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Journalism Team

MICS PRESS

2022-2023

BRIGHTER DAYS AHEAD

The Journalism Team!



Hey,
Mountainview-ers!
We, the
journalism
team,
would
like to
introduce
you to
the new
MCS
Press!

The journalism team is made up of people from grades 10-12. Our president (Cris), writers (Katie, Eugenia, Steffi, Joas, Esther, Chris, Hajun, and Anna) and editor (Sophia) are working hard to bring you a recap of the important events of the school year. The MCS Press will be published once every quarter. Hope you look forward to reading our hard work!

Anna Corner!



Hello! My name is Anna Joy Armistead, and I've been given a corner of our school Newspaper to spread my joy through words of encouragement during this school year.

Editor's Note

The yearbook and journalism teams have worked hard all quarter to bring you this newspaper. They took time out of their days to photograph events, interview students and teachers, and write articles. I hope you'll take time out of yours to read this. Congrats on making it through the first quarter!

GETTING TO KNOW THE TEACHERS

By Hajun, Esther, and Eugenia

Many of you have noticed we have new teachers at Mountainview. We're here to introduce them formally to you and help you get to know a little bit more about them through some interview questions as well as a bit about their backgrounds.



Mr. Mc Aliley is the newest addition to our science department. He attended Florida Atlantic University and graduated with a bachelor's in Physics. He has taught classes such as AP Physics, Physics, Chemistry, and Scientific Research and Design. Mr. Mc Aliley along with his wife, Kendra, and his two sons, Charlie and Ryan who are very excited to be in Salatiga and become a part of the Mountainview community.



Miss Nizza is the newest addition to our English department. She got her undergraduate degree in English and Intercultural Studies at Southeastern University. Now she is working on getting her masters, which she will complete in the spring. She came to Salatiga after teaching ESL in China for four years. She is excited to come and invest in the next generation of world changers here at Mountainview.



Mr. Frasier is our new Ethics teacher. He went to Calvary Bible College for his bachelor's degree in Advanced Biblical Studies and received a masters in Theological Studies. His first teaching experience was in China for two years, followed by a year in Miami, Florida, and a year in Cambodia. He has a wife, Elisa, daughter, Mira, and son, Ezra. He and his family are very excited to join the team!



Mas Dimas is our newest music teacher, and we are very excited to have him help out with our worship team, choir, and drama performances. He graduated from UKSW with a degree in performing arts. Throughout his university years he was a part of a choir that enabled him to travel around Indonesia and even outside of the country to perform. After that he worked in Tangerang and had a side hustle as a wedding singer. Another super cool thing is that he was on Rising Star Indonesia back in 2014. He became a Christian in 2019 and loves worshiping and learning more about God everyday.

GETTING TO KNOW THE TEACHERS

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HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS TO GET YOU STARTED ON KNOWING MORE ABOUT THEM!



What's your first impression of MCS?

Mr. Mc Aliley: "I like it here a lot. I like that I can come here whenever I want and do whatever I want [when I'm not teaching]... I can go play basketball with some of my students. [I really like] the other teachers here. The students here are kind to their teachers, which is really nice."

Ms. Nizza: I really enjoy it. The community is very supportive and very kind and helpful. I see students and staff helping and supporting each other.

Mr. Frasier: Mountainview is a really nice school. Students seem to be interested in learning for the most part. They're actually willing to learn and think things through and are very kind. The teachers are really great. I think Mountainview is a wonderful place.

Mas Dimas: MCS is a comfy place and it's pretty windy here. I think it's the right place to serve.



What/Who inspired you to be a teacher?

Mr. Mc Aliley: I went to college to become a physicist, and during my junior year, I joined an internship. I found this internship very boring, and as I continued into my senior year, I started to see my gift in teaching. None of my family expected me to become a teacher because I hated high school.

Ms. Nizza: I actually never wanted to be a teacher. I thought that the Lord was telling me to move overseas and teaching was a great opportunity. So I did my teaching internship and that's when I fell in love with teaching.

Mr. Frasier: There really wasn't a certain thing that inspired me. I am passionate about the bible and love to study it. I love teaching and being able to share my love for the bible with my students. I am also very happy to be able to provide for my family with this job.

Mas Dimas: Jesus Christ inspired me to be a teacher. Since I just became a believer. He's still my role model until now. There's no one so far.



How long would you survive a zombie apocalypse? Why?

Mr. Mc Aliley: Zero percent of surviving a zombie apocalypse. Day-1 out.

