Academic Clubs

"Changing Tomorrow"

The California Scholarship Federation promotes and recognizes high standards of scholarship, community service and citizenship on the part of students in California high schools. Students can begin to join their sophomore year. To be eligible they must earn ten points where an "A" is equivalent to three points (four for AP), and a "B" one point (two for AP). Seven out of the ten points must be from academic classes. If they join four times (including their senior year) they graduate with California Gold Seal honors.

The National Honors Society also serves to recognize students' high achievements, service to their community, and leadership and character as well. To be eligible students must write an essay where they explain what has shaped their character the most.

The Academic Decathlon is a state-wide, non-profit organization that promotes an educational experience where teams of nine high school students compete against other schools throughout California. This year the MHS team received several medals for their outstanding achievements.

Youth & Government allows high school students to role play the various positions of the California State Legislature and the State Court systems. This year Sean Hogdon was elected Attorney General for the court system. Haydee Velazquez participated for the second year and was involved in the print and media program, where they created a newspaper for every day they were in Sacramento and a magazine on the last day. "Youth and Government was a program that changed my life forever; I will never forget the memories, the knowledge, and friendships I made. Being the president of the club was such an honor and a great way to end my senior year," said Miss Valazquez.

-Saul Denova

Academic Decathlon







Top: The team poses for a shot after receiving all their awards for their achievements. **Middle:** The team has dessert at the their banquet. **Bottom:** Co-Captain Kevin Greenwood, Christal Morris, Captain Amy Segal, Matt Shepard, and Jackie Cabrera are proud of their awarded medals.











Top Row: Lauren Jones, Adrian Esparza, Adrian Trevino, Eric Gauderman, Kevin Greenwood, Johnny Liang, Bryan Martinez, Timothy Komlos, Skylar Buchanan, Calina Artimescu Second Row: Kevin Romero, Amanda Samp, Mary Kenz, Akira McDaniels, Jovanna Garcia, Amy Segal, Liz Roswell, Valeria Nava, Giselle Moreau, Madison Medley, Vickie LaPaz, Vanessa Hernandez Third Row: Ruby Romero, Michael Arevalos, Evelyn Sanchez, Alexandria Sanchez, Celina Arce, Vanessa Santana, Michelle Guerrero, Haydee Velazquez, Crystal Gaeta, Ariel Johnson, Jeanette Carron Bottom Row: Abigail Bahena, Tawnya Kargupta, Michell Aranda, Evelyn Mejia, Heather Pentecost, Proud Srithong, Stephanie Garcia, Dushani DeSilva, Nicole Wells, Jamie Troung, Corrine Marino



Top Row: Kylie Molnar, Giselle Moreau, Stephanie Cox, Timothy Komlos, Mason Bryant, kevin Greenwood, Adrian Esparza, Maxwell Armenta, Jade Banks, Carey Osimo Second Row: Mary kenz, Erika Ortiz, Akira McDaniels, Alanna Koritzke, Amy Segal, Tobin Paez, Valeria Nava, Michelle Guerrero, Haydee Velazquez Third Row: Sophie Zaroyan, Vanessa Hernandez, Crystal Gaeta, Annie Lamb, Tressa Mikel, Madison Medley, Amanda Samp, Alexia Castagnari, Amelia Richardson, Ariel Johnson, Stephanie Garcia, Nicole Wells Bottom Row: Corrine Marino, Jamie Troung, Mary McGeeney, Bailey Eskew, Proud Srithong, Heather Pentecost, Michael Arevalos, Aaron Gutierez, Dushani DeSilva, Michell Aranda, Tawnya Kargupta, Azucena Gastelum

Youth and Government!







President Haydee Velazquez

















1. Carlos Rosa, Michael Arevalos, and Austin Newton show off their name tags.

2. David Pena and Jocelyn Torres play their role very well as prosecution.

3. Kevin Greenwood sponsoring our Bill.

4. Mary Kenz, Kevin Romero, and Sean Hodgen at the Capitol.

5. The delegation at their preparation camp session.

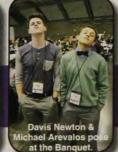
6. Mary Kenz makes a legislative analyst speech in assembly.

7. All the girls during their Sunday Banquet.











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"I love all of the amazing students who are in my zero period; they are all willing to contribute things they are good at to make our paper great."

-Miss Stengel



"This is defiantly worth waking up at 6 AM for!"
-Liz Roswell
(Editor)

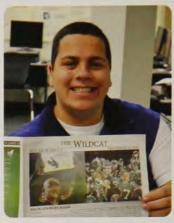
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Clockwise: Chloe Cravens, Coy Ritter, Carina Arias, Rhys Freeman, Shannon Thompson, Bella Cabot, Jeziel Flores, Michael Pardo

Chloe Cravens: "How do you feel about zero period Shannon?" Shannon Thompson: "Zzzzzzzzzz"











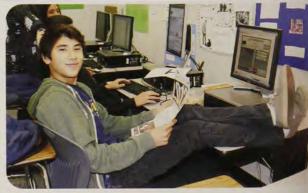








Top row: Micah Espiritu, Carina Arias, Chloe Cravens **Bottom row:** Miss Stengel, Elizabeth (Liz) Roswell, Coy Ritter, Michael Pardo, Maxwell (Max) Armenta, Daniel Feldman, Shannon Thompson, Jeziel Flores, Isabella (Bella) Cabot, Tadi Cotacachi, Oscar (Rhys) Freeman, Marcos Rodriguez





The Faces of Journalism

"Wildcat News



The Wildcats involved in Journalism get to see their articles in the latest edition of the newspaper, which are distributed on our campus and in the community monthly.

Ms. Stengel, in her first year as adviser, keeps the class interesting. Ms. Stengel doesn't mind us goofing off, very much, because it is zero period, after all. We are all tired and some of us are only able to function with the aid of caffeine.

When we get to class we work on our articles. There are plenty of computers to choose from, since we need to get our work done. When we find a computer that isn't occupied and that suits our fancy, we start to Google, to collect enough information on our topic for our article. When finished with our article, we send it to our "Staff Locker" in "School Loop." Once it is in the drop box, it is left for Liz, Editor-in-Chief, to proofread. Once the article has been corrected, it is saved and ready for formatting. After it goes through at least one other set of eyes, it is ready to be printed.

The Journalism Staff Reporters would like to give a huge thanks to Ms. Stengel, our adviser who is always there to assist us in any way she can and our Editor-in-Chief, Elizabeth Roswell. We would also like to thank the Feature Editor Maxwell Armenta; Coy Ritter, Sports Editor; Sean Hodgdon our Design Editor; Reed Miller, Clean-up Editor; and News Publishers Press (who prints our paper) because without them, there would be no paper.

-Chloe Cravens











Yearbook!





"It's not the end of the world...
It's just a new begininng.

Capturing high school memories is what the yearbook staff does best. Being in yearbook is such an important task, since all of the staff's hard work and dedication will be a publication that students can always look back on to remember their high school years.

This year's yearbook class not only gave their time to make this book happen, but they were also able to get to know each other quite well, something we all call "a yearbook family." As many of the staff came back from years before, there were also many new students. From freaking out to finish a deadline on time, to debating to see who was assigned the page they desired, to all having fun on those free days, at the end of the day we all came together as a family.

The Yearbook staff contributed a large amount of their time, in order to finish an amazing book by the end of the school year. Day by day, the staff worked extremely hard for Mr. Eric Miller, the class adviser, who helps to make everything possible. He will be especially missed by all his seniors leaving this year, since his editors have all grown to be extremely close to him.

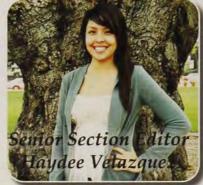
Nevertheless, yearbook is a class everyone will miss, especially the seniors since they have all grown to love and be very passionate about the class. "I will definitely miss being on the yearbook staff, as I have grown so much over the years of my involvement," said sports editor, Saul Denova.

Here is the book we have all created; So enjoy the reading. For all the seniors, remember that this is just a new beginning.

