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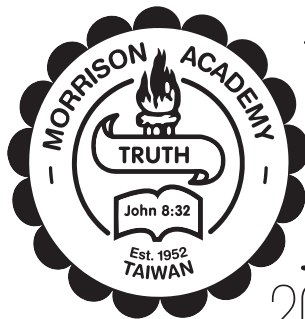
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# The ECHO

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## Chapel Format to Offer Variety

by Zachary Pagel, staff reporter

The current chapel structure will see change this semester. Students will have options of different seminars, held by different speakers. Chaplain Jason Roloff seeks more student involvement and engagement. He said, "my goal is that students even-

tually will get to the point where they look forward to chapel."

"When I first got here, I got the sense that chapel had become too predictable and disengaging," said Roloff. "We need to try to find different ways of connecting with our students, not

just coming in to a place with comfy chairs that's dark like a cave. We need to try different methods of connecting."

The first split chapel occurs Jan 28. Further changes, if any, are yet to be decided. "This semester is kind of like a pilot" explains Roloff.

## The College App Season

by Roxanne Chang, staff reporter

It's that time of the year. Not Christmas. Not New Years. It's college apps season.

While some seniors will be taking gap years, most will be going straight to college. We've got all sorts of seniors--those who finished their applications weeks or months ahead and those who rushed through the whole Christmas break trying to meet the January deadlines.

Like many of his peers, Jonathon Peng toured some colleges over the summer. He said, "I started working on the essays for the schools that I toured at the end of summer." For some, balancing applications with school work was a challenge. Joseph Chen said, "Making sure that every detail was covered in my application [was not an easy task] since I also had school work." Stefan Yeh added, "[Finding the right colleges] to apply to was a hassle, so I [asked for] Mr. Hsu's help and went on several college rating websites like Niche." For others, the season was the "reality" in "Expectations v. Reality". Even some of the most organized seniors fell into the hands of procrastination, submitting applications just one minute before the deadline.

The majority of the senior class described the season as "stressful and annoying," some even "brutal and crazy". Steve Park claimed that he experienced great joy and excitement while "typing up eleven essays for nine schools across four countries". Deborah Lee admitted, "I underestimated the amount of effort required to perfect a college essay. My stress level reduced only when I turned in the applications." Selina Peng mentioned the struggle of guilt. "It was hard for me to enjoy breaks, and [I felt] guilty when I opted for an episode instead of writing essays."

Interviews are also a big part of the application process that many seniors experience throughout the months of January and February. Most seniors would describe their interview experiences as "casual," "helpful," and "surprising. It may seem nerve-racking initially, but it's really a chance for colleges to get to know an applicant on a personal level.

The counselors' inboxes were probably brimming with desperate "Subject: PANIC" or "Subject: How do I..." emails. Despite all the stress and sleep deprivation, the college application season came with a bright side. Mr. Jacobi described the season as an experience that allowed him to get to know the seniors beyond the surface of academic interests. That time of the year may be challenging, but as one senior said, "it was a doable experience after we looked back".

Now the Class of 2016 will just have to wait for the envelopes to come in...

# Promises to Keep:

# NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

by Alina Wong, staff reporter



When people hear the term “New Year’s resolutions” many instantly think of sporadically filled gyms, drastic diets, mostly overly optimistic goals that far too often end in failure. Nowadays, people have a common tendency to believe that New Years marks the beginning of sudden change and improvement. The problem with this type of thinking is that, time and time again, many sprint towards their goals only to lose stamina within just a few months. Their resolutions die out amongst the New Year’s fireworks and parties. But must New Year’s resolutions always end this way? This year, staff members, who have had a couple more years to test the waters of self-improvement, agreed to offer their insight and share a few tips on how they dealt with their New Year’s resolutions in the past.

## QUIRINE MYBURGH “Just DO IT.”

Do not reason too much once you decide what you want to accomplish. Set a goal, and simply stick to it. According to experts, it takes up to a month to develop a habit. So when the time comes, devoid yourself of overthinking, grit your teeth, and get to work.

## MELODY FARIS “Make it visible”

Keeping your goal in sight is crucial for success. After all, humans have a tendency to forget. Take a sharpie, write your goal onto a poster and place it on a commonly seen wall. Or, scribble your challenge down into a personal notebook for reference.

