



# SANTA CATALINA LOWER SCHOOL COUGAR CONNECTION

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## National Latin Exam Awards

### Outstanding Results on Challenging Test

This year, the Middle School Latin students did exceptionally well on the National Latin Exam, even though it was considered to be more challenging than before.

Twelve out of 26 Middle School students received recognition for a total of two Gold medals and one Silver medal, one Magna Cum Laude Certificate, four Ribbons and Certificates for Outstanding Achievement, and four Certificates of Achievement.

Congratulations to the following Latin students:

#### ■ Introduction to Latin

Ribbon and Certificate of Outstanding Achievement to Grade 7 students **Katherine Berry, Emma Bhaskar, Katie Griffin, and Amanda Nansel-Giuliano**

Certificate of Achievement to Grade 7 students **Tamsen Forrest, Kylie Magpusao, Jessica Michalek, and Emma Phillips**

#### ■ Latin 1

Gold medal and Summa Cum Laude to Grade 8 students **Sonja Kasky and Kevin Tang**

Silver medal and Maxima Cum Laude to Grade 8 student **Farah Abouzeid**

Magna Cum Laude to Grade 8 student **Esteban Sanchez**



## Scholastic Awards: Gold and Silver

Grade 8 students **Elena Dreyer** and **Matthew Lindly** received Scholastic Gold Awards for Computer Art with their pieces, "Watching" and "Waves of Grass," and **Farah Abouzeid** won the Silver Award for her computer art piece "Only Words."



Elena Dreyer

Their work placed in the top 1% of submissions in the Scholastic Arts and Writing Contest, the largest arts and writing competition in the United States!

**Elena and Matthew** have been invited to attend Scholastic's National Celebration Events in New York City in June. The Awards Ceremony will take place at Carnegie Hall on Thursday, June 5. Workshops, cultural opportunities to meet artists, visits to NBC, the New York Times, and artists' studios are among the activities provided as part of the event's celebrations.



Farah Abouzeid

Famous artists and current experts in their fields serve as judges for this contest. Many well known artists and writers, such as Zac Posen and Andy Warhol, won these awards in their youth.



Matthew Lindly

## Important Dates and Events

See our Web calendar for the latest details and updates.

■ **April Community Service:** Earth Day Activities

■ **Medieval Faire,** Grade 7

Thursday, April 17, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Room 8

■ **B Schedule,** Friday, April 18

■ **Primary/Intermediate Assembly**

Friday, April 18, 8:15 a.m., MPR, Grade 4 Presents

■ **Moms in Touch** (Prayer Request Box in LS Office)

Friday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Rosary Chapel

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**CARNIVAL ORDERS DUE FRIDAY:** Last Day to Order Carnival Gear is Friday, April 18!

## Important Dates and Events

Continued...

- **Assembly for Student Council Speeches**, Grades 4 – 8  
Friday, April 18, 9:40 a.m. – 10:20 a.m., Gym
- **Student Council Elections**, Friday, April 18
- **Lower School to Upper School Play**, Friday, April 18, 12:15 p.m.
- **Grade 8 to Washington, D.C.**, April 20 – April 25
- **B Schedule**, Monday, April 21
- **Guest Speakers, Dr. Maslowski and Ms. Jaclyn Clement-Kinney**, Grades 4 – 8,  
Monday, April 21, 9:40 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.  
Mary Johnson Recital Hall
- **Kindergarten to Wild Things**  
Tuesday, April 22, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- **Grade 3 Create a Country**  
Wednesday, April 23, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m., Classroom
- **B Schedule**, Thursday, April 24
- **School Holiday**, Friday, April 25
- **Grade 3 to the Pinnacles**, Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- **B Schedule**, Wednesday, April 30
- **C Schedule**, Thursday, May 1
- **Parent Association Board Meeting**  
Thursday, May 1, 8:15 a.m., The Cottage
- **Mass**, Thursday, May 1, 10:30 a.m., Rosary Chapel
- **Carnival**, Saturday, May 10, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **C Schedule**, Friday, May 2
- **Primary/Intermediate Assembly**  
Friday, May 2, 8:15 a.m., MPR, Kindergarten Presents
- **Moms in Touch** (Prayer Request Box in LS Office)  
Friday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., MPR
- **Grade 3 to Santa Lucia Preserve**  
Friday, May 2, 9:10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
- **Middle School Talent Show**  
Friday, May 2, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., MPR

