

Montrose Memos

EDUCATING WOMEN OF FAITH, CHARACTER & VISION

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Montrose Moves In!

They build too low, who build beneath the stars. — Edward Young

It's official. After twenty-seven years of praying and planning, Montrose School is finally in its permanent home. Students and faculty began the first formal day of school in Medfield on January 23, 2007.

The momentous day kicked off at 7:30 a.m. as smiling students and parents trickled in, many seeing the new school for the very first time. All were encouraged to spend the first moments of the day touring the building, peeking into classrooms, opening up lockers and marveling at the new chapel.

The crisp air and warm sunshine matched the cheery mood. Though the paint was still wet and there were pictures to be hung, nothing hampered the spirit of the new tenants.

"Walking into the new building, one could sense an energy and new life," said Karen Noble, mother of Katherine '10 and Erin '12. "What an overwhelming feeling of hope and joy!"

At 8:30 a.m. the school community gathered in the chapel for the first Mass — a Mass of Thanksgiving. The pews in the simple but dignified chapel are a gift from the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Framingham. However, with so many in attendance, the chapel pews could not accommodate the large crowd. Chairs spilled out into the Great Hall to seat the audience of 275 people.

All had come together to thank God for the gift of Montrose School and its wonderful new home. Montrose's Chaplain, Reverend Richard Rieman, gave his first homily in the new school. He spoke of how far the school had come and how lucky everyone is to be a part of it, stirring many listeners.

"It is still hard to believe that we are now truly in Medfield, after so many years of discussions, thoughtfulness and prayers," remarked Jone Daher, mother of Grace '08 and Laura '03, now a senior at MIT.

The day was especially poignant for the school founders. Two in attendance were Ed Noonan and Bill Bowman. Both were moved by the occasion.

"Today was absolutely fantastic, the fulfillment of 27 years worth of dreams," said Mr. Bowman. Mr. Noonan added, "What a delight to be with so many friends this morning. We have come such a long way since December of 1977 when we first began talking about 'a school for our daughters in the Boston area.'"

After Mass, Head of School Dr. Karen Bohlin kicked off a breakfast reception in the Great Hall. *For excerpts from Dr. Bohlin's remarks, see page 4.*

Robert Olson and Associates, the architects who designed the renovation, and the Nauset

Construction team were also present for Mass and the reception. Several members of the Medfield community were on hand, as well, to welcome their new neighbors. Some neighboring stores joined in the festivities, hanging "Welcome Montrose!" signs outside their shops. Montrose's next door neighbor Leaf and Petal even offered free cookies to Montrose students as a welcoming gesture.

Montrose is indeed blessed to have this new home. In the forthcoming months, we look forward to bringing many prospective families to Montrose and welcoming the Medfield community. We are also eager to invite our alumnae home to Montrose in Medfield. With time, prayer and collective commitment, Montrose will have a magnificent campus — one that befits its mission and aspirations.

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE, FEBRUARY 2007

This Special Edition of the Montrose Memos is designed to inform Montrose families, alumnae and friends of the current status of our Capital Campaign. Most importantly, we would like to thank all those who have given so generously of their time and financial support to make the move to Medfield possible. Finally, we would like to highlight what remains to be accomplished.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Capital Campaign Goal	\$3,300,000
Total Pledges to Date	\$2,312,280
Total Gifts Received to Date	\$1,677,148

We are \$1,000,000 away from our Campaign Goal!

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Straw Hat Annex	\$200,000
Rieman Field	\$800,000
Total	\$1,000,000

CAMPAIGN MILESTONES

2003 – 2005 Campaign Fundraising Towards Purchase of Property

The members of the Board of Trustees raised \$4.6 million toward the purchase of property for Montrose School. This milestone was the crowning achievement of our twenty-fifth anniversary celebration.

February 2, 2005 Property Acquisition

On February 2, 2005, Montrose School secured a 13.5 acre permanent home campus in downtown Medfield, MA for \$7.4 million. The property has proven to be a wise investment. It was recently appraised for \$13 million.

January, 2007 Renovations Completed for Straw Hat Academic Building

On January 23, 2007, Montrose opened its doors to students and families in the newly renovated Straw Hat Building. Renovations include the construction of the chapel, science labs, library, technology center, 20 classrooms, including art and music rooms, a dining hall and administrative offices.

February, 2007 Demolition Completed for Rieman Field

All demolition work in preparation for the development of Rieman Field has been completed. Nauset Construction is scheduled to begin work on the field in the spring of 2007 provided that the necessary funding is secured.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES

We would never have made it to Medfield if it were not for the staggering generosity of each member of our Board of Trustees, Capital Campaign and site related committees. Your leadership over the years has leveraged momentum and progress every step of the way. On behalf of the students, parents, faculty and staff at Montrose School, thank you.