- Kaydee Velazquez

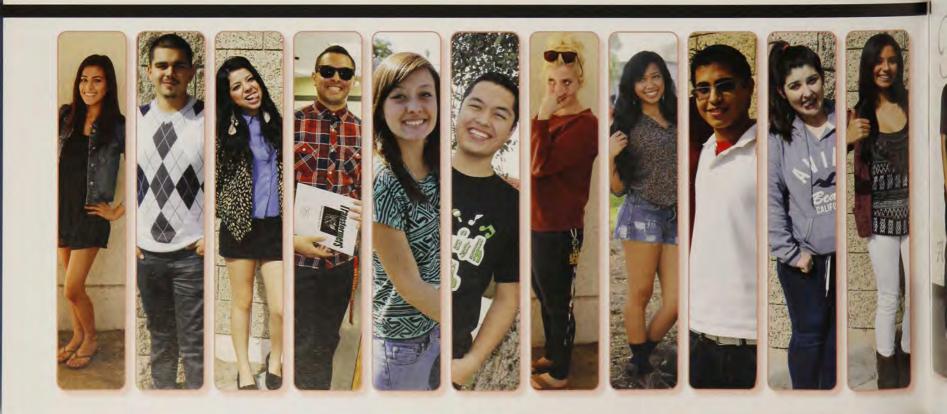








Yearbook Staff









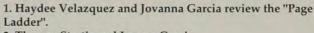












- 2. Theresa Stratis and Jovana Garcia
- 3. Cynthia Devora and Tiasia St Cyr review their section.
- 4. Evelyn Sanchez proofreads her Cheer page.
- 5. Damien Iida and Kenneth Aguayo
- 6. Alexandra Hodge plans the advertisement layout.
- 7. Oscar Carmona, with much excitement, works on his Winter
- 8. Jackie Garcia finishes her page just in time for the deadline.
- 9. Luis Sanchez works enthusiastically on Photoshop.
- 10. Lissette Rodriguez, Luis Sanchez, and Chole Cravens work together to design their page.
- 11. Adrianna accomplishes her many tasks as yearbook coeditor













Top Row: Damien lida, Kenneth Aguayo, Savannah Temple, Alexandra Hodge, Oscar Carmona, Luis Sanchez, Tiasia St Cyr. Second Row: Alexander Esparza, Chole Cravens, Alyssa Fish, Britany Rizzi, Vivianna Melchert, Lissette Rodriguez. Thrid Row: Jackie Garcia, Evelyn Sanchez, Kiara Hernandez, Cynthia Devora, Advisor Eric Miller. On the floor: Saul Denova, Haydee Velazquez, Jovanna Garcia.

Not Pictured: Michelle Guerrero, Adrianna D'Baron, Amanda Mansoorbakht.

Sophistiqué Club

Sophistiqué Club's purpose is to promote confidence in teenagers and incite creativity with fashion. The club has had activities throughout the year, like "Wedge Wednesday", and the "Cocktail Swap," where club members had the opportunity to dress up, wear heels, and exchange any clothes they did not want. The club has been successful, thanks to the help of the Vice President Alexandra Sanchez, Innovative Creator Proud Srithong, Secretary Viviana Melchert, and Treasurer Valarie Garcia. This fashion and confidence club even implemented an annual Fashion Show on campus, with the dedication of the club's founder and president, Crystal Gaeta.

This year's fashion show was on January 7, 2012, and went beyond expectations. The "Mad for Moda Fashion Show" introduced color-blocking; a style in which bright, outrageous pieces are used together to create an interesting, eye-catching look. Two local stores, Charming Charlie and Friar Tux, sponsored the fashion show, and cooperated by letting the club borrow tuxedos, jewelry, and accessories. The audience consisted of 160 people, and that afternoon the club fund-raised over a total of a thousand dollars in ticket sales and raffle tickets. Hopefully Sophistiqué Club continues to inspire its fashion frenzy members, keeping the active club moving. -Crystal Gaeta

"Embrace your outer beauty, and liberate your inner Confidence"















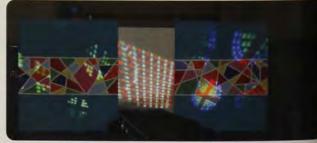












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Second row: Jamie Truong, David Gallegos, Tania Avila, Nicole Lara, Andrew Monge, Lucas Naccarati, Tony Shue, Frankie Gutierrez, Kristyn Williams, Savannah Temple, Akira McDaniels, Rebecca Cicione.

Third row: Melanie Nevarez, Syrena Diaz, Michael Arevalos, Darren Abanto, Calina Artimescu, Haydee Velazquez, Terra Ozuna, Liz Roswell, Gretchen Eidson, McCall Williams, Ana Torres, Grace Jilkevorkian.

Bottom row: Praewpat Federer, Rino Koach, Adrianna D'Baron, Viviana Melchert, Alexandra Sanchez, Crystal Gaeta, Proud Srithong, Valarie Garcia, Savannah Randall, Asia Powell, Nicole Spata.



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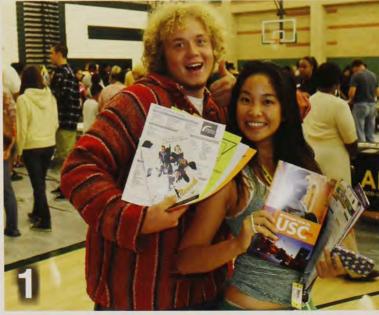








1. Henry Crane and Proud Srithong show off the brochures received. 2. Jeff Lucas reads his college brochure. 3. Sandy Chau fills out an information request form at Monrovia's College Fair. 4. Haydee Velazquez, Carmelita Herrera, Melanie Nevarez, and Veronica Rivera enjoy their time at the College Fair.

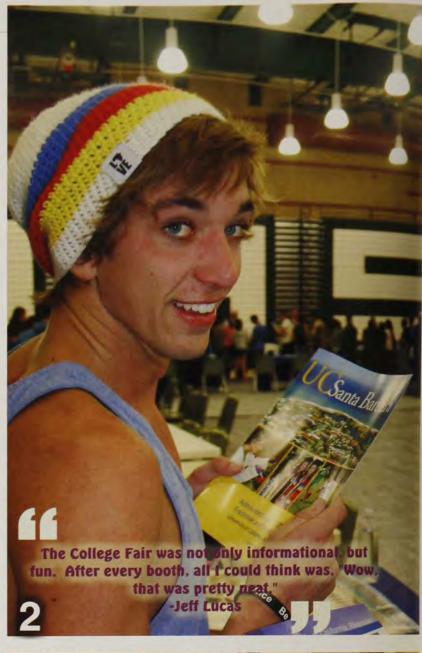


What are your college plans?

47% Students who plan to attend either a UC or Cal State University.

32% Students who plan to attend a private institution.

21% Students who plan to attend a trade school or Community College.









Counselor **Noel Hernandez**, among our other counselors, once again hosts the event.



Dushani De Silva reads pamphlets handed out by representatives in order to make her decision.



Shane Browning talks to a Marine Recruiter during College Fair Night.

What Is Your Pream School?







Have you started to think about your college choice? Many of the students who attended Monrovia High School's College Fair are on the right track to doing so. The students who attended the event were presented with many choices of post high education. From trade schools. private schools, Cal States, UCs, and even armed forces were there to hand out information to possible future applicants.

Students like Jeff Lucas found the booths that night very informational and fun. Many students of all grade levels attended, especially those who want to get a head start in their college research.

Some students who attended were also able to talk to the counseling staff to get more information about the next steps toward going to the college of their choice.

- Luis Sanchez

5. **Julian Tovar** speaks to Mrs. Maria Diera about the steps he needs for college. 6. **Felicia Beeman** talks to a representative and **Sandra Serrano** looks at information at the booth. 7. **Jason Poliran** and **Mireya Garcia** read over a brochure at the College Fair.



Ana Torres speaks to a college representative and asks questions regarding her possible major.



Valerie Garcia and Mary Kenz show excitement on their way out because of the many choices they had.



Amber Pickett and Rebecca Ciccione pay close attention to the recruiter and what she has to say.

Home From Hollywood to Bollywood

What a way to kick off the new start of this year. Homecoming was a success; "From Hollywood to Bollywood" brought out the many interesting themes and vivid colors to this year's Homecoming. From performances of our Dance Team, to "Jai-Ho," to students wearing jewels in between their eyebrows, this theme brought out the spirt in all.

The week of Homecoming was hyped up by ASB's proposed Spirit Week and a Spirit Pep Assembly, which the school has not had in over three years. Classes competed against each other in games and activities, as there were performances from Cheer, Drama, Choir and even the Dance Team, featuring some of the teachers.

