



ROUNDTABLE

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

MCS Theatre Club presents Disney's *Mulan Jr.*



*Clockwise from left: Theresa Schweiger (left) plays the lead title character in the upcoming Mount Carmel School Theatre Club production of Disney's *Mulan Jr.*, which is being directed by Reica Ramirez (right). The main graphic for the upcoming Mount Carmel School Theatre Club production of Disney's *Mulan Jr.* Cast members prepare to rehearse an ensemble number for the upcoming Mount Carmel School Theatre Club production of Disney's *Mulan Jr.**

After months of rehearsals, costume designs, and set construction, and with all premium and preferred seats already sold out, Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club is all set for its next big musical, Disney's *Mulan Jr.* The show will run on Friday, December 1, and Saturday, December 2, on campus.

The show stars Theresa Schweiger as the lead title character, *Mulan*. As a veteran member of the Theatre Club, Schweiger is no stranger to the stage, but this will be her first lead role. As the show approaches, she said, "While I'm anxious, I feel ready because we've been practicing and rehearsing for months now." Asked about how she feels about playing this role, she said, "This means a lot to me because before I was too shy to express myself, but finally I can show everyone what I can do in singing and acting." She added, "This is such an important story because it shows that girls can do more than just stay at home cooking; they can get out and make a difference."

Joining Schweiger are Kyla Cabrera as *Mulan's* sidekick *Mushu*, *Sinahi Cepeda* as *Shang*, the leader of the Emperor's army, and *William Año* as *Shan Yu*, the story's main villain and leader of the Hun army. On *Mulan's* side of the family are *Brent Ortizo* as *Fa Zhou*, *Mulan's* father, *Brandee Hunter* as *Fa Li*, *Mulan's* Mother, *Jewel Combinido* as *Mulan's* Grandmother *Fa*, and *Trinity Cruz*, *Kina Dela Cruz*, *Chloe Lopez*, *Miyuki Takayama*, and *Malina Tenorio* as *Mulan's* ancestors. *Shang's* lead soldiers are played by *Alyson Camacho*, *Lynzey Green*, and *Dylan Santos*, with some help from *Carlo Diaz* as *Chi Fu* and

Javon Gersonde as the Emperor. The show also includes dozens of extras playing dressmakers, hairdressers, groomers, soldiers, and townspeople. All in all, there are over 100 cast and crew members involved in the production.

The show is being directed by first-time director, *Reica Ramirez*. *Ramirez* was the assistant director for the Theatre Club's last major production, Disney's *The Lion King Jr.*, which was a huge hit last year with over 1000 audience members in attendance for two sold-out shows. Now that the show is just around the corner, *Ramirez* is feeling nervous and anxious, but also confident. As she put it, "I trust that my cast and crew will deliver one of the best shows ever in the history of the Theatre Club." More than putting on a great show, *Ramirez* is proud of how the cast and crew have come together. "This show is about unity, and nothing brings more unity on our campus than a club like Theatre Club, one that brings together elementary kids and high school kids all for one show."

Based on Disney's Oscar-nominated film and the story, "Fa Mulan" by *Robert D. San Souci*, Disney's *Mulan Jr.* tells the story of *Mulan* who saves her elderly father from fighting for the emperor by disguising herself as a male soldier to fight in his place. With her dragon sidekick, *Mushu*, and a motley band of misfit soldiers, *Mulan* discovers herself as she grows as a soldier and a heroine along the way. Since the original film's release in 1998, *Mulan* has been a favorite of kids and adults alike who appreciate the story's message of empowerment and courage.

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Knights Develop Twelve Apps for Congressional App Challenge



Students in Mount Carmel School's Advance Placement Computer Science Principles (APCSP) course recently submitted computer apps to the annual US Congressional App Challenge. Of the 21 entries submitted to the Office of Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, 12 are from Mount Carmel.

The students were led by 2017 Teacher of the Year, *Filmah Buenaflor*, who enrolled in Mobile CSP, one of the nation's leading programs in curriculum design and instructional methods for teaching APCSP. Endorsed by the College Board and open only to a few select instructor from across the nation, the program ran for four weeks this past summer and included a week-long immersion program in Duluth, Minnesota. *Buenaflor* used lessons and resources from Mobile CSP to help students develop their apps.

The apps developed by the students cover a wide array of interests and needs in the community. Three apps are designed to help students with school work. *Pocket Homework* by *Cassidy Torres* and *Tawnee Manibusan* reminds students about their homework and *The Thought Bubble* by *Joanie Paraiso* helps students with their writing assignments, providing information and tips on different genre or themes. *7W* by *Cliare Calage* is an app that allows users to plan for a week and write your thoughts/ideas.

