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# WEEKLY NEWS

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## **FEATURED EVENTS & NEWS**

**EAGLE SPOTLIGHT - ABIGAIL THIGPEN**

# EAGLE SPOTLIGHT



**ABIGAIL THIGPEN**

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER



#ItsAGreatDayToBeAnEagle

FAVORITE  
SNACK

BROWNIES,  
DARK  
CHOCOLATE,  
SUNCHIPS

FAVORITE  
BIBLE VERSE

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FAVORITE  
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Our next Eagle Spotlight is Abigail Thigpen! Ms. Thigpen is one of our Kindergarten teachers. Some of her hobbies include reading, sketching, and painting. We are so grateful to have Ms. Thigpen at MCS!

**HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN - FEBRUARY 15**

# HIGH SCHOOL

## Lock-In

**FEB 15  
10 PM - 6 AM**

**THE WEB**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 15TH, 10:00 PM - 6:00 AM.  
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH OR IN THE OFFICE, FEB 5<sup>TH</sup>-10<sup>TH</sup>.**

**SCHEDULE**

- 10:00 PM: MEET AT MCS GYM/CHECK IN
- 10:30 PM: DEPARTURE FROM MCS
- 11:00 PM: IF YOU'RE DRIVING OR YOUR PARENT(S) ARE DROPPING YOU OFF, PLEASE BE AT THE WEB BY THIS TIME. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE BEFORE 5:30 A.M.

**THE WEB EXTREME ENTERTAINMENT  
7172 CINCINNATI DAYTON RD,  
WEST CHESTER, OH 45069**

**ACTIVITIES**

- ACTIVITIES:
- UNLIMITED ARCADE GAMES
- TRAMPOLINE
- BOWLING
- CLIMBING WALL
- MINI GOLF (11:00 PM - 5:30 AM)
- MOVIE/BOARD GAME ROOM (11:00PM - 5:30)
- GO-CARTS & LASER TAG (12:00 AM - 5:00AM)
- PIZZA & DRINKS (2:00 AM - 4:00 AM)
- DONUTS (4:30 AM - 5:30 AM)
- 5:30 AM: LOAD THE BUS FOR THE RETURN TRIP TO MCS.

Our High School Lock-In will take place February 15, from 10 PM to 6AM. It will take place at the Web Extreme Entertainment Center in West Chester. Tickets will be available for purchase for \$35 at High School Lunch February 5-10th. You don't want to miss it! Check out the schedule in the graphic for a full list of activities.

**HOMECOMING FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - FEBRUARY**



We will be hosting a Homecoming Family Movie Night TONIGHT!! We will be showing Ratatouille in the MCS Cafetorium at 8 PM. Proceeds from this event will go to our MCS Annual Fund. There will be concessions available for purchase! The suggested donations per person is \$5. Please enter through the Cafetorium entrance. All students 5th grade and under must be accompanied by an adult.

## ALUMNI HONORS NIGHT AWARD RECIPIENTS

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*Distinguished Alumni Award  
Rodney Muterspaw - Class of 1986*

*Alumni Ministry Leadership Award  
Mark Haynes - Class of 1975*

*Outstanding Young Alumni Award  
Mallory Georgia Marie (Temple) - Class of 2013*



*MCS Service Award  
Susan Dugas  
Allyn Atadero*

Tonight we will honor these five individuals at our Alumni Honors Night. To learn more about them, you can read each of their bios below!

## RODNEY MUTERSPAW - DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



Rodney's fondest memories of his time at Middletown Christian include spending time with friends and coaches off the court, attending youth church camps through Grace Baptist Church, and participating in speech and creative writing classes. Those formative experiences played a significant role in shaping the trajectory of his life in deeply positive ways.

After graduating from Middletown Christian in 1986, Rodney attended Cedarville University before beginning a distinguished career in law enforcement with the Middletown Division of Police. He completed training at the Ohio Police Academy and later graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College and the Southern Police Administrative Institute at the University of Louisville.

Rodney devoted more than three decades to serving the Middletown community. He began his career as a Patrol Officer and rose through the ranks as Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Deputy Chief before being appointed Chief of Police in January 2015. A lifelong resident of the Middletown area, he brought to his leadership a deep conviction that community policing is not merely a responsibility, but a philosophy centered on strengthening trust and relationships between police and the community.

