



Garces Memorial High School

"Educating youth to fulfill the Mission of Jesus Christ"



Parent Newsletter

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Letter from the President

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On Thursday, February 2, a contingency of Garces Memorial High School administrators and students will be attending the Installation Mass of the Most Reverend Armando Xavier Ochoa, D.D. as the Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno. As a school and community, we welcome Bishop Ochoa. We are blessed and fortunate to have this wonderful leader.

As a school and as a community, we are blessed in so many ways. Through the generosity and support of you, our community, we have recently completed our new 8-court tennis complex, which opened last fall. The facility was immediately christened by our girl's tennis team, who won our first Division 1 Section Championship in the rich and long history of our school. Thank you to all of you who contributed to or took part in this amazing and impressive

project. Congratulations to Coach Barb Johnston, Assistant Coach Nathan Holmes, and the members of the team.

On Saturday, March 10, we will be hosting our annual Formal Night Gala, which this year will be held at Seven Oaks Country Club. It will be followed by our Casual Night Gala, which will be held on the Garces Memorial campus on Friday, March 16. These two events, which consist of dinner and oral and silent auctions, are excellent opportunities for our parents, guardians, and friends to enjoy a wonderful meal, socialize in a warm and fun-filled environment, bid on beautiful items, and support our school in the process. All proceeds go directly to Garces Memorial to ensure the continued growth and success

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From the Principal's Desk

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I hope that all our parents and grandparents enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate Mass and the informal social with your students and our faculty and staff during Catholic Schools Week here at Garces the last week in January. I do know your sons and daughters thoroughly enjoyed the "Free Dress" and "Junk Food Day" in the Cafeteria. To begin the week, they assisted in sending thank you cards to our local clergy and members of the community for their ongoing support of Catholic Education at Garces. It is only with both your and their continued support that we will be successful in providing a learning environment where our students can also develop spiritually, enabling them to recognize their potential as People of God.

I and the entire Garces Memorial High School faculty and staff want to thank you for your outstanding support, both financial and physical. There is no other school in Bakersfield or the San Joaquin Valley for that matter that can truthfully say they have

a more active, involved and giving group of parents and alumni. I continually hear how parents, faculty and staff from other schools are pleasantly surprised and always impressed when they visit the Garces campus and facilities. They too readily recognize an exceptional support group when they see it for themselves. If you have the opportunity in your discussions with friends, neighbors and co-workers with soon-to-be high school age children, on behalf of our Admissions team of Myka Peck and Lou Ann Durrett and myself, we would ask for your help by sharing your thoughts on the many advantages and benefits gained by those that choose to attend Garces Memorial High School.

Garces students have already been blessed this year with the opportunity to compete in several Valley Championship contests in our fall sports programs. I look forward

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First Semester Honor Roll 2011-2012

3.5 GPA & Above

<u>CLASS OF 2012</u>				
Haley Abrams	Griffin Riley	Christina Ling	Samantha Highfield	Nathan Esch
Ashley Alvarez	Anthony Rinaldi	Olivia Lipco	Tyler Hughes	Allen Eschete
Matthew Austin	Sandra Rodriguez	Callie Luttrell	Collin Jamieson	Lilyana Espinoza
Nicole Bayne	Vanessa Romero	Alexander Middleton	Bo Kyung Kim	Maria Etcheverry
Joseph Bedard	Paloma Rosales	William Naworski	Sara Klang	Mazzie Ferguson
Morgan Bell	Sarah Ruiz	Thomas Newman	Elizabeth Kloock	Moriah Franco
Kayla Bernardino	Jessica Samson	Teresa Nowatzki	Lea Lavilla	Sydney Garza
Ann Berry	Alexandra Scott	Keely Palla	Emily Leyva	Maveric Guzman
Riley Boylan	Nicholas Shelton	Mary Paquette	Andrea Loreto	Kyle Haffermann
Gabriel Buenviaje	Paige Smith	Natalie Pardo	Stephanie Lugo	Juan Hernandez
Julian Bugnosen	Erica Solum	Alexander Rinaldi	Ivana Martinez	Andrew Hoang
Kenneth Camaclang	Michael Soper	Aleseya Romanov	Rachael Metzger	Rachel Hoover
Jared Carpenter	Stephanie Stier	Jacqueline Root	Rikkie Meyeres	Abby Hulsey
Seth Champness	Gabrielle Strasser	Kenya Rummelsburg	Murielle Morales	Elizabeth Jamison
Chan Chung	Kaitlin Swift	Christian Sanders	Jaclyn Morris	Mina Kim
Cara Clayton	Daniel Taylor	Ivan Sandoval	Andrew Munoz	Kyle Klingenger
Alexandra Cody	Edgar Tovar	Anne Shambaugh	Francisco Ojeda	Mateo Lopez
Michael Coppola	Zoe Tucker	Mark Steele	Bettina Marie Pasamba	Peter Louden
Megan Cullor	Morgan Turner	Thomas Stevenson	Julianna Perez	Tehnad Mangat
Ashley Datinguinoo	Katherine Vandborg	Pia Sumineg	Ryan Recicar	Althea Martinez
Taylor DeBoer	Jacquelyn VanderPoel	Jacob Sweaney	Joseph Roach	Abaigeal McCormick
Carl Demler	Megan Varga	Cassidy Swift	Alexandria Rodriguez	Kylie Minor
Alexis Dodenhoff	Justin Verrell	James Taylor	Mariana Roldan	Oriana Montiel
Sean Dodenhoff	Tammy Vu	Brooke Terrio	Joseph Salvucci	Katherine Morton
Jasmine Dosanjh	Alexander Wooner	John Thomson	Carol Sandoval	Natalie Moss
Karanpreet Dosanjh	Samantha Zavala	Julieta Tovmasyan	Da Yea Shim	Yolanda Navarro
Barbara Duran	<u>CLASS OF 2013</u>	Rachel Whynot	Brooke Shumate	Lyndsey Naworski
Katherine Ebel	John Anspach	Morgan Wilkins	Becky Siharath	Victoria Nguyen
Catherine Evans	Margaret Arriola	Chandler Wright	Sean Smith	Alexander Ortiz
Patrick Farley	Madeline Atchison	<u>CLASS OF 2014</u>	Jacob Stuart	Dane Padilla
Brian Fox	Shanygne Baltao	Shea Andrew	Caroline Tague	Matt Pandol
TG Galario	Braden Bautista	Claire Anspach	Madison Todd	Natalie Pandol
Jaysun Gomez	Brock Burger	Teren Bangi	Taylor Uribe	Ashley Pascual
Katherine Greene	Lauren Cholakian	Jamie Kristen Barnhill	Haley Witt	Made Prasadha
Rocio Guerrero	Heather Domingo	Chad Campbell	Camille Wood	Sterling Riley
Margarito Guzman	Michael Duran	Alexandra Campos	Ryan Young	Amanda Rodriguez
Darian Hensen	Madeline Ebel	Dominique Campos	<u>CLASS OF 2015</u>	Kendall Rudie
DongJu Hwang	Jacob Elliott	Ali Champness	Mark Anthony Albandia	Paige Sakowski
Jin Seok Kim	Conrad Esch	Cameron DeBoer	Trey Alderete	Nanette Schweitzer
Zachary Kloock	Mason Etcheverry	Vincent Del Papa	Joseph Antongiovanni	Jack Scott
Christina Lee	Noelle Farrer	Katherine Deming	Nicoleta Apperti	Renee Senining
Nikolaos Lelopoulos	Joie Garcia	Satinder Dhindsa	Amanda Armstrong	John Soper
Logan Lirette	Ulysses Giumarra	Harjot Dosanjh	Logan Aspeitia	Matthew Staugaard
Samantha Lombardo	Lauren Graham	Anthony Echeverria	Domenique Barnes	Shelby Stewart
Kenneth Lopez	Felicia Hasta	Julie Elizagoyen	Paris Barnes	Jenna Storey
Andrew Louden	Caleb Hawkesworth	John Evans	Samuel Birchfield	Sonia Talamantes
Madeline Lundy	Melissa Hernandez	Andrew Farr	Zachary Boone	Samantha Thomas
Connor Lynn	Crimson Hochhalter	Justin Gapper	Bridget Boylan	Samuel Tobias
Hannah Martin	Jacob Hoffman	Seth Garza	Gurleen Brar	Stephanie Torres
Laura Meert	Nicklaus Houston	Kathryn Giggy	Adrianna Buenviaje	Emily Tovar
Julia Miller	Gary Hubl	Jagjeet Gill	Blair Burkhart	Kelsey Turner
Emily Moore	Bryanna Insley	Sarah Grimes	Hyun Jung Cha	Kathryn VanderPoel
Sabrina Parlan	Frances Klingenger	Paige Gruszka	Sheldon Croney	Victoria Vargas
Charles Paulsen	Victoria Kovacevich	Kate Hamilton	Francesca Darquea	Luke Vazquez
Beau-Riley Pearson	Luminne Lavilla	Tristan Hammans	Erica Delgado	Alexis Villanueva
	Yuxuan Li	Jonathan Hernandez	Amandeep Dhaliwal	Jae Woong Yoon
			Daniel Ebersole-Ramirez	Jewelee Zaninovich

