

# The Flip Side

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## T-Shirts!!!

Want to show school pride? Buy a T- Shirt! Or better yet a baseball shirt, or even a sweatshirt! You have the choice of two logos to go on your shirt, dolphins or our school name MSCS. Prices vary according to what shirt you want to get and the logo you choose to get on it. So come on, show me some school pride! For more information contact Sherry Housley and make your order today!

### MSCS Two Colors:

Sweatshirt: \$25.00

Baseball shirt: \$18.00

T- shirt: \$12.00

### Dolphin Four Colors:

Sweatshirt: \$35.00

Baseball shirt: \$25.00

T-shirt: \$20.00

## Ask Megan By: Megan

Waz up Miss Megan,

First off I'm a huge fan of your column, the first week was very inspirational! My question for you is, how do you handle talking to your ex boyfriend without hurting your relationship with your current guy.

Help Please!

-Don't want to hurt anyone

Dear Don't want to hurt anyone,

Haha, thanks! I'm glad you like my column! Well, that's a tough one. From what you have told me I assume that your current guy and your ex are not on good terms, and that you and your ex are. I think that you should be able to be to talk to him,



as long as you are not flirting with him. Your current boyfriend should trust you. If he continues to dislike it, you might want to consider making some compromises. For example, you could talk to your ex less, or you could only talk to him when your current boy is around.

-Megan

Want to ask Megan a Question?

Just write your question on any piece of paper and enclose it in a sealed envelope. Then give it to Sherry Housley (Vice Principal), who will then give the questions to Megan.

## Pop Warner Football By Tony Foulks

Pop Warner football is just as spirited and fun as high school football. Kids get just as pumped up, and are ready to play, like the high school players are. When I was on the coaching staff for the Atwater Falcons Pee Wee team, I experienced a whole different perspective of football. These kids work together as a team, and help each other

out, just in case they don't know what they are doing. They grow strong friendships so that way when they lose a game they could dust it off their shoulders and move on to the next game, without a doubt that they would win. Most of where they get that from is us adults. We always have to be positive towards these kids, and show them the support they need to keep them motivated. It's hard for them to lose a game, and the

## The School Rally By: Gabriella T.

The school rally was a night full of fun games, such as Chubby Bunny, which had the finale of 11 huge marshmallows being stuffed into Tony Foulks mouth to win the game. Also, Extreme Duck Duck Goose was a game where all kids had a lot of fun. There was also a movie, The Haunted Mansion, playing up stairs with popcorn and theater style seating. There were beautifully organized and decorated tables full of fun facts and information about Prom, Student Body, Parent Org, Field Trips, and Fundraisers for the school in order to give families more information about MSCS events and activities. There was also a superb meal of BBQ hotdogs, Chips, and soda. Everyone ate, played games and had a great time.

next day go to practice in shame. We have to let them know that is happens sometimes when you lose, but let them know that they are twenty times better then when they played the last game, The Atwater Falcons changed what I thought about football. They showed me, when you're on a team, its more than just getting the ball. Its about being a family, and having fun when your out there.

## Fall Fashion

By Corey Avalos

School is back in September, and its time once again for us to come together, share stories of our summer vacation, become more knowledgeable in our worldly ways and flipping' show off our new duds. If only the newspaper was more interactive and three-dimensional so that I could ask anyone who didn't go shopping for new clothes to raise their hands. Since we exist only in print and press I'll have to make an unskillful, non-factual and heavily biased guess that no one has yet, and you all waited patiently for this article to hit up Macy's.

It's a nice-looking day in the neighborhood, and it's about time you slipped into a cottony, relaxed, cool, and chic cardigan. This one sweater could be one of the most flexible items in your



wardrobe, since you can wear it with just about anything. T-shirt and jeans? Check. Oxford and corduroys? Check. Wool pants and bifocal glasses? Check.

Luckily the dress code for us guys is a little bit more relaxed and our possibilities are a little more related to everyday fashion. Vertically striped shirts are another staple to every man's closet, above all in the fall. They can go underneath a sweater, be paired with a tie, go with a suit or just go solo; all will look just as good. Very slender stripes can be hard on the eyes and do not photograph well, and very wide stripes look ugly on most body types. Vertical stripes make the wearer look taller and broader, and are more easily matched with other accessories.

