By Annemarie Miller & Chau Hua

Thad Baker dominated the election by beating out the other candidates for Student Council President by a large margin. Debbie Duguid, the adviser, is excited for the talent of this year. “Thad is a natural leader. He is bright and outgoing, and a role model,” she said. “He truly cares for others and has a bold sense of vision at MMS,” she added.

Responsibilities include upholding the constitution of the MMS Student Council, promoting events, creating agendas, and representing the student body positively.

Baker said that his commitment to every student and teacher is his top priority. “My vow to this school is that I will sacrifice my time and effort to the well-being of every student, teacher, and faculty member at MMS. I will also make both of this years’ dances as memorable as possible.”

Baker’s outlook seems promising for the upcoming year.

You Flip? No Sip!

By Ethan Henderson & Colton Thomas

Water bottle flipping, a fad that has swept the nation, has become a problem for schools. MMS administrators and teachers are fixing this problem. Students receive an automatic lunch detention and could lose the privilege of bringing water bottles to class for the rest of the year, if they violate this rule.

Schools across Texas have banned water bottle flipping. According to Marcus Eckert, Assistant Principal, this behavior affects students’ education. “It is a disruption to the learning environment,” Eckert said.

Some students feel bottle flipping is not modeling excellence. “It is pointless, there is no need for it, and is distracting,” Kate McMinn said.
Greer Takes First In Meet

By Savanna Smith & Ashley Vasquez

The MMS cross country team was competitive at Lovejoy. The girls finished third and the boys finished fourth. The runners work hard every day to prepare for the races. They run 2-4 miles a day.

Cross country builds endurance, according to Savanna Smith. “I think cross country helps build someone’s strength, because when some people are faster they feel like they can accomplish anything.”

Ashley Vasquez enjoys the social and health aspect of running. “I like cross country because I get to run with my friends and and stay in shape.”

The Fair is Coming

What Do You Like the Best About the Texas State Fair?

By: Ashley Vasquez & Natalie Somers

“I like the fair because the rodeo is fun to watch and I like when they ride the horses.” - Aubrey Bell

“I like the fried foods, especially the one with ketchup.” - Jagger Burrus

“I like the fair because it’s fun to see my brother ride the robotic bull.” - Mackenzie Wilkie

“I like the fair because meeting new people and sharing our interest in the fair.” - Clency Richardson

Fair Day Monday

By Aubrey Bell & Elizabeth Reynoso

The Texas State Fair is here. Students from Melissa ISD have the day off on Monday, Oct.10, to attend the fair.

The Fair offers rides like the Texas Star Ferris Wheel, Top o’ Texas Tower, and the Texas SkyWay.

While many go to the fair for the rides, some go just for the food. Cotton candy, corndogs, fried pickles and funnel cakes are some of the food items you will find at the fair.

Other exciting events include the rodeo, pig races, and bands. Big Tex, the symbol of the fair, is a popular attraction for a photo op.
Cross Country
Photo Essay By Clency Richardson
Golf Coach Tyner’s Math Skills are Hole in One

By Kate McMinn & Sydney Enoch

Chris Tyner, this week’s feature teacher, has been teaching at Melissa for three years. He teaches sixth grade math, and coaches seventh and eighth grade volleyball and basketball. In addition, he also coaches golf at the high school. Students benefit from his style of coaching.

“I really like him coaching. He makes us work and helps us gain our goals in volleyball,” Aubrey Bell said.

Many people wonder why he became a math teacher at Melissa. “Melissa is a growing community with a growing school district,” Tyner said.

“I wanted to be a part of something special,” he added.

With a business background Tyner was drawn to math.

“Coming from the business world and knowing how important math is, I wanted to teach a subject that would be important to many students after they graduate,” Tyner said.

Students connect with Tyner’s method of teaching.

“I like Mr. Tyner because he understands us and he explains what we are doing and why we are doing it,” Kara Moore said.

“He also tells us to ask lots of questions,” Moore added.

Tyner’s favorite part about teaching is “the community and the kids.”

The Library: A Place to Escape and Enjoy a Good Book

By Liberty Davis & Caylen Underwood

The MMS library is a wonderland filled with books for young and old to enjoy. Librarian Cari Montgomery and her volunteers are always nearby to assist patrons.

