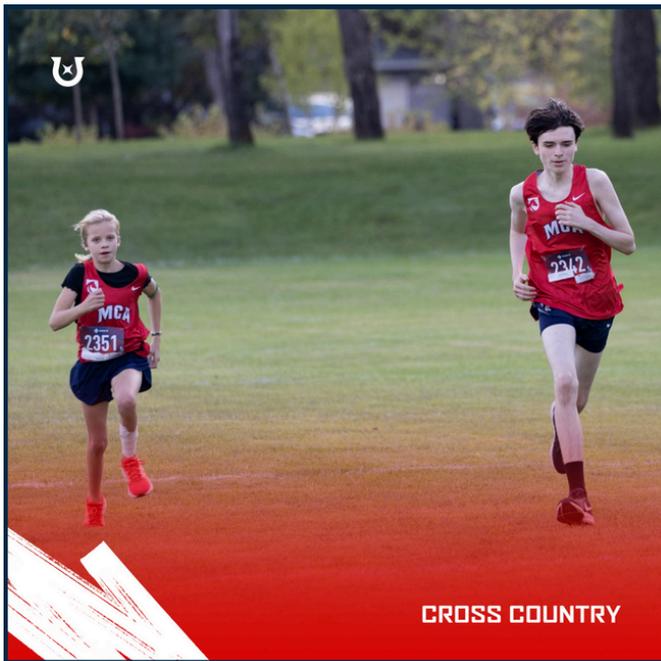


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# ABOUT MARANATHA



Maranatha Christian Academy endeavors to build unity by creating a kingdom culture that challenges and equips students, parents, and staff to respect and value all people according to God's Word. This is our Kingdom Culture Statement.

## Our Culture in Action

Maranatha is not just a school, it's a community where each student and staff member contributes to what makes up the culture of the school. Together we commit to becoming:

- Spirit-Driven Leaders
- Impactful Innovators
- Critical Thinkers
- Kingdom Community Builders
- Courageous Change Agents
- Compassionate Problem Solvers

At Maranatha, we are going way beyond the ordinary measures of academic standards, delivering the kind of education that opens eyes and hearts for a lifetime. Here curiosity is applauded, discovery is championed, and ultimately world-influencers are shaped.

## An Innovative Approach

There was a time when education was comfortable. Parents sent their kids on the bus in the morning and late afternoon they returned home smarter; at least that was the assumption. While other industries continued to be pushed to improve, many educational institutions were not challenging the norm. Maranatha Christian Academy noticed a change was needed, especially within the private Christian education space. So, it went to work seeking out what was successful in other industries and cutting-edge schools. Then, methodically began to incorporate these concepts, integrating them with our strong Christian worldview.



Today, Maranatha is an innovative and counter-cultural school, always looking for ways to improve teaching and learning. Industry-leading consultants continually work with teachers to incorporate innovation incubators. Using comprehensive design thinking cohorts, teachers learn changemaker processes of problem-solving, critical thinking, collaboration, and more. Then, creatively release them into their classroom.



**MUSTANG ATHLETICS**

## A Christian Worldview

The world around is unsettled. Many schools and the curriculum they use to educate students are changing in an attempt to fit into societies' ever-shifting perspectives. At Maranatha Christian Academy, we believe that having a strong biblical foundation is essential to teaching and learning.

One such area under scrutiny as of late is how Minnesota schools will handle their social science curriculum in the near future. We endeavor to see and teach everything through the eyes of Jesus. This perspective allows us to base our educational standards on our Christian worldview, developing strong co-creators of tomorrow.



## Service Learning

In everything we do and say, we want it to be a true reflection of who we are, what we believe, and what we will never stop standing for. We embody this by teaching our students to lead with empathy through service projects, beginning in Pre-k and continuing through to graduation. The Share Christmas event gathers 1000s of toys for our local community, and over the last few years, we have packed over 215,000 meals to be delivered to local food shelves, providing real



practical solutions for the battle against hunger in our community. Upper School students have the opportunity to serve a local orphanage, church, and the people of Zacatecas, Mexico through our annual missions trip.

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# DEB LARSON

HEAD OF SCHOOL

## WELCOME TO MARANATHA

Maranatha Christian Academy is positioned to go well beyond the ordinary, identifying opportunities that explore possibilities and establish purpose in our students, staff, and parents. Our unwavering vision, relentless pursuit of improvement, and dedication to our mission serve as inspiration to continue to set and then re-set the bar in education.