## STEVE STACEY “Break it down”

Try to refrain from making your goal vague or unspecific. Split your challenge into manageable steps that you can follow on a daily basis. Have an end goal in mind, but be sure to work through the process as well.

## DARREN LU “Don’t make one.”

Of course, there is always the obvious solution to passively combat New Year’s resolutions: simply refuse to join in the fight. But don’t worry, doing so won’t make you a lazy person. Some people prefer weaving their goals into the year at different times or slower paces. As long as you keep growing, you really can’t be too far behind!

So, what goals have students of 2016 decided to set for the New Year? As you continue to read and find out, bear in mind the tips staff members have shared. Remember that there is really no shortcut to success. But if you push hard enough through the next 12 months, you may just end up as one of the few who will taste victory over their resolutions in 2017.

**Jeremy Chen** (*senior*): “To remain undefeated by Uncle Steve in Fifa!”

**Juri Yonemoto** (*freshman*): I really want to get good grades.

**Austin Wertz** (*senior*): Do something creative every day.

**Annie Liu** (*senior*): Don’t die before I see all the superhero movies this year.

**Henry Lin** (*sophomore*): Get fit.

**Sharon Huang** (*junior*): Work-out more.

**Jake Widener** (*senior*): Graduate, duh.

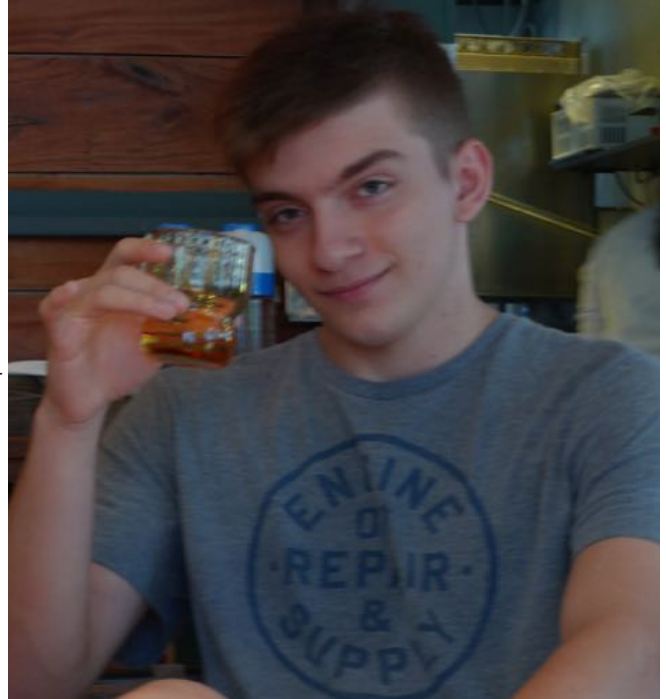


# Glady's Kitchen Review:

## A Diamond in the Rough

*Jake Strange*

I had every reason to hate the recently unveiled village-darling, Glady's Kitchen; every time I passed it by, it seemed to gloat at me, reminding me of the three times I had gone to the place and found that either it wasn't open or that they had run out of food, not to mention the over-priced bad coffee they had served me in those instances of no food. To say that I was mildly annoyed by the time I actually had the plate of food in front of me is a major understatement.



However, I can now say that I don't hate it. On the contrary, I adore it. The chic interior design and vibrant flavors offer a sophistication the likes of which the village has never seen. Glady's Kitchen, though its menu offers only two truly different entrees (paninis and hamburgers), has an intricacy to its dishes that most local restaurants could only dream of. The mushroom panini was prepared with a variety of herbs and served alongside a fresh salad topped with a thousand island dressing, a cold potato salad, and an admittedly mediocre piece of tofu (not really my thing); it culminated in what I would describe as a truly enlightening experience. I would also add that their berry smoothie was equally satisfying.



Despite its glaring and obvious inconveniences, Glady's Kitchen goes above and beyond any expectation I had. It stands as a potential trailblazer for restaurants of similar quality to settle in the area, and earns a solid four out of five.





