



# ROUNDTABLE

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Knights Rock Athletics



From left to right: MCS Girls 1, Annalei Santos, center, pulls up for a jumper against two MCS Girls 2 defenders during the first half of their title game in the 2017-2018 Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Basketball League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)  
 MCS's Kelvin Cepeda, center, drives against Grace Christian Academy's Kevin Song, left, and Do Jin Choi during the fourth quarter of their title game in the 2017-2018 Commonwealth Coalition of Private School Association Basketball League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)  
 MCS U11 Interscholastic Boys Team and 2017 Champions who were coached by May Ling Colombo, Daniele Colombo, and Skyler Poon.  
 MCS U11 Interscholastic Soccer Girls Team, who were coached by Catherine Attao-Toves, Merrick Toves, and Richard Steele.

### 6th Championship for Lady Knights

by Roselyn Monroyo for Saipan Tribune

Mount Carmel School 1 won a family affair in the girls high school division finals in the 2017-2018 Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Basketball League after outclassing MCS 2, 27-13, last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Annalei Santos top-scored in MCS 1's title win after recording 8 points. She drew a lot of support from her teammates with Quina Flores adding 6, Louisa Hahn chipping in 5, and Tawnie Manibusan contributing 4. Two other Lady Knights players made it to the board in the finals, allowing the squad to east past their sister team.

While the Catherine Toves-coached MCS 1 had multiple options on offense that helped the group got the division championship, the young MCS 2 crew were still learning their ropes on how to complete plays, resulting to only three players scoring in the game.

With MCS 2, which was mentored by John Santos, failing to counter attack against MCS 1, the eventual champion built a 17-3 halftime edge and was never threatened all throughout the finale.

The victory in the winner-take-all title match capped MCS 1's domination in the four-team competition this season. The Lady Knights were undefeated in the double round-robin regular season, getting six victories and scoring 261 points in those matches—the most among the four squads. Mt. Carmel 1 also yielded the least points in six games with 64, making the Lady Knights the only team to give up no more than 100 points in the regular season.

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### 4th Championship for H. S. Boys

by Roselyn Monroyo for Saipan Tribune

Mount Carmel School coach Francis San Nicolas may sound like a broken record, but once again he credited the Knights' success in the 2017-2018 Commonwealth Coalition of Private School Association Basketball League to their defense.

MCS nearly held Grace Christian Academy scoreless in the third quarter to cruise to a 45-23 victory in their boys high school division title duel last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

"Everyone worked on defense and stayed focused in the game. There were a couple of times they got excited, especially when we started to have a big lead, but then they settled down and were reminded to keep the pressure up," San Nicolas said moments after the Knights completed a four-peat and matched the Eagles' achievement in the division.

The Eagles dominated the league from 2009 to 2013, beating the Knights in all four occasions, before the latter had their string of championships in the next three years. Then the rival schools met for the fifth time and MCS made sure it will be on the winning end, as the Knights were so unforgiving on defense that the Eagles could not buy even a single basket in a very long stretch.

GCA failed to make it 5-0 against MCS as the Eagles fired blanks for around nine minutes bridging the second and third quarters. Before collapsing, GCA threatened the Knights, 12-13, as Jether Espanola's triple capped an 8-1 scoring surge in the first six minutes of the second canto. However, that was it for the Eagles, as a drive from Matthew Richardson and a corner triple from Jaydon Tenorio gave Mt. Carmel more breathing room at the break, 17-12.

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### 2nd Championship for U11 Boys

by Roselyn Monroyo for Saipan Tribune

Mount Carmel School and Koblerville Elementary School reigned supreme in the 2017 PSS/NMIFA Fall U11 Interscholastic Soccer League after shutting down their respective opponents yesterday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

In the boys division finals, the Knights topped Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, 4-0, while Koblerville edged out William S. Reyes Elementary School in the girls title match, 1-0.

MCS was right on target off the bat, leaving GTC with little room to keep up with the dominant Knights in the one-sided finale. The eventual champions scored all their goals in the first half behind the hat trick of Andrew Sablan. Sablan got his first goal in the 10th minute and the last two in back-to-back fashion, as he hit the board in the 15th and 19th. Markus Toves drilled the other goal for the Knights in the 13th minute.

With its comfortable lead, MCS had the luxury of shuffling its players to give its starters the much-deserved rest after a strong start and allow its role players to get the feel of the title game. GTC, on the other hand, stuck with its key players and although it made a couple of attempts, the Binadu simply could not convert them into goals.

Meanwhile, Megan Mae Elayda delivered the lone goal in Koblerville's title win over WSR. She scored in the first half and ended up making five this season to take the Golden Boot award presented at the conclusion of the two championship games.

Garapan's Kenny Laquian won the Golden Boot award in the boys division, while Mt. Carmel School's Vicente Reyes and Koblerville's Brinel Quitugua got the Golden Glove awards.