— Karen E. Bohlin,
Head of School

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MONTROSE SCHOOL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIVING SOCIETIES

DeTore Leadership Society: \$1,000,000 or more
Founders Society: \$500,000 to \$999,999
Legacy Society: \$100,000 to \$499,999
Head of School Society: \$50,000 to \$99,999
Leadership Society: \$10,000 to \$49,999
Benefactor Society: \$5,000 to \$9,999
Patron Society: \$1,000 to \$4,999

CAMPAIGN GIVING

With the tremendous commitment and generosity of so many, Montrose School has achieved one of its most important goals: securing a permanent home campus. Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Capital Campaign. We are grateful for your tireless leadership and dedication.

In November 2006, The Capital Campaign Committee launched an Unrestricted Gift Effort that helped leverage our refinancing to support construction progress. These generous benefactors are also included in the following giving societies.

Please note that all 2006-2007 Annual Fund, special and in-kind gifts to Montrose School will be recognized in the 2006-2007 Annual Report. We are very grateful to everyone who has already participated in the 2006-2007 Annual Fund.

DeTore Leadership Society

Anonymous (2)
Mr. & Mrs. Paul E. Noble, Jr.

Founders Society

Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. John DeMatteo

Legacy Society

Mr. & Mrs. Saleh Daher
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Franchi
Mr. & Mrs. James Morgan
Mr. & Mrs. G. Edward Noonan

Head of School Society

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Carr
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Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Poppenhagen

Leadership Society

Anonymous (3)
Mr. & Mrs. Franz Borgers
Mr. & Mrs. William Bowman
Mrs. Yong Do Choi
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Conway
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Mr. & Mrs. Neil Jacob
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MOMS (Mothers of Montrose School)
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Noonan
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Mr. & Mrs. Greg Tocci

Benefactor Society

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Hofer
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Mr. James Butt & Dr. Joanne Marian
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Mrs. Ethel Robbins
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Mrs. Marion Sullivan
Mr. & Mrs. David Walker

PRESENT NEEDS AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

There is still work to be done in order to provide Montrose with the facility that befits its great mission. Our second phase of renovations is underway, and we need additional support to sustain momentum. The following provides an update on our present needs.



Straw Hat Annex

Art exhibitions, the Speech Team, the Fall Play, Choral Concerts, the Spring Musical, a cappella, the chime players — our students are ambitious, dedicated and talented performers, and they deserve the appropriate performance venue. Our long term plan includes the construction of a Fine and Performing Arts Center. In the interim, however, we want to give our actors and artists a fitting space to rehearse and perform.



Rieman Field

Our student athletes currently travel to rented soccer and lacrosse fields in Natick and home basketball courts in Newton and Foxboro. Nevertheless, they have earned championship titles in the Girls Independent School League. Now we own a campus on which we can put a home playing field. Rieman Field, named in honor of Montrose School's founding chaplain, Reverend Richard Rieman, will be the new home practice and game field for our athletes in soccer, lacrosse and softball.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

We need \$1,000,000 to meet our Capital Campaign goal of \$3.3 million

We are almost there! Together we can reach our goal and complete this phase of the Capital Campaign.

STRAW HAT ANNEX	\$200,000
Renovate multipurpose space for performance, assembly and interim location for physical education	
RIEMAN FIELD	\$800,000
Put in upper field and create campus green, driveway and additional parking.	
TOTAL IMMEDIATE NEEDS	\$1,000,000

Future Objectives

Gymnasium	\$5,000,000
Performing Arts Center	\$4,000,000
Endowment	\$1,000,000
Instructional Kitchen	\$500,000

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

With your gift now, we can leverage momentum to complete the Straw Hat Annex and Rieman Field and reach our \$3.3 million Capital Campaign goal.

Capital Campaign Leadership Gifts

Gifts to the Capital Campaign for the immediate renovation of the Straw Hat Annex and the construction of Rieman Field may be sent to the Montrose School Building Fund, 29 North Street, Medfield, MA 02052.

Naming Opportunities

One way to show gratitude to Montrose School and your commitment to what it stands for is to consider naming a space or item in the school. Please contact Jennifer Malloy, Director of Development & Alumnae Relations (508.359.2423, ext.314; jmalloy@montroseschool.org) for more information on naming opportunities.

Giving to Montrose School

Please know that your contribution to Montrose is completely tax deductible. Montrose School is a 501 (c) (3) organization and accepts gifts of cash, check, credit card, stock, and corporate matching programs. We also gladly accept pledges and gifts made over a period of up to 5 years. For more information on how to make or pledge a gift over time, please contact Jennifer Malloy: 508.359.2423 ext. 314; jmalloy@montroseschool.org.

ANNUAL SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

Annual Fund

In addition to the Capital Campaign, the 2006-2007 Annual Fund Campaign is an equally significant fundraiser. *Participation* in the Annual Fund, regardless of the size of the gift, is essential, and we invite all members of our school community to contribute. Montrose School's Annual Fund helps to close the 13% gap in operating costs not covered by tuition. Your participation helps raise the funds necessary to retain our excellent faculty and expand our programs.

Auction

This year's Auction and dinner on March 31, 2007, the *SS Montrose, Cruising in Medfield*, promises to be a wonderful evening and a great success. As in past years, the members of the MOMS Auction Committee have tirelessly donated hundreds of hours of their time and energy to plan and organize this highly successful fundraising event to support and enrich the school's programs.

