

Matthew Road Academy presents
The Roadrunner



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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Matthew Road Academy (MRA) has grown rapidly since opening in 2012 with only 32 students to the current enrollment of approximately 200, we have lots of new faces and families. We have a special uniqueness that sets us apart from traditional schools. I have had the wonderful opportunity to ask our Administrator, Candice McClellin, to explain some of the important aspects MRA.

1. Our school mascot is the roadrunner, why?

“We chose the roadrunner as the mascot as a play on the word road in Matthew Road. We like Phil 3:14 because it reminds us that everything we do should be for the end result of glorifying God.” Pillippeans 3:14 (GW) I run straight toward the goal to win the prize that God’s heavenly call offers in Christ Jesus.

2. Is there a certain reason our school color is red or was that chosen by the church?

“We chose the color to offset the church’s (Matthew Road Baptist Church) usual blue, to make MRA distinct and recognizable ministry on campus.”

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Allison O'Brian: All the Time in the World

Allison O'Brian on Her Own, Volume One, by Melody Carlson is one of the most phenomenal books I have ever read.

I chose to write a review about this book because it has been my all time favorite book since fifth-grade. The storyline caught my attention so I decided to buy it, while shopping at Half-Price Bookstore.

The book is about a fourteen-year-old girl who finds the family she has always wanted. Young Al, a pet name given to her by friends, is led to believe that her father was killed in the war, and that her aloof movie star mother, the famous Martha Madison, is the only family she has. But little did she know, that was not true.

From a boarding school, to New York, to the coast of Oregon, Allison O'Brian takes us on a cross country adventure across the states.

Personally, I don't have just one favorite part of this book. Though, the top two chapters that captivated my attention were probably when she uncovers the truth behind her father's disappearance, and when Alison accepts Jesus as her Lord and Savior at a church camp.

There is only one problem in this story; I can't wait to read the next one! What will happen? Will Marsha allow Allison to go and live with her father or will Allison be stuck with her forever?

Find out in the next volume as Allison continues to show us how to forgive, and not necessarily forget, with God's help, and finds out through faith all things are possible, including getting her to wear makeup.



Written by Phoebe Ominira

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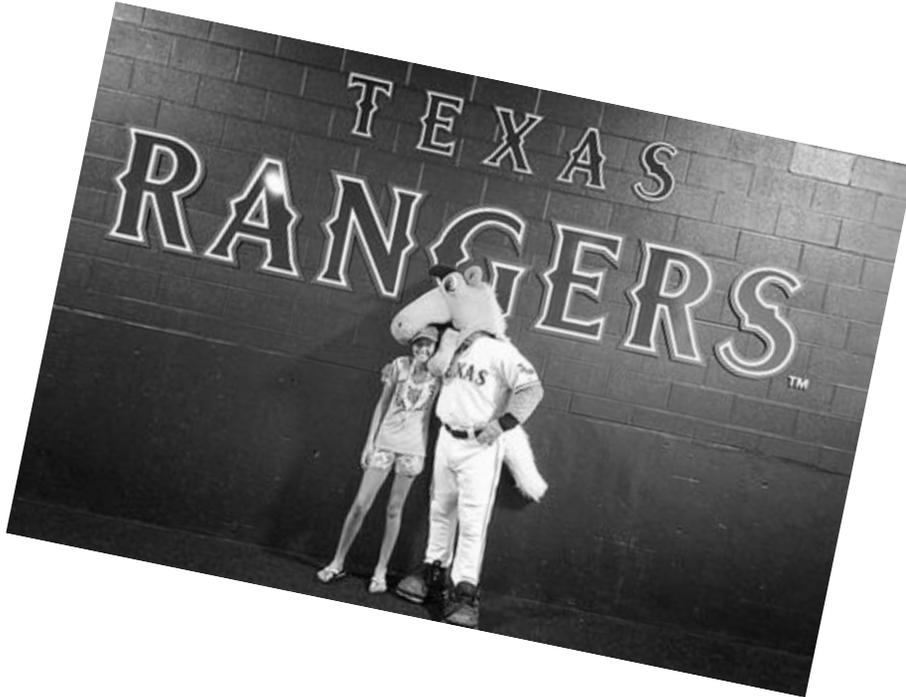
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“Interview with Captain” Mascot of the Texas Rangers by Emma Wong

(Note: Captain is a horse, and of course can't speak, so he wrote all of his answers for this interview. Therefore, please excuse his grammatical errors.)