2011 Fall Sports Honors

Boys' Water Polo **Congratulations to the 2011 CIF Central Section Division 3 Valley Champions Varsity**

Team Record: 17-5 (EYL Champions)
Most Valuable Player: Patrick Farley
Coaches Award: Seth Champness, Luigi Soper, John Samson, Carl Demler

Jockey Club Award Winner - Patrick Farley

2011 EYL All-League Selections
Most Valuable Player: Patrick Farley

1st Team EYL
Spencer Kerwin
Seth Champness
2nd Team EYL
Sean Dodenhoff

Honorable Mention EYL
John Samson, Cameron DeBoer, Luigi Soper

2011 All Valley Selections
Most Valuable Player: Sean Dodenhoff

1st Team All Valley
Seth Champness, Patrick Farley, Spencer Kerwin

2nd Team All Valley
Luigi Soper

All Valley Honorable Mention
John Samson, Cameron DeBoer

Senior All-Star Game Selections
Coach: Sean Farley
Seth Champness, Sean Dodenhoff,
Patrick Farley, Luigi Soper

Junior Varsity
Team Record: 8-6 (3rd Place EYL)
Most Valuable Player: Isiah Rodriguez
Coaches Award:
Chad Campbell, Vincent Del Papa

Girls' Golf **Team Record: 5-0 in SEYL Match Play (SEYL Champions)**

MVP: Jasmine Rodriguez
Most Improved: Caitlyn Bradford
Coaches Award: Stephie Valdez

2011 All-League Selections
Jasmine Rodriguez, Caitlyn Bradford,
Breanna Bradford, Stephie Valdez

2011 All-Area Selection
Second Team - Jasmine Rodriguez

Jockey Club Award Winner:
Jasmine Rodriguez

**See Page 11 for
the amazing
Ram Football Honor
Information**

Girls' Tennis **2011 CIF Central Section Division 1 Valley Champions Varsity**

Team Record: 25-2 (SEYL Champions)
2011 All-Area Selections
All-Area Coach of the Year – Barb Johnston-Hill
MVP: Gracie Jacobs

Most Inspirational: Annie Berry
Coaches Award:

Crimson Hochhalter and Zoe Tucker

Individual SEYL Finals:
Gracie Jacobs - SEYL Singles Champion
Zoe Tucker & Crimson Hochhalter –
SEYL Doubles Champion

Jockey Club Award Winners:
Gracie Jacobs, Crimson Hochhalter, Zoe Tucker

Junior Varsity
Team Record: 16-0 (SEYL Champions)
MVP: Gracie Zaninovich
Coaches Award: Annie Shambaugh

GO RAMS!

Girls' Water Polo **Varsity**

Team Record: 14-11 (4th Place EYL)
Most Valuable Player: Haley Abrams
Coaches Award: Laura Meert
Most Improved: Katie Ebel

Jockey Club Award Winner - Haley Abrams

2011 EYL All-League Selections

1st Team EYL:

Haley Abrams

2nd Team EYL:

Laura Meert, Joie Garcia

Honorable Mention EYL:

Katie Ebel, Rikkie Meyeres, Jessica Samson

2011 All Valley Selections

1st Team All Valley

Haley Abrams

Laura Meert

2nd Team All Valley

Katie Ebel, Rikkie Meyeres

All Valley Honorable Mention

Joie Garcia

Senior All-Star Game Selections

Laura Meert, Haley Abrams,

Katie Ebel, Jessica Samson

Junior Varsity
Team Record: 9-8 (3rd Place EYL)
Most Valuable Player: Breann Bonkosky
Coaches Award: Mary Kate Paquette
Most Improved: Kendall Rudie

Volleyball **Varsity**

Team Record: 20-12 (SEYL Champions)

Most Valuable Player: Rachol West

Coaches Award: Lauren Mettler

Most Inspirational: Molly Tobias

2011 All-Area Selections

Second Team, Rachol West

Honorable Mention

Rachel Hoover, Natalie Pardo, Molly Tobias

2011 SEYL All-League Selections

Most Valuable Player - Rachol West

Rookie of the Year - Rachel Hoover

First Team - Lauren Mettler,

Natalie Pardo, Stevie Stier, Molly Tobias,

Second Team - Kayla Bernardino

Honorable Mention -Jackie Root

Jockey Club Award Winners:

Stevie Stier

Junior Varsity

Team Record: 17-8 (SEYL Champions)

Co-Most Valuable Players:

Paige Gruszka and Lyndsey Naworski

Heart of a Ram: Alyssa Alvarez

Freshmen

Team Record: 14-12 (SEYL 2nd Place)