Philanthropic giving inspires confidence and leadership. Those members of the Montrose Family who have the ability to give generously to the Montrose Capital Campaign are asked to consider making a leadership gift. Leadership gifts inspire others to give according to their capacity. The collective generosity of our friends and benefactors will enable Montrose to realize its worthy aspirations.



EXCERPTS FROM KAREN BOHLIN'S JANUARY 23RD OPENING REMARKS

*Non Nobis Domine Domine
Not To Us But To Your Name Give Glory*

We are grateful to God for this enormous gift. He has put an amazing team together and guided this project from the start. It is indeed a miracle we are here today. He knows as well as we do that we are still a work in progress. And, as the supreme architect and construction manager and laborer, He has a vision in store for us that will far surpass our own.

Today we also give thanks to each of you who have collaborated in this great endeavor to bring Montrose to a permanent home. We look forward to occasions to celebrate with a wider array of friends, families and alumnae who are so important to Montrose. This intimate gathering gives us an opportunity to acknowledge the team who has helped us to open our doors today.

Robert Olson and Associates (Rob, Umberto, Susanna and David) have worked with Montrose for over eight years reviewing sites and envisioning our future campus. They have helped to plan the school you see today and capture the warmth and mission of Montrose within these walls. We are grateful for their passion and commitment to detail.

Our intrepid construction team, Nauset, has embraced this challenge with tenacity. You have transformed this Straw Hat Building into a wonderful school. Tony, Mark, Al, Doug, and Brett, we could not have come this far with any other team. Thank you. We are on schedule!

Our project manager and board chairman, Neil Jacob, and Laurie Jacob, a quiet force behind the scenes, have orchestrated this great project.

We would not be here if it were not for the staggering generosity of each of our Board, Capital Campaign and Site Committee members, founders and benefactors. Your leadership has leveraged momentum and progress every step of the way.

And this important effort has only just begun.

Our students and our families. Your daily prayers, your persistent petition to St. Josemaria and your willing hands and enthusiastic support have kept us going.

Our faculty and staff. Your work these last several weeks – packing and unpacking, cleaning and setting up – have offered impressive testimony of your love for each of these students. Jane Morgan and Irene Eide. You have gone above and beyond the call of duty, playing a critical leadership role in the logistics of the move and in ensuring a smooth transition.

We are truly blessed to have come this far. Thank you all for getting us here. We continue to count on prayers and support as we move into this exciting new era for Montrose School.

What Montrose Means to Me

EXCERPTS FROM A SPEECH BY KYLIE CAMERON-BURR

My name is Kylie, a junior at Montrose. Ever since sixth grade, I have been coming to Montrose and growing in the guidance and friendship of teachers and classmates. I was lucky to find Montrose and have been thrilled to call it my home away from home for the last six years.

In the past few weeks, I have heard a certain phrase that I want to share: "Montrose is the exception." While studying for the SATs, my friend and I listened to our SAT instructor grumble that schools fail to teach their students how to write, fail to teach students how to think critically, and fail to teach students how to solve a problem. Too often, he remarked, students are required to memorize facts and write them on a test, only to forget those facts the next day. My friend and I looked at each other skeptically. That might be true in most cases we said, but not at our school. Well, he replied, your school is probably the exception. And it is true, Montrose is the exception. Montrose is the exception where students enjoy learning. It's the school where whole classes are included in parties, where the older students are paired up with little sisters, and where students can grow to their fullest potential by participating in sports, plays, and a slew of extra-curricular activities.

But most of all, I have found that Montrose is a school where teachers genuinely care about our education and lives. They strive each day not only to teach us critical thinking and analysis, but also to help us grow as well rounded persons. A few days ago in my philosophy class, Ms. Rice commented, "Philosophy is one of the most important classes you can take because if nothing else, it makes you think and consider who you are..." Our teachers are our mentors, but also our friends.

They not only take an interest in the

subjects they teach, but also in the individual students.

Personally I have always adored writing, and after sixth grade, I wished to pursue writing more in-depth. Mrs. McKinney volunteered her time when I was in seventh grade to advise me on my writing outside of class. To this day, Mrs. McKinney still provides priceless advice on my work and has been a great inspiration to me as I have continued to write outside of school.

The sense of community and support we receive at Montrose gives us the strong foundation on which to venture out into the world and pursue our dreams. Montrose nurtures the desire in each of us to have a positive impact on the world around us, and gives us the tools with which to do it. I've watched this manifest itself in my classmates' choices of activity as well as my own. This past summer, I completed my third summer of flying lessons and am looking to get my full pilot's license in the next two summers.

For me, the small size and personal growth emphasized at Montrose have been a wonderful match with my family's and my personal goals.

Montrose is uniquely poised to educate generations of young women who will make a difference in the world. As a society, we need thoughtful, intelligent, civic-minded young women who will provide leadership in all areas — government, business, media, education, medicine, law, the arts and family. We need young women with a strong moral compass, women of faith, character and vision who can transform and renew our culture.