Ms. Nizza: I think I would last for a very long time. I feel like I can survive for a year minimum. I've talked about this a lot with my friend and we have a plan. We know where we're going...we know who's in charge of what. But if it's only by myself, I think I wouldn't be able to survive that long. I think I would make it a week. If I'd be able to contact my homies, I think I'd be good.

Mr. Frasier: 5 minutes tops. Well... after hearing Mr. Mc Aliley's answer I decided that I would be "unkillable" and would survive the longest.

Mas Dimas: I will survive for a long time because fat people give off weird smells and sweat a lot. I'm pretty sure they're going to pass me.

After looking at their responses here do you guys at least feel like you know a little bit more about your teacher? If you still have questions...you should go and meet them!!

RETREAT!

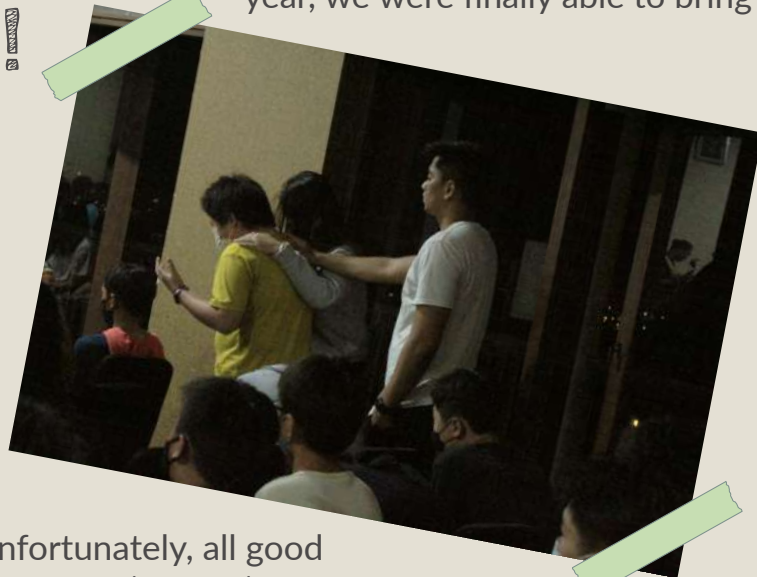
By Cris, Eugenia and Joas



Mountainview has many traditions that are loved by our students. Unfortunately, ever since Covid hit, our school has had to stop its activities, the biggest of which is retreat. Retreat is a time when all the secondary students and teachers can stay in a hotel together and spend two days playing games and worshipping together. By doing so, we can create a stronger bond between students and teachers. Retreat is a great time to show students what the Mountainview community is like here in the secondary. Thankfully, this year, we were finally able to bring back retreat.

HIGHLIGHTS!

This year the retreat was held at D'emmerick, also known as Salib Putih. Mr. Allan, our Bible teacher and two special guest speakers preached to us there. The three of them shared their testimony with us. The most memorable part of the retreat, in our opinion, was the night when Allan preached. He was talking about burdens and we're sure many of you reading this were touched by his sermon. However, we have memorable moments beyond just sermons: the games!! Although some of us—most of us—were injured we persevered through all the challenges. Why were we willing to endure all this? To get our teams to victory, of course! Congratulations to the Pink Group for winning the retreat!



Unfortunately, all good times must come to an end. When we reached the last session of retreat we—both the staff and students—blew up balloons with our names written on them. After that, we threw them across the room. Ms. BJ instructed us to get the nearest balloon and give it to the person whose name was written on it. Maybe some people found it pointless, but it helped teach us about the importance of teamwork in a community like Mountainview.



We are very thankful for the opportunity to go to retreat this year, an opportunity which wouldn't be possible without God. We hope that the retreat has taught you something memorable and reminded you of how good God is to us.

SPORTS CORNER

SOCCKER TIME!

Saturday, September 24th, our Mountainview soccer teams had the privilege of participating in the first MIT (Mountainview Invitational Tournament) we have had in 3 years. This was an exciting moment as the teams have been preparing and practicing hard. After the past few years of online school, students are finally getting used to having full sports seasons.

We started off the tournament at 8 am. We were all still barely awake, but we had to be ready to play on the wet field. As both teams stepped out on the field we cheered "FOR HIM." This is a cheer that I have known since I was a little kid, but I know that some people who are new here don't understand what it means. The reason we say 'For Him' is because when we step out on the field or court, we are playing our best all for the glory of God.