Throughout his career, Rodney's dedication was recognized with numerous honors, including the City Manager Pro Award on three occasions, the Ministerial Alliance Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Award, the Middletown Way Award, the City History Maker Award, and the NAACP Award for Leadership. He also received a commendation for Outstanding Leadership Attainment from the Ohio State Senate and was invited as an honored guest of the United States Congress to attend the Presidential State of the Union Address in Washington, D.C.

Rodney is also the author of the five-star-rated book *The Blue View*, which has been read in eight countries and praised by Vice President JD Vance as well as award-winning Netflix producer Stephen Robert Morse.

Following his retirement after 33 years of service, Rodney has continued to give back to the community through work in real estate, Ohio police assessment consulting, and local philanthropy. He leads initiatives to sponsor and feed Middletown families in need during Thanksgiving and is a strong advocate for The Feed the Hungry Project here in Middletown.

Rodney is blessed with a loving family. He and his wife, Julie, have been married for 35 years and have three children Lauren, a real estate agent; Matthew, a police officer in Myrtle Beach; and Madison, a children's social worker. He is also the proud grandfather of three energetic grandchildren, who remain his greatest source of joy and pride.

## **MARK HAYNES - ALUMNI MINISTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD**



**This MCS alumnus fondly remembers being part of the very beginning of the school. In those early years, the facilities were humble and the work was challenging, but he considers it an honor to have been involved in helping get MCS off the ground. Looking back, he recognizes how formative those “raw” early days were and is grateful to have played a role in the school’s foundation.**

**After graduating from MCS, he went on to graduate from Bible college in 1979 and served in four churches in various ministry roles from 1979 to 1994. In the mid-1980s, a first visit to the Navajo Nation marked a turning point, as God began to burden his heart for reaching the largest Native American reservation in the United States. In June of 1995, he and his wife made a full surrender to serve in Navajoland, arriving on the reservation on August 22, 1996. This year marks nearly 30 years of faithful ministry on the Navajo Nation.**

**Over the years, they have been privileged to be part of planting ten churches throughout Navajo Nation. They currently serve at Ganado Baptist Church, which has functioned as a pattern church and a launching point for multiple church plants. He also serves as Senior Administrator of Ganado Baptist Bible College, which will enter its fifteenth year of operation this fall and is experiencing its largest enrollment to date in the Spring 2026 semester. In addition, they host the annual Navajoland Baptist Revival, drawing hundreds each summer, and are actively involved in the Navajoland Baptist Youth Camp, which welcomed 190 campers last year and saw many come to faith in Christ. Looking ahead, their vision continues to expand through the 575 Initiative, with a goal of reaching all 575 federally recognized tribes in the United States, including more than 200 villages in Alaska. They are also praying to help start new works among the Apache people of southern Arizona and the Sioux Lakota Nation in South Dakota. Central to this mission is the continued training of men and women for ministry and the encouragement of the Navajo pastors leading these growing works.**

**He and his wife, Patricia, have been married for over 48 years and are the proud parents of seven children and grandparents to twenty grandchildren. Their family is actively serving the Lord across the country and around the**

world, including children ministering in closed countries, pastoral ministry, Christian education, missions, and law enforcement. As long as God grants them strength, they desire to continue serving the Navajo people they love, trusting the Lord with their future. They believe Native America deserves to hear of the Great Treaty provided by the Father one that will never be broken and they are honored to be part of this journey.

## MALLORY GEORGIA MARIE (TEMPLE) - OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD



Mallory is a proud MCS alumna whose love for worship and creativity began right here, leading worship in chapel and at basketball games, and later competing at Speech Meet—one of the first places she discovered her passion for writing and storytelling.

Since graduating, Mallory has built an impressive career in music and worship. She earned a certification in worship leading and songwriting through Bethel Worship, has written and released original music, opened her own publishing company, and performed in countless professional productions, music videos, and live events. Some career highlights include singing on stage alongside Dolly Parton and recording audiobook songs for both Dolly Parton and Tim McGraw.

Mallory is also a devoted mother to her nine-year-old son, GT, who attends MCS and has received the Christian Character Award. She considers

motherhood her greatest calling and is deeply committed to raising her son with a strong faith and a heart for God.

Grateful for the support of her parents and brother, Mallory credits their prayers and encouragement—and God’s faithfulness—for shaping both her life and career.

