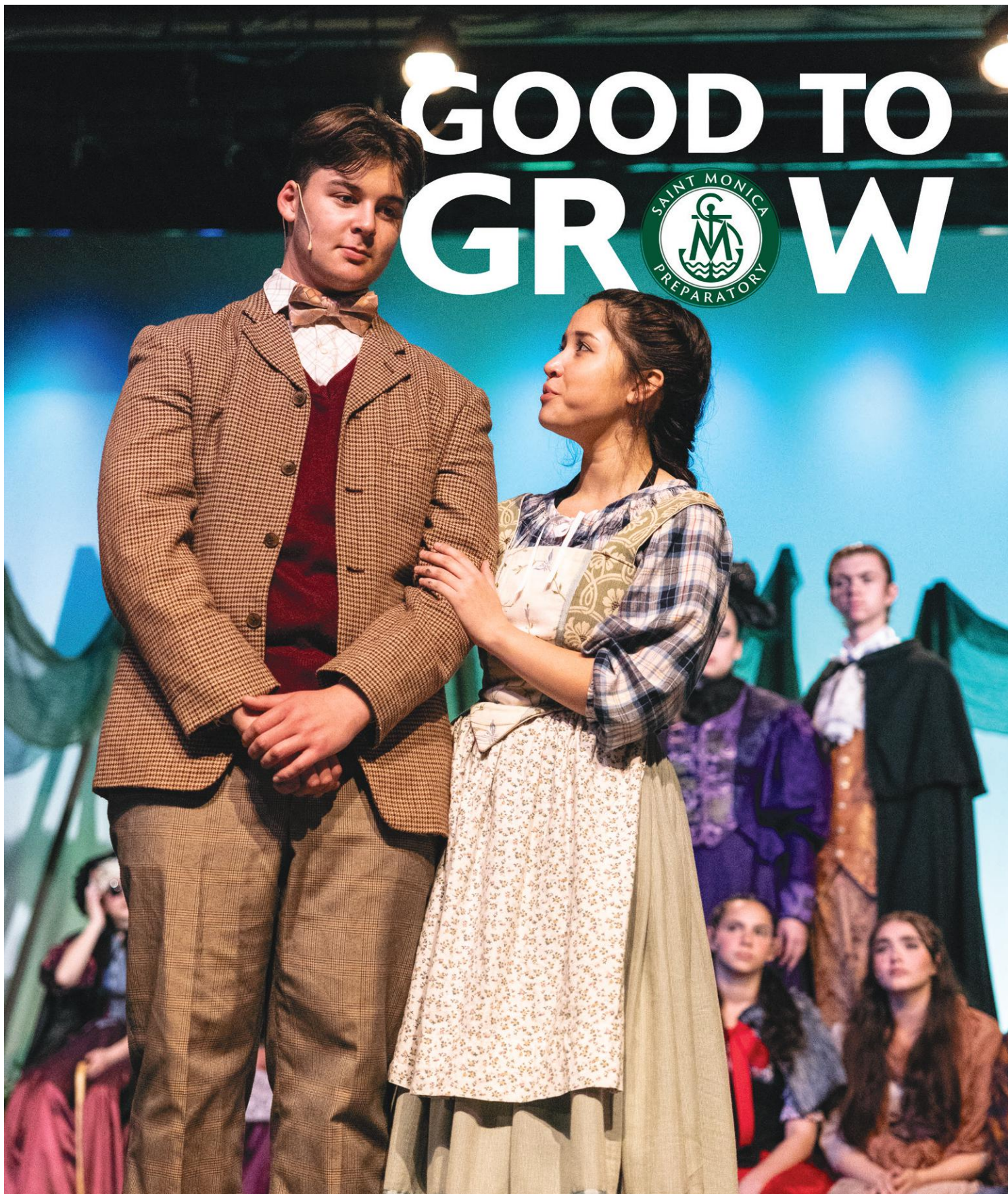