## Don't Be Blind to Global Warming

April 22 is Earth Day! This year's action theme is "Global Warming." The Lower School Student Council is asking all concerned students to wear sunglasses on April 22 as a reminder that we are sometimes "blind" towards the subject of global warming. Thank you for helping us "visualize" a better future.

—Emma Bhaskar, Grade 7



## Sports Schedule ~ Go Cougars!

All games and matches are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or other circumstances. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Jeff Hrepich at 831.655.9353. Thank you for your support and "Go Cougars!"

### Middle School Golf

- **Thursday, April 17, 4:00 p.m.**, San Benancio at Pasadera
- **Tuesday, April 22, 4:00 p.m.**, Gavilan View at Twin Creeks
- **Thursday, April 24, 4:00 p.m.**, Buena Vista at Salinas Fairways
- **Monday, May 5, TBA**, MTJAL Tournament at Rancho Canada  
Coach: Jeff Hrepich

### Middle School Tennis

- **Thursday, April 17, 3:45 p.m.**, San Benancio at Catalina
- **Tuesday, April 22, 3:45 p.m.**, Carmel Middle School at Catalina
- **Thursday, April 24, 3:45 p.m.**, Stevenson at Spanish Bay
- **Tuesday, April 29, 3:45 p.m.**, Buena Vista at Catalina
- **Thursday, May 1**, Bye
- **Tuesday, May 6, 4:00 p.m.**, All Saints at Carmel Valley Ranch  
Coach: Julie Forrest

### Middle School Track and Field

- **Wednesday, April 16, 4:00 p.m.**, at Carmel Middle School
- **Wednesday, April 23, 4:00 p.m.**, at Palma High School
- **Saturday, May 3, 10:00 a.m.**, MTJAL Championships  
Coaches: Margaret Scattini & Catherine Tardieu

### Sports Recognition Program

- **Tuesday, May 13, 10:30 a.m.**, MPR

## Friends in Japan and Europe

Our **Grade 2 and 3 students** have sent computer illustrations, letters, video greetings, and podcasts to students at: **Fukuoka International School**, Fukuoka, Japan  
**International School**, Prague, Czech Republic

Children at the schools have sent us delightful responses. The children in Fukuoka and Prague have a special place in their classrooms for one of our gifts to them, a stuffed Catalina blue bear.



Hello from half way around the world! My name is Grace. My favorite sport is horse back riding. I ride English and jump over horses. Tonight I am attending a very important event called Geography Night. That is when everyone dresses up an award known person. I have four pets. Their names are, Drayson, Kitty, Macintosh, and Talulah. Kitty and Drayson are their Labrador. Kitty is going to be 2 on May 6 and I have to go to the beach and swim and retrieve some balls. Drayson is 13 and that is really old all her bones is strong. Talulah is 5. She enjoys me taking naps on my bed and playing around with Macintosh is 10. He is the latest puppy I've ever in a very good jumping pony. I live in Fukuoka because we can walk to the beach. I have 1 talking name is William. He loves bird guns. There are golf courses near our house. We just had a HIG tournament in Fukuoka. It called the A55T. I love Hawaii. It was so much fun! Everyday we play on the beach, which means that there were in the ocean. We went to the beach on three it was so much fun. We got to do something on Hawaii and that was that we got to get a new you enjoyed this note. From, Grace.