Horizontal stripes are usually less pleasing on the eyes, although they can be paired with a cardigan sweater for a great effect.

Color can make or utterly demolish an outfit, so unless you want your fashion creditability to pull a Berlin Wall and come crashing down, pay careful attention. Don't mix contrasting colors! There is a color wheel that displays every color in the spectrum, just like the wheel of fortune. Red, for example is directly across from green. Never mix these two, as they will clash badly. (Ever notice how people never wear Christmas sweaters any more than they have to?)

## Teenage Couples

By: Michelle Bullock

Teenage couples, you see them everywhere, at school, the mall, theme parks, the grocery stores, we can't escape them. While not all couples are obnoxious and annoying there is still that group of kids who need to get a few things worked out. Maybe they have daddy issues, or maybe they simply don't know the difference between physical attraction and love.

The biggest annoyance about teenage couples is the fact of how quickly and easily they fall in "love." Love is not something that grows overnight or that simply pops up because you're dating a hot guy or girl. It grows and it takes time. Sure you can love many people and be loved by them but that does not mean that you are IN LOVE with them. I believe there is a difference between loving someone and being in love with them. For example I love my best friend but I am not in love with her. Just like my mom loves my friends

but she is in love with my dad. So my issue is this, how can these couples claim to be in love when they met last month and have been dating for two weeks.

Another problem with high school couples is PDA aka Public Displays of Affection. I think it comes down to insecurity. "Those people are looking so we should prove that we love each other by violently kissing in front of everyone." "Let's dance really raunchy and touch each other so that they all know we are a couple." Let's face it, we are teenagers and we all want to be appreciated by someone of the opposite sex, let's just not show it in this way. It's annoying and no one thinks these couples are cool because of their PDA. Is there an answer to this issue? No. However I think all teenage couples should look over their relationships. Are they really in love with their significant other? What are they really

proving by showing their affection publicly? And more importantly, what would their mother say if she saw them behaving like that?!



## Acoustic and Electric Guitar

By: Robert Fuentes

One of the very first, if not the first, guitars ever invented was known as the Acoustic Guitar. An Acoustic Guitar is simply more than strings on wood it's an instrument. I'm sure you have all seen an Electric Guitar so for those who don't know what an Acoustic guitar looks like well its basically the opposite of an Electric.

Its body is the giant hollow part of the guitar, where the sound comes out. The neck is a lot wider than electric guitars. It does have 6 strings just like an electric guitar but the sound is a lot more different, some can be more than 6 and still be an Acoustic Guitar. The head part would be a little different but some are different, the head part is the part where you can adjust the tune of the guitar. From here just think its all wood and you got it. You can also use different things with this acoustic guitar. One thing I like to use for an example is a Capo. Basically its like a giant clip, just clip it on and it gives a whole new sound to use. There is plenty more stuff you can use as you experiment with the guitar. This instrument you will see being played in every type of music in the world. Most of the time though you will see them being played in Country music. The guitar is most likely for nice camp fire songs, Country songs; you know a sound for outside.

An electric Guitar, the beginning instrument of rock, I'm sure everyone has seen and heard of. Basically it's the opposite of an acoustic. Its body you can find in millions of shapes and forms, and also in millions of designs and colors. The neck is a lot smaller so guitarists are able to move more freely. It has 6 strings as well, but have more than 6, and the head can or would be in

many different shapes and sizes. With an electric guitar you can use many things as well. Simply for both the number one tool is the tuner probably, simply you can use it to help tune your guitar perfectly. You can also use a switch, or Distortion Pedal. This is where the millions of