In our fast-paced world, change is inevitable. At Maranatha, we adapt, or better yet, get out in front of change, resulting in a truly innovative school and, in turn, learning experience. We inspire students to be Spirit-driven leaders who are courageous change agents for kingdom building. Our Christian faith is at the core of Maranatha. We celebrate our Creator's unique design of each student, seeking to personalize education so students can discover and develop their gifts.

I am honored that you value your children's education enough to explore not only what is best but what is right. By experiencing our community of learning at Maranatha, your students will be prepared for life's next chapter as they grow into courageous change agents, compassionate problem solvers, impactful innovators, critical thinkers, Spirit-driven leaders, and kingdom community builders.

I look forward to collaborating with you as we develop the co-creators of tomorrow.

Serving Him together,

*Deb Larson*

# ADMISSIONS



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## VISIT US

Beyond books and screens, brains and grades, Maranatha is a place dedicated to faith, academic excellence, leadership, and everything in-between. When you enter, you will immediately sense an unmistakable difference. A welcoming vibe that begins with a morning greeting and handshake at the front door and ends with teachers inviting students into their classrooms, clubs, practices, and sports events after school.

There is no other school quite like it – we promise.



But don't take our word for it! We invite you in to see for yourself. There are several ways for your family to get to know us. Please join us for an upcoming event or personal tour.

# MEET OUR TEAM



## **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

[DREW.RONGERE@MCAMUSTANGS.ORG](mailto:DREW.RONGERE@MCAMUSTANGS.ORG)

Drew Rongere was named Athletic Director at Maranatha Christian Academy in November 2021 and took over as Head Volleyball Coach in 2023, leading the team to the most regular-season wins in program history in back-to-back seasons. He has over 25 years of experience in athletics as a director and coach.



## **ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

[CHAZ.MAHLE@MCAMUSTANGS.ORG](mailto:CHAZ.MAHLE@MCAMUSTANGS.ORG)

Chaz Mahle was named Assistant Athletic Director in June 2022. In his role at Maranatha, Mahle works closely with current Head Athletic Director Drew Rongere and serves as the Sport Performance Coach. He comes to Maranatha Christian Academy from the Minnesota Vikings, where he worked as a strength and conditioning coach for 10 seasons in two separate stints.



## **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR**

[JAMIE.AXELBERG@MCAMUSTANGS.ORG](mailto:JAMIE.AXELBERG@MCAMUSTANGS.ORG)

Jamie Axelberg joined the Maranatha Christian Academy Athletics Department in July 2022 and has since taken over the role of Activities Director. She also serves as the Head Softball Coach for the Mustangs and led them to three straight Skyline Conference Championships.



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# SKYLINE CONFERENCE SCHOOLS



## CONCORDIA ACADEMY | BEACONS

Address: 9201 75th Avenue, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

School Colors: Red and White | 275



## LEGACY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY | LIONS

Address: 3037 Bunker Lake Blvd., Andover, MN 55304

School Colors and Enrollment: Navy and Orange | 249



## MARANATHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY | MUSTANGS

Address: 9201 75th Avenue, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

School Colors: Red and White | 275



## NEW LIFE ACADEMY | EAGLES

Address: 6758 Bailey Road, Woodbury, MN 55129

School Colors and Enrollment: Green and Gold | 209



## NOVA CLASSICAL ACADEMY | KNIGHTS

Address: 1455 Victoria Way, St. Paul, MN 55102

School Colors and Enrollment: Maroon, Black, and White | 276



## ST. AGNES | AGGIES

Address: 530 Lafond Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103

School Colors and Enrollment: Red and White | 307



## ST. CROIX LUTHERAN ACADEMY | CRUSADERS

Address: 1200 Oakdale Avenue, West St. Paul, MN 55118

School Colors and Enrollment: Red and White | 401



## ST. CROIX PREP ACADEMY | LIONS

Address: 4260 Stagecoach Trail North

School Colors and Enrollment: Navy and Vegas Gold | 366



## TRINITY SCHOOL AT RIVER RIDGE | TRI-HAWKS

Address: 601 River Ridge Parkway, Eagan, MN 55121

School Colors and Enrollment: Royal Blue and Cardinal | 158

# CROSS COUNTRY

## SEASON OUTLOOK

Justin Phad is back for his thirteenth season at the helm of the Mustang Cross Country program. With over 13 years of dedicated experience in coaching cross country, Phad has cultivated a passion for developing athletes not only in their physical abilities but also in their mental and



spiritual growth. His journey in coaching has been marked by a commitment to treating all athletes equally, ensuring that each individual feels valued and supported in their pursuit of excellence.