Me: How long have you been the mascot of the Texas Rangers?

Captain: I started in 2004 and this is my 11th season as the official mascot of the Rangers.

Me: How do you feel you are important to the baseball team?

Captain: As a mascot I can interact with fans little kids, families, people having birthdays during games; and act as an outreach for the baseball team by taking the “team” to people who might not be able come see them, like the elderly in nursing homes.

Me: Why do you wear the #72 on your jersey?

Captain: The #72 was given to me because that was the first year that the Texas Rangers team came to Texas. They were originally in Washington D.C. and they moved to Texas in 1972.

Me: What is your favorite thing about being the team mascot?

Captain: Getting to act goofy and be funny with fans, especially kids, while rooting for a team that is so well liked. I like making it fun for people to come to the games.

Me: What types of appearances do you do, outside of the Rangers' games?

Captain: I go to birthday parties, wedding receptions, business activities, and sponsor related functions. I also help the players when they need me, like this weekend I am helping one of our catchers give backpacks away to kids.

Me: How does it feel having everyone watching you?

Captain: I love it! That's what gives me the energy to work hard, especially when it's so hot. I know if I'm happy and excited, that will get the crowd pumped up about the game and that will help the team.

Me: What happens if you make a mistake?

Captain: Mistakes happen. Sometimes I knock over a drink with my tail, spill nachos, or scare a little kid. When I'm aware of those mistakes, I do my best to correct them; give a hug or apologize.

Me: What is the funniest thing that has ever happened to you at a ballgame?

Captain: I have a pet spider named Zeke, who is on a fishing pole. He's not a real spider, but sometimes I like to run around and drop him on fans and scare them. They

usually scream and then laugh.

Me: Who was your favorite person that you've had the opportunity to meet?

Captain: I have had the chance to interact with so many celebrities. George Bush is awesome! There was a really cool country band that I got to hang out with in their suite. My favorite player is Michael Young.

Me: What is your favorite song to dance to?

Captain: Of course, Cottoneyed Joe and Deep in the Heart of Texas.

Me: In what way do you feel you can make a difference to kids?

Captain: Being a good role model, being polite, being excited and energetic even when the team's not doing well, being goofy without being mean, and being hardworking. I also like to remind kids to be healthy and remain active.



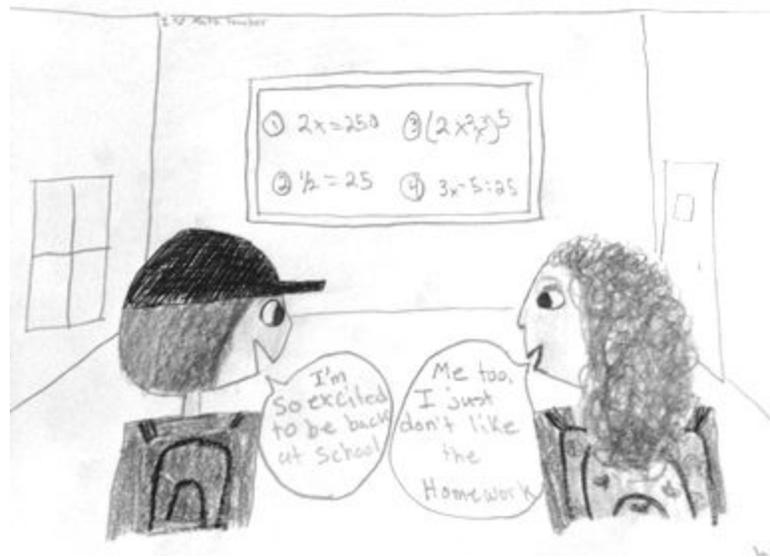
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THE COMICS



Math by Olivia Ohman

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3. What's the schools verse?

