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Watching Messi Play at Gillette Stadium

By Rodrigo Guerra (Mexico)



I really loved my experience when I went to the Revs game, although it was a long ride there and back, it was definitely worth it, because of the joy it gave me.

I got to see Messi play, assist with a beautiful header, and score an absolute banger which was my dream ever since I was little, all in really great seats, too! I owe all of this and am extremely grateful to Mr. Dean and Evan.

By John Dean, Dean of Students

I had the distinct pleasure of taking a small group of boys down to Gillette Stadium to watch the New England Revolution play the Inter Miami Soccer Club. I was planning on going to the game with my son, Evan, a freshman here at MCI, and he asked if he could take a few of his soccer teammates, which I was happy to oblige. He decided to take Maddox and Rodrigo. Maddox is from the U.S. and Rodrigo is from Mexico.

Needless to say, all three were extremely excited to see the world's greatest soccer player, Messi, play in the game. Although it is about a four-hour drive down to Gillette Stadium from MCI, the boys kept busy talking about the game, checking the lineups for each team, and wondering with great anticipation how Messi will play. *(Continued on the next page).*

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The game and Messi did not disappoint. The Revs took a 1-0 lead into halftime, and then it was Messi's time to shine. He had an incredible assist for Miami's first goal and hit a beautiful shot for their second and game-winning goal.

The ride home was long, but Messi's performance helped pass the time quickly, and all three boys talked about how they would remember the game forever. As a father to Evan and the coach to both Maddox and Rodrigo, I couldn't have been happier to help create that lifelong memory.



Corn Maze at Treworgy Family Orchards

By: Hugo Callon Barrientos (Spain)

This month, we went to the corn maze, but the place has more activities like picking apples and pumpkins. Also, they have a cafeteria/restaurant and their own animals.

The first thing that we did was go to the corn maze and find the seven riddles. After a lot of laughter, we found all the riddles and went to claim our prizes. It can be an ice cream, a pizza, donut, donuts for a year and a goat!. When we were walking to the restaurant to claim our prizes, we saw animals like cows, horses, and chickens. We ended the experience by trying the ice cream and the pizza, which were delicious.

Football Season & Playoffs

By: Arturo Fernandez Gomez (Mexico)

This MCI football season has been an amazing experience this year. After my second year on the team, I can say that being part of this program is one of the best experiences MCI has to offer. This season, the team made it to the playoffs, showing great teamwork and dedication. One of the best parts is the family atmosphere. Teammates always make each other feel welcome and included, making everyone feel like part of the family, which makes it really special.

The coaches also play a huge role in the team's success. They are always willing to help us improve, especially Coach B., who teaches us valuable lessons both on and off the field. Being part of this team has helped me grow as a player and as a person. I am really grateful for this experience and would highly recommend it to anyone because there is really nothing like this in the world.



Pumpkin Carving and Sit-Down Dinner

By: Avery Jin (South Korea)



On October 28, after community service, we gathered with our dorm friends to carve large pumpkins. We worked together to turn our pumpkins into funny and spooky creations, and we also held a pumpkin-carving contest. School faculty members judged the finished pumpkins and ranked their favorites. It was a fun way to spend time with our dorm community and get into the Halloween spirit.

We also celebrated Halloween with a sit-down dinner, bringing together students from every grade and members of the school community. Everyone dressed up in fun, scary, and creative costumes, making the evening lively and memorable. The adults served as judges and selected the people with the funniest, most entertaining, most unique, and scariest costumes. Sharing a meal and seeing everyone's costumes made it a special celebration together.

Cultural Heritage Day

By: Seoin Choi (South Korea)

On October 8, MCI celebrated its community with the 2026 Cultural Heritage Ceremony! The event was hosted by seniors Seoin from South Korea and Koyuki from Japan. They took everyone on a trip around the world.



They showed flags from 25 countries and shared fun facts about each one, like their geography, languages, and what each flag means. For example, students learned that Armenia lies between Europe and Asia in the South Caucasus, and that Montenegro's flag features a golden eagle representing its history and national identity.

The celebration kept going with a presentation by the French 4 class. Then Emine played a piano piece. Seoin danced, sharing K-pop culture through movement. The ceremony ended with a performance by the MCI Band led by Ms. Buzy.

From learning about countries to enjoying the talents of our own students and faculty, the ceremony was a wonderful reminder of the many cultures and stories that make up our MCI community. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the celebration special!

Halloween at MCI

By: Matilde Fadini (Italy)



On October 28th, MCI organized a memorable and traditional Halloween activity right in the heart of the cafeteria: pumpkin carving! The atmosphere was buzzing with festive excitement as students gathered together to unleash their creativity and embrace the true spirit of the season.

Every participant had the opportunity to customize a pumpkin based on a theme of their choice. Some students drew inspiration from cinematic horror classics like the movie Scream, shaping iconic, spooky expressions. Others decided to craft terrifying, aggressive faces with sharp, jagged teeth to give their pumpkins a classic, Halloween look. Showing great creativity, one student even chose to represent our school identity by carefully carving the MCI logo and our Husky mascot.

The activity was seamlessly organized and accessible to everyone, regardless of their artistic experience. Along with the pumpkins, we were provided with all the essential tools, safety utensils, and stencils necessary to bring our ideas to life. Having everything ready allowed us to focus on the fun, hands-on process without any stress.

After two hours filled with laughter and intense focus, we completed our masterpieces. We handed in our final creations and registered our names with Mr. Dean to officially enter the competition.

On October 29th, during the Halloween sit-down dinner, the winner received the prize.A voting session took place, giving the entire school community a chance to choose their favorite design. In the end, the creator of the most impressive pumpkin was awarded a gift card to Dunkin', bringing the contest to a rewarding close.

Mr. Dean kindly assured us that this will become an annual tradition here at MCI and that more pumpkins will be needed for next year's event. Once again, MCI delivered a fantastic event that brought everyone together, showcased amazing student talent, and perfectly captured the fun and spooky essence of Halloween.

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