions slide. This is a reminder that all detentions must be served by the end of the year for students to complete this school year. Seniors will not be signed off for their diploma if all detentions are not served. Detentions may be served Monday, Wednesday, and Friday after school. Students may serve detentions with me on Tuesdays and Thursdays by special arrangement. You may check detentions for your student on the Mercy web site under guidance. If you have any questions, please call me.

---Eileen Bauer

College Acceptances for the Class of 2008



Boston University
 Butte College
 Colgate University
 Cal Lutheran University
 California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
 California State University, Chico
 California State University, Sacramento
 California State University, Fresno
 California State University, Long Beach
 California State University, San Jose
 Fordham University
 Humboldt State University
 John Paul the Great Catholic University



San Diego State University
 San Francisco State University
 Santa Clara University
 Shasta College
 Simpson University
 Sonoma State University
 Whitman College



University of California, Berkeley
 University of California, Davis
 University of California, Irvine



Lewis and Clark College
 Loyola Marymount University
 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

University of California, Santa Barbara
 University of California, Santa Cruz
 University of California, San Diego
 University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
 University of Nevada, Reno
 University of Portland
 University of Puget Sound
 University of San Diego
 University of Washington
 Villanova University
 Wake Forest University
 Washington University, St. Louis
 Wheaton College
 Whitman College

Where Are They Now?

Brooks Braden, Class of '93

Brooks graduated from Thomas Aquinas in 1997. He received his J.D. from the McGeorge School of Law, followed by a Master's Degree in Governmental Affairs and International Policy. Brooks joined the United States Marine Corps on September 12, 2001. After completing Officer's Candidate School and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Brooks attended The Basic School and the Naval Justice School. Brooks, now a Captain, was assigned to the Legal Service Support Section in Okinawa, Japan. While there Brooks served as a Defense Attorney and Officer In Charge of Legal Assistance and Tax Center. In July 2004, Brooks was transferred to the Joint Law Center, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar where he served as a Defense Attorney. Brooks subsequently reported to Major General Carl B. Jensen, Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area/Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar where he served as Aide-de-Camp. In June 2005, General Jensen was assigned Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group THREE and Brooks assumed responsibilities as Aide-de-Camp and Deputy Judge Advocate for Expeditionary Stride Group THREE. In February 2006 Brooks deployed with the strike group and participated in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, the Non-Combatant Evacuation of Lebanon, and The Commander, Lead Series, Company G, 2nd Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment at the Marine Recruit Depot San Diego.

Beau Braden, Class of '96

Beau graduated from Thomas Aquinas in 2000 and received his Master Degrees from USC in Public Health and Regulatory Science. Beau is in his fourth year of medical school at Midwestern School of Osteopathic Medicine in Phoenix, AZ. Beau will begin an Internship in June in Miami, Florida. He is married to Marie-Theresia Waldstein, and they have a four month old daughter, Caroline Sophia.

Buck Braden, Class of '99

Buck graduated from Thomas Aquinas in '03 and received his Master's Degree from USC in Regulatory Science. He is currently finishing his second year of Medical School at Midwestern School of Osteopathic Medicine in Phoenix, AZ. He will begin rotations in medical practice in July.

The Mercy Newsletter is seeking information on our graduates for publication. Please send your updates to dlindeman@mercy-high.org.

Britt Braden, Class of '04

Britt is currently attending Arizona State University where he is majoring in Global Business. He also competes on the Arizona State University Ballroom Dance Team. In April at the Desert Challenge Intercollegiate Dancesport Championships Britt competed in the Bronze Division. He placed first in American Viennese Waltz, third in American Fox Trot, first in International Waltz, second in International Fox Trot, and third in American Rhythm Bolero.

Angela Pflager, nee Nelson, Class of '73

Angela graduated from Chico State with a BA in Social Work and earned a Masters Degree from the University of San Francisco in Counseling specializing in Marriage and Family Therapy. She was a Probation Officer for Yolo County for over 20 years, with the last few years working with the Forensic population. Rather than retiring, she accepted a position as the Forensic Program Coordinator at Yolo County Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health.

Summer Work Hours

Parents wishing to fulfill their parent work hour requirement over the summer break are encouraged to contact Jerry Begley at 527-8313 to sign up for different projects that need completion. Parents will be needed for the following jobs:

- *Painting individual classroom---30 hours per room
- *Painting halls---50 hours
- *Watering lawns over the summer, two or three days per week, 3 weeks only---30 hours
- *Gardening in planters throughout the summer---hours to be determined
- *Cleaning basement (must have own truck)--- hours to be determined

One Family Work Day Left!