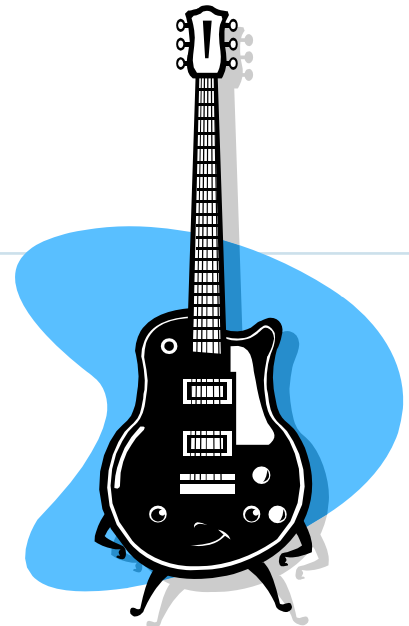
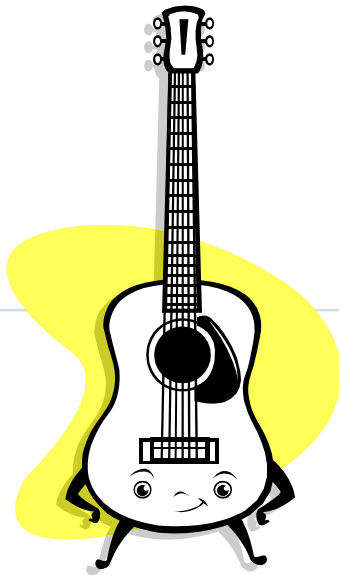
sounds come with guitar. An Acoustic you get basically one tone, with an electric you get millions of sounds. A Distortion Pedal is basically a pedal you step on to give your electric guitar a nice sound, deep sound, and much more. You can get evil heavy sound, a punk sound, and much more. The more you experiment with different pedals and other things you will get the picture. One thing that an acoustic guitar doesn't have is an amp. Oh yea, a giant amp that makes the sound you

play. Crank it full blast and you're set for rocker status. This instrument if more for all the types of music, country, rock, rap, R&B, and many more. Most of the time you will see these instruments being played at concerts or inside buildings such as homes, garages, stadiums, churches, and more. This guitar is best for meeting everyone's definitions of loud, crazy, rock areas.

In my opinion I say the electric guitar is best. Today's technology is so great now that even an acoustic is an electric acoustic, however there are many pedals in this world and one can give the sound of an acoustic for the electric guitar. The electric guitar does have a smaller neck, allows freedom to play what you want. The different styles for electrics are really awesome and the different colors are great. An acoustic doesn't look all too good. With an electric you can be loud and make your neighbors mad and all, and its just a great instrument to start off with. De-

pending what type of music you like and what your style is like you may want to choose an acoustic or an electric. Well they are both great instruments and changed there world and gave different views for music, though I say if your a beginner, go with an acoustic. Once you mess around with it here and there and take lessons and what not and you feel more comfortable then I say move on to an electric. I hope this kind of helps out those who never played guitar or really want to play it. Once you get your guitar don't have doubts and don't think like oh I'm done, or all my fingers hurt. Well you have got to remember everyone starts somewhere and what every other guitar players will tell you, practice makes perfect.

Robert Fuentes



## Student Org is so Hot Right Now!

By: Michelle Bullock

As home school / charter school students I think we all tend to get a little lazy. I know I do. I enjoy staying up late and getting up whenever I feel like it. Any extra activities aren't easily accepted into my agenda. However I know that it is important to be involved in our school. The more people helping out the more exciting Merced Scholars could become. Last year we organized two large field trips and our first ever prom, we also had a monthly newspaper that was sent out to not only our school but important members of the educational community as well. Posters filled our halls making it look less like an office building and more like a school where kids would hang out. This year we are continuing in that direction, field trips, dances, and newspapers are all in the works.



This year we need your help! Let's face it, being at home instead of at a high school or junior high gives us less than great opportunities to socialize. There are sports, girl scouts, and then student org. The class is not that demanding and it's benefiting the students in it as well as the parents and teachers of our school. Plus, the fact that it counts for 5 units per semester looks great on your transcripts. Besides

those details, you'll be making a difference instead of sitting at home, watching TV, playing video games, or surfing the web.

Trial run? I'm not asking for your name written in blood. I'm just asking that you try it out for one or two Wednesdays. Come, participate, enjoy, and stay or run away. After you come, it's up to you to decide if it's your cup of tea or not. No

one is forcing you; we are simply exploring you to join us to make an impact in our school. Remember, Student Org is so hot right now.