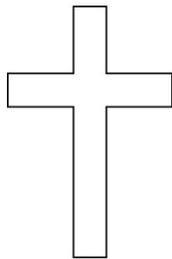
“We like to have a verse for the year, not setting ourself on one verse, to see fit to change it as the Lord works in the school. Right now we use Proverbs 2:1-10.”

4. What do you see the future of the school being?

“Matthew Road Academy exists to be a blessing to the community, to come alongside parents and assist them in educating their students. The last three years have seen explosive growth and I foresee that as long as we keep our eyes on what God has planned, the school will continue to flourish. As a ministry of the church, we will continue to serve the community the best that we can in the space that we have. My prayer is that for many years to come, students find a place here that offers them educational and spiritual growth amongst students who have the same goal to honor Christ.”

5. Would you rather be called principle or administer?

“I chose the title 'Administrator' because principle seems so "harsh". I'd like my door to always be open to hear the hearts of students and I delight in getting to really know each and every one of them. I pray that they do not come to see me just because there is something to be dealt with, but that they know they always have a safe place to talk anything through and I enjoy being able to point them back to Christ, who has given us examples in His Word.”



Analogical Thought by Elijah Galinsky

Imagine a young child passing through a candy shop. The numerous sweets are tractor beams, drawing in the child, easily convincing them of their false need for candy. And once the child obtains candy, they will quickly consume it. Only after hastily eating the candy, they come to the sad realization the candy was underwhelming and did not satisfy their hunger. Immediately they begin searching for more sweets, and they will never be satisfied; they will only make themselves sick and bring pain upon themselves. Yet they won't stop, they will continue on their path to ruin. The only thing that can pull them off their flawed path and set them on the correct path is someone with authority over them. This generally is the child's parent or guardian, but can be anyone in an authority position over them.

2015/16 MRA school verse: Proverbs 2:1-10

The Value of Wisdom

My son,

- 1 if you take my words to heart
and treasure my commands within you,
- 2 if you pay close attention to wisdom,
and let your mind reach for understanding,
- 3 if indeed you call out for insight,
if you ask aloud for understanding,
- 4 if you search for wisdom as if it were money
and hunt for it as if it were hidden treasure,
- 5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and you will find the knowledge of God.
- 6 The Lord gives wisdom.
From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
- 7 He has reserved priceless wisdom for decent people.
He is a shield for those who walk in integrity
- 8 in order to guard those on paths of justice
and to watch over the way of his godly ones.
- 9 Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—
every good course in life.
- 10 Wisdom will come into your heart.
Knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

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Sin will never satisfy.

The situation above is representative of life in a sinful world. Just as a child in the candy store, people will stray from the path being distracted by worldly things. These worldly things demand attention and love, while promising sinful pleasure and a false sense of security. As it says in James 4, to love the world is sinful and to be enemies with God.

“You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God?” James 4:4

The multitude of worldly things that draw people in to sin are like candy. It is fun and tastes good at first, but eventually will become boring and grow disgusting. Sin will never satisfy. The only way for someone to be saved from the sinful path of the world is for Christ to extend His never ending grace to them. Christ Jesus, who is in authority above all creation, is the only one who can save someone from their sinful ways.

Christ has grace on us despite us loving the world and its sinful ways. He forgives us knowing we will fall again. Just as a child will return to the candy store the next day and do the same as the day before, we as imperfect beings will eventually partake in sin even though we know that it is wrong and will not give us true satisfaction.

Just as the child’s parent will forgive the child and set him straight day after day, Jesus will forgive us when we fall into temptation over and over.

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