Most Valuable Player: Hannah Arvizu

Coaches Award: Stephanie Torres

Boys' Cross Country **Varsity**

Most Valuable Runner: Aaron Gonzalez

Most Inspirational: Seth Garza

Thomas Newman

Coaches Award: Anthony Echeverria

Jockey Club Award Winner:

Aaron Gonzalez

Junior Varsity

Most Valuable Runner: Peter Loudon

Most Inspirational: Adam Zanoff

Coaches Award: Andrew Hoang

Girls' Cross Country **Varsity**

2011 All-Area Selection

Honorable Mention

Marie Navea-Huff

Most Valuable Runner: Marie Navea-Huff

Most Inspirational: Tahlia Thomas

Coaches Award: Sydney Garza

Junior Varsity

Team Award Winners:

Most Valuable Runner: Emily Tate

Most Inspirational: Marissa Machado

Coaches Award: Arianna Giggy

**Best wishes to all
our Winter Sports
Teams!**

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to watching them and reporting back to you on their success as they compete in similar contests as members of our outstanding winter and spring extracurricular teams. I also had the pleasure to attend our young Mock Trial team's matches as they took 3rd place in this year's Kern County competition. They not unlike our football team can quote the Terminator Arnold Schwarzenegger movie catchphrase and tell their competition, "I'll be back".

I want to close by again thanking all the many members of our Booster and Parents' Club and also many PSI parents for their help in completing this very successful year for Garces, and I look forward to seeing many of you at one of our Gala events or one of our other many spring, extra-curricular student activities here at Garces Memorial High School!
Go Rams!

God bless you, your sons and daughters and your entire family this day, and every day.

Heritage Christian Schools
That's Amore 2012

"An Evening in Napa"

Heritage Christian Schools
cordially invites you to an evening of
wine and fine dining
with silent and oral auctions

Friday, March 2, 2012,
six o'clock in the evening at
Bakersfield Country Club

For ticket information please
contact Addie Campbell
at 203-8516



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of our school. I encourage you to attend one or both of the events. For information about times, ticket costs, and other information, please contact our Director of Advancement, Ms. Tonya Abbott, at (661) 327-2578, ext. 118.

The Annual Fund Drive and **PARENTS AS PARTNERS APPEAL** continues, and I continue to ask for your support. With the state of our society being what it is today, a curriculum that educates not only the mind and the body, but also the heart and the soul of our youth, has never been more critical. A Christian education, founded on the teachings and traditions of our Catholic faith, has never been more needed. Unfortunately, with the state of our economy being what it is today, this type of education has never been more expensive or costly. In order to continue to offer this important educational alternative at its highest, most valuable level, while keeping the cost of tuition affordable for all of you, we must find alternative methods of financial support for our school and our many spiritual, academic and extracurricular programs. To continue to attract and retain the most qualified and committed faculty and staff to support and enhance these programs, we must constantly find new methods of revenue building. The Annual Fund Drive and **PARENTS AS PARTNERS PROGRAM**, is our most effective means of raising the monies needed. This Drive, while not the most glamorous, is the most critical to the continued effectiveness and success of our school. I know that you have already made many personal sacrifices to send your child(ren) to Garces Memorial. I must ask for your support once more. ***If 100% of our families give something – give as generously as possible while within their means – this drive will be an overwhelming success.*** I would like to personally thank those who have had the opportunity to contribute financially to this Drive. I would like to ask those of you who

have not yet contributed to join in supporting this Drive. There is no greater gift that one can give than for the education of their children. If you have questions or desire more information, please refer to our website or call me at 327-2578, ext. 116.

I am very excited about the quality of the applicant pool for the Class of 2016. I want to thank the Admissions team for the conscientious and thorough attention given to this year's admissions campaign. Through their efforts and with the enthusiastic support and cooperation of our local parish pastors: **Msgr. Michael Braun** (Our Lady of Perpetual Help), **Fr. Joachim Cheon** (San Clemente Mission) **Fr. Dan Coyle** (Sacred Heart), **Fr. Carlos Esquivel** (Our Lady of Guadalupe), **Msgr. Stephen Frost** (Christ the King), **Msgr. Craig Harrison** (St. Francis of Assisi), **Msgr. Ronald Swett** (St. Philip the Apostle), **Fr. Miguel Flores** (St. Joseph's), **Msgr. Perry Kavookjian** (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton), and **Fr. Patrick Davadilla** (St. Malachy) along with their grammar school administration and staff and their C.C.D. and Youth Coordinators, we were able to reach out to every Catholic family in the community. A special thank you is extended to Ms. Lou Ann Durrett, Ms. Myka Peck, and all those who gave of their time, effort, and expertise to assist in this effort.

As we enter the Lenten season, may we all come to more fully understand and appreciate all that Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ did and continues to do for us. He suffered, was crucified, died, and rose from the dead so that we would be saved. We are all so very blessed for His love and the many gifts He has given us.

Thank you so very much and God bless you for your continued belief in and support of the mission and direction of Garces Memorial High School.

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE TUITION IS DUE IN FULL BY MAY 1, 2012 -- FOR ALL STUDENTS

TUITION

Tuition payments are due on the 1st of every month. A late fee is charged after the 10th. Timely tuition payments are expected and very much appreciated!!

Your tuition statement is now available to view online through NetClassroom. Click on the Billing tab to see your tuition statement which includes charges and payments. The online statements are updated at the end of each week. Please note the online statement will only appear for the person that is listed on file at the school as the "responsible party". Usually, that will be under the father's name. If you need assistance in logging into NetClassroom, please contact Mr. Doug Dill at ext. 113.

Tuition payments can also be made online through the Garces website: www.garces.org. Please call Mrs. Leticia Rodriguez in the Business Office at 327-2578 ext. 114 if you have any questions.

All accounts must be paid in full by May 1, 2012, in order for the student to take final examinations, unless prior arrangement has been made with the Business Office. Tuition for senior students must be paid in full by May 1, 2012, in order for the student to participate in graduation ceremonies.

www.garces.org

The budget for the 2012-2013 academic year (including tuition) will be determined by the School Board in mid-April. Notification of the tuition amount and the 2012-2013 Financial Obligation Contracts will be mailed out to every family by May 1, 2012. **The Financial Obligation Contract along with the Registration Fee is due in the Business Office by June 1, 2012.**

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid applications for the 2012-2013 academic year are due no later than Wednesday, February 15, 2012. Applications must be submitted each year, regardless of whether or not aid was awarded in prior years. Financial aid awards are not automatically renewed. Late applications will be accepted; however, funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis depending on funds available. Award letters will be mailed in late March or early April. If financial aid is granted, the parent(s) and student(s) must sign and return the award letter by the end of April. Failure to do so will result in financial aid being withdrawn. Please visit our website at www.garces.org for more information.