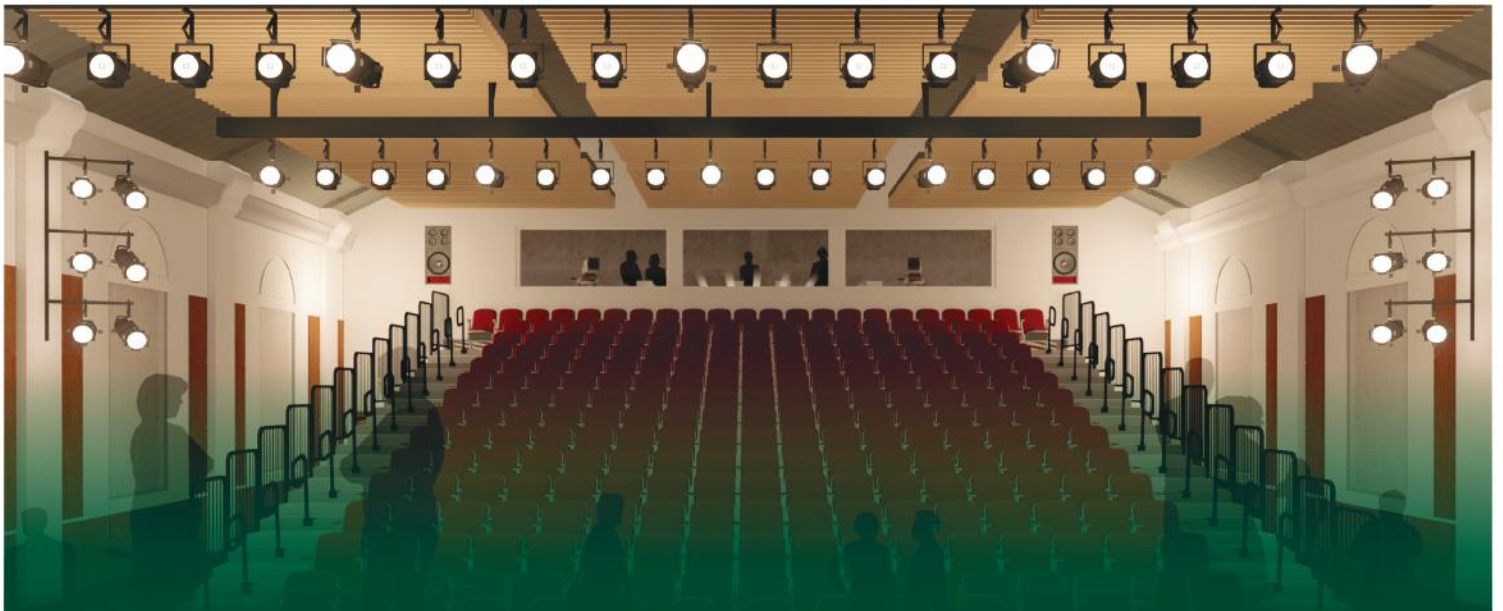