Coach Phad is excited about the upcoming season and looks to continue to grow the program, attracting new talent and fostering a sense of community among athletes.



# CROSS COUNTRY | BOYS AND GIRLS



# MUSTANGS

Maranatha Christian Academy 2025

## BOYS ROSTER

NAME	G
Kimoni Cainion	12
Canon Czerlanis	11
Ryan Dane	11
Nevan Johnson	12
Caleb Lichty	11
Matthew Accam	7
Joshua Accam	12
Andrew Mondl	11
Theodore Gonsior	6

## GIRLS ROSTER

NAME	G
Kate Allegra	9
Ava Cox	10
Hannah Voronyak	7

## COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH	
Justin Phad	13th year
ASSISTANT	
Rachel Haviland	3rd year

# BOYS SOCCER

## SEASON OUTLOOK

Coach Adi Bilani is entering his fourth season with the Mustangs. In his first season, the Mustangs made it to the MSHSL State Tournament for the first time in school history, finishing in 3rd place. He followed that up by coaching the Mustangs to their most wins in school history with 12 wins.



After losing in the section final to Fridley a year ago, Bilani is looking to get the boys back to the section final again, and this year come out on top. The Mustangs will have a young roster this year after graduating several key players.

The Mustangs play in a tough Skyline Conference where they look to improve on a 5th place finish from a year ago. The game to watch is at home on September 4 when the Mustangs take on the top team in the conference, St. Croix Prep, at 7:00 pm.

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# BOYS SOCCER | VARSITY



# MUSTANGS

Maranatha Christian Academy 2025

## ROSTER

#	NAME	G	POS	#	NAME	G	POS
1	Noah Schirmers	11	GK	18	Noah Puccini	10	MF/D
4	Henry Blake	10	F	19	Bolu Alabi	7	MF
5	Jaidyn Rennie	12	D/MF	21	David Flanagan	9	D
6	Obi Nwangwu	9	D	22	Bryant Yackel	11	MF/D
7	Emanuel Yared	11	F	24	Caleb Johnson	11	MF/D
8	Isaac Johnson	7	MF				
9	Adonias Tefera	9	D				
10	Esteban Ordaz Agüero	10	F/MF				
11	Aaron Ordaz Agüero	7	F				
13	Jacob Kim	12	MF				
14	Prince Exom	10	MF				
15	Max Griffnow	10	D				
16	Mason Jaster	9	MF				
17	Romeo Yang	10	MF				

## COACHING STAFF

### HEAD COACH

Adi Bilani 3rd year

### ASSISTANT

Cyril Kai 2nd year

# GIRLS SOCCER

## SEASON OUTLOOK

Coach Ian Sendi is entering his second year leading the girls' soccer program and is looking forward to improving upon the success from a year ago. The Mustangs finished 5-6-6 last year and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Skyline Conference.



The Mustangs will have 11 seniors on their Varsity roster this fall. They will look to use their age and experience to turn some of the tied games they had a year ago into wins. The coaching staff has big goals for the program this year and anticipates being near the top of the conference at the end of the regular season.

There are plenty of great matchups on the 2025 schedule, but the one to watch is their last regular-season game against St. Croix Lutheran on October 2 at Noble Sports Park at 7:00 pm.

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# GIRLS SOCCER | VARSITY



# MUSTANGS

Maranatha Christian Academy 2025

## ROSTER

#	NAME	G	POS
00	Kate Wahl	11	GK
1	Elena Voronyak	9	MF/F
2	Stella Randolph	10	MF
3	Aubrie Herman	12	MF/F
4	Victoria Taschner	12	MF
5	Mackenzie Linhoff	11	D
6	Charis Kaihoi	8	F
7	Abby Sathre	10	F
8	Grace Krieg	12	F
9	Ava Matus	12	MF
10	Madi Streich	10	D
11	Anna Sathre	12	F
12	Avery Jones	9	MF/F
13	Tori Van Essen	12	MF