REGISTRATION/ACTIVITY FEE

The Registration/Activity Fee for 2012-2013 will be \$425.00 for Freshmen, \$450.00 for Sophomores, and \$400.00 for Juniors and Seniors. The fee for underclassmen includes the cost of the mandatory Student Retreat. The Registration/Activity Fee is non-refundable. **This fee is due June 1, 2012.** If paid prior to April 30, 2012, the family will receive a credit of 10 PSI hours. **If this fee is not paid in full by June 30, 2012, then the Registration/Activity Fee will increase to \$600.00.**

The Registration and Activities Fee pays for P.S.A.T./C.O.P.S. testing, Yearbook costs, subscription to Rampage (student newspaper), admission to all home athletic contests (excluding play-offs), two (2) customized organizer/day planners (which include the student handbook, bell schedule, school calendar, general school information), one for the student to carry at school and one for the parents/guardians, one (1) lock for student body lockers and unlimited Scantron testing forms distributed by faculty on exam days. In addition, the fees help support the cost of computer software in the library and computer science room, graduation, science and art supplies, ASB activities, moderator stipends, Parent Club activities, and student retreats.



Academic News

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The second semester is off to a great start. It is hard to believe that Lent and Easter are right around the corner. As Spring fever sets in, please encourage your student to continue their hard work.

First Semester Grades

If your student earned a grade of D+, D, D-, or F in any class on the first semester report card, please call your student's counselor to discuss enrollment in summer school at Garces Memorial to remediate the grade. All grades of "F" must be remediated in summer school. While a grade in the D range is passing and does not require remediation, most colleges and universities will not accept any grade of D+, D, or D-. (Mrs. Poochigian (ext. 112) for freshmen, Mrs. Limi (ext. 158) for soph/jr/sr A - K, and Mrs. Sakowski (ext. 174) for soph/jr/sr L-Z)

Academic Probation/Ineligibility

Students who earned a G.P.A below 2.0 at both the October and January grading periods are now considered to be under Extracurricular Ineligibility for the entire third quarter. For all students in this situation, letters were mailed to parents in late January. If there is any question as to the status of your child in terms of their ability to participate in extracurricular

activities please contact my office at your convenience. Students under Extracurricular Ineligibility are not allowed to be present, as a participant or as a spectator, at any Garces sponsored, extracurricular activity. This includes but is not limited to: dances, practice, sporting events, performances, recitals, competitions, auditions, or other school events.

These sanctions are intended to motivate students to refocus their attention on their classroom responsibilities. Students under Extracurricular Ineligibility who respond positively to these sanctions and improve their grades must still wait the duration of the period of ineligibility before being able to participate in any C.I.F game or sporting event. Students who wish to maintain contact with their extracurricular groups while Ineligible can ONLY do so under very strict conditions established in writing with office of the Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs.

Second Semester Grades/Progress Reports

Student grades are available to parents and students at any time on their NetClassroom account. However, an online (pdf) report card will be posted to NetClassroom on four occasions each semester; the first progress

report on February 22, the mid-term (quarter) grade on March 28, a second progress report on April 25, and final semester grades in late May. The mid-term grades will be used when determining Extracurricular Eligibility for the fourth quarter.

Seniors

As a reminder, seniors must pass all second semester courses with a D- or better (60%) in order to participate in any graduation ceremonies. There is a mandatory Graduation meeting for seniors and parents on April 12 at 7:30 PM in Monsignor Leddy Hall.

Juniors

The counselors are beginning to schedule meetings with juniors and their parents to discuss college plans. Junior families should also look at the school calendar and begin making plans to take the SAT and ACT. Simply repeating the test will not generally increase scores but repeating a test and studying in between and/or taking a test prep course can significantly increase student scores for these very important standardized tests.

On Line Registration for Next Year's Classes

Garces Memorial students register for classes on-line through NetClassroom. Counselors

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Dean's Notes

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Student Drivers

As 16th birthdays come around we generally have a new batch of student drivers. Please remind your sons and daughters that all student drivers are expected to park their vehicle in the student lot and that parking passes (available for \$20 in the business office) are required. Naturally, the rules of the road apply on school property and will be fairly enforced including statutes regarding cell phone use and underage passengers. As a reminder, at no time should a person be in a moving vehicle without wearing a seatbelt. Driving while talking on the phone is illegal and hazardous to all. And, no person under the age of 18 is to transport another person under the age of 24 for one full year after receiving a license. Student drivers will be stopped and questioned if this is observed. Please join us in encouraging your children to keep this as safe a campus as possible.

Student Handbook Changes

We are busy making preparations for the next academic year and I value your thoughts on the school's discipline policies. Please contact me so that the Administrative Team may consider your input before we make our final decision on these policies for next year. The Administrative team will finalize the handbook by mid-April so please email me, leave me a message or drop by my office any time between now and then.

Attendance Limits

Garces Memorial limits the number of absences (unexcused AND excused) a student may have in any given class. The frequency and pattern of the absences are both significant factors but as a guideline, any student who misses more than ten class meetings per semester has put themselves at risk of losing credit in that class. These policies are intended to prevent students from missing school for frivolous or arbitrary reasons. In cases of documented medical necessity and other extreme circumstances the school will work with parents to create reasonable academic expectations that can be completed as their child is away from campus. The policies are outlined in detail on pages 43 - 46 of the Student Handbook. If you receive a letter alerting you to a high number of absences (usually when a student reaches four) please do not be alarmed but make appropriate adjustments so that your student does not put themselves at risk of losing credit. Remember, missing 30 minutes of any class will be recorded as an absence for that class. Please contact the Dean's Office if there are any questions.

Attendance and Participation in Extracurricular School Activities

A student may not be permitted to attend or participate in any extra-curricular activity if he/

she misses more than one class period or leaves school before the end of the day due to illness or unexcused absence. Please see page 46 for further information.

Junior/Senior Prom

Plans are already being made for this year's Junior/Senior Prom. In the interest of continuing the tradition of making this a wholesome event, please make sure your sons or daughters are appropriately dressed for the occasion. A dress shirt with a tie, slacks, and dress shoes is appropriate for young men and a formal dress which covers "armpits to knees" and dress shoes would be appropriate for young ladies. If there is any question about the appropriateness of an outfit please contact my office before removing the tags.

Senior/Summer Trips

"The End is Near!" Summer is just around the corner and many vacation plans are already being made. This is a reminder that Garces Memorial High School does not sponsor, endorse or encourage any "senior" trips. These trips are organized independently and are not, in any way school affiliated. The school assumes no responsibility or liability for "senior" or summer trips.

Parent Club Corner

By Ellen Solum, President

The Garces Parent Club would like to congratulate the fall and winter sports teams, fine arts students, speech and debate, mock trial, cheerleading teams and all students with academic success. We are so proud of all of our Garces students!

Garces has many events coming up and many opportunities for everyone to be involved with their student(s). E-blasts will continue to inform you of the date, time and location of these wonderful events. Parent participation is so important for the success of our school and is a priceless way of bonding with our children. Garces parents, you have been very gracious this school year with your time and efforts. The students and school are better because of the gifts of your time and talents. Thank you!

Our next Parent Club meeting is set for Wednesday, February 29 at 6:30 pm in the Garces Library. Msgr. Craig Harrison will be our guest speaker and will be giving us invaluable insight into the issues that he deals with in today's teenagers.