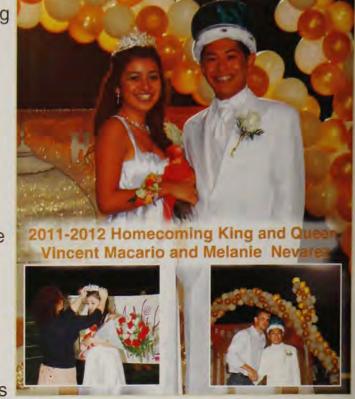
Our Football Game raised the temperature for Homecoming as our Monrovia Varsity Football Team defeated Blair High School with a score of 48-0. What a successful Homecoming Game!

However, for many people, half-time was what aroused them the most. As ASB introduced this year's court, members all walked out across the field, looking spectacular. The crowd cheered as senior, Vincent Macario was announced as Homecoming King and Melanie Nevarez as the queen. "My cheeks hurt from smiling so much; I didn't think I was going to win," said Homecoming King, Vincent Macario.

With blood, sweat and tears, ASB made the new Event Center look like a professional club. The music and DJ were great. All the students' favorite songs were played and everyone had such a great night dancing until their feet hurt.

This year, ASB worked their hardest in planning this Homecoming in order to make it more than perfect. From scrumptious food and appetizers, to dinner tables with center pieces, to free professional pictures, this night was truly a night to remember.

-Michelle Grace Guerrero









Teachers on our campus volunteered to dance with the Dance Team at our Spirit Assembly.



Sports Team Captains engage in a game of Tug-of-War during the Spirit Assembly.



ASB tries to pump up the crowd, bringing more spirit to the assembly.



Our Monrovia Wildcat Cheerleaders perform during the Assembly.





Our very own Wildcat Mascots during the Homecoming Game.



"Our field, Our Homecoming, Our Victory" Banner that the Varsity Cheerleaders made for the opening of the game.



Monrovia High Varsity Football return after half-time, tearing through the banner.



Dance Team performs to "Jai Ho" during half-time at our Homecoming Game.

SPOOKTOBER

alloween is back at Monrovia High School and the costumes are better than ever! In our previous school year, dressing up for Halloween was taken away--but not for good. This year we were able to bring back the Halloween spirit and dress up at school.

School campus was full of cotton candies, cowboys, evil scientist and much more. During lunch we had the annual costume contest and all contestants were recognized and voted for best costume. This year's winners, Rebecca and Alicia Rangel, were dressed up as *Thing 1 and Thing 2*. However, many people dressed up as these characters, but nobody pulled it off as well as they did.

Not only were the students in the spirit of dressing up, teachers as well got into the Halloween spirit and came dressed in costumes.

Students enjoyed the entertainment of their school mates celebrating Halloween. Students did not lose their touch of creativity. This year's Halloween spirit had a great comeback.

- Evelyn Sanchez





William Arnold and Natalie Cuellar



Amy Segal



Mrs. Kristen Ford



Mikenzie Orozco and Ginny Dolores

Top: Kiara Rodriguez, Vanessa Hernandez, and Kaila Grooms; Below: Cotton Candy Girl Bottom half: Raggadey Ann Doll; Bottom: Max Armenta and Crystal Gaeta



















Top: Amelia Richardson, Proud Srithong, Kevin Greenwood, and Adrian Trevino; Middle: Jamie Truong and Matt

Wheeler; Bottom: Carmen Herrera with a mystery soldier











Halloween

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Mr. Monrovia was a complete success this year. It was the first event ever to be hosted in our new Louise K. Taylor Performing Arts Center. Many students modeled and performed various talents to the near capacity auditorium.

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Sponsored by Renaissance, Director Paul Dols hosted, with Renaissance students Michael Arevalos and Rachel Becerra providing puns and jokes to entertain the crowd. The pageant consisted of an opening dance, modeling, talent display, and the contestants' ideal superhero.

All of the participating students had amazing talents to share. Notorious performers included second place winner Jason Poliran, Sean Hodgdon, Eric Gauderman, Gabriel Duran and Maxwell Armenta. From the 'Sexy' dancing to the formal modeling, the show took various twists and turns. However, everyone agreed that this was a show to remember.

-Maxwell Armenta & Luis Sanchez



"I felt that Mr. Monrovia was a good experience and a great show. There were a bunch of awesome personalities. I had a lot of fun with it and I think everyone else did too."

-Maxwell Armenta

"The best part of being a contestant in Mr. Monrovia was the support of friends and applauses from the

- Oscar Carmona audience"







Leandro Orozco sings a spanish song for the audience.



Samuel Kim plays his guitar and sings at Mr. Monrovia.



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Jason Poliran performs a well coreographed dance routine along side with other Monrovia Dance Team members.





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Top: The contestants of Mr. Monrovia pose for pictures at the end of the show. Middle Left: Michael Arevalos host of the night shows a stunning smile. Bottom Right: Carey and Grace Osimo along with Eric Gauderman and Tawnya Kargupta dance the Tango. Bottom Left: Gabriel Duran Impresses the audience with his impeccable singing. Bottom Right: Mr. Maxwell Armenta models for the audience.

Carey Osimo describes his experience of winning the title of Mr. Monrovia as "amazingly extravagant." His singing performance of "The Most Beautiful Girl In The Room" and of Hello Kitty Man is what gave Carey a clear path to victory. In an interview he told us: Q: Tell us more about your typical day with the title of Mr. Monrovia? A: I wake up, do my morning stuff. go to school, do my school stuff, do my sport stuff, and then give hugs and smiles to little girls across the nation as Hello Kitty Man!

Q: What inspired you to become Hello Kitty Man?

A: That's a very good question. What I did was I went on Google Images and typed in "funny superhero costumes" and BAM!



Sean "Juan" Hodgdon comes back strong after a quick moment of stagefright.



Oscar Carmona smiles back to the audience after he is applauded for his performance.



Eric Gauderman plays the piano magestically and beat boxes at for the talent portion of Mr. Monrovia

The Odd Couple



The MHS drama program (The Shoestring Players) and MHS stage tech produced this year's winter play, The Odd Couple, by Niel Simon. Portia Montero as Florence Unger, and Amy Segal as Olive Madison, stared in the performance as two roommates. Olive is very sloppy and lives alone in her apartment. Florence is a seemingly perfect housewife whose husband left her. Olive feels bad for her and invites her to live with her. She soon finds out how Florence really isn't as perfect as she seems. Florence frantically cleans all day and quickly annoys Olive. They invite two men over one night. Even when the men are there, Florence continues to be her usual self. The men are played by Christian Cesena as Manolo Costazuela, and Brian Bugert as Jesus Costazuela, play two foreigners from Spain. They both treat the ladies with respect, but Florence still acts insane. The men leave and Olive has had enough. Olive kicks Flo out and Florence goes to stay with the two men. Olive feels bad, and apologizes and says that she understands why she has a hard time. Florence accepts and their friendship continues.

The overall performance was very interesting and all actors and actresses preformed wonderfully. The cast, crew, and director, Marc Segal, in his final fall play production, did a phenomenal job. It was quite a show!

- Alexandra Hodge



Left to Right- Amy Segal; Olive Madison, Portia Montero; Florence Unger.



Left to Right- Madisyn Brown; Mickey, Madison Hopkins; Sylvie, Portia Montero; Florence Unger.



Left to Right: Amy Segal; Olive Madison, Portia Montero; Florence Unger.



Left to Right- Christian Cesena; Manolo Costazuel, Brian Bugert; Jesus Costazuela.





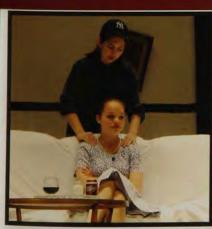








Top left- Amy Segal; Olive Madison, Christian Cesena; Manolo Castazuela, Brian Bugert; Jesus Costazuel. Second Down- Julia Hodgden; Vera, Jade Banks; Renee. Third Down- Madison Hopkins; Sylvie, Madisyn Brown; Mickey, Portia Montero; Florence Unger. Forth Down-Amy Segal; Olive Madison, Portia Montero; Florence Unger. Right Bottom- Amy Segal; Olive Madison, Portia Montero; Florence Unger.



Top- Amy Segal; Olive Madison. Bottom- Portia Montero; Florence Unger.