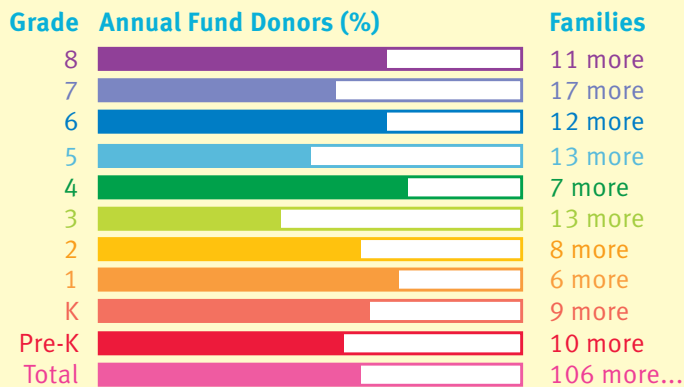


Letter from Grace Pryor, Grade 3

Grade 3 Podcast

## Annual Fund: *Every Parent Counts!*

### Number of Families Needed to Reach 100%



#### Thank you to all who contributed since the last article!

Fourteen more families contributed, and you brought overall participation from 57% to 62%! Your donations are greatly appreciated and help us continue the programs that set our school apart.

#### It is still not too late!

If you are considering contributing, even a small contribution—such as \$5.00—makes a difference. Parent participation is a factor when foundations consider our grant requests and are an important investment in school life. It's not too late — make your gift today at [www.santacatalina.org](http://www.santacatalina.org), or call 831.655.9384. *Every Parent Counts!*

## Share Your Creative Spirit!

### Be an Art Show Volunteer!

Indulge your artistic impulses while celebrating our student's creativity! The **16th Santa Catalina Annual Lower School Art Show** will open on May 20. This Art Show has become a celebration of creative and visual learning seen through the eyes of our children. Art Show volunteers are an essential part of this creative, collaborative effort. We need your help!

We will have several sessions to mat and label artwork during April and May. This is an enjoyable time to preview the children's creations as we work together. On Monday, May 19, Art Show volunteers will gather in the MPR to set up the dozens of delightful displays that make up the Art Show.

Creating the Art Show is fun and rewarding. Would you be willing to assist us? Absolutely no experience is necessary! Look for the Art Show Volunteer flyer in the Cougar for the dates and times of our work sessions. Please join us—and bring a friend! Volunteer flyers are also available in the Lower School Office.

—Susan S. Smith, Art Teacher, K–8

#### Art Show Workshops:

- Friday, April 18, 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., LS Art Room
- Monday, April 21, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., LS Art Room
- Tuesday, April 22, 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., LS Art Room
- Thursday, April 24, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., LS Art Room
- Tuesday, April 29, 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., LS Art Room

## Grade 8's Online Creations

### ■ Flash Puzzles, Animated Tales, and More!

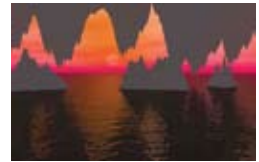
**Grade 8 students** are busy completing many wonderful computer projects including Flash games, animated greeting cards, gift bags, playing cards, 3D imagery, and more.

The students are adding their work daily to "Eighth Grade Projects" in the Middle School links section of Lower School online ([sonline.santacatalina.org](http://sonline.santacatalina.org)).

Impressive action scripting and fun adventures await. Ask your child for the username and password to visit these links.



Leah Myers



Nick Halamandaris



Phoebe Udomsri



Kelsey Hand

### • Santa Catalina Theatre Arts Presents • The Central Coast Premiere



• **Performance** •  
Friday, April 18, 12:15 p.m.

• **A New Musical, Set in 1920's New York** •

Tickets • 831.655.9341  
[www.SantaCatalina.org](http://www.SantaCatalina.org) > Performances & Events  
General Admission \$9.00, Seniors, Students, Military \$6.00  
Call for Group Rates

## Carnival: Going for the Gold!

### ■ Carnival: Saturday, May 10, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Only 24 days left — mark your calendars for a fun family day!



This year, we will sell wristbands instead of the paper tickets that we used in the past. Wristbands will cost \$30.00 for ages five and older, and \$20.00 for children four and under. Wristbands will be for all attractions and rides including the Euro-Bungy, petting zoo, giant slide, pony derby, rock climbing, bounce house, Hi-Striker, Karaoke, and class booths except for food booths.