#	NAME	G	POS
16	Bebe Tefera	12	MF
18	Faith Lamah	12	D
20	Olivia Lanari	12	F
22	Israel Lamah	12	F
23	Avery Fabienke	12	D

## COACHING STAFF

### HEAD COACH

Ian Sendi 2nd year

### ASSISTANTS

Morgan Diaz 3rd year

Megan Kohrt 1st year

# GIRLS SOCCER | JV



# MUSTANGS

Maranatha Christian Academy 2025

## ROSTER

#	NAME	G	POS
6	Sophie Salo	9	F
8	Anna Winn	10	D
9	Fer Fajardo Fuentes	11	MF
11	Elena Voronyak	9	MF/F
12	Jenna Burns	8	D
15	Anjoliq Enno	8	MF/F
16	Petra Theodorakakos	8	GK
17	Madi Streich	10	D
18	Charis Kaihoi	8	F
19	Deborah Accam	9	D
21	Avery Kaiser	8	MF/F
23	Alyssa Warren	11	MF
25	TT Tefera	7	D
29	Julia Hubred	9	MF

## COACHING STAFF

JV COACH	
Megan Kohrt	1st year

# GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

## SEASON OUTLOOK

Coach Drew Rongere is entering his third season leading the Mustang Volleyball program. He led the Mustangs to back-to-back seasons, tallying the most regular season wins in school history with 18 wins in 2024 and 19 wins in 2025.

The Mustangs finished the 2024 season with a record of 20-10 and a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Skyline Conference.

The Mustangs graduated six seniors, including All-Conference libero Ashley Yost, All-Conference outside hitter Maia Marvel, All-Conference Honorable Mention outside hitter Emma Haarstad, middle hitter Emmanuela Onyekwelu, setter Kenzie Henrichs, and defensive specialist Halle Huffman.

Maranatha will look to rebuild with a young lineup after a couple of very successful seasons. The Mustangs will be led by senior outside hitter Katie Olson, sophomore setter Alexa Moscoso, and junior middle hitter Bri Kelly.

The match to watch this season is at home on October 6 when the Mustangs take on Watertown-Mayer who will most likely be ranked at the top of the Section 5AA standings.



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# GIRLS VOLLEYBALL | VARSITY



# MUSTANGS

Maranatha Christian Academy 2025

## ROSTER

#	NAME	G	POS	HT
1	Alexa Moscoso	10	S	5'4
4	Katie Olson	12	OH	5'7
10	Brooklyn Miller	11	OH/D	5'7
11	Lenaya Frigstad	11	DS/S	5'6
13	Bella David	11	RH	5'8
14	Aubrey Mahle	9	OH	5'8
18	Bri Kelly	11	MH	5'11
19	Layla Williams	10	MH	5'9

## COACHING STAFF

**HEAD COACH** 3rd year  
Drew Rongere

### ASSISTANTS

Anna Rolley 2nd year  
Chloe Schwalbe 3rd year  
Kathy Cerisier 1st year  
Lundeen

# GIRLS VOLLEYBALL | JV



# MUSTANGS

Maranatha Christian Academy 2025

## ROSTER

#	NAME	G	POS	HT
2	Payton Sauer	10	MH	5'8
3	Aubrey Shaw	10	MH	5'10
5	Lola Shaw	8	RH	5'6
8	Maya Fabian	7	OH	5'5
12	Madi Jahnke	8	OH	5'5
15	Reese Herdegen	9	S/RH	5'4
17	Katelyn Matheson	10	S/RH	5'7

## COACHING STAFF

JV COACH	Experience
Chloe Schwalbe	3rd year



# GIRLS VOLLEYBALL | C-TEAM



# MUSTANGS

Maranatha Christian Academy 2025

## ROSTER

#	NAME	G	POS	HT
3	Sydney Howell	8	OH	5'4
8	Elenore Eaves	7	S/RH	5'3
9	Brooke Herdegen	9	OH	5'3
10	Kenzie Huffman	8	S/RH	5'4
11	Lucy Huna	8	RH	5'7
12	Graciella Yerxa	9	OH	5'5
13	Kenzie Capp	7	DS	5'3
14	Evie Lynde	8	MH	5'7
18	Hailey Herbert	9	MH	5'4

## COACHING STAFF

C-TEAM COACH	
Kathy Cerisier-	1st year
Lundeen	

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The Stable at Maranatha Christian Academy is home to Basketball and Volleyball



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Mustang Weight Room at Maranatha Christian Academy.

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# **MUSTANGS** **GOLF INVITATIONAL**

**DATE: JULY 13, 2025**

**LOCATION: FOX HOLLOW GOLF CLUB**

**TIME: 8:00 AM SHOTGUN START**



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