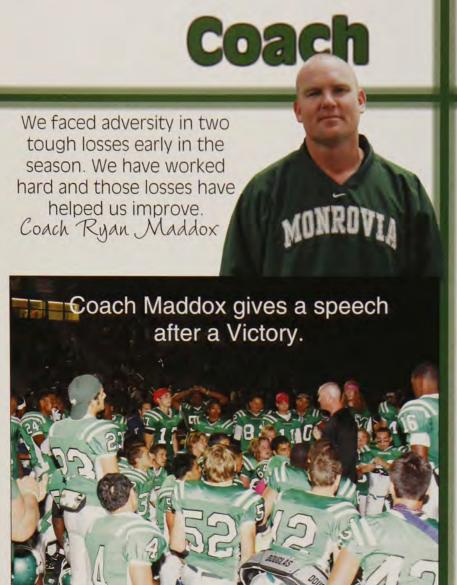
Amy Segal, Christian Cesena, and Brian Bugert

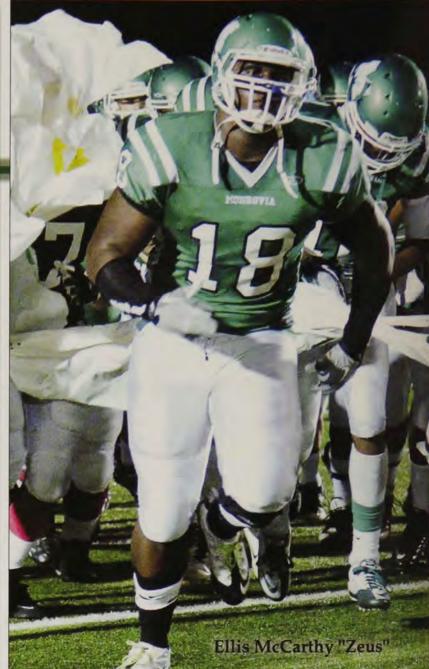


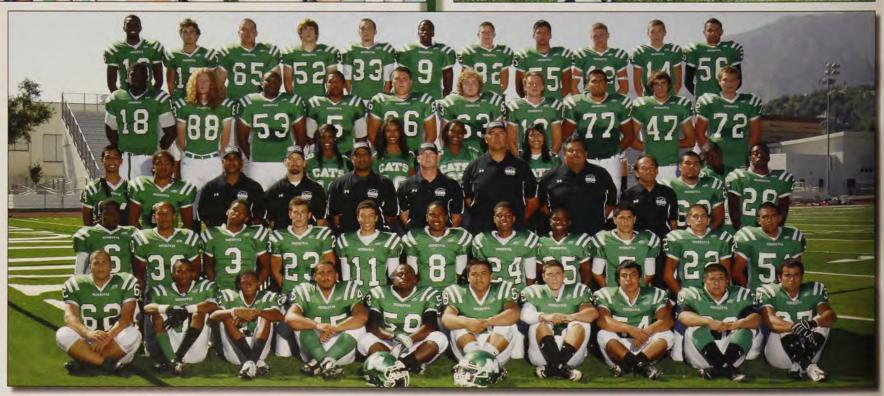
Left- Olive Madison, Amy Segal. Right- Florence Unger, Portia Montero.



Portia Montero as Olive Madison, Brian Bugert, and Christian Cesena







Top Row: Luke Williams, Cade Shultz, Josh Cano, Will Thorn, Gavin O'Connell, Drew Houston, Brian Jones, Kevin Bailey, Brett Walsh, Josh Bradley, Kenneth Aguayo. 2nd Row: Ellis McCarthy, Levi Helm, Kevin Spencer, George Frazier, Clayton Taggart, Henry Crane, Blake Heyworth, Isaac Miravet, Charlie Carnevale, Matt Norman. 3rd Row: Samara Bonham, Mariah Nelson, Mudder, Marissa Haro. 4th Row: Louis Javier, Marquise Bias, Coaches: Kevin Robinson, Craig Shushter, Donald Davis, Ryan Maddox, Fil Lujan, Mike Minter, Tom Cardial. Lorenzo Casas, Michael Harris. 5th Row: Alec Fox, Marquise Harrison, Deshawn Ramirez, Brandon Wingenbach, Mason Bryant, Anthony Craft, Jelani Kalfani, Deshawn Potts, Shaun Reilly, Max Thomas, Angel Gonzalez. Bottom Row: Coy Ritter, Darian Graham, Darius McClain, Justin Jones, Stephan Gholar, Danny Flores, Shane Browning, Rafael Garcia, Greg Valenzuela, Louis Robles.

WARSITY FOOTBALL

As the new year started, everyone anticipated the football games for the 2011-2012 season. The year before, the Monrovia Football team earned their title as CIF Champions for the first time, which was a great recognition for the school.

As the year began, the football team worked extremely hard to get to CIF again. It was unfortunate for the loss of their fellow teammate, friend, and brother Yohan De Silva, a great hard working player who will always be remembered. Many players stated that this year would be played in his rememberance.

Throughout the year, the football team started off slowly, but dominated through league, ending up with a 7-3 record. George Frazier, starting Linebacker, stated, "We work very well together, and a family bond is holds us as one. I feel we are always the better team, and no matter who we play, we'll come out on top."

-Kenneth Aguayo













- 1. Brett Walsh and Ellis McCarthy
- 2. Ellis McCarthy (Zeus) tears through the banner.
- 3. Luke Williams gets the tackle.
- 4. Marquise Bias with a carry
- 5. **Deshawn Ramirez** scrambles away from the tackle.
- 6. **Anthony Craft** congratulates **Michael Harris** after the touchdown.

JV & Frosh Football





Monrovia's Junior Varsity and Frosh Football Teams have always been passionate about playing ball. The coaches instill this positive and unstopable mindset in the players. They always go into a game thinking they will come out on top; and with that mentality they do. This season our Junior Varsity team went undefeated in league and (8-2) in the regular season.

The Freshman this year showed much potential for their up-coming years at Monrovia. They all have what it takes to be a great team. These young men will later mature into better football players and follow in thier big brothers' footsteps at the varsity level. Deshawn Potts said, "We had a hard preseason, but we did our best. When league came around, we played hard and came out undefeated. Overall, it was a great season." Both the Junior Varsity and Frosh teams played hard this season, and they all aspire to do better and eventually be a part of a CIF Trifecta--maybe.

-Damien Iida-Underhill



- 1. Jacob Bueno recieves a kick-off.
- 2. **Brian Jones** stiff arms his tackler.
- 3. **Gage Buonsanti** sets up the play.
- 4. Andrew Gallegos grabs a punt
- 5. **Lucas Johnson** breaks a tackle. 144 sports





Jacob Bueno

Captains



"We started the season a little shaky, but we finished strong and won league undefeated."

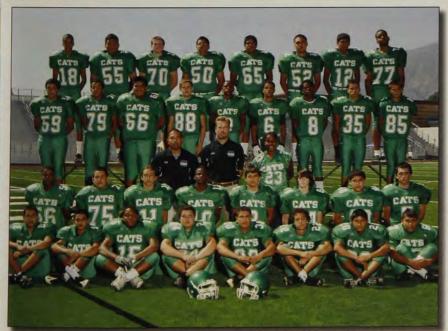
-Erik Brooks

"We had a great season this year, " -Angel Gonzalez





"Football this year was fun; we played hard and became a family." -Avonte Moore



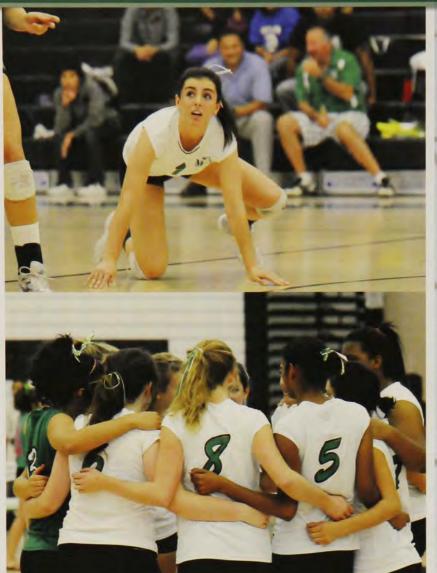
Junior Varsity Team: Top row: Brent Nichols, Isaac Lowe, Christian Walton, Danny De Santos, Ulises Sanchez, Jesus Benitez, Michael Guerro, Tristin Woods.