# 2015

by *Esther Brown and Cassandra Liao*, staff reporter

## APRIL 25

A Magnitude 7.8 Earthquake Strikes Nepal



## MAY 2

The Duchess of Cambridge (Prince William's wife) Gives Birth to a Girl



## FEBRUARY 28

Both Men & Lady Mustangs take home the ACSC Basketball Championships

## MARCH 7



*Photo by Serene Brown*

ACSC Honors String Festival brings together 3 schools

## MARCH 27 & 28



*Photo by Alicia Tsai*

High School Drama reenacts Anne of Green Gables in a stunning performance

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catherine,\\_Duchess\\_of\\_Cambridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catherine,_Duchess_of_Cambridge)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/April\\_2015\\_Nepal\\_earthquake](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/April_2015_Nepal_earthquake)

## MAY 28



*Photo by Serene Brown*

Class of 2015 Graduates

## AUGUST 19

Eurozone offers third bailout for Greece

## SEPTEMBER 28

Flowing Liquid Water Confirmed on Mars.

## OCTOBER 24



Photo from Athletics FB page

Lady Mustangs win the ACSC Girls Volleyball Championship

## OCTOBER 29



China Ends One-Child Policy After Decades

## OCTOBER 30

U.S. Sends Troops to Fight ISIS in Syria

## NOVEMBER 6 & 7



HS Drama performs the British comedy Relative Values

Photo by Kayla Miller

## NOVEMBER 7

China and Taiwan Leaders Meet After Sixty-Six Years



## NOVEMBER 18

Three Coordinated Attacks by ISIS Kill Dozens in Paris

## NOVEMBER 20



Photo by Serene Brown

Junior Carnival "A Knight to Remember" raises over 45,000NT

## DECEMBER 18



Photo by Kayla Miller

850,000 NT raised for the Christmas Project

# YEAR IN REVIEW



# Who's Who: The HS Staff



## Michael Belch - *Spanish Teacher*

### What are some of your hobbies/interests?

*I write. I play the drums. And I like philosophy and theology. I think they're all probably the same thing. They're all an exploration that require imagination, practice, and thought.*

### Describe yourself in high school.

*I was a nerd. I liked school. I enjoyed friends. I was kind of a goody-goody.*

### Being here for one semester, what do you like most about our school?

*I like how motivated students are. I think you can do more interesting things as a teacher when your students are motivated and want to learn. You can push further and explore different things.*

### If you could teach any other subject for one day what would it be?

*Something manual. Like woodworking.*



## David Guenther - *Math Teacher*

### What are some of your hobbies/interests?

*I like playing video games and board games. I also like watching TV and movies. I like hanging out with friends, going out for supper. I just like spending time with people.*

### Describe yourself in high school.

*I was a very strange child in high school. I partially didn't have myself figured out during high school. I was a bit of a loner in some senses; I hung out with my teachers more than my classmates. I was also a big drama guy; I did every play and musical except the first one my freshman year.*

### Being here for one semester, what do you like most about our school?

*Morrison has a good community. I like the diversity of the different students. It doesn't feel like it's a school for one type of student. It's a good mix of people here.*

### If you could teach any other subject for one day what would it be?

*It definitely wouldn't be English. I think teaching photography would be really fun, just to be able to go out and find different photographic challenges.*



## Darren Lu - Social Studies Teacher

### What are some of your hobbies/interests?

*I like to watch sports games. I like to read the news. I like to follow anything UCLA related. Read if I have time. Basketball, which I haven't played in a while, but I'd like to.*

### Describe yourself in high school.

*In highschool, I'm the kid who would do his first period homework at home, and his second period homework during first period, and his third his second. I would be done by lunch and then fall asleep the rest of my classes. I wasn't the best student but I do get the GPA that I want. But if I get to do high school again, I would like to be more involved.*

### Being here for one semester, what do you like most about our school?

*I like the environment. I like the students. They're mostly positive. I like my co-workers. They're very friendly and humble. They have a great attitude. And I like the city.*

### If you could teach any another subject for one day what would it be?

*Maybe some music or art class. Maybe pottery because I don't know how to do that and it just seems fun.*



