



# SANTA CATALINA LOWER SCHOOL COUGAR CONNECTION

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## SANTA CATALINA SCHOOL PRESENTS *COMPUTER CRIME AWARENESS AND ONLINE CHILD EXPLOITATION*

January 10, 2007, 7:00 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center

All parents are invited to join the Santa Catalina community as Officer Steven DeWerns presents information on current dangers and crime trends from the "Dark Side of the Internet." See first-hand how our children are being solicited online and learn how to protect yourself and your family.

This presentation will take you through various types of crimes committed online and will demonstrate what happens to children in chat rooms and social networking sites. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of the presentation.

Officer DeWerns has 16 years of law enforcement experience, including 10 years assigned as a Juvenile Detective, and has trained with the FBI and the Department of Justice. For the past seven years, Officer DeWerns has dedicated himself to online child exploitation cases and the education of communities in online safety. For more information about the presentation, please visit [www.internetchildsafety.net](http://www.internetchildsafety.net).

Admission to this event is free, but we ask that you call Linda Hughes at 655.9324 to make a reservation.

## What's Ahead

- Service League Board Meeting, Thursday, January 4, 2:00 p.m.
- Primary/Intermediate Assembly, Friday, January 5, 8:15 a.m., MPR.
- Moms in Touch, Friday, January 5, 9:00 a.m., Rosary Chapel.
- Pre-K to Aquarium, Friday, January 5, 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
- Grade 1 Tiger Cub Scouts, Monday, January 8, 5:30 p.m.
- Grade 2 Brownie Troop meeting., Tuesday, January 9, Service League Cottage.
- Presentation for parents on online safety, Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m., PAC.
- B Schedule, Monday, January 15.
- Mass, Tuesday, January 16, 10:30 a.m., Rosary Chapel, Chapel Dress, C Schedule.
- Parent Teacher Conference Days for Pre-K through Grade Three on Wednesday, January 17, and Thursday, January 18. No school Pre-K through Grade 3; regular school day Grades 4 through 8.
- Grade Seven Parent Meeting for Washington, D.C. Trip, Monday, January 22, 7:00 p.m., MPR.
- Dennis Uniform is offering *Happy New Year's Savings*. Shop in-store, online, by phone or mail order during the month of January and receive 15% savings on all purchases. This offer is valid only during January 2007. Contact Dennis Uniform via their web site at [www.dennisuniform.com](http://www.dennisuniform.com) or via telephone at 800.854.6951.

SANTA CATALINA THEATRE ARTS PRESENTS

## *Charley's Aunt* The Comedy Classic by Brandon Thomas

### Performances at 7:30

Friday, January 12  
Saturday, January 13  
Friday, January 19  
Saturday, January 20

General Admission: \$9.00  
Seniors, Students,  
Military: \$6.00

### Matinee at 12:15

Friday, January 19

### Advanced Reservations Recommended

Phone the Box Office at  
831.655.9341, or online at  
[www.santacatalina.org](http://www.santacatalina.org)  
Performances and Events

LOWER SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

## STUDENT COUNCIL FIRST SEMESTER NEWS

Student Council representatives have been very busy with many exciting activities for the students, and we have had a great time preparing for all of it!

Student Council president, Keeyana Donaldson, and Vice President, Kellie Breitfuss, wowed the new students and incoming sixth graders with exciting speeches welcoming everyone at the New Student Orientation in late August. At their first morning assembly the Middle School was treated to a movie presented by the council officers and filmed and prepared by Lydia Agacanian and Alexandria Piccinini. Secretary Allison Minami and Treasurer Simmony Baran made their acting debuts.

In early September Student Council representatives prepared and stored healthy and nutritious earthquake food kits. The Student Council would like to thank Mrs. Mohsin, mother of Hana and Abea Mohsin, for purchasing all the food for the earthquake kits. Mrs. Mohsin has also volunteered to buy our nutritious and delicious treats throughout the year for our Snack Shack. The students absolutely love all the choices, and their contributions help worthy causes. *Schools3*, which is a local organization that builds schools in Mali, and *Freedom Fields*, which helps to remove landmines in Cambodia, benefit from our efforts with Snack Shack and other fundraisers. The royal blue *Cure Diabetes* bracelets were also made available for purchase through our Snack Shack at the end of September.

Student Council representatives would also like to say how wonderful everyone's costume was on Halloween. *Pumpkin Olympics* was a huge success, and everyone appreciated the hard work of the class representatives and volunteers who made the team banners.

Keeyana Donaldson and Grade Eight Class Officer, Michael Persall, did a superb job of introducing our school through

their thoughtful remarks to prospective families at our November Open House.

Our *Crazy Hair and Accessories Day* in mid-November was a blast. Especially memorable were Bridget Tengdin's eight belts and Danny Roholt's spiky hair.

We sold hot chocolate and donuts in early December. Bon Appétit generously donated the hot chocolate, and the fundraiser for *Schools3* and *Freedom Fields* was a huge success. The hot chocolate helped warm the Middle School students that frosty day. The last day of school before our Christmas break was our *Comfy Clothes Day*. Everyone relaxed after the wonderful concert performance.

We have really enjoyed planning our Middle School morning assemblies. A new game we have this year is "Find the Infraction." We might wear wigs one day to show that we are not allowed to dye our hair, or we might forget to tuck in our shirts. Student Council also funded a "just for fun" raffle offering twelve bags stuffed with fun Halloween surprises like candy and light-up wands. We handed out numbered tickets, and those who had the lucky numbers were all set for Halloween! Another activity that we currently do is "Fun Facts." The students can learn something new each day. One recent game that we held was "The Best Boo Contest." All of the students who participated received a little treat from the Student Council's Box of Gifts.

Thank you to all of the students for participating in our fun activities!

Allison Minami  
Student Council Secretary

## OPERATION GRATITUDE

Grades Four through Eight participated in *Operation Gratitude* this holiday season by creating wonderful Christmas cards for U.S. troops deployed overseas. *Operation Gratitude* sent over 50,000 care packages, many of which had a hand-made Christmas card included from the various schools around our nation that participated in the program.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

- Carmel softball registration for the 2007 season has started for all girls ages 6-14. New and returning players can register and pay online at [www.carmelsoftball.org](http://www.carmelsoftball.org). Email questions to [Info@carmelsoftball.org](mailto:Info@carmelsoftball.org).

Often events and activity announcements are included in the "Cougar Connection" at the request of sponsoring agencies which are not affiliated with Santa Catalina. The inclusion of an announcement does not constitute an endorsement by Santa Catalina School.

## PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

It's not too late to add private music lessons for the spring semester. If your child is not already taking private music lessons at Santa Catalina and would like to start lessons for the spring semester, please contact Michelle Galindo by phone at 655.9354 or by email at [Michelle\\_Galindo@santacatalina.org](mailto:Michelle_Galindo@santacatalina.org). Private lessons are currently offered for piano, violin, viola, cello, bass, guitar, electric guitar, electric bass, flute, clarinet, saxophone, voice, percussion and harp.

## JANUARY COMMUNITY SERVICE

### ***Bath in a Bag***

Santa Catalina Lower School will be collecting travel-size shampoos, lotions, and soaps through January and putting together a *Bath in a Bag*. These individual bags will be assembled and delivered to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. They will then be distributed to the homeless on the Monterey Peninsula. Please deliver your collected items to Margie Fithian in the Pre-K room.