Family work days are a fun and easy way for MHS families to meet their parent hour requirements. Students may also participate for community service hours. Work days begin at 8 AM at Mercy High. Remaining family work days for 2008 are:

May 3



May 2008



- May 2 Baseball & Softball @ Redding Christian 4:00
May 2 & 3 Tennis Tournament
May 3 *A Taste of Tuscany*-Bursini Winery
May 5-16 AP Exams
May 5 AP Government & Politics: United States
AP French Language
May 6 AP Spanish Language
May 6 Softball @ Esparto 4:30
Baseball Big Valley @ Mercy 4:00
Golf Championship 12:00
May 7 AP Calculus AB & BC
May 8 AP English Literature
May 9 Track MVL Meet @ University Prep 10:00
AP United States History
May 12 AP Biology
May 13 *Spring Concert*
May 14 AP English Language
May 15 AP World History
May 16 Softball Playoffs
May 17 **SPORTS PHYSICALS 10am**
May 20 Sophomore/Senior Banquet
May 21 LATE DAY, School Picnic
May 23-28 **Senior Finals**
May 26 No School: Memorial Day
May 27 Newsletter Deadline
May 28 Student Body Elections
Graduation Rehearsal 12:30
Senior Book Returns 9:00-12:30
May 29 **Baccalaureate Mass 9:00am**
GRADUATION 8:00pm
May 30 NO SCHOOL/Teacher Inservice
June 2-5 *Finals*
June 5 Book Returns 7:30-12:30
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

All School Picnic May 21

Student Council will once again provide the main dish.

Classes are asked to bring the following:

Freshmen Water

Sophomores Cookies

Juniors Soda

Seniors Chips

MHS Students Participate in Rodeo Events



Several Mercy High students participated in events supporting the annual Red Bluff Round-up. The round-up coincided with the opening weekend of the Mercy musical this year. Cast and crew members of *The Music Man* were featured on a float in the Red Bluff Round-up parade on April 19. Pictured left are Teresa Francis, Jordan Oropeza, and Kirsten Thompson. Members of the Key Club worked at the Kiwanis' annual rodeo pancake breakfast which was held from 6-10:30 AM on the 19th. Students served breakfast, bussed tables, washed dishes, and helped with clean up efforts.

Dance on May 10

Recently, the Mercy High School student council and the Bishop Quinn student council joined to plan a dance for the two schools. The students decided that the dance would be called Club 530 and be open to all students at Mercy and Bishop Quinn. The event is planned for May 10th at Mercy High School from 9:00 pm until midnight. The cost of attendance will be four dollars and student IDs are required for admittance. The dance will be a fun-filled event. All students are encouraged to attend. Can't wait to see you all there!



Music Notes



On April 15, we celebrated Mass with Nathan Sandoval and Ve Nguyen leading the singing of Psalm 23. Nathan Sandoval and Michael Burns also accompanied the hymns on their guitars. The choir is presently rehearsing for their concert on Thursday, May 13. It will be held in the chapel of the Presbyterian Church at 838 Jefferson Street. We hope you will mark that date down on your calendars. Graduation is also

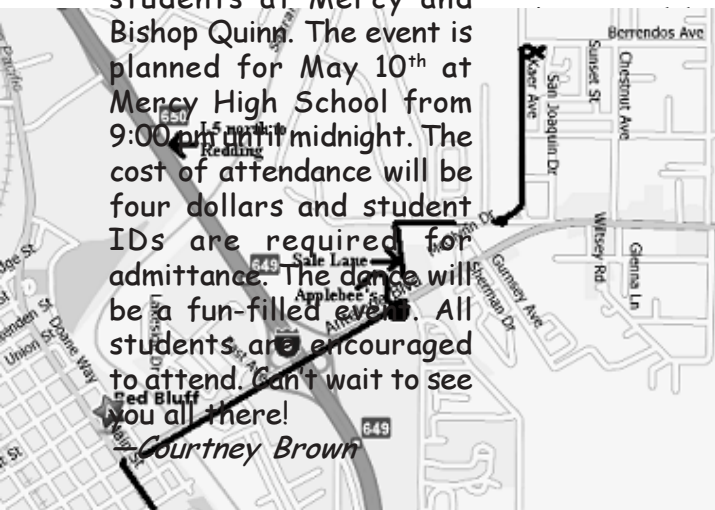
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 onto ANTELOPE BLVD Go .9 miles.
 o SALE LN. (The road that is just past Burger King and
 is a stoplight there.) Go .2 miles.
 onto BELLE MILLE LANDING RD. Go .2 miles.
 to a fork in the road. To the left is Mary Lane. To the right is a
 idle,

the road dips down and curves. This is KAER AVE. Take the middle road. The raquet club is about .725 miles down Kaer Ave. It is on the right hand side of the road. You will see a stone fence with a white house. The entry to the club is just past that. If you see the large curve in the road that goes east, you've just passed it.

Newsletter Deadline

Coaches, parents, students, faculty, and staff: The next deadline for the newsletter is May 27. Please submit all articles to dclindeman@mercy-high.org no later than May 27. Thank you!