GOOD TO GROW



The Campaign for the Auditorium &
The Media, Visual, and Performing Arts Conservatory



A NEW WAY TO SAY “WELCOME”

A reimagining of the historic and much beloved Cantwell Auditorium at Saint Monica Preparatory is underway.

A vital, innovative and exceptional space is coming to St. Monica—our Cultural Center for the Arts—that will transform our current auditorium. If the concept is unfamiliar to you, rest assured, it's pure St. Monica—a welcoming place where people will connect and share their stories face-to-face in new and exciting ways.

The Center will be a hub of activity, hosting the performing and visual arts, lectures, school activities, and community outreach, such as the annual Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas program for St. Joseph's Center. Get ready to be inspired, enriched and entertained once the doors open to our parish, students and community as well.

It will become an intimately scaled, state-of-the-art performance space for dance, music, theatre, spoken word, and interdisciplinary collaborations. Additionally, it will become a beautiful venue for small social gatherings and lovely dinners and receptions. Originally built in the 1930s, little has been done to this treasured auditorium since it was first constructed.

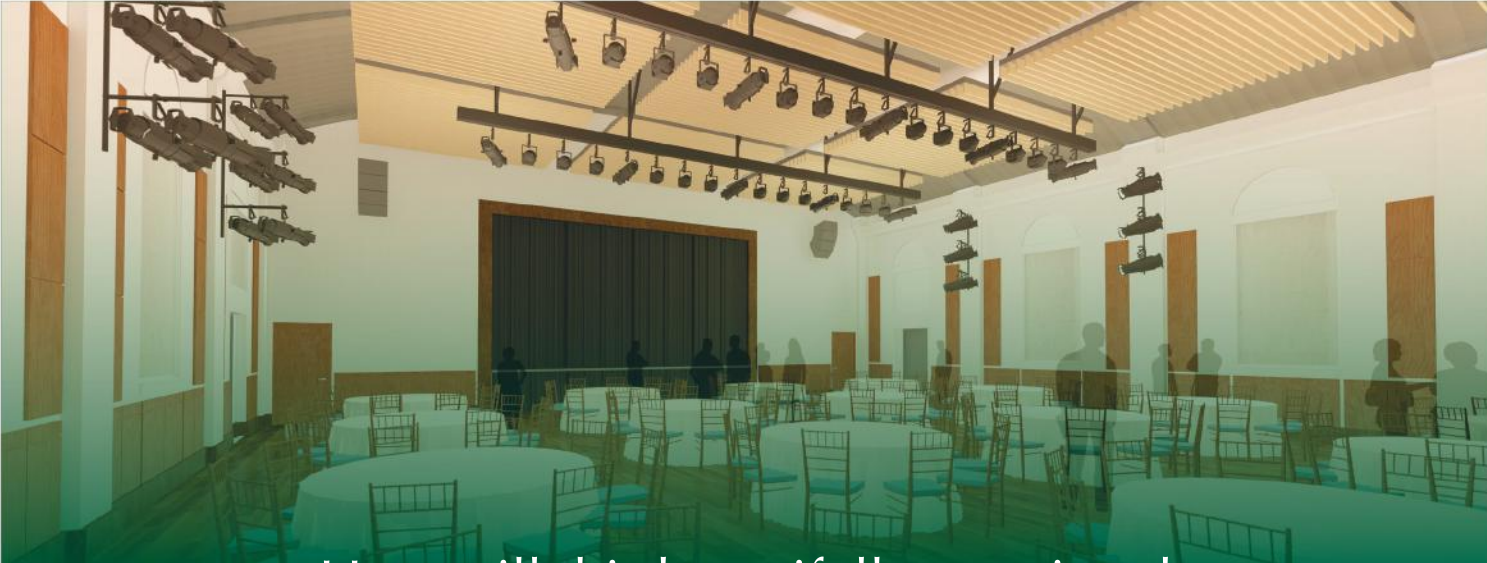
Now, our new open concept performance space will offer a variety of creative opportunities for the most ambitious of theatrical directors. Given the technological and artistic advancements in theatre production, the students of Saint Monica Preparatory will benefit from learning all aspects of production from behind the stage to centerstage! Opportunities to explore lighting, sound, costuming and set design and construction will be offered. This attractive and versatile venue will prepare students to fully realize an education in theatre going far beyond the job of the actor it touches.

While the productions on stage will vary, one thing will remain consistent: our commitment to creating a space for artists and audiences to celebrate the impact that live performance can have on our culture. A vital educational and community facility, the Cantwell Auditorium will serve as the new home of the Saint Monica Preparatory's Media, Visual, and Performing Arts Conservatory.



New and Upgraded Features in the Auditorium:

- Redesigned Theatre Lobby and Entrances
- Retractable Audience Seating and Better Sightlines
- Automated Lighting Truss
- Construction and Scene Dock Facilities
- Elevator (ADA Compliant)
- Functional Lighting and Sound Classroom Spaces
- Make-Up and Dressing Areas for Men and Women
- New Theatre Curtains
- New Theatre Sound System and Improved Acoustics
- Refurbished Dance Studio, Music Studio, and Recording Studio
- Remodeled Men's and Women's Restrooms and Handicap Facilities
- Sound and Lighting Tech Booth and Classroom
- Spotlight Booths
- Storage Area for Tables and Chairs
- Redesigned and Updated Kitchen



How will this beautifully appointed and refurbished space be used?

Here are just a few of the possibilities...

- Acting, Music, Dance, and Directorial Coaching
- A Proscenium Stage with An Open and Versatile Performance Area
- Chamber and Choral Musical Recitals and Concerts
- Children's Concerts and Performances
- Civic Meetings and Community Events
- Costume Design and Care
- Evenings of One Act Plays
- Alumni Gatherings
- Gallery Showcases and Art Installations
- Instrumental, Vocal, and Dance Concerts and Recitals
- Intimate Blackbox Theatrical Productions
- Movie Screenings and Retrospectives
- Saint Monica's Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner
- School Assemblies
- Seminars and Promotional Media Events
- Small Wedding Receptions and Private Party Celebrations
- Spoken Word Poetry and Readers Theatre Presentations
- Storytelling Theatre
- Student and Community Festivals and Expositions
- Student Musical Productions and Reviews
- Technical Training in Lights, Sound, and Stagecraft
- Theatre in the Round Productions
- Set Design and Set Building Training
- ***And so much more!***





YOUR GIFT

Exciting plans are taking root at Saint Monica to renew, energize and enrich our parish, schools and community. Help us plant the seeds for success. Make your campaign pledge today.