2nd row: Najib Shalabi, Josh Garcia, Rene Renteria, Joe Cox, Octavious Spencer, Jordan Nathan, Dariyan Huff, Carlos Burrel, Martin Galan. 3rd row: Coach Bueno, Coach Randy Bell, water girl Mudder Blow. 4th row: Zerek Taylor, Michael Guzman, Connor Helm, Seth Raines, Elijah Becerra, Daniel Quezada, Bernardo Dubon, Blake Cusick. Bottom row: Michael Aguilera, Johnny Bueno, Anthony Haze, Joe Cox, Justin Rosedale, Jordan Blueford, Jonathan Lopez, Joesph De La Pena



Frosh Team: Top row: Phillip Castillo, Aaron Conde, Erik Brooks, Alec Iclisoy, Avonte Moore Daniel Ferris, Anthony Ruiz, Jeremy Haney, Lucas Johnston, Scott Smooth. 2nd row: Logan Zamora, Christopher Morales, Erik Cox, Andrew Gallegos, Angel Benavides, Travis Mossbrooks, Charles Olsen, Alejandro Vega, Gage Buonsanti, Donovan Jones. 3rd row: Mudder Blow, Steven Gonzalez, Christian Vanenzuela, Coah Anthony Craft, Coach Mendez, Coach Walls Coach George, Coach Fluker, Eldric Aiden Marissa Haro. 4th row: Jordan Johnson, Marriano Parra, Antonie Gholar, Sergio Natera Marco flores, Logan Zamora, Adrian Maldanaldo, Andrew Simpson, David Gallegos, Andre Benavides. Bottom row: Carlos Innekan, Logan Craig, Carlos Flores, Fernando Rosas, Isaiah Duran, Alex Duran, Tony Rosas, Jacob Bueno, Chris Hernandez, Devon Grahm

Set It Spike It Win I



The 2011 girls volleyball team were the first athletic girls to win a game in the Event Center. They hoped to win the Rio Hondo League, facing La Canada, San Marino, and South Pasadena as their toughest opponents. With their good character and attitude they were able to win 2nd place in the Arcadia tournament, which was the first time this happened in recent history. Coach Teng has coached at MHS for four years now with an overall record of 17-11, and this year's record, 5-5.

The girls consider themselves a family, taking care of one another. One of the best things that kept the team together was that the older girls took care of the younger ones and taught them what they know in the sport. The Varsity Volleyball team consisted of talented players such as Nora To'omalatai, Felicia Beeman, and Kelsey Monlar.Co-Captain Nora To'omalatai said, "All team players practiced hard and played even harder on the court."

On October 27th the girls played the last game of the season. The underclassmen girls decorated the gym as they were chosen to give a speech to one of the senior girls. Many family members and friends attended this emotional event for the senior girls, as each was recognized for her hard work and dedication to the 2011 season.

-Jackie Garcia



Clockwise; Top: Felicia Beeman Hopes the ball goes over the net. Right: Emily Rose makes a speech for Felicia Beeman. Lower left: Sophia Bednar hugs Nora. Top left: Nicole Stiegelmar takes a picture with her parents. Left: Angela Banuelos serves. Middle: The team gathers right

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"Intellegence and character is the goal of true education!" Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

- Coach Jeng

"We laugh together, cry together, lose together and win together."

-Nova To'omalatai"



"Everyone did great this year--not that much drama on the court."

- Felicia Beeman



Girls Varsity Volleyball Top row: Tracy Luna, Lindsey Wagner, Kmani Gray, Coach Teng, Nicole Stiegelmar, Emily Rose, Assistant Coach Lauren; Bottom row: Yasmine Delgado, Kayla Howell, Felicia Beeman, Noralia To'omalatai, Angela Banuelos



Girls JV Volleyball Top row: Tracy Luna, Gwen Macias, Emily Rose, Brianna Maloney, Nicole Wong, Abbey Sorensen, Hailey Abdul-Malik, Elizabeth Kenz, LindseyWagner, Toby Mayoralgo, Assistant Coach Lauren Bottom row: Natalie Colon, Sarah Jose, Maiya Brito-Witten, Katherine Ramirez, Monica Corral, Sarah Hickey.

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"This team has the potential to make CIF."
- Coach Eric Leclair



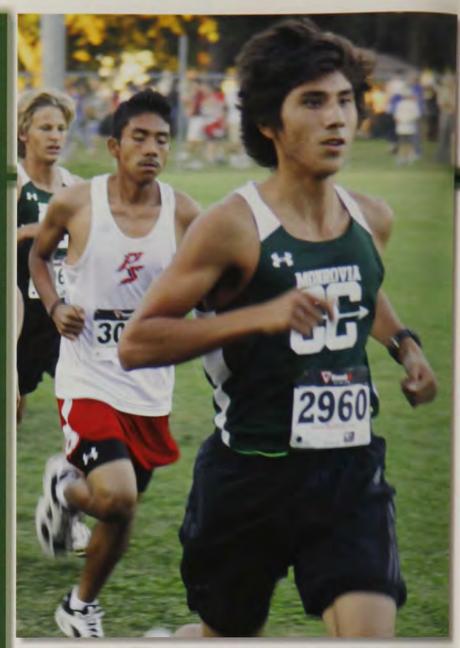
"I set my personal record at the Arcadia Invitational."
-Female Co-Captain Mara Armenta



"The team is looking way stronger this year." - Captain Maxwell

Armenta





Michael Pardo takes the lead at the Arcadia Invitational.



Cross Country Team: Top Row: Chris Ochoa, Chris Rosedale, Coach Leclair, Jonathan Davenport, Jared Lee. Second Row: Maxwell Armenta, Lauro Alvarado, Darren Abanto, Jazm Jumlani, Michael Pardo, Derringer Silva. Third Row: Joseph Ramirez, Alex Pfau, Brady Abanto, Keanu Watson, Jasmine Lopez, Erica Flores, Amanda Mansoorbakht. Bottom Row: Kaylee Johnson, Kai Higashiyama, Tianna Melara, Mara Armenta, Timothy Ramirez, Levi Villalpando

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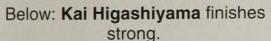
Do you remember how exhausting running a mile made you feel during P.E.? To the Monrovia Cross Country team a mile is a mere warm-up! Cross Country distance runners are used to running at least four or more miles a day. During a school week

that multiplies to 20 miles a week.

New distance coach Eric Leclair knows true discipline. With a medal winning past he knows how to help runners achieve their goals and break their fastest times. Coach Leclair is a new addition to the distance team, but he isn't new to the Monrovia Athletic Staff. He helped train football players during the summer with Cross Fit workouts.

Aside from being the most underestimated sport, running is also argueably the toughest on the body. A combination of speed workouts and distance days help runners improve. Noteable runners include team captain, Maxwell Armenta (who advanced to CIF), Alex Pfau, Micheal Pardo, Mara Armenta, Brady Abanto, Keanu Watson, Kaylee Johnson, and Derringer Silva. Coach Leclair helped influence the team, saying, "The more you quit, the more you will quit." meaning that a strong mindset is the most important tool in long distance running. Star runner and leader Micheal Pardo said, "We may not be the best cross country team, but we sure are the best looking!" The team stayed optimistic while looking forward to a winning season.

- AmandaMansoorbakht







Tianna "Seattle" Melara





Varsity Boys



"You've done well, son," says Coach Nolan.



Coach Leclair gives pointers before the big race.

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"My hopes for the season are to make a better program and to build stability within the team."

- Coach Lev Bates



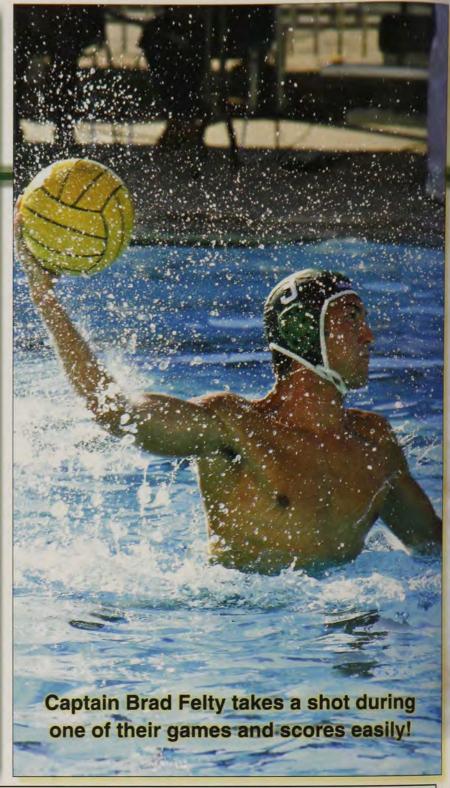
"This year was fun. We worked really hard and the program is getting better. I cannot wait to see the improvement in years to come.