## **SUSAN DUGAS - MCS SERVICE AWARD**



After many years of faithful service, this honoree looks back on a career filled with meaningful moments and lasting impact. Some of her fondest memories include watching understanding dawn on students’ faces as they wrestled with complex epics like *The Faerie Queene*, rehearsing and traveling with students as they successfully competed in speech meets, and helping establish the drama program—one that has grown into the wonderful program it is today. She also treasures the twenty-five years spent taking seniors to Chicago for their senior trip, calling it a true blessing.

Now newly retired, she has embraced a new season of life. She currently directs and organizes her church choir, enjoys spending entire days reading, and looks forward most to subbing at Middletown Christian—allowing her to stay connected with students in a simpler, joyful way.

Family is at the center of her life. She is the proud mother of five children, grandmother to ten grandchildren, and great-grandmother to one, with two more great-grandchildren expected in March. A life of constant prayer has shaped her journey, and through every season, she remains firmly grounded in her faith—trusting her Savior and knowing that even when life is difficult, Jesus is always in control.

## **ALLYN ATADERO - MCS SERVICE AWARD**



**Mr. Allyn Atadero came to MCS during the 2023-2024 school year as the Middle School/High School Principal. At the time, he was a retired physical education teacher, who had most recently worked in Colorado, working as an educator for 35 years. In addition to his time in the classroom and gymnasium, Allyn served as an athletic director, principal and was a coach of multiple sports. He and his wife, Deb, moved to this area a number of years ago and became active members of Community Harvest Church in Germantown.**

**Allyn graduated from California State University Fullerton with a bachelor's degree in physical education and received a master's degree from American Intercontinental University in education. He taught in California for 11 years, before moving to Colorado to continue teaching and later retiring. In his career he received middle school teacher of the year in physical education in the state of Colorado as well as other awards within his school district of 8,000 teachers.**

**At MCS, Mr. A, as he was affectionally referred to by all, had a tremendous impact on all aspects of our school. Students, staff, faculty and fellow administrators were all positively impacted by this man who was a culture changer within our school community.**

**He treated people the right way - straight forward, honest, always respectful, someone that did not lose himself in little things - Allyn majored in the major things - someone who saw the big picture and wanted to be a positive influence in every opportunity that he had with others.**

**Students spoke of his kindness, mercy, compassion and grace.**

**School staff spoke of his servanthood, his care and his humility.**

**Teachers spoke of his empathy and called him a mentor and an advocate.**

**Administrators saw a partner, and spoke of his wisdom and patience.**

And Allyn was a friend to all!

He introduced an expression to our school in his first year with us that has become part of our MCS culture! He said that “It’s a great day to be an EAGLE!” In fact, according to Mr. A, every day was a great day to be an EAGLE! And it’s because of individuals like Allyn Atadero and the impact that he had on the MCS community, that we can confidently proclaim that he was right - and that it is always a great day to be an EAGLE.

Last April, Mr. A unexpectedly passed away after a short, but extremely brave battle with cancer. In his short time at MCS, Mr. A left an enduring legacy - and he leaves us with memories that will continue to impact the culture of MCS far beyond his years.

## **PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**



The graphic features the Middletown Christian Schools logo at the top, which includes a blue eagle icon and the text 'MIDDLETOWN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS'. Below the logo, the words 'PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS' are written in large, bold, yellow letters with a blue shadow effect. To the left of the main text, the words 'SPRING 2026' are written vertically in white on a blue background. At the bottom of the graphic, there is a call to action: 'CLICK ANY OF THE LINKS BELOW FOR UPDATES OR MORE INFO ABOUT ANNOUNCEMENTS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED!'.

[Homecoming Alumni Weekend - February 6-7](#)

[Homecoming Games Schedule - February 7](#)

[CCP Meeting Info - February 9](#)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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- FEB 6 HOMECOMING FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
- FEB 6-7 HOMECOMING ALUMNI WEEKEND
- FEB 7 HOMECOMING GAMES
- FEB 12 STOP, DROP, AND READ
- FEB 13 TEACHER INSERVICE DAY
- FEB 15 HIGH SCHOOL LOCK IN @ THE WEB
- FEB 16 PRESIDENTS DAY



Mark your calendar for our upcoming events!

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