The girls played the first game and the boy's game was right after. The girls tied the first game, but the boys didn't play as well as they could have because of their high nerves. The next few games were really fun, as both teams hustled and played hard. The Varsity boys ended up losing to the JV boys. It was a fun game to watch because the JV boys played really hard and Jayden, the goalie, had some amazing blocks. After playing three games in the morning we had lunch provided by our team's Korean moms. After that, in the heat of the mid-day, the elimination rounds started. The girls' first elimination game was against Pandawa A, and we fought hard to win and move on to the finals. Sadly, the boys team didn't move forward to the finals. The girls' finals were against SA FC and we fought hard to prove we had more stamina than them. We won with a final score of 2-1, and walked off the field celebrating.



MIT SOCCER

2022



VOLLEYBALL TIME!

Many of us have been waiting for a new volleyball season and it's finally here! On Friday, October 6, we began our first volleyball MIT in 3 years. It was an amazing chance for the players to show off their skills and hard work from their practices. Many parents and students came to watch our volleyball teams hustle on the courts.

This year, the volleyball MIT lasted for two days. Our first day started with a round robin, where every team played against the others, fighting for their positions in the elimination round. On the second day, our boys team had their elimination round before the girls. It started at 8 am with a game against SMKN 1 Tenganan. It was a challenging game for the boys, as their opponents were very skilled players. Even though our boys team lost, they gave it their best and showed great sportsmanship. Our girls team had their elimination round at 9 am against SMKN 1 Tenganan. Our girls also lost the game, but they played their best.



Both of our teams ended up fighting for 3rd place. Our girls against Nusa Persada, while our boys went up against SMA Kr. 1. In their last game, the girls really showcased their skills and teamwork. They were able to catch up to their opponents' score and take 3rd place in the MIT. Go girls! The boys ended up coming in 4th place. Even though our boys came last, we are proud that they persevered through the end and kept a good attitude about their loss. Overall, we are grateful for our volleyball teams and are proud of them for their hard work this season, and that is a wrap for volleyball season 2022!

THEME STORY

ADAPTING TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

By Chris and Katie



This year our theme verse is Philippians 4:6-7 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

It can be hard to adapt to a new environment. Covid has affected us a lot in the past few years. Wifi issues, isolation, and lack of sunlight, are all issues that we’ve grown accustomed to over the pandemic. Now that school is finally becoming normal again, we decided to check on our seventh graders to see how they’re adapting.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT IN-PERSON SCHOOL?

Elijah : I like that you don’t have to depend on wifi, you also get to see people and study together with your friends which is a nice change.

DO YOU PREFER IN-PERSON SCHOOL OR ONLINE?

Bethany : I liked online school because I could work more at my own pace and it was easier to use online resources.



HOW HAS THE COVID PANDEMIC AFFECTED YOU?

Clifton : Ever since COVID started, I began to get out of shape and it also started to get lonely. It affected my grades because I wasn’t really that good during online classes and because my wifi is bad so it made paying attention tougher.

Paula : For me it was hard at first because we had to do online school and I didn’t know how to do computer things like google classroom. It was so hard for me at first, but after that it kinda became life and it hasn’t really affected me for the last few months. It was fun though, ‘cause we could like play games on zoom.



WHAT HAS BEEN THE MOST DIFFICULT TO ADJUST TO THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

Peter : I think the class schedule has to be one of the most difficult things to adjust to. The A and B days are complicated and different from what I was used to. Science is also pretty hard compared to primary.

Nadine : The longer classes, probably, cause lunch is later and i’m not used to that.

When everything changes we can find peace and stability in God. We can rely on Him during changing times. God will provide the resources and support to help us adjust to changing time through fellowship whether it’s by giving us friendship or through structure.

SHORTS

By Eugenia and Katie

17th of August



Recently you might have seen fireworks, flags, and an uptick in national pride. Wondering why?

This is because the 17th of August 1945, is Indonesian Independence day. We may not all celebrate this day, but to Indonesians it is very significant. This was the day when we gained liberty by fighting against the Dutch. Many attempts failed, but the country's heroes didn't give up and kept fighting for Indonesia's Independence.

Four years after Soekarno and Hatta proclaimed Independence. On November 2, 1949, Dutch and Indonesian officials signed the Round Table Conference Agreement. It brought the Dutch-Indonesian conflict to an end and secured the proclamation of Indonesia's Independence.



By Eugenia



The Nest

School Shop!