Arabian Nights Prom Hosted by Junior Class



The junior class hosted the senior prom, held April 5 at the Arroyo Room in downtown Chico. The theme was "Arabian Nights." The prom was a huge success and everyone seemed to have had a fun time. Over 70 students attended and danced the night away to the tunes of D.J. Rodney Harrah. Mark Thau was event photographer. Toward the end of the evening, Courtney Brown and



Branden VanderSys were crowned Prom Queen and King. The juniors raised money for the prom by selling spaghetti and hotdog lunches during the year. With the help of many parents and teachers, the prom ran smoothly and was an overall success. The junior class would like to thank all parents and chaperones for their help. (Left: Courtney Brown and Branden VanderSys were crowned Queen and King. Right: Ethan Bell, Morgan Fry, Alyssa Fry, and C.J. Gill attended the prom.)

ReeBoppin' in Biology

Students in biology have been very busy studying chromosomes, meiosis and DNA. As one activity, students made chromosomes and went through the stages of meiosis with their chromosomes. One of the stages includes crossing over of homologous chromosomes, as shown in the accompanying picture. As a culmination to the genetics unit in



Biology, students participated in a h a n d s - o n demonstration of meiosis. Each pair of students was given two sets of paper chromosomes. One set of chromosome represented the

chromosomes of the mother ReeBop and the other set of chromosomes represented those of the father ReeBop. Each student randomly chose one chromosome for each trait from the mother and one from the father. They then had to determine what those genes coded for and made their ReeBop accordingly. According to lore, ReeBops are small organisms that live in discarded soda cans and are very small. As you can see from the pictures, the ReeBops came out quite cute and all quite different. Above: Jared Brown and Jess Foss learn about DNA in Biology.



CSF Beautifies School

The MHS campus was recently beautified with new plantings of flowers, thanks to the efforts of CSF and the Development Office. Under the directions of CSF advisor Helen Arbini, students planted flowers outside of the school in time for the spring musical. Shown above are gardeners Joseph Torres, Kathryn Ward, Dana Meith, Marta Espinosa, and Gaby Reynoza.

BUSINESS OFFICE NEWS

Intent to register letters have been mailed. Please return by April 4 2008. Financial Aid Applications can be picked up in the office. Deadline April 30 2008. Registration Fee is due by May 31 2008. Charges for Advance Placement Testing & Graduation Fees have been mailed. REMINDER ALL ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO TAKING FINAL EXAMS.



Golf Team

The Golf Team is coached by Jim Wilson of Red Bluff. The team members include sophomores Chris Rosauer, Ryan Ward (pictured at left), and freshman Dillon Preston. At a recent match at Riverbend Golf Course, Ryan shot an 89 and Dillon shot a 127. Chris is improving at a fast rate. Coach Wilson has shared his knowledge of the game with the team, and the team has improved steadily throughout the season.

Tennis



Kevin Thibert and Coach Jerry Sigler confer before a recent match.

Baseball Team Has Ups and Downs in April

The Warriors Baseball team is currently 3-5, with some positive results and some trying losses over the course of the last month or so. Highlights include the hitting of Seniors Ethan Bell (pictured below), Ben Williams, CJ Gill, Nathan Sandoval, Ethan Moon, and Clint Raschke, Juniors Eric Lindeman and Michael Burns, and Sophomores Scott and Pat Farmer. Juniors Jerry Bartlett and Logan McDonald are showing great improvement with their fielding. Burns is leading the team in steals and on base percentage.

In recent weeks, the Warriors fell to UPrep 6-4 in a tight game, where Clint Raschke, Mike Burns, and Nathan Sandoval had multiple hits. Pat Farmer pitched 3+ innings in relief in a strong effort. The team also tried to get in a rainy day game in Redding against Liberty Christian. Ben Williams took the mound looking strong, and Ethan Moon blasted a Grand Slam to centerfield, but the rain ended the game before it could be recorded as a victory. It will be replayed at 3pm on Thursday May 1. With a strong end to the season, Mercy could be headed to the playoffs, so stay tuned, and check out game results and stats at MaxPreps.com



Track

Good things definitely come in small packages for the MHS track team. With only four members, the team is geared up and ready to compete. Seniors Allie Hinkle, Kiaya Mangan, Zach Manwaring, and freshman Jeremie Jones comprise the team. Allie took 1st place in the shotput at Los Molinos while Jeremie took 3rd in the 100 m. sprint. Allie also placed 1st in the shotput at the University Prep meet.

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Red's energy and enthusiasm are contagious.
—Franky Fan Magazine

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Grandparents' Day!

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Music & Entertainment
 for the young ...
 and the young at heart!

Sunday, May 4, 2008
 Matinee Only, 3:00 p.m.

General Admission \$8
 Age 7-12 \$5 - Age 6 & under FREE
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