



SANTA CATALINA LOWER SCHOOL COUGAR CONNECTION

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Upcoming Events at School

Primary/Intermediate Assemblies

■ **Friday, December 14, 8:15 a.m., MPR**

Special guest: Brittany Leonard, University of Arizona Volleyball Team

Moms in Touch

■ **Friday, December 14, 9:00 a.m., Rosary Chapel**

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, shirt and tie, or bow tie. Jacket is optional.

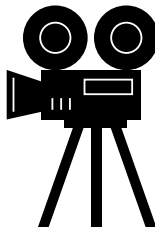
Girls: Party dress (no formals, full length dresses, strapless, or spaghetti straps) and dress shoes, heels no higher than 2 inches and they must have an enclosed heel or sling strap.

Students in Grades 1-5 are to meet in their classrooms at 6:30 p.m., students in Grade 6 meet in Room 12, Grade 7 in Room 9, and Grade 8 in Room 8.

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 Concert DVD

The Santa Catalina Lower School Christmas Concert DVD will be made available for purchase. This year we have chosen a new company, Beem Video, to record this special event. Beem Video recently recorded "The Music Man" for the Upper School and the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Christmas performances. DVD copies of the Christmas Concert will be available for pick-up on January 9. To purchase your copy of this year's concert, complete the enclosed form and include a check for \$35.00 made payable to Beem Video.



Free Dress

■ **Wednesday, December 19**

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 Children at Camphora and Jimenez Labor Camps

■ **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 – 11:20 a.m.

■ **Candlelight Mass**
Saturday, December 15, 7:30 p.m., Rosary Chapel

■ **End of 1st Semester**
Wednesday, December 19

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.



Sports Schedule ~ Go Cougars!

Grade 7 and 8 Flag Football

■ **Thursday, December 13 - Junipero Serra at Junipero Serra**
Girls - 3:30 p.m., Boys - 4:15 p.m. This is the rescheduled game that was rained out on Thursday, December 6.

■ **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.



From the Library

We don't want to be Scrooge!

Just a reminder that Tuesday, December 11 was the last library due date before the holidays. Please check your library materials and return them before we break. Except for staff holidays, the library will be open during the break and we charge fines through the whole vacation if you have overdues. So watch for our notices on December 12 and clear up any fines and overdues. Then enjoy your holidays with a Christmas story or two due after classes resume and check out the library's Christmas website. There's a link on the library homepage at library.santacatalina.org.

Merry Christmas and "God bless us, every one!"

—Diane Kabat, Librarian

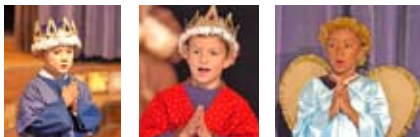
From the Development Office

We'd like to extend a gracious thank you to all the Lower School families whose gifts have helped us kick off the 2007-2008 Annual Fund year. For those of you who have yet to contribute, it's the perfect time - you can demonstrate your support for the Santa Catalina Annual Fund and earn a tax deduction for 2007 at the same time if you make your gift by Monday, December 31.

Your participation is vital, and every gift of every size will make a difference in the lives of our students. Donate online at www.santacatalina.org or phone 831.655.9379. *Every Parent Counts!*

Best wishes for the holiday season!

Pre-K and K Christmas Plays



Community Service

December Community Service:

Thank you for your generous and immediate response to Santa Catalina's December community service project for the migrant families. All the names were taken within a week. Because of your kindness, many families and children will have a blessed holiday. Once again, the Santa Catalina community has shown itself to be a loving and giving family.



Gifts will be delivered to the camp Thursday, December 13. Students and their families who would like to join us for the party and gift delivery can meet at Santa Catalina at 4:00 p.m., in the Upper School parking lot. We will be leaving school no later than

4:30 p.m. Printed directions are also available in the Lower School Office. Remember to dress warmly!

Christ is Born Among Us Everyday

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are also inspired to celebrate and help others prepare for the gift of new life. Just as Mary wondered how she would care for her son, many families today need help with preparing for their new baby. This Advent season, Grade 6 is collecting baby gifts that will be donated to and distributed through the Compassion Pregnancy Center to families in need. We hope you will help us and donate a gift to fill the "manger/crib" near the Lower School Office. Especially appreciated are sleeper pajamas, blankets, disposable diapers, bath supplies, toiletries, and powdered formula. Gifts do not need to be wrapped. Gently used items are welcome. Gifts will be accepted until Tuesday, December 18.

Friendly Reminder: Music Lessons

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 at 655.9354 or by email at Michelle_Galindo@santacatalina.org. Private lessons are currently offered for piano, violin, viola, cello, bass, guitar, electric guitar, electric bass, flute, trumpet, clarinet, saxophone, voice, percussion, and harp.

