



SANTA CATALINA LOWER SCHOOL COUGAR CONNECTION

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Upcoming Events at School

Sports Recognition Program

■ Monday, December 3, 10:30 a.m., MPR

All Middle School volleyball and soccer players will be recognized for their participation in these sports. The Lower School will be on a C schedule for this event. We hope as many parents as possible will be able to attend this special event.

Advent Mass

■ Wednesday, December 12, 10:30 a.m., Rosary Chapel

Servers: Grade 6

Chapel Dress, C Schedule

Lower School Christmas Concert

■ Tuesday, December 18, 7:00 p.m., Performing Arts Center



Please refer to the appropriate student dress for this event:

Boys: Dress shoes and slacks, white shirt and tie, or bow tie. Jacket is optional.

Girls: Party dress (no formals, full length dresses, strapless, or spaghetti straps) and

dress shoes, heels no higher than 2 inches and they must have an enclosed heel or sling strap.

There will be a reception following the concert in the Upper School Dining Hall. Please join us for an evening of music and holiday celebration.

Christmas Vacation Information

■ Wednesday, December 19 – Monday, January 7

Wednesday, December 19, is early dismissal. Dismissal for Grades Pre-K and K will be at 11:30 a.m.; Grades 1-5 at 12 noon; and Grades 6-8 at 12:15 p.m. There will be an early bus, no lunch, and no after school supervision in the Library. Classes resume Monday, January 7, 2008.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Zoë Ley, Grade 1 teacher, who was married on November 23. She is now Mrs. Steve Sippel. Best wishes to the bride and groom.

Important Dates and Events

Please visit the Web calendar for the latest detailed information for events at Santa Catalina.

■ **December Community Service:** Christmas Gifts for Migrant Children at Camphora and Jiminez Labor Camps

■ **Parent Association Bus Trip to San Francisco**
Thursday, November 29

■ **Grade 2 to Aquarium**
Wednesday, December 5, 8:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

■ **Pre-K Christmas Play**
Sunday, December 9, 1:00 p.m., Dining Hall

■ **Kindergarten Christmas Play**
Sunday, December 9, 3:00 p.m., Dining Hall

■ **B Schedule, Tuesday, December 11**

■ **Grade 8 Parent Meeting**
Thursday, December 13, 8:15 a.m., The Cottage

■ **Parent Association Christmas Luncheon**
Thursday, December 13, 11:30 a.m., Casanova Restaurant

■ **Pre-K to Ave Maria Convalescent Hospital**
Friday, December 14, 9:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Sports Schedule ~ Go Cougars!

Grade 7 and 8 Flag Football

■ Tuesday, December 4, San Carlos at San Carlos
Boys-3:30 p.m.

■ Thursday, December 6, Junipero Serra at Junipero Serra
Girls-3:30 p.m., Boys-4:15 p.m.

■ Tuesday, December 11, Chartwell at Chartwell
Boys-3:30 p.m., Girls-4:15 p.m.

■ Tuesday, December 18 Stevenson at Catalina
Girls-3:30 p.m., Boys-4:15 p.m.

All games are subject to change or cancellation. If there are any questions regarding flag football, please contact Coach Hrepich at 655-9353.

Friendly Reminder: Mass Information

The first Sunday of Advent is December 2. The Church begins a new year and for the next four weeks we ready ourselves for Christ's



coming, preparing in joyful hope. Our next mass will be during Advent, on Wednesday, December 12, at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the feast day of Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, Our Lady of Guadalupe. On this day in 1531, a poor peasant, Saint Juan Diego, was blessed with a vision of Mary. Pope John Paul II declared Our Lady of Guadalupe to be patroness of all America, both North and South.

Parents and guests are always welcome to participate at mass with us. Seating is reserved for parents and guests in the last two rows on each side of the main sanctuary, as well as several rows behind the 6th grade, seated in the side chapel.

We are so grateful to have parents and friends join our Santa Catalina community when we gather to celebrate and worship God. Your full and active participation is a blessing. As fully active participants, please remember that you are not spectators nor an audience. You are the assembly, the church - singing, responding, praying, sharing.

As part of the gathered assembly, please remember:

- Save photography for AFTER mass. Please do not take pictures during the liturgy.
- At the Sign of Peace, remember that the exchange of peace prior to the reception of communion is a time to appreciate and acknowledge the presence of God in our neighbor, in each person. Please share the sign of peace with those around you. Students are asked to stay in their seats, and we would ask guests to do the same.
- At Communion, we welcome all to come forward, those properly prepared, to receive the Eucharist and all others for a blessing. Please remain standing until all have received.

We appreciate your cooperation and assistance.

Regular Events in Lower School

■ Primary / Intermediate Assemblies

Almost every Friday, 8:15 a.m. , MPR

■ Moms in Touch

Almost every Friday, 9:00 a.m., Rosary Chapel

Please go to the web calendar at www.SantaCatalina.org/calendar for the up-to-date schedule for these and other events.



Grade 8 Brag Sheets

All those who have not turned in brag sheets to Mrs. Pollacci, please do so as soon as possible.

Bookstore Charges

Your next statement will reflect Bookstore charges for your child's books and supplies for this year. A detailed list of books and supplies, along with prices, can be found online at <http://lsonline.santacatalina.org>. Please note: sales tax is added to all purchases from the Bookstore.

Community Service

- **December Community Service:** Christmas Gifts for Migrant Children at Camphora and Jimenez Labor Camps



Please see enclosed flier for more details.

- **November Community Service:** Monterey County Food Bank Holiday Food Drive

Thank you so much for your generous response to the Monterey County Food Bank Holiday Food Drive. The barrels were overflowing. Many families will benefit from your giving.

Update from Development Office

Annual Fund Off to a Strong Start!

The 2007-2008 Annual Fund is off to a great start thanks to all of you who have responded so favorably! Your donations are helping our school provide for our outstanding teachers and to continue the academic and co-curricular programs that set Santa Catalina apart. Thank you to the following parents who volunteered their time making reminder phone calls: Susan Cardinale, Debbie Etienne, Frank Garcia, Lynn Garcia, Matt Gibbs, Jon Giffen, Sarah Hainstock, James Leamey, Mary Nikssarian, Rich Patterson, Jennifer Sardina, Beth Tarallo, and Leslie Turrini-Smith.

In order to receive your 2007 tax deduction, your Annual Fund donation must be received by December 31, 2007. Donate online at www.santacatalina.org or phone the Development Office at 831.655.9379.

In the Community

■ Monterey Bay Aquarium

Free admission to the Monterey Bay Aquarium for Monterey County residents Saturday, December 1 to Sunday, December 9.