## Jason Roloff - Chaplain

### What are some of your hobbies/interests?

*I love the sport of soccer. I try to get chances to play, just on my own. I love to coach, teach it. I watch a lot of it, especially English Premier League Soccer. I stay up way too late on weekends watching it. I'm finally getting back into the gym. I like to lift weights. It's not really a hobby, but I love spending time with my kids and doing stuff that's fun for them.*

### Describe yourself in high school.

*In highschool, I was all about athletics. I played soccer year round, and then baseball for quite a few months. I did okay in school, but I was focused on sports and hanging out with friends. I was always at a friends house, or a friend was at my house.*

### Being here for one semester, what do you like most about our school?

*I like the fact that I have opportunities to see students on a daily basis. I like where my office is, in the student center, because I get to see kids come and go. And while I haven't met everyone yet, I feel like I've been able to at least say hi and rub shoulders with them each day. I can tell you that as weeks go by, I'm able to start having more conversations. I also really enjoy working with new colleagues and co-workers. They have been very helpful and supportive to me getting started.*

### If you could teach any subject for one day what would it be?

*I'm a bit of a history buff. It's actually part of my degree in college. I'm fascinated by archeology and anthropology. I would love to focus on Biblical archeology.*



# A Look Back at Morrison's Story...

by Meeghan Sheppard, staff reporter

Uncommon Bonds; A History of Morrison Academy 1952 - 2002, describes the birth of a brand new school on Taiwanese soil. In 1952, a need arose for six missionary students to have an English speaking school. By the fall of 1953, 35 students and several teachers made up what was formerly known as Taiwan Evangelical Christian School. However, in November of that year, Taiwan Evangelical Christian School's name was changed to Morrison in honor of the China's first "modern" missionary - Robert Morrison. The next year, the school was turned over to what are recognised as Morrison's four founding Missions; OMS, TEAM, Conservative Baptist Mission, and Orient Crusades. Later however, Orient Crusades withdrew and was replaced by the Southern Baptist Mission. Soon after, a campus was built near China Medical University. After the city put a major road through that campus, the current campus was built.

Morrison's campus has seen much recent change, the creation of the new pool and track being the latest. In 2008 the school built a new atrium and EMS section. After moving EMS students to the back parking lot for the 2008-2009 school year, the new school buildings and staff housing were constructed. The summer of 2008 saw flooding due to a large typhoon that swept through Taichung, which hindered construction. However, the building contractor, Dayi Construction, pushed through.

Not only has the campus changed, but afterschool activities have changed as well. For example, in the later 1960s, Morrison's music teacher, Ruth Jobes, began a marching band, which played during the halftime of soccer games against Taipei American School (TAS) and Jonathan Wainwright School, an American School in Tainan. The Band had drum major-ettes and baton twirlers. Mr. Tim Dwight, a french horn player and banner holder for the marching band remarked, "I remember that during the American bicentennial year [1976] we did a patriotic show, like a five to ten minute run through American history." Not only did the marching band do shows for their school, but it also played in parades such as the one celebrating Chiang-Kai Shek's birthday.

Many other small progressive changes have occurred throughout the history of Morrison. Instead of catching a taxi to go to a movie as many students do now, pedicabs, bikes, and buses were the popular methods of transportation. Now, when students get hungry or need a quick bite to eat, they will walk up to the village, or sometimes further to Starbucks and McDonalds. This was not the



case with the early Morrison students. McDonald's wasn't introduced to Taiwan until 1984, when the first one opened up in Taipei. Instead, students hung out around the plaza and the "it" place to be was at Morrison sports events.

In this current era, the lower classes of the high school will walk onto campus during the last week of school only to find some prank performed by the graduating seniors. However, in the 1960s, the senior sneak was an annual event. As Randy Cazell describes the Sneak in Uncommon Bonds, "...the seniors picked a time, during the second semester, when they would sneak off to some place, and it was the job of the juniors to catch them en route...". He relates that even the parents of the students would be in on it and it was "...an awesome time..." for everyone. In the early 1970s, the Sneak was replaced with the senior trip.

Morrisonians didn't always wear the blue and white of the Mustangs. The Mustangs were once "the Bunny-hoppers." However, Charles Holsinger, who was the athletic director until 1968, suggested the Mustangs, which stuck. Holsinger was somehow able to obtain Wheaton College's old traveling uniforms, which happened to be the colors blue and white.