Two apps focus on helping tourists on island. *Saipan Dash* by *Jonelle Toskas* and *SeokJun Yun* is a travel guide app for those who want to visit Saipan. Once downloaded, the app will give you directions even without an internet connection. *Travel Guide* by *Nathanael Lim* and *Yuri Fukushi* includes some recommendations on where to go and what to do while in Saipan. Translations for each button are also available.

Three gaming apps were also developed: 3 in 1 (*Draw*, *Talk to me* and *Game*) developed by *Eric Kiser*, *Starfish Tap* by *Jehniifer Villagomez* and *Quina Sablan*, and *Find the Latte Stone* by *Annalei Santos*.

Other apps submitted reflect the varied interests of the Knights. *Saipan Buy and Sell* by *Jose David Pangelinan* and *Christian Villacrusis* allows users to post and sell items online, while *CommYounity* by *Jeff Matthew Melchor* and *Erika Mendiola* records Community Service hours. This will

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Announcements

Thank You and Congratulations!

A big thank you and congratulations go to the Parent Council for coordinating a very successful 1st Annual Turkey-Trot Walk-a-Thon and Health Walk. We promoted healthy living, raised funds for the school, and had a great time. GO KNIGHTS and GO PARENTS!!!

Kids for Kids Charity Event

All parents and students are invited to participate in the annual Kids for Kids Christmas Bake Sale & ChangeDrive on Saturday, December 16 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm across from the Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center (facing Beach Road in front of Naked Fish). If your child(ren) would like to volunteer for this event and be listed as a MAW Kids for Kids helper, please contact Eleanor Cabrera at etcabrera@gmail.com or at 483-4117.

MCS Theatre Club presents Disney's Mulan Jr.

Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club proudly presents DISNEY'S MULAN JR on Friday, December 1, and Saturday, December 2, on the school grounds in a very special stage designed just for the show. Tickets are \$15.00 for front-row premium seats, **(PREMIUM SEATS ARE SOLD OUT)** \$10.00 for preferred seats **(PREFERRED SEATS ARE SOLD OUT FOR FRIDAY NIGHT)**, and \$5.00 for general seating. Showtime is 7:00 pm each night. Tickets are on sale in the MCS Business Office.

In the Future

Thanksgiving Break

November 23-24

Freshmen Mini-Carnival

Wednesday, November 29
Activity Period

MCS Theatre Club's Disney's Mulan Jr.

Friday, December 1
Saturday, December 2
7:00 p. m. each night on campus

Sports Calendar

CCOPSSA Varsity Basketball

Wednesday, November 29
MCS Boys v GCA @Ada Gym at 4:30 pm

Thursday, November 30
MCS Boys v MBA @Ada Gym at 3:30 pm
MCS Girls 1 v MBA @Ada Gym at 4:30 pm

Friday, December 1
MCS Girls 1 v MCS Girls 2 @MCS at 3:30 pm

ESLR of the Week

#4. Show leadership by being active participants within the community.

App Challenge

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help students monitor their service hours. What's App by Shana Mafnas and Miki Takayama allows users to create and view schedule and also make some sketches, and Saipan Flora by Michelle Palacios and Darian Salas is an app about the different flowers that can be found on-island.

The Congressional App Challenge (CAC) is a public effort to encourage kids to learn how to code, through annual district-wide competitions hosted by Members of Congress for their district. Students in participating districts code original applications for the chance to be selected for recognition by their Member of Congress, win prizes, and have their work put on display in the Capitol Building in Washington, DC. The district-wide competitions, now in their third year, take place from July through early November. The CAC is executed by the Congressional staff of each participating district, and coordinated by the Congressional Internet Caucus and the non-governmental sponsor of the project, the Internet Education Foundation.

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The show features music and lyrics by David Zippel, Jeanine Tesori, Stephen Schwartz, Matthew Wilder, and Alexa Junge. Music for the show was adapted and arranged, with additional music and lyrics provided, by Bryan Louiselle. The show's book was adapted and additional lyrics provided by Patricia Cotter. The Mount Carmel School Theatre Club production of Disney's Mulan Jr. will be presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI (mtishows.com).

Disney's Mulan Jr. will be performed on December 1 and 2 at Mount Carmel School at 7:00 pm each night. Front row premium seats and preferred seats are already sold out, but \$5.00 general admission seats are still available for purchase at the school's Business Office.

1st Annual Parent Council Turkey Trot