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## Announcements

### MCS Eco Club Flyer Contest

For all 3rd-6th graders who have an artistic side that they want to express this is the competition for you! Come design a flyer for the MCS Eco Club & you could have the chance to win \$25! For more information on the contest, see Theresa Zheng (12A).

### MCS Eco Club Brochure Contest

For all 7th-12 graders who have an artistic side that they want to express this is the competition for you! Come design a brochure for the MCS Eco Club & you could have the chance to win \$25! For more information on the contest, see Theresa Zheng (12A).

### MCS Eco Club Monthly Plastic Bottle Competition

Do you like delicious, creamy frozen treats? Well, you are just in luck! The MCS Eco Club is hosting monthly plastic bottle competitions to see which class can collect the most bottles. The winning class will receive an ice cream party. The competition for the month of December will end on the 22nd so get collecting! For more information on the competition, see Theresa Zheng (12A).

### Parent Subs Needed

We're still putting together a list of parents to serve as substitute teachers as needed. Please contact Parent Council President, Luis Camacho, at 287-9753.

## In the Future

### 65th Annual Mount Carmel School Christmas Program

TONIGHT at 7:00 pm

### Christmas Break

December 23–January 7

**Christmas Break Officer Hours**  
 Monday, December 25: CLOSED  
 Tuesday, December 26: CLOSED  
 Wednesday, December 27: 8:00-11:00 am, 1:00-4:00 pm  
 Thursday, December 28: 8:00-11:00 am, 1:00-4:00 pm  
 Friday, December 29: 8:00-11:00 am  
 Monday, January 1: CLOSED  
 Tuesday, January 2: 8:00-11:00 am, 1:00-4:00 pm  
 Wednesday, January 3: 8:00-11:00 am, 1:00-4:00 pm  
 Thursday, January 4: 8:00-11:00 am, 1:00-4:00 pm  
 Friday, January 5: 8:00-11:00 am, 1:00-4:00 pm

## ESLR of the Week

*#2. Consistently exhibit Catholic attitudes, values and behaviors.*

## Lady Knights

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## 4th Championship

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At the resumption of the game, GCA's shooters continued to struggle against the Knights' defense. On a couple of occasions, the Eagles even had a hard time just making the inbound and when they did, the ball handlers were also rattled by MCS1's pesky defense. On a few times that GCA managed to pull up for a shot, its players still missed as they were either not squared off for the basket or were challenged by Knights defenders.

The Eagles were stuck to 12 points until the closing minute of the third period. A split free throw from Kevin Song in the last 45 seconds of the penultimate frame ended GCA's long drought. With their opponents' lackluster show on offense, the Knights managed to open a 29-13 lead at the end of the third canto. Angelo Factor scored 5 points in the third frame, while Seok Jun Yun, Aven and Ace Evangelista, and Henry Yu combined for the 7 other markers of the eventual champions.

The Knights then put the finishing touches on their impressive title win by making easy baskets in the fourth quarter and still playing no let up on defense until the last two minutes of the finale.

Yun led MCS in scoring with his 13 points, while Factor and Tenorio chipped in 8 each. Don Jin Choi had 7 markers on a losing effort for GCA, as he tried to step up for Matthew Mamaril, who was a marked man in the finals and went scoreless against Mt. Carmel's relentless defense. Only Choi and Amir Abes made more than one field goal in the Eagles' failed attempt to dethrone the Knights.

MCS 45– Yun 13, Factor 8, Tenorio 8, Richardson 7, Yu 4, Aven Evangelista 2, Cepeda 2, Ace Evangelista 1. GCA 23 – Choi 7, Abes 5, Espanola 5, Song 3, S. Kim 2, T. Kim 1.

## THANK YOU



Saippan Stevedore Company recently made an Education Tax Credit (ETC) contribution to Mount Carmel School. School president, Galvin Deleon Guerrero (right), stopped by their office to receive the contribution from General Manager Michael Demapan (center) and Assistant General Manager Lee Cabrera (left). Deleon Guerrero expressed the school's heartfelt appreciation for the contribution and assured Demapan and Cabrera that ETC contributions are put to good use at the school, primarily for student scholarships and curricular resources.

## U11 Soccer

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The Knights and Umangs were presented with the championship trophies, while Northern Mariana Islands Football Association staff members also recognized the runners-up and third finishers in the league in both divisions.

Garapan placed third after beating WSR in the consolation match, 3-0, while GTC rounded out the Top 3 in the girls division after prevailing against MCS in a shootout, 1-0.

## Parent Council Corner

### Congratulations!

The Parent Council congratulates all our student athletes in basketball, soccer, and swimming for their continued successes.

*GO KNIGHTS!!!*

### Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

The Parent Council also wishes everyone in the school family a very Merry Christmas and a most blessed Happy New Year!