

# SANTA CATALINA UPPER SCHOOL

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## LETTER FROM DR. MURPHY

*On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of Santa Catalina Upper School, it is our sincere wish that you and your families enjoy a very peaceful holiday.*

Christmas vacation gives all of us a little time to reflect on the past year. We are grateful for the many blessings of belonging to such a wonderful school community. This break also provides us with some time for rest as we ready ourselves for the second semester.

Our classes resume on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. January is a busy month. With the start of the new year, we will provide the option of a number of Physical Education classes for our students. All freshmen and sophomore students who are not members of the soccer or basketball teams, nor participating in the school play, in dance, or on the waiver list, will be required to take part in a series of Physical Education classes during the month of January. Santa Catalina has arranged to have instructors to teach introductory classes in aerobic/weight training, yoga, kickboxing, and Pilates. Students will move from one to the other during the four-week session. The other option open to students is to participate the full four weeks in a lifesaving class held at the pool. Senior and junior students may participate in any of these activities on a voluntary basis, if space allows. We introduced these activities into our school curriculum two years ago and have found them to be popular with our students. We are hopeful again that this varied PE program will be met with enthusiasm.

Finally, at the end of January, on the 25<sup>th</sup>, all sophomores will be taken to Stanford and Santa Clara Universities for a tour of their respective campuses. Mr. Peck, the Director of College Counseling at Santa Catalina, will accompany the students as they begin to get acquainted with the college application process and start thinking of where they might want to apply. We have taken sophomores to these campuses for a number of years, now, and found it to be very helpful. Students come back from visiting these schools with a little more focus and even greater determination. We anticipate that this trip will be an exciting and useful event for our sophomore class.

While we are indeed enjoying these days of vacation, we look forward to the girls' return in January and to the new beginnings that the first of the year brings. During this celebratory and busy season, we again wish you and your families a most joyous Christmas and many blessings for the New Year.

## YELLOW CAB SCRIP BOOKS

As you are aware, the School makes every effort to assist students with transportation to and from medical appointments; however, there are occasions when this is not possible. In this case a student is asked to use local taxi service from Santa Catalina to and/or from the doctor's office.

For the purpose of medical appointments only, we have arranged with Yellow-Checker Cabs in Monterey a system whereby a student need only fill out a voucher which the driver will sign and turn in to the cab company. Based on these vouchers, Santa Catalina

will be billed each month and will, in turn, bill individual families for the amount due. The use of vouchers will end each year on March 31<sup>st</sup> when final billings are sent. Payment is due to the School by the end of May.

If you do not wish your daughter to utilize this system when the School is unable to offer transportation, please email our Dean of Students, Kristi Solt, prior to January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the beginning of the second semester [Kristi\\_Solt@santacatalina.org](mailto:Kristi_Solt@santacatalina.org). In such a case a student will be asked to cover cab fare at the time of the appointment.

To order your 2005 Christmas Ornament (pictured above) contact Charlene Lindly at 831.776.1391.

### IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY

- 1/2 Residents return by 7:30 p.m.
- 1/3 Classes resume
- 1/8 Sports Awards Ceremony and Reception, 4:30 p.m. in the PAC. Parents are invited to attend. Please contact Mark Zalin (831.655.9387 or [Mark\\_Zalin@santacatalina.org](mailto:Mark_Zalin@santacatalina.org)) by 1/4 for reservations.
- 1/25 Sophomore class visit to Stanford University and Santa Clara University.

### *The Young and Fair*

7:30 p.m. performances

January 13, 14, 20, 21

12:15 p.m. matinee

January 20

## FALL SPORTS UPDATE

Our Sports Award ceremony will take place on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in the Performing Arts Center. Please reply to Mark Zalin before January 4, by phone (831.655.9387) or email (Mark\_Zalin@santacatalina.org) if you will attend the Award Ceremony and Reception. We will celebrate the accomplishments of those athletes who have participated in our fall sports programs. It has been a great season for all of our student athletes. Of particular note, Santa Catalina's Golf team won the League and the CCS Championship with a new scoring record. The team finished third in the NORCAL Championships and, most impressively, finished third in the California State Championship. This was a tremendous accomplishment and congratulations goes out to all of our golfers, their coaches, Coach Tuttle and Coach Borgerding, as well as the many parents who have supported the team. It is important to point out that given the size of our school, as well as the size of the state of California, this accomplishment is truly remarkable.

The Volleyball team ended a run of four straight championships and a 63 straight league win streak with a second place finish in the league and the team advanced to the CIF/CCS playoff for the seventh straight year. The Tennis team also finished second in the league and advanced to the CIF/CCS playoffs in both singles and doubles events. The 49th annual Santa Catalina Tennis Invitational was also a great success. Our Water Polo team finished second in league as well and advanced to the CIF/CCS playoffs. A small but talented Cross Country team finished third in the league championship meet and third overall in the league. A number of individual and team records were set. And finally our Field Hockey team, while not successful in terms of its finish in the league, was a tenacious squad and played every match with great determination. We are proud of their accomplishments, but most importantly we are proud of the teamwork and spirit of fair play all of our athletes bring to competition.

## ANNUAL FUND NEWS

Parent participation in the Annual Fund is off to a great start this year. Thank you for your thoughtful gifts, which go to work immediately in support of every student at school.

If you are a first time donor or can consider an increased gift this year, your gift can have twice the impact thanks to the Chapman Foundation's challenge grant pledge, promising a dollar-for-dollar match when new and increased gifts from parents total \$20,000.

If you are considering a gift, and would like the full benefit of a tax deduction this year, your gift must be received by the Development Office no later than December 31. Contributions may be made online, over the phone, through the mail, or in person at the Development Office. We will continue to provide regular Annual Fund updates in the parent newsletter and on the website. For more information, or to request a remittance envelope, please contact the Development Office at 831.655.9379.

Our Annual Fund drive runs from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Thank you for your vital support.

<u>Total Parent Participation</u>	19%	<u>Lower School Parent Participation</u>	21%
Includes Annual Fund gifts received through November 30, 2005		<u>Eighth Grade</u>	33%
		<u>Seventh Grade</u>	10%
		<u>Sixth Grade</u>	14%
		<u>Fifth Grade</u>	24%
		<u>Fourth Grade</u>	21%
<u>Upper School Parent Participation</u>	17%	<u>Third Grade</u>	21%
<u>Seniors</u>	22%	<u>Second Grade</u>	5%
<u>Juniors</u>	15%	<u>First Grade</u>	32%
<u>Sophomores</u>	17%	<u>Kindergarten</u>	25%
<u>Freshmen</u>	16%	<u>Pre-Kindergarten</u>	21%

# The Young and Fair

A DRAMA BY N. RICHARD NASH

A sincere alumna returns to her Alma Mater with her idealistic younger sister, who enters as a student. Filled with intrigue and unscrupulous implications, this suspenseful play explores honesty and integrity in an academic setting.

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