The last Parent Club Family Mass and Breakfast will be on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 am with Mass in the chapel and breakfast immediately following (date change from the Green Book).

Another important date change is that of the annual Parent/Student Communion Breakfast sponsored by the Campus Spiritual Support Group. Due to the installation of our new bishop, the new date is Tuesday, February 28 with Mass at 7:00 and the breakfast immediately following. Msgr. Craig Harrison from St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be our keynote speaker.

Please save the date of Thursday, April 19 for our 2nd annual Spring Parent Social at 6:00 pm in the grotto. This is a great way to wind down our school year and welcome the parents of incoming freshman.

The members of the Campus Spiritual Support Group meet every Monday morning at 8 am in the chapel to pray the Rosary. You are cordially invited to participate in this wonderful prayer time. The Rosary is prayed for different students, families and staff. The next CSSG meeting will be on Wednesday, March 14 from 7-8:30 pm in the Board Room. All are most welcome to participate in this great spiritual ministry for our students.

School masses are also held every month at 9:50 am. The dates coming up are Ash Wednesday, February 22 and Wednesday, March 14 with Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, March 27.

www.garces.org

ASB Update

By Myka Peck, Director of Activities
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In the past three months our ASB has been focusing a great deal on our winter formal. This year our motto has been "New Places New Adventures." The theme of our formal was Winter Wonderland. On January 28th, Party Palace located on 19th Street was transformed into a night of magic. The students have worked a great deal of making this formal unique and different from the others. The night was filled with snowflakes and memories to remember.

We have also continued to enhance our Catholic Schools week at Garces. We will be recognizing our administration, faculty, teachers, parents, grandparents, and community members for all of their continued support in catholic Education. Lastly we will create a special day for our students. More information to come in the near future. Catholic Schools Week is January 30th through February 3rd.

Also, our winter sports rally will be February 17th. We will be showcasing our cheerleaders, Garces players, Mock Trial, Academic Decathlon and winter sports athletes. All are welcome to attend but I have to let you know that sitting is not allowed. We must show our Ram Pride being loud and proud!!!

We would like to thank all of our parents' support that we have received throughout this year. We greatly appreciated all the water and snacks donated to us for Sadie, the night turned out great and good enjoyment for all. Your donations are greatly appreciated. We would like to thank you ahead of time for all your support in the future.

Calendar Changes to Note:

CSSG

**Communion Breakfast
with Monsignor Craig Harrison
Tuesday, February 28 at 7 a.m.**

Parent Club

**Family Mass & Breakfast
Wednesday, March 21 at 7 a.m.**

The Garces Players

By Max Jacobs
Theater and Drama Director

Garces Memorial has a tradition of putting senior students in charge of a student produced production of "One Act" plays. This year is no different, yet very different! Along with four student directed and acted One Acts, there will be talent portions to the production. There will be student written and acted short skits along with an array of musical performances making this year's production more of a variety show.

There are four senior students who will each be directing a One Act. **Joey Bedard** will direct "Cheating", **Morgan Turner** will direct "The Two Halves of Andrew's Brain", **Ashley Datinguino** will direct "I Can't Think Of It Right Now", and **Paige Smith** will direct "Responsibility". There will also be a fifth play directed by Garces Theater and Drama Director, **Mr. Max Jacobs**. Also performing is a Garces student band, "**Color Blind**" made up of three outstanding student musicians, **Anthony Rinaldi, Chuck Paulsen and Adam Zano**ff.

Joey Bedard who is directing "Cheating" says the premise of the play is a simple one. A student who is struggling with studying for an exam is offered a copy of the test. According to Joey, "I chose to direct this play as it offers the audience an opportunity to examine their own conscience and to reflect on what they would do if placed in the same position." The play stars **Ella Bonilla and Renee Senining** along with **Caroline Tague and Frances Klingenberg**. Student director **Morgan Turner** chose her play, "The Two Halves of Andrew's Brain", as she thought it would be challenging and rewarding to direct a cast of 13 actors in a play that is a comedy about how a brain works. **PJ Peirce** plays Andrew and **Ivan Sandoval and Teresa Nowatzki** have lead roles.

The One Acts take place February 9th, 10th and 11th in Monsignor Leddy Hall at Garces Memorial High School. The public is invited to attend.

Please check the Garces website for show-times!

Counseling Report

By Debra Sakowski
Director of Counseling
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Welcome back to an exciting New Year! It is hard to believe we are nearly half way through this school year. As we move quickly through our second semester, please note the following important dates and deadlines coming up for your students.

COURSE REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR

Garces Memorial students register for their classes via Net Classroom. Students will complete this process, with the guidance of our counselors, on-line, in the library, February 3rd, through February 15th. The students will fill out a course request worksheet, have it signed by a parent or guardian, and return this worksheet to their counselor. These worksheets and final on-line course requests must be returned by February 17th. If you have not seen and signed off on your student's requests for next year by the 17th, please call your counselor immediately.

CURRENT STUDENT REGISTRATION NIGHT

Mr. Susank and the school counselors will be presenting a Current Student Registration Night on February 1, 2012 @ 6:30 pm. in Monsignor Leddy Hall to explain to parents how their students select courses that will help them attain their post high school goals. Information will also be given about the Honors and Advanced Placement course request process. Counselors will present, in group format, a brief informational session on "Understanding Your Test Results" for the READISTEP and PSAT. Please schedule an appointment with your counselor if you would like to address specific questions regarding your student's test score results.

HONORS CONTRACTS

Students who wish to enroll in an Honors and/or Advanced Placement course for the 2012-2013 school year must complete an Honors Contract. Students may obtain a contract from Ms. Chavez in the Counseling Center beginning on February 3rd. The forms will also be available during registration sessions in the library. Students must return the completed contract to the head of each department by February 17th. Even if you are currently enrolled in an Honors class for this year, you must reapply for the next school year.

SEMESTER GRADES

If your student received a "D" or "F" in any course, for the semester, they will need to remediate (make-up) that course during Summer School. Counselors have sent letters home informing parents and students of the courses requiring remediation. They have also made recommendations for those core courses which will need to be remediated for students wanting to attend a four year college immediately upon graduation from Garces. Please contact your student's counselor if you have questions regarding remediation of course work.

FREE APPLICATION for FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

This is a very important time for those students seeking college financial aid for the 2012 – 2013 academic year. The FAFSA forms are available on-line at www.fasfa.ed.gov. All colleges require a FAFSA form for students to be eligible for financial aid, including school and federal grants, scholarships, subsidized loans and work-study. Priority filing dates are from January 1, 2012 to March 2, 2012. If a student wishes priority consideration for financial aid, the FAFSA form must be in by March 2nd. Some schools will require financial aid forms to be filed before the March 2 deadline (as early as mid January!!). It is important to check with each college's financial aid office for deadlines. Students submitting applications after March 2nd cannot be guaranteed financial aid. To expedite the processing of your application, file on-line at www.fasfa.ed.gov.