-Captain Brad Felty

"I have not failed, I've only found 10,000 ways that don't work to win a game."

-Captain Kristian Bear







Varsity Water Polo: Top: Dylan Bokor, Jimmy Holes, Coach Ryan Menlove, Vincent Rayney, Bradley Felty; Middle: Kris Williams, Kristian Bear, Carey Osimo, Andrew Monge; Bottom: Richard Santos, Enrique Ramirez, Ray Duran, Taylor Bradley, Ben Cragoe



JV Water Polo:Top: Coach Ryan Menlove, Ben Cragoe, Luke Bugman Middle: Chad Gledhill, Steve Santos, Erick Felix, Alec Trevino Bottom: Richard Santos, Josh Castro, Ray Duran, Enrique Ramirez

Nater Polo

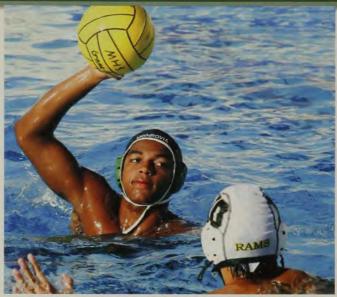
Monrovia Oohrah!" That's what our water polo players say right before each game to build motivation and to keep on swimming. Water polo is an extreme sport. Fun Fact: Swimming is the sport that burns the most calories in the least amount of time! And if you've ever been to a water polo game, you know these players won't stop moving up and down the pool.

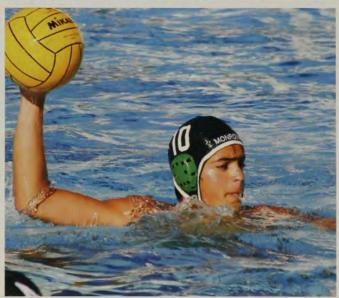
Brad Felty, backbone of the team and captain, tried to motivate his team by going to every practice, working hard, and performing his best at his game. Kris Williams said that he anxiously awaits next year's season. Although the team had much fun throughout their year they had a great change. The players had a change of coach right in the middle of the season. They struggled to get back on track, but managed to end well.

The new coach, Lev Bates, was part of the U.S. Olympic Water Polo team. The coach said that he wants to teach the players love for the sport, and to work hard on the team. All the players were excited and had high hopes that the program would improve with his expertise. Player Carey Osimo said, "We are definitely in a rebuilding stage this year, but with our incredible and dedicated coach and staff we will be unstoppable in years to come." Brad Felty sided with Carey Osimo when he said, "Our new coach is great; he is making us work really hard during practice and has taught us many -Luis Sanchez things."

Below: Carey Osimo receives the ball and makes the goal.









Top: Kris Williams looks for a teammate to pass the ball. Middle: Andrew Monge receives the ball and quickly sets the ball for a goal. Bottom: Captain Kristian Bear blocks a goal.

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"Most of my players haven't played too long, and it is very satisfying to see them improve."

-Coach Ervin Saravia



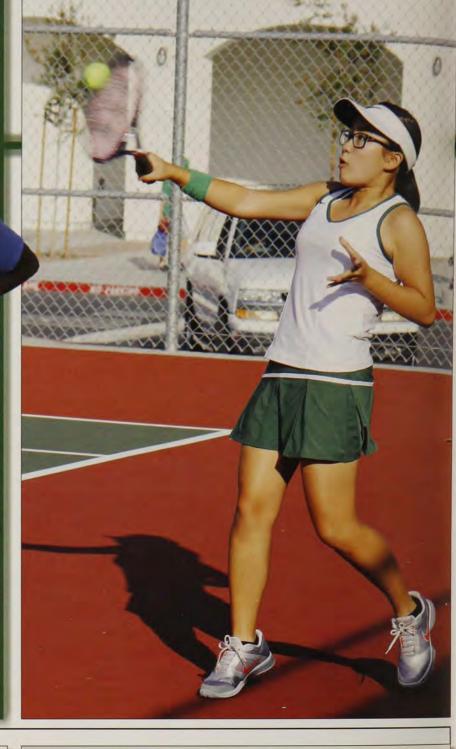
"Though "love" may mean nothing in Tennis, it certainly isn't the case with this team."

-Captain Jamie Truong

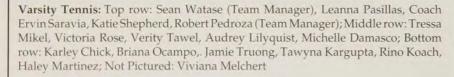
"I hope next year the other teams bring their A-game, because they will need it!"

– Captain Tressa Mikel











Junior Varisty Tennis: Top row: Kiara Rodriguez, Katelynn Holt, Amy Garcia, Coach Ken Peter, Carly Paronelli, Sophie Carnavale, Angelina O'balles; Middle row: Zoe Zucco, Carli Underhill, Corinne Marino, Viviana Melchert, Paulina Baray; Bottom row: Claudia Rizo, Maria Iniguez, Ruby Kalra, Lexie Perez, Idalia Castellanos, Bonnie Zucco; Not Pictured: McKenzie Orozco, Samantha Alvarez

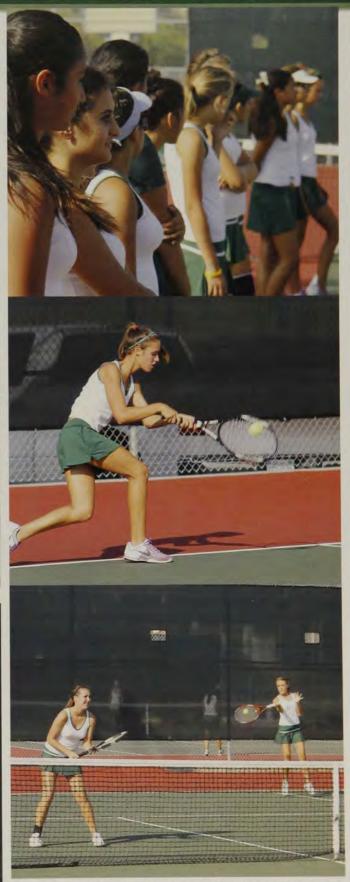
Step Girls Tennis

words used to describe this year's Girls Tennis Team. In the past years, the girls didn't have any close matches -- but this year, they came close several times. Coach Ervin Saravia noted, "I can see that most of my players are doing better. We had better results this year; they are not all the way where I want them to be, but we are getting there." Captain Tressa Mikel also recognized the girls' hard work: "In previous years, tennis hasn't been taken seriously at this school. However, this year, the team has really come together, worked hard, and with help from Coach, we have become a force to be reckoned with!"

It's quite mind-boggling how well the girls did this season, considering all the injuries that affected them. A number one doubles player was out for more than half of the season because of a knee injury, and a number two doubles player played on and off, due to health issues. On top of that, they lost their number three singles towards the end of the season, due to a calf injury. But even with top players in and out of games, they came together as a team to fight their way to the end. This team's incredibly close bond is what encouraged them to play for each other. Captain Jamie Truong said, "There isn't a word for the bond we share, except family. The friendships we made and the memories we created will be cherished for a lifetime. True victory is having the opportunity to lead and be part of such an extraordinary group of people." Despite major setbacks, these girls fought their way through the season. With their hard work and unbreakable bond, nothing was going to stop them from stepping it up. -Viviana Melchert







Clockwise: Players line up to meet their opponents, ready to play; Victoria Rose demonstrates a strong backhand to intimidate her opponent; Katie Shepherd prepares to return the next ball with one of her powerful volleys, as Karley Chick returns the ball with a good forehand; Verity Tawel reaches for the ball to hit it over the net; Briana Ocampo gets ready to serve.

Cirque Pu Solgil

Is the new year began, everyone anxiously awaited the one and only Winter Formal Dance. This year, the dance took place in the beautiful Santa Anita Racetrack, Chandelier Room. The theme of the dance was "Cirque Du Soleil".