If you're inspired to become a part of this historic project, you can become a founding member of the Saint Monica Preparatory's Good to Grow

community by naming a seat at \$10,000 over a five (5) year window of time. Each named seat will have an engraved plate and can be dedicated in your or a loved one's honor.

Most importantly, giving at a financial level that is comfortable and meaningful to you and your family, regardless of size, will be greatly appreciated. All gifts are welcome and no gift is too small.

Learn more about naming a seat or giving to this remarkable Campaign by contacting the Saint Monica Preparatory Office of Advancement at 310.394.3701 (x1308) or [click here](#) to support this campaign.

Thank you for your kind consideration.





Honoring the Past, Calling for an Encore!

2022-2023
Clue
Into the Woods

2021-2022
Just Another High School Play
You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

2020-2021
In the Zoom
(virtual play due to COVID-19 pandemic)
Breakout, a Musical Extravaganza
(streaming-only due to COVID-19 pandemic)

2019-2020
Our Town

2018-2019
Harvey

2017-2018
The Outsiders

2016-2017
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
Guys & Dolls

2015-2016
The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
Legally Blonde: The Musical Jr.

2014-2015
The Last Night at Ballyhoo
The Pajama Game

2013-2014
The Crucible
Footloose

2012-2013
Dearly Departed
Les Miserables

2011-2012
To Kill a Mockingbird
All Shook Up

2010-2011
The Diary of Anne Frank
Wizard of Oz

2009-2010
Murder in the Magnolias
Seussical the Musical

2008-2009
A Streetcar Named Desire
Once Upon a Mattress

2007-2008
You Can't Take it with You
Disney's Beauty and the Beast

2006-2007
The Taming of the Shrew
South Pacific

2005-2006
Bye, Bye Birdie
Little Shop of Horrors

2004-2005
Our Town
The Sound of Music

2003-2004
The Tale of the Scorpion
My Fair Lady

2002-2003
Fools
Carousel

2001-2002
Caucasian Chalk Circle

2000-2001
A Midsummer Night's Dream
Guys & Dolls

1999-2000
Learned Ladies
Oliver

1998-1999
Picnic
The Music Man

1997-1998
Romeo & Juliet
The Fantasticks

1996-1997
The Skin of our Teeth
Grease

1995-1996
Noises Off
Crazy for You

1994-1995
The Orestia

1993-1994
The Verdict
Oklahoma!

1992-1993
Rumors

1991-1992
Amadeus

1990-1991
Flowers for Algernon
Big River

1989-1990
Frankenstein
Barnum

1988-1989
A Thurber Carnival
Oliver

1987-1988
A Scary, Scary Haunted House
Silver Spitoon Saloon

1986-1987
Graduates
Comedia dell Trilogia

1985-1986
Scrooge
Hair

1984-1985
Secrets

1983-1984
Count Dracula
Grease

1982-1983
Mousetrap
Pippin

1981-1982
Lion in Winter

1980-1981
You Can't Take it with You

1979-1980
Country Dumplings

1978-1979
Just Us

1977-1978
Peter Pan

1976-1977
Alice in Wonderland
Godspel

1975-1976
The Emperor's New Clothes
You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

1974-1975
Up the Down Staircase
The Hobbit

1973-1974
Sound of Music

1972-1973
Fiddler on the Roof

1971-1972
West Side Story

1970-1971
George M

1969-1970
Don't Drink the Water
Enter Laughing

1968-1969
Camelot
Only an Orphan Girl
The Mousetrap

1967-1968
Bye Bye Birdie
Antigone

1966-1967
Impromptu
Pygmalion

1965-1966
Curse You Jack Dalton
The Diary of Anne Frank

1964-1965
The Miracle Worker
The Ugly Duckling

1962-1964
Various plays and skits

1960-1961
The Call of the Campus

1959-1960
Murder Takes the Veil

1958-1959
Mrs. McThing

1957-1958
Our Hearts were Young and Gay

1956-1957
The Happy Journey from Trenton to Camden

1955-1956
Various plays and skits including
Vocation
Mission

1954-1955
Various plays and skits including
Vocation
Let's Make It

1953-1954
High Window
Antic Spring

1950-1951
Tish

1949-1950
Pride and Prejudice
Dawn over the River

1948-1949
Little Women

1947-1948
The Play is the Thing!

1946-1947
Various plays and skits



SAINT MONICA PREPARATORY MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by Catholic values, our school family's mission is to encourage and develop innovative thinkers who become value-led leaders advocating for a socially just and inclusive society.

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st. MONICA
catholic community

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