CSS PROFILE

Some colleges have separate financial aid applications to complete and return to the school directly. More often, a general form, the CSS PROFILE, published by the College Scholarship Service at www.collegeboard.com is required. Students should check with each college's financial aid office to determine if they require the PROFILE or other documentation.

CAL GRANT/GRADE POINT AVERAGE VERIFICATION FORM (Please note electronic submission)

Cal Grants are awards funded by the state with a small portion funded by the Federal Government. The awards do not have to be paid back. To be considered for a Cal Grant Award, in addition to submitting the FAFSA, seniors must also make sure they submit a certified Grade Point Average (GPA) to the California Student Aid Commission by March 2, 2012. This year, if you returned the form giving Garces permission to access your student's social security number for the purpose of submitting the GPA online, Garces will submit your GPA electronically to the commission's system. If your student did not return this form, they will need to print a GPA Verification Form (access online @ www.csac.ca.gov) and return to their counselor so that the high school GPA can be verified. Students will then be responsible for mailing this form prior to the March 2nd deadline. Remember, the GPA is calculated on a 4.0 (non-weighted) scale using all academic course work for the sophomore and junior years only. Extra weighting will not be given for honors and advanced placement classes. Using this system, GPA's are often lower than what is listed on a senior transcript. Again, the filing deadline for a Cal Grant is March 2, 2011, and no late applications are considered.

CASH FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOP

California Cash for College is a partnership program of the California Student Aid Commission and regional partners across California. Their mission is to provide free, in-person help to college and career bound students and families completing the Free Application for Federal

Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form. There are several Cash for College Workshops offered at various high school throughout Kern County. Please visit the website @ www.csac.ca.gov or see your counselor for a listing of these workshops.

MONEY FOR COLLEGE!!!

A variety of scholarship opportunities are available on the Family Connection website including: essay contests; academic achievements; culture & ethnicity; and college major interests. Each scholarship has an application and a deadline. In addition to our list, students can go to FASTWEB.com or scholarships.com for more opportunities. The money is available but the student must apply.

AP EXAMS

Test Dates: May 7th-17th, 2012

Each exam costs \$86.00. Students must register (pay their fee) by Friday, March 23, 2012. Late registration will not be accepted! Payment is made in the Business Office located in the Administration building. Please make your check payable to Garces Memorial High School. The counselors will visit classes to explain to the students the AP testing procedure. They will also be given a handout from the College Board with important dates and procedures. If you have questions, please contact your student's counselor or go to www.collegeboard.com, the AP testing link.

TUTORING

It is recommended that those students looking for a tutor to see the instructor of the subject first for extra help. It is often easier for the classroom instructor to help the student as the instructor knows the student's work habits, test performance and areas of difficulty. All of our instructors are available during collaboration, and either before or after school for help. Garces also offers free tutoring on Green Days in Room 72 for Math/Science courses and in Room 7 for all others. This service is offered through the Garces chapter of the California Scholarship Federation and is a peer to peer tutoring service. If you do decide to hire an outside tutor, please be sure to inform the teacher and suggest that the tutor contact the instructor about assignments, test performance and areas of concern.

JUNIOR COLLEGE ADVISING

Mrs. Limi and Mrs. Sakowski are currently meeting with our junior students and parents for College Information and Guidance. The meeting will go over SAT and ACT testing information, UC/CSU and private college admission requirements, essays for admission and more. If you do not receive a scheduled appointment by the end of March, please contact your student's counselor. Students are advised to take at least one SAT and ACT by the end of his or her junior year.

Summer School Information

By Steve Garcia, Director of Summer School
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Garces Memorial's twenty-first Summer School Session will be June 4 - July 6, 2011. During these five weeks, students have the opportunity to enroll in both full year and semester courses for high school credit, as well as courses which are either remedial or enrichment based. All ten-unit courses are scheduled to run from June 4 - July 6, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Summer Session 2012 is open to students entering fifth through twelfth grades. With the completion of the tennis facilities and Salvucci Aquatics Center on campus, we are now offering tennis lessons, swimming, diving, and water polo during summer school. Applications and brochures will be available in the Main Office and on the Garces Memorial website March 12. For incoming freshmen, summer school packets are mailed with notification of acceptance. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact Mr. Steve Garcia, Director of Summer School, at 327-2578, ext. 146, or Mrs. Joan Richardson, Assistant, at 327-2578, ext. 109.

Returning students should also consult with their counselor, Ms. Denise Limi '88, Mrs. Debra Sakowski, or Mrs. Amy Poochigian for guidance with course selections. There are many opportunities to enrich the academic experience. Also current students who received a failing grade (grade of a "D" or "F") should meet with their counselor to review course offerings in the summer program.

Students who wish to make room in their fall schedule for Advanced Placement courses or other electives have the option of taking Art, Economics/Government, U.S. History, World History, Geometry, Physical Education or Health/Computers during summer school. Students will also have the opportunity to remediate Chemistry, Spanish I, II or III, Theology, English, Geometry, and Algebra I or II, if necessary. Students enrolled in the Music program need to consult with their counselors before enrolling in summer school.

We offer a variety of classes over a two week period for students entering grades fifth through eighth. Core classes in Math and English are available. Enrichment classes in ceramics, photography, music, Guitar Lessons, Spanish, French, Art, Forensics,

Journalism, Cooking, CSI, and Science Fair Prep and a variety of athletic classes are also available.

Besides the Academic and Summer Reading courses for high school students, we will also offer many elective courses in Aquatics, Athletics, Journalism, Photography, Forensics, and Music. Again, please call the school if you desire additional information.

Summer 2012 at Garces Memorial

IMPORTANT DATES

Early Registration
March 12 – May 4, 2012

Classes Begin for
10 and 5 Unit Courses
June 4, 2012

Classes Begin for 1st session
June 4, 2012

Classes Begin for 2nd session
June 18, 2012

First Semester Exams For
10 unit Classes
June 19, 2012

Second Semester Begins For
10 unit Classes
June 20, 2012

Summer Holiday
July 4, 2012

Last Day of 1st Session
June 15, 2012

Last Day of 2nd Session
June 29, 2012

Last Day of School for
10 Unit Classes
July 6, 2012

Academic News

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will take students in small groups to the library and walk them through this process. Counselors will escort students by English class beginning February 3rd. However, no student will be placed into classes without parental approval. Forms will be given to students during the registration process and are to be signed by a parent and returned to their counselor before their course requests will be reviewed. Parents interested in better understanding this process or seeking insight into the best schedule for their child should attend the registration night hosted by the counselors on February 1st. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM in MLH but counselors are also available individually for help for all students. Please contact your student's counselor if you have any questions or concerns. Approval from your student's counselor and from the Assistant Principal is also required if your student plans to take a high school (10 unit) course in summer school.