Very elegantly the students arrived looking fancy in their gowns and tuxes. The night before the dance, Michael Arevalos and Vanessa Hernandez were crowned as King and Queen for the 2012 Winter Formal Court. The court consisted of: Charles Carnevale and Mary Kenz, Kenneth Aguayo and Haydee Velazquez, Kevin Shue and Kiara Hernandez, and Luis Sanchez and Viviana Melchert.

Everyone had a wonderful time as they enjoyed all of the many entertainments, from playing "Just Dance" in one room, to eating delicious bites in another, to dance battling, or simply enjoying a tasty "Shirley Temple" in the fresh air, overlooking the racetrack. This event was an unforgettable one.

Overall, this year's ASB class did a magnificent job in planning and organizing the dance as there was much positive feedback. Due to ASB's hard work and dedication, the dance was successful. Now this dance will forever be a great night that everyone will always remember, as a night of Cirque Du Soleil.

Oscar Carmona & Kaydee Velazquez



Winter Formal Court after the crowning of the "King and Queen"



Daniel Castellanos crowns Vanessa Hernandez as Winter Formal Queen



2012 Winter Formal Grand Marshalls Daniel Castellanos and Lacee Boschetto



The Beautiful Lacee Boschetto crowns Winter Formal King Micheal Aravalos



One of the princes, Kenneth Aguayo, shows his excitement of being on court.



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The ancen, Vanessa Hernandez, and her date Darren Abanto have a blust



Vanessa Santana and Sau Denova at the dance.







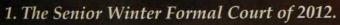








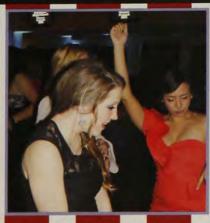




- 2. The Crowd surrounds Christopher Belombre as he dances to "The Dougie."
- 3. Oscar Carmona on the dance floor.
- 4. Seniors playing just dance in the Wii room.
- 5. Kevin Romero and Evelyn Sanchez
- 6. Samara Bonham
- 7. One of the princesses, Haydee Velazquez, dances the "Charlie Brown."



Adrianna D'Baron and Timothy Komlos



Kylie Molnar <mark>and</mark> Priscilla Saldana dance the night away.

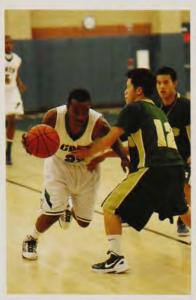


Alex <mark>Espar</mark>za and Jackie Garcia



Carmen Herrera, Kiara Hernandez, and Vanessa Hernandez

Taking it to the Hoop









Top left to right: Luke Williams getting passed his opponent. Brian Stiver jumping for the ball in the opening tip off. **Middle:** Drew Houston looking for a teammate to pass the ball to. **Bottom:** The team meets with coach for a play on what to do.

This year's Boys Varsity Basketball team had a very difficult season, and a record of 3-18. They practiced hard and worked together as a team, but all their time on the court did not get them exactly to where they needed to be. The team worked hard to make it to the playoffs and to win the Rio Hondo league, but they were not able to reach this goal. Each player played his hardest to make the team better, but it didn't seem to help with their challenges like this year's toughest opponents, like South Pasadena.

Junior Varisity

This year's JV Basketball Team had an overall record of 2-7. Facing their toughest opponent was South Pasadena. Hector Medina was asked how the team played overall, and he said, "Unfortunately, we did not really play as a team; everyone mostly played as individuals, and that's why we didn't have a great season."

Freshman

This year's Freshman Basketball Team had a season record of 9-11. The team's toughest opponent was Temple City. Team player Jarod De Guzman said, "The team played pretty well, just not so much defense. However, the team did have players that had experience playing basketball.

- Alex Esparza



Top Row: Luke Williams, Drew Houston, Brian Stiver, Justin Mellinger.**Bottom Row:** Vincent Macario, Kevin Callejas, Max Thomas, Luis Javier III, Evan Bough.



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"All the people on the team were funny.
Playing with them this year was a fun Experience."
- Luke Williams



"Our season was pretty tough, but we held in there the best we could, and its good to see that we didnt give up."



"Our season started off rough, because we were trying to get the feel for our new coach; but we grew as a team overall. I'm glad that I got to have a nice season with all my friends and that we could compete and make each other better"

-Brian Stiver



Top Row: Omar Velasques, Miguel Oribigoso, Jonathan Davenport, Christian Gonzalez, Antionne Gholar, Rudy Gomez. **Bottom Row:** Zachary Praiso, Hector Medina, Coach Sean, Keanu Moningka,



Top Row: Seth Raines, Race Hare, Coach Hare, Joe Cox. **Bottom Row**: Joelle Hollinhurst, John Bueno, Allen Diaz, Jarod De Guzman, Luis Ayala

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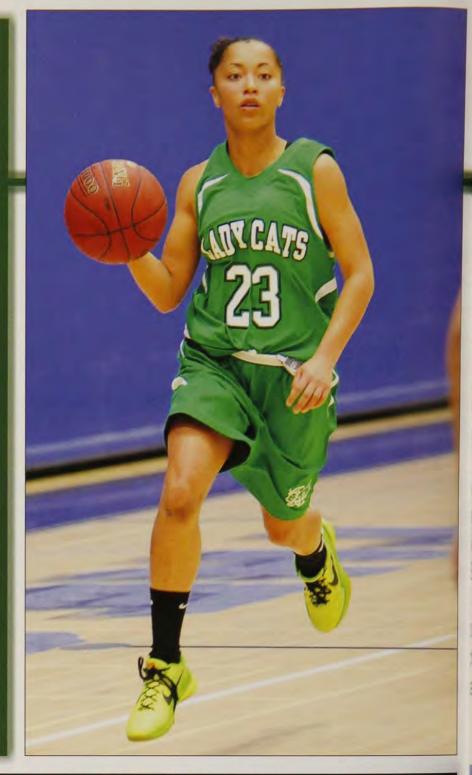
"As a team they now communicate. Before it was more of a one-on-one game".

-Coach Diaz



"We are all like sisters, and we try to do everything together."

-Joelle Tucker





Girls Varsity Team: Top: Derek Blow, Gina Henderson, Kaela Barnes, Chandleur Alexander, Taylor Bruton, Viviana Lopez-Arambula; Bottom: Coach Jenn, Dominique Johnson, Cynthia Hosey, Elise Mc Carthy, Coach Diaz



JV Team: Top: Audrey Williams, Viviana Lopez-Arambula, Tre-meina Covington, Amanda Sullivan, Lindsey Pena, Bailey Keishawna, Jasmine Ramirez; Bottom: Coach Jenn, Erika Perez, Audrey Trazo, Alejandra Esparza, Coach Diaz

she shoots, she scores Girls Basketball

last year; "it was more of a one-on-one game," said Coach Diaz, "This year, they communicated better because they didn't want to lose. So when they lost to South Pasadena, they were mad and needed to tie." In order to improve, the team has "to work on moving our feet and getting no fouls," said Joelle Tucker.

The team did everything together; they were like a family, and the girls were like sisters. La Canada was a real scare to the Ladycats, because LC did well against South Pasadena, a real competition. But MHS ended up beating La Canada 49-46.

The JV also had a number of ups and downs, but "we tried to stay positive and we had pretty good chances of winning; we just have to stay focused," said Jasmine Ramirez.

-Alyssa Fish











Above: Gina Henderson, Kaela Barnes, Dominique Johnson **Middle:** The team gets a pep talk from the coach.

Bottom: Gina Henderson, and Joelle Tucker try to block the shot.

Far left clockwise: Joelle Tucker jumps for a tip off; Kaela Barnes, Dominique Johnson

Ready, Set, Wrestle!







From top to bottom: Christian Walton pinning San Marino Titan. Khal Simaan displays his hard work on the mat. Christian Valenzuela finishes his match strong!

From the Right: Matt Norman wrestles his in first meet. Marquise Bias intimidates his competitor. Derringer Silva resists a takedown with good form.

