

# Phoenix Athletes start seasons strong



## Boys' Basketball Scores

1. MCS: 30 McCool: 26
2. MCS: 43 Andersen: 42
3. MCS: 19 Saint Anthony: 45
4. MCS: 30 Bishop: 33
5. Santa Barbara: Rescheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>
6. MCS: 29 Harvest: 39
7. MCS: 48 Saint Paul: 51

## Girls' Soccer Scores

1. MCS: 13 McCool: 1
2. MCS: 7 Andersen: 1
3. Saint Anthony: rescheduled to March 7<sup>th</sup>
4. MCS: 3 Harvest: 1
5. MCS: 2 Saint John's: 2
6. MCS: 2 Saint Francis: 0
7. MCS: 2 San Vicente: 4

Left photo: MCS' Destiny Castro uses some fancy footwork to get passed Harvest defense in their victory against the Eagles on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Right photo: MCS boys take the ball down the court for a basket.

## Study hard, play hard

Third quarter sports are keeping athletes busy with practices and games in addition to their schoolwork. The boys and girls at MCS are excelling as athletes, keeping MCS on the map in the world of middle school sports.

The Boys' Basketball Team is coached by Joseph "Matut" Reyes, who led MCS' Girls' Basketball team to win the championship in the second quarter of this school year.

The Girls' Soccer Team is led by Coach Anthony "TJ" Tainatongo. The defending champions are looking to finish strong this season.

Phoenix Athletic Director Juan Camacho provided all the scores and schedules listed on the left.



More photos from both Boys' Basketball and Girls' Soccer on page 3.



**Thank you for supporting Phoenix athletes!**



# PHOENIX

## Phoenix Calendar >>>

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Sports: **Girls Soccer and Boys Basketball**
- March is *Mes Chamoru* (Chamorro Month)
- Monday, Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> - **Kantan Chamorrta**
- **Fridays** are Island Wear Days

## Prutetehi i Kottura-ta: Protecting our culture



Mount Carmel students have the extraordinary opportunity to learn about and practice their Chamorro culture at school. Both elementary and middle school students learn our Chamorro language and customs in daily Chamorro classes and display what they have learned at the annual *Kantan Chamorrta* in the Phoenix courtyard. This event gives students the opportunity to take the audience on a journey through time to an era when Chamorros would *kasi'* or jokingly tease each other and compete in reciting oral history and traditional legends. The journey through time is just one aspect of this show; *Kantan Chamorrta* puts MCS students in the center of their culture by making them the storytellers and the protectors of our culture that has always placed great importance on oral tradition. Many people make the argument that our Chamorro culture and language are dying or are endangered, but the students at MCS will describe their culture and language as thriving and surviving because of all the school's efforts to keep the Chamorro culture in the students' school lives. *Biba Mes Chamorro!*



# Catholic Schools are A+ for America

Catholic Schools Week 2011 celebrated from January 30-February 4, 2011



The National Catholic Educational Association stated, "The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2011 celebrates the fact that Catholic schools are an added value ("a plus") for the nation. Because of their traditionally high academic standards and high graduation rates, all supported by strong moral values, Catholic schools and their graduates make a definite contribution to American society."

Students were given a day off on Friday, February 4 while teachers and staff attended the annual Island-wide Catholic School Teachers' Conference at the Father Duenas Phoenix Center. MCS teachers were given the opportunity to share and learn new and effective ways to teach in a Catholic setting.

Pictured from left to right are Ms. Aguon, Mrs. Tabayoyong, Ms. Trinidad, Ms. Quinata, and Ms. Santos after the conference.

MCS students and teachers celebrated Catholic Schools Week along with the other Catholic schools on the island.

The week kicked off with a celebratory mass giving thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed on the school, students, staff, and their families. The remainder of the week was filled with fun activities that all students participated in.



MCS Lady Phoenix 3-1 victory over Harvest Christian Academy Lady Eagles

## Ms. Quinata's Fourth Graders GO GREEN!

*"Save our planet, save our Earth!"*



The fourth graders at MCS have decided to stop using the air conditioner in their classroom to conserve energy at the school. The goal of their GO GREEN! initiative is to "Save our planet, save our Earth!"



## MCS Phoenix slim defeat by the Bishop Baumgartner Obispos (30-33)