The following items will be cash, credit card or check only: all food and drink booths (including Grade 6 Snack Shack & Sandy Candy, Grade 7 Beverage & Nacho booth), produce and flower markets, Mr. Doherty's Incredible Books, photo buttons, and Benefit Drawing tickets.

Grade 7's new Beverage & Nachos booth will raise money for their Grade 8 trip to Washington, D.C. next year. Please support them!

■ **Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 29, 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m., The Cottage**  
Contact Carol Bonan or Kelly Davi for more information.

## Summer at Santa Catalina

Registration for **Summer at Santa Catalina** has begun! Camp is for girls entering Grades 3 – 9 in the fall. This year's sessions are:

■ Five-week Session: June 22 to July 26

■ Session A: June 22 to July 5

■ Session B: July 6 to July 26

Applications are available in the Lower School Office. If you have any questions, please contact Deirdre Gonzales at 831.655.9386.



## In the Community

### ■ BSIM Just Run Schools 3K Run

Saturday, April 26, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

■ **Okada Martial Arts** 4th Annual Summer 2008 Taekwondo Camp brochure is available in the Lower School Office.

■ **Monterey County Free Libraries** program flyer is available in the Lower School Office.

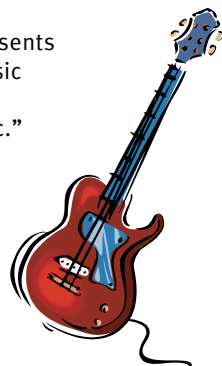
■ **Monterey Public Library Youth Programs** April 2008 calendar is available in the Lower School Office.

### ■ Monterey Peninsula Academy of Music Presents

**Summer Blast!** This variety of summer music programs is both affordable and fun, and includes "Garage Band," and "World Music."

Their open house is on Saturday, April 26, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. and Sunday, April 27, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at 546 Hartnell Street, Suite H (across from the Post Office) in Monterey. For details, see

[www.montereymusic.com](http://www.montereymusic.com).



## Carnival Orders Due Friday!

### Place Your Orders by April 18

One last thing — do not forget that the deadline for ordering sweatshirts, tank tops, long and short-sleeved t-shirts, fabulously warm fleece vests, water bottles, duffle and tote bags is this Friday, April 18!

Don't miss out on these great items... samples are available in the Lower School Office for sizing.

Free Dress Day will be Friday, May 9. Show your Carnival gear!



Students model Carnival gear at Lower School Assembly.

## New! Carnival Benefit Drawing

The Benefit Drawing competition is about to start! Come to the starting line with your bags of Benefit Drawing tickets and get ready to compete for the gold medal in ticket sales! Eight fabulous prizes are offered this year:

1. **Disneyland:** Two days at Disneyland Parks including a VIP guided tour and two nights at the Grand Californian Hotel
2. **Apple MacBook:** A white Apple MacBook laptop computer
3. **Oakland A's:** Four tickets to an Oakland A's game
4. **iTouch and iTunes:** A black iTouch with wireless Internet capability and a \$25 iTunes gift card
5. **Nintendo Wii:** A Nintendo Wii and Sports Package
6. **Motor Scooter:** A Razor Pocket Mod motor scooter and skate helmet
7. **Nintendo DS Lite:** A Nintendo DS Lite and games
8. **Del Monte Package:** a \$150 gift card, plus \$50 gift cards for Borders, P. F. Chang's, and Cinemark Theaters!

A sheet of questions and answers is available in the Lower School Office, with information about the ticket sales contest. The first place class wins free dress and a pool party; the second place class wins free dress and a pizza party!

If you need more tickets, look for Olympic Officials on the playground during lunchtime or in car line at dismissal.

So get started on selling since our first event will be a sprint — popsicles will go to the class that sells the most tickets by end of the day on Thursday, May 1! On your mark, get set, GO!