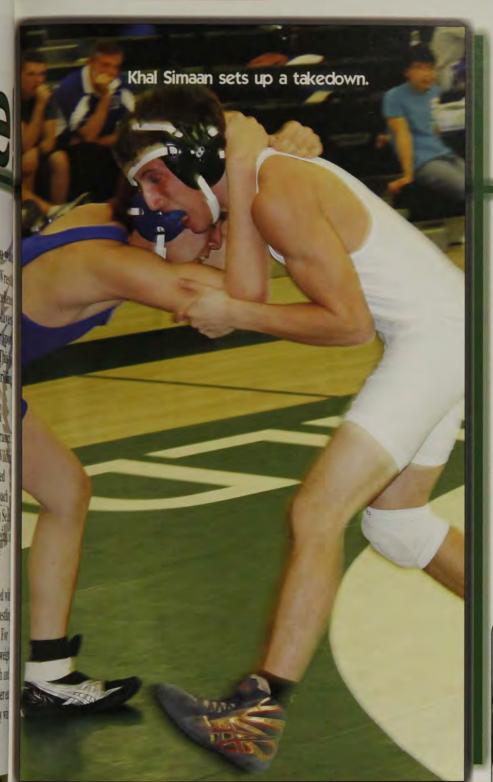
For those of you who think wrestling is the sport you watch. Monday night on the WWF channel, prepare to be corrected. Wrestling is a sport that involves both mental endurance and physical excellence. The wrestling match is a competition between two individual players of the same weight class. The main official of the match, like other sports, is the referee. He is the one who begins and ends the match. This year our Wildcats were better than ever. Their practices included drilling, running, and a lot of live wrestling.

Occasionally, the team participated in weight training with a personal trainer. "Wrestling is tough; it has taught me perseverance," said Brady Abanto. Every Tuesday and Thursday nights, our Wildcat Wrestlers trained at the Ring of Fire. The Ring of Fire is a Mixed Martial Arts studio which is located just off of Myrtle. Head Coach Daniel Hernandez, along with his staff Coach Victor and Coach Sean, know how to keep the wrestlers in top shape. Bragging about being in top form, Angel Gonzalez said, "I got first at the South Hills tournament,"

Varsity Captain Khal Simaan's favorite part of being involved with wrestling was the closeness of the team. "My favorite part of wrestling is the fact that it is both an individual sport and a team sport." For training, each team member had to carry a partner of his same weight on his back for 100 meters. This exercise improved their strength and tested their endurance. Our Cat Wrestlers are only getting better each year, and they hope to continue to win tournaments and possibly win league in years to come.

Amanda Mansoorbakht





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"In life, people trip.
Most people fall. Some
people, turn that trip
into a beautiful, beautful
dance." -John Mayer
"Never give up!"

- Khal Simaan

"Wrestling is not an easy sport, it takes heart and dedication to accomplish any goals you have on the mat, and if you don't have a goal by the time you step on the mat, you might as well have just given up already."

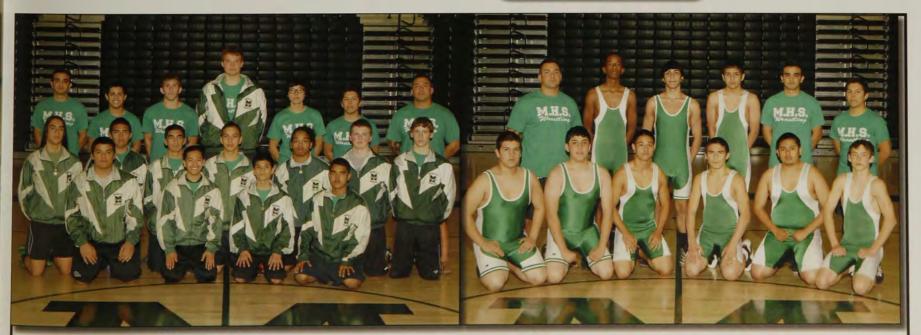
- Derringer Silva





"Wrestling taught me that it is important to fight until the end."

- Brady Abanto



Varsity Team: From Top Row to Bottom: Coach Sean, Aaron Chavez, Khal Simaan, Matthew Norman, Maxwell Lee, Coach Victor, Coach Daniel Second Row: Derringer Silva, Angel Martinez, Isaiah Duran, Gabriel Onofre, Marquise Bias, Christian Walton, Daniel Ferris. Bottom Row: Danilo Flores, Christian Valenzuela, Nathanael Delgado, Isaac Munguia

Junior Varsity Team: From Top Row to Bottom: Coach Daniel, Charles Olsen, Eric Zapata, Mario Razo, Coach Sean, Coach Victor, Bottom Row: Logan Zamora, Anthony Ruiz, Brady Abanto, Christopher Morales, Pedro Alonso, Andrew Simpson

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"The first step to becoming great is being dedicated."

-Lev Bates



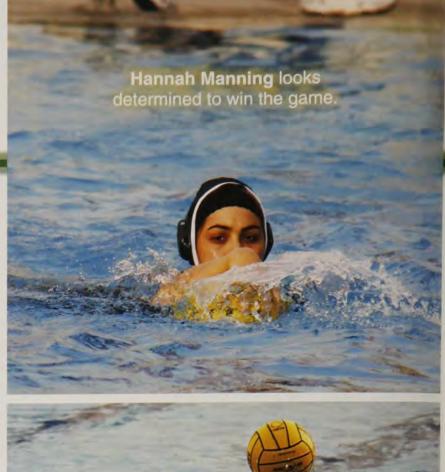
"In water polo you are only as strong as your weakest player. you cannot surevive with just one good player; there has to be 7 people doing their part to create a great team. I believe our team this year is on its' way to greatness."

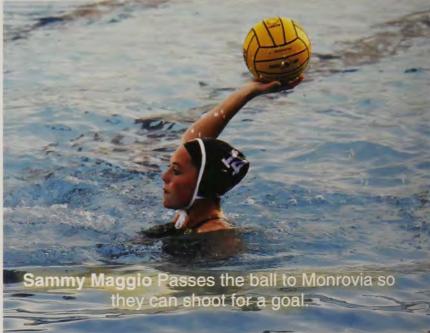
-Sammy Maggio

"Don't mess with the waterpolo team, because we are tighter than our suits which are 4 times too small"

-Hannah Manning









Top Row: Viviana Melchert, Brianne Young, Samantha Porrata, Valeria Nava, Sammy Maggio, Lev Bates, Nicole Ballew. **Middle Row:** Lexi Barstow, Lindsey Wagner, Candice Baeza, Jennifer Ortega, Jule Hansen, Rebecca Rangel, Hannah Manning. **Bottom Row:** Jasmine Sogamoso, Lindsey Blowers, Mary McGeeney, Mariana Camacho



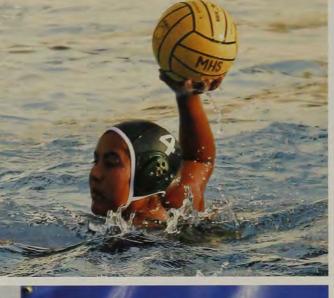
Top Row: Viviana Melchert, Brianne Young, Madelyn Myer, Lev Bates, Nicole Ballew. Middle Row: Diana Rodriguez, Brittany Rizzi, Samantha Hough, Annie McGeeney, Jacquekine Pelayo-Meza, Alicia Rangel, Bottom Row: Carli Underhill, Samantha Alevarez, Kimberly Rosas, Idalia Castellanos, Ashley

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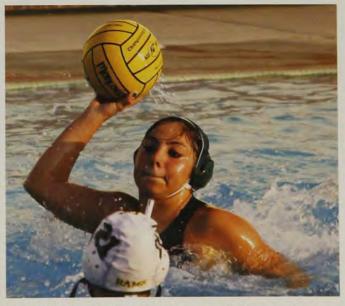
In the year 2012 water polo was voted to be the hardest sport around the globe. There is not a moment when this athlete in the water is not active. The game is divided into four quarters, and they are each seven minutes. This year the team had a total of fourteen astonishing ladycats on varsity, and a new coach, Lev Bates, who was on the U.S. Olympic Water Polo team.

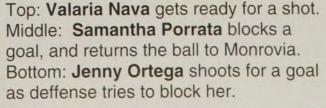
Captain Hannah Manning said, "We've made a drastic change from our attitudes to our skills in the water. This season we are working better together as a team, instead of just relying on one player. We also seem very dedicated, and ready to dominate." Under the new coaching techniques the girls seem to be improving tremendously. We all hope that the team continues to grow with this new coaching.

-Brittany Pizzi











Top: Lindsey
Wagner looks
around for an open
player to make a
pass. Bottom:
Mary McGeeney
takes the ball from
the opposing team
and sprints it to
Temple City's goal.