Although many genres of books are available, fantasy seems to be the favorite at the middle school. “Fantasy is one of the most checked out genres in the library,” Montgomery said. “I have seen a change in kids’ love for books. Based on the activities I have tried out over the years, I have noticed an increase of boys coming to the library, participating in our activities, and checking out books,” she said.

For many, the library is an amazing place to read and to hang out.
Hi, I'm Patches. Patches the dog!

Why are these above my head...

That's... not true.

I like cat! Cats are cool! Cats are my friends.

THAT ISN'T ME!

I wish I were a cat! Meow, meow! Dogs are just flea-ridden fools.

String!

Hey!

I wish I were as smart as a cat.
Colby Green Will Never Be Forgotten

By Mackenzie Wilkie

Former student Colby Green passed away in a car accident last year. He wasn’t wearing a seatbelt.

Colby’s mom, Dolly Green, will never forget the memory of her son. Green is a loving mother to her kids and teacher to her students.

According to Green, a tree was planted in front of the high school, in memory of Colby. "On Colby’s first birthday, we planted a tree in our front yard. Colby does not have a gravesite, so the tree is a physical place we can visit to remember him,” she said.

According to Green, this tree has had a significant impact on Melissa.

“I know that friends have said they have seen the tree and remember Colby, and they think of our family,” Green said. “Mothers see the tree and remember to hug their child a little tighter,” Green added.

Colby will never be forgotten. People say that the tree reminds them of a great kid.

“When the tree was planted, we put some of his ashes in the ground. I look at the Colby Tree each day and remember,” She reminisced about the seasons.

“In the winter, it looks like Charlie Brown’s Christmas Tree,” she said.

“In the spring when I see the purple flowers, I think of LSU and the young family we were when we lived in Baton Rouge,” Green explained.

“It was an amazing act of compassion and thoughtfulness to donate the tree in Colby’s honor.” Click it for Colby, Every time.

Students Take on Rachel’s Challenge

By Neemah Mureithi

Rachel’s Challenge is a movement which encourages students to start a chain reaction of kindness.

This copies the actions of Rachel Scott, a former student at Columbine High School. She was kind, believed in everybody, and always helped students.

Sadly, though, on April 20,1999, she was killed for standing up for her principles. Because of this brutal act, a nationwide organization was formed, (FOR), that focuses on being kind to others.

Sponsor Heidi Thompson and the local members encourage all to take Rachel’s challenge next week.
The Life of Fruitfaces

Edition 3

In Pursuit of the Potato

Look, it's a flying French fry. I mean a flying French fry, yeah that's it! Potato's escaping!

Actually, that's a French fry!

Whistle!

Let's follow him!

Follow him, his French fry defenses won't stand a chance against us. If we get the French fry on our side, even better.

It's a castle! He's going into the tater castle!

To be continued...
The Lady Cardinals won all four games against the Denison Yellow Jackets at the volleyball game on Monday, Sept. 26. The eighth grade “A” team won the first period 25:13, lost the second period 20:25 due to miscommunication on the court, and then won the following period of 25:16.

The seventh grade “B” team won with the scores 25:2 and 25:11, blocking Denison’s chances of winning.

The Lady Cardinals then swept the Panthers at the volleyball game on Tuesday, October 4 at Princeton. The eighth grade “A” team won the first period 25:19, and then won the following period 25:20

The seventh grade “A” team sought for domination while winning the first period 25:10, then won the second 25:16. The eighth grade “B” team won with the scores 25:23 and won the second period 25:21. The 7th grade “B” team won 25:8 and 25:12.
MM8 Times

Art Expression in Monica Noel's Class

Photo Essay By

Kenzie Frasier, Brenna Smith, Ashley Vasquez, & Natalie Somers
MMS Students to Perform Production of Cats at Cox Playhouse This Weekend

Come to Cats to see MMS students perform, including Paris Church, Stella Rose, Sydney Enoch, Audrey Coulumbe, Kyah Wells, Clayton Vaughn, Maisy Gustaveson, and Ainsley Schraeder. It is bound to be a “Memory” you won’t forget.