Honors/Advanced Placement Classes for next year

Students who wish to be considered for any honors or AP course for the next school year can anticipate at least three steps in that process. They must register online for the class with their counselor, they must submit a Course Registration Form (signed by a parent) to their counselor, AND must submit an honors/AP contract to the department chair for each course. This includes students currently in honors courses who wish to continue in the honors track for that subject area. Contracts are available from the department chairperson or the counseling office. Contracts are due by Friday, February 17th. Admission to these courses is merit based and courses fill up fast. Contact the Assistant Principal's office or your student's counselor for any further questions.

SAT/ACT REMINDERS

Upcoming SAT's

March 10th (NOT offered @ Garces)
Late Registration Deadline is February 10, 2012

May 5th (offered @ Garces)
Late Registration Deadline is April 6, 2012

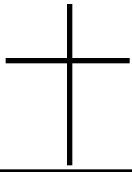
June 2nd (offered @ Garces)
Late Registration Deadline is May 8, 2012

Upcoming ACT's

February 11th (not offered @ Garces)

April 14th (offered @ Garces)
Registration Deadline is March 9, 2012

June 9th (offered @ Garces)
Registration Deadline is May 4, 2012



Chaplain's Corner

By Father Jim LaCasse, S.J.
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Many activities are happening and will soon happen in this part of the school year. By the time you, the parents read this, myself, Kathleen Bears, John Fanucchi, and a few students Kerry Burke and Patrick Hellman will have traveled to Fresno for the Installation Mass for our new bishop, Armando Xavier Ochoa representing Garces.

The Lenten reconciliation days are being planned and also during Lent we will have another opportunity for the students to have prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration. Then during the last week of school before the Holy Week break, we celebrate Stations of the Cross with all our students through the Theology classes.

Just a reminder, that not only during Lent but anytime we are on a regular green or white schedule there is Mass in the St. Dominic Chapel starting four minutes after the beginning of lunch, parents are always welcome.

Fr. Jim LaCasse, S.J.
Chaplain

All PSI hours for this year must be completed by March 30, 2012.

Hours completed after this date will go towards next year's requirements.

**Please contact
Karen Aguilar, PSI Coordinator, at kaguilar@garces.org
if you have any questions.**

The RAMPAGE



In order for more of you to enjoy reading our student generated paper The RamPage, we have made it available to you online. In addition, each student receives a complimentary copy during their homeroom class on publication dates. Go to the school homepage. Click on Students. Click on School Newspaper. Click on the issue you'd like to read. Thank you for your support of our program and our school. The journalism class appreciates your interest!

Keep an eye on this site for current news throughout the year. Also available for viewing are issues from the last several years.

Go to our website:
www.garces.org
Select "Students" on the horizontal menu
Select "School newspaper"
Choose the issue you'd like to view.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

By Susan Rizo
Director of Campus Ministry
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Catholic Schools Week – In celebration of Catholic Schools Week we will be celebrating Mass with our Grandparents on Tuesday, January 31, in our gymnasium at 9:50 a.m. We would like to invite all grandparents to come to our liturgy and celebrate with us. A reception for our guests will follow the Mass. A tour will also be offered for those interested in seeing all the new changes at Garces.

Communion Breakfast - We would also like to invite all our families to our 3rd Annual Communion Breakfast on Tuesday, February 28. We will begin with Mass in our St. Dominic Chapel at 7 a.m. followed by breakfast in Monsignor Leddy Hall. The cost is \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults and can be paid on line at Garces.org or a check may be dropped off at the school office.

Lent – Our Lenten activities will begin on Tuesday, February 21, with our Mardi Gras Lunch. The cafeteria will be closed and numerous clubs will be selling food from many of our local restaurants. This is a great way to celebrate "Fat Tuesday" and support our clubs on campus. Ash Wednesday Mass will follow on Wednesday, February 22, at 9:50 in our gymnasium. All parents are welcomed to join us.

Stations of the Cross - Monsignor Craig Harrison will be on campus to lead the student body in Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, March 27.

Dime-A-Day Lenten Collection
Campus Ministry will once again be sponsoring our Dime-A-Day collection through the Lenten season. Cans will be available in the Theology classes for students to donate their loose change. Money collected will be used to support Mother Antonia and the Sisters of the Servants of the 11th Hour for their work among the people in Tijuana.

Catholic Youth Day – Garces will be taking a bus to Catholic Youth Day at the Anaheim Convention Center on Thursday, March 22nd. The cost is \$45.00 which includes the bus and registration. If your student

is interested, please contact Mrs. Rizo at srizo@garces.org. This is an exciting day filled with fantastic and energetic Catholic speakers, music, and a youth Mass and rally.

Special People Play Day
Garces Memorial High School will host our 18th Annual Special People Play Day Friday, April 20, 2011. We will be on a minimum day schedule with the students being released at 12:00 p.m. We will have over 500 special education students as our guests. Our students will be paired with special education children for activities throughout the morning. It will be a fantastic day for all involved!! All students who participate will receive two hours of school service hours. A special thank you goes out to our sponsors: Chevron, McDonalds, and Pepsi. Without their help this day would not be possible.

Community Service Hours
Parents should have received an update of all service hours during the month of January. Please check over these service hour updates to make sure that all paperwork has been submitted. All students need to complete at least 15 hours of community service each year in any three areas: school, parish or community by the last day of final exams. Seniors need to have all hours completed and turned into Ms. Rosanne Chavez by Thursday, May 10, in order to participate in graduating ceremonies.

For questions or inquiries on service hours opportunities contact Ms. Rosanne Chavez at 327-2578 x191.

REMINDER: Students who fail to complete the 15 hour per year minimum service hour requirement, will be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activities beginning the first day of school and will be subject to Saturday detentions until the requirement is met.

Advancement Department Update

By Tonya Abbott - Director of Advancement, tabbott@garces.org

Working Together as a Community

Thank you to our Garces families who have contributed to this year's Annual Fund Drive. The Fund Drive is the most cost effective method of raising funds for our school. We reach out to our entire community, including our alumni, our families of alumni, our Catholic community, and others who believe it is important to offer a Catholic college preparatory high school in our community.