Are you hungry? Did you sleep in and forget a pencil case? Don't worry we've got you covered! On Monday, October 10th Mountainview's new Business Club opened a school shop!

The Nest is a one stop shop with everything you need to get through the day. No added order payments, or long walks to Indomart in the sun required. Now you can get everything you need without the hassle of leaving school. The Nest will provide you with beverages, snacks, and icecream, all at an affordable price! It will be open during the lunch period from 12:10 to 12:35 and after school during the teacher access time from 2:45 to 3:15 so you can get what you need any time during the school day.



By Katie

DORM LIFE

By Hajun

Hello guys, I am Hajun. I became a student at MCS in 2022, the same year I started living in the dorm. I'm here to tell you all about dorm life.

First of all, I am going to tell you about first impressions of the dorm kids. I was really nervous because all of the people in the dorm were strangers and because I was in a new place without my parents, but I was totally stressed out over nothing. I still remember that on the second day in the morning John, Yeseong, Yekang, and Edward invited me to run on the track before we ate breakfast. I think because of our shared interests and extra time spent together we easily got closer. They weren't the only ones easy to get close to. Other friends are also really kind to me. Especially Youngwon, who just taught me about some places in MCS and some survival skills to live in the dorm.

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DEVOTIONAL TIME

Lastly, I want to share about devotional time in the dorm. We have devotional time at 9:20 PM every day except Friday and Saturday. Monday through Thursday we read bible passages chosen by Sungminsam. After that we choose one verse and write it down and then write down our prayers. On Sunday we share the devotion of each person who wanted it shared. These times make us focus more on our God on a busy day.

Second, I will tell you who I am most thankful for in the dorm and MCS: the dorm parents, Sungminsam and Minsuksam. They feel like real parents and are always kind to us (and at the same time they make us more fat).

My favorite part of the dorm so far is the food.

Usually there are a lot of Korean foods. Even people who are not Korean like Joas, Eugenia, Olivia, Hans, Esther and Ben have already begun to enjoy it. Still some Korean foods are not to their taste, except for Ben. He loves Korean food more than real Korean. But they don't just feed us meals. After school when we come back to the dorm snacks are always prepared. Usually strawberry smoothie is everyone's favorite especially Hui Min's.



For us the dorm is home, so thank you for the opportunity to live here with great friends, great teachers, and great dorm parents.

ANNA'S CORNER

By Anna

The start of the school year is always a happy time for me. I'm excited to finally see my MCS friends after a long summer of separation. But I know my happiness and excitement will soon wear off as the pressure of my academic workload gets heavier. I wonder, "How can I stay happy when I'm tired and bored with my work?" (And I suspect I'm not the only one who might ask this question...) Well, one thing I've learned in all my years of school is that, "The Joy of the LORD is my strength." (Nehemiah 8:10)

Sometimes when I'm under pressure, I can sink into negativity even though I know there is no joy there. It happens when I can't yet see or feel the good in what I'm required to do. Colossians 3:1-2 helps me in that moment of temptation. It tells me, "Set your hearts on things above... Set your minds on things above." "Things above" means heavenly truths. The Bible tells me to think about God when I'm tempted to put my eyes on my problems. When I put my eyes on the problems, that's all I see - problems! There is no joy in that! But when I set the eyes of my heart on the things of God, then my life is filled with joy. ☐ "Happy Day! Happy Day! When Jesus washed my sins away!!!" (Doddridge, 1755).

Here's another example. Sometimes I'm in a dead sleep when my alarm goes off in the morning. The LAST thing I want to do at that moment is get up! But then my mom comes in the room singing, "This is the Day! This is the Day that the Lord has made!" (Garret, 2009). At that moment, I have a choice: I can either think about how yucky I feel about being woken up, OR I can join my mom in celebrating the new day. From experience, I know that my day is a lot happier when I choose to put my focus on the good. God is good!

So, if I could speak a word of encouragement to you all BEFORE the start of your difficulties at school, I would encourage you to develop a strategy of ways you can set your heart and mind on "things above" when faced with a choice of positive or negative thinking. Memorize hymns and spiritual songs that you can just start singing when faced with the hardships of life. It takes practice and will-power to remember God when your sinful nature wants to complain, but it is not impossible. The joy of the Lord will then become your strength to help you overcome those hardships. And you won't feel so alone in the process, because Jesus promised that His presence would be with us always and forever, "even to the very end of the age." (Mt 28:20)

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