Current families who have contributed to our *2011-2012 Annual Fund Drive*

Mr. and Mrs. Gede Adnyana	Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo J. Montiel
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Anderson	Mr. and Mrs. Ben Morales
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff T. Andrew	Mr. and Mrs. Tai T. Nguyen
Jim and Bev Armstrong	Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Nowatzki
Gary and Jeanne Austin	Ms. Nancy Nusbaum
Frank and Mary Bedard	Dinah Angeles Parlan
Dr. Thomas A. and Mary (Anspach) Berry	Mr. and Mrs. Humberto P. Quiroz
Bryan and Traci Boylan	Mrs. Linda Ramirez
Ms. Jonnie Bradford	Michael and Tammy Renzi
Joe and Mary Ann Briggs	Rick and Dianne (Griffiths) Riley
Jay and Myrna Buenviaje	Mr. Mario and Dr. Xenia Roldan
Mr. Willem F. De Boer	Mr. and Mrs. Denis A. Romanov
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Del Papa	Fred and Judirae Ross
Ramon and Kristine Echeverria	Steven and Patty Ruetters
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Esch	Mr. and Mrs. Izzy Ruiz
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew W. Etcheverry	Mr. and Mrs. A. Michael Russo
Dr. William and Christine (Seaton) Farr	Mr. and Mrs. Christopher S. Sacchini
Pierre and Della Freeman	Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Sandoval
Geoff and Anne Graham	Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Santoyo
Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Greene	Becky Sharratt
Mr. and Mrs. Philip L. Gruszka	Mark and Beth Shelton
Margarito and Sylvia Guzman IV	Ms. Kelly J. Slykerman
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin L. Hamilton	Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Staugaard
Dr. and Mrs. Eric C. Hammans	Maria and Tom Steele
The Hartley Family	Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Storey
Gerardo Hernandez	John and Jayme Stuart
Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Hoang	Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Taylor
Douglas Hoffman, M.D.	Mr. and Mrs. Phillip G. Torrez
Mr. and Mrs. Casey A. Hogg	Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Vaca
Mr. and Mrs. Jon G. Hulsey	Mr. and Mrs. Brian T. VanderPoel
Arnie Kirschenmann	Mr. and Mrs. Rafael and Jane Vargas
Dr. and Mrs. Richard Ling	Mr. and Mrs. Dan Vehlewald
Dr. Wade and Amy Logan	Dr. Jonathan Weeks
Mrs. Anne T. Meert	Mr. and Nick V. Zaninovich
The Moehnke Family	



Garces Gala Update

It's that time of year...

GARCES GALA XXXIII

with some exciting news!

FORMAL NIGHT GALA HAS A NEW LOCATION!

We are excited to announce that we are trying something new this year. *Formal Night Gala will be held at Seven Oaks Country Club.* It promises to be a wonderful evening, with a delicious gourmet meal, spectacular auctions, both silent and live, and then ending the evening with live music and dancing. Our live auction always has an abundance of items unique to the Garces Gala. Tickets are \$125 per person. Complete tables of 10 are also available. Look for your personal invitation in February, or you can make your reservations online at www.garces.org.

Casual Night Gala will continue to be held in the Garces gymnasium. A casual dinner will be served and entertainment provided by the Token Okies band. There will be both a live and silent auction. You may also buy a Treasure Chest ticket for \$50 and chance winning \$2,500! Bring all of your friends and join the fun. Tickets are \$20 per person and are online at www.garces.org or at the Garces Memorial office.

We Always Appreciate Auction Items!

If you donated an auction item in the past, we hope you will donate again this year. If you are new to Garces, or have not donated in the past, please consider becoming a part of Gala and donating to one of the most important fund-raising events for our school. We will have both a live auction and a silent auction at Formal Night and Casual Night.

Your Support is Vital to Our Success.

Please contact:

*Tonya Abbott, Director of Advancement at 327-2578 ext. 118 or tabbott@garces.org
(Items with a value of \$50 or more please.)*

Treasure Chest Tickets are still available. Forms are available on the Garces website at www.garces.org or in the office at Garces Memorial.

2011 GARCES RAMS FOOTBALL HONORS

Football Varsity

Team Record: 11-2 (Division II Valley Runner Up and SEYL Champions)

Jockey Club Award Winners:
Philip Anspach, Nick Vehlewald,
Mark Stinson, Beau Pearson

2011 All-Area Selections
First Team Offense
Philip Anspach QB, Keoni Taylor OL
First Team Defense
Joey Stuart DB, Cruise Adams P
Second Team Offense
Nick Vehlewald RB, Adolfo Robles OL
Second Team Defense
Tanner Lehr DL, Chris Aguilar LB
Honorable Mention
Dominic Frasch, Mark Stinson
Cameron Pacheco, Jake Sweaney
Beau-Riley Pearson, Reed Robertson

2011 SEYL All League Selections
Offensive Most Valuable Players
Co-MVP: Nick Vehlewald

Offense
Offensive Line:
First Team
Keoni Taylor
Adolfo Robles
Second Team
Kevin Boyer
Christian Sanders
Running Backs:
Second Team
Patrick Hellman
Quarterback:
First Team
Philip Anspach
Wide Receivers:
Second Team
Angus Bellue
Jacob Sweaney
Utility:
First Team
Dominic Frasch
Kicker:
First Team
Reed Robertson

Defense
Defensive Line:
First Team
Tanner Lehr
Beau-Riley
Pearson
Second Team
Philip Dhanens
Linebackers:
First Team
Chris Aguilar
Cameron Pacheco
Second Team
Jack Anspach
Punter:
First Team
Joey Stuart
Cruise Adams
Second Team
Mark Stinson
Sheldon Croney

GO RAMS!

Junior Varsity

Team Record: 8-2 (SEYL Champions)

Co MVP's: Jack Lundy and Jake Pavletich
Offensive Player of the Year: Jake Stuart
Defensive Player of the Year: Gio Borba
Coaches Award: Blake Logan

Freshmen

Team Record: 9-1 (SEYL Champions)
Team Award Winners:
MVP: Santos Perez
Offensive Player of the Year: Luke Vasquez
Defensive Player of the Year: Stavros Katsantonis
Most Inspirational: Allen Eschete
Coaches Award: Jack Scott

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CALENDAR

<u>February</u>			
1	Current Student Registration & Explore/Plan & PSAT Explanation & Results Meeting 6:30 p.m. in MLH	22	Student Progress Reports Available on NetClassroom
9 - 11	Winter Play	23 & 24	Junior Retreat
11	ACT not at Garces	28	<u>Parent/Student Communion Breakfast - NEW DATE</u> <u>Mass 7 a.m. in the Chapel</u> <u>Breakfast 7:30 a.m. in MLH</u>
13	Gala Holiday No School/Office Closed	29	Parent Club Meeting 5:30 p.m. - Board Planning 6:30 p.m. - Open Discussion
14	Executive Committee Mtg. Noon - Board Room		Winter Concert 7 p.m. - MLH
15	Fog Delay Schedule Faculty Meeting		
17	Winter Rally 9:50 a.m. in the Gym		
20	Presidents Day No School/Office Closed	5	No School/Office Closed
21	Mardi Gras Lunch	7	Academic Council Mtg.
	Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. in the Library	9	Registration Deadline April 14 - ACT
22	All School Mass Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:50 a.m.	10	SAT not at Garces
			Formal Night Gala
		13	Executive Committee Meeting 12 noon - Board Room
		13	Incoming Freshman Parent/Student Orientation MLH & Gym
		14	Campus Spiritual Support Group 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Board Rm.
		15	Financial Aid Packets Due
		16	CASUAL NIGHT GALA
		20	Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. - Library
		21	<u>Parent Club Mass and Breakfast</u> <u>7 a.m. - Chapel - NEW DATE</u>
		22	Youth Day in Anaheim
		23	No School - Faculty In-Service
		23-25	Religious Education Congress Anaheim
		26	Blood Drive
		28	Student Progress Reports Available on NetClassroom
			Jazz Percussion Concert 7 p.m. in MLH