

SANTA CATALINA UPPER SCHOOL

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FROM SISTER CHRISTINE

Dear Parents,

As this year unfolds, we have encountered two topics that we feel it would be helpful to clarify. The first is related to the Provisional Driver License for drivers under 18 years of age as well as the first year restrictions that apply to this license. (For your convenience we have included a summary of this law as indicated by the California Highway Patrol. We obtained this summary from Mary Gifford, driver's education instructor at Drive Carmel.) Since the opening of school we have had several instances of students with a Provisional Driver License driving other students to or from the campus. Where we have been aware of this, we have stopped it. Although we clearly will not see everything, if we do observe this happening at school, we will deal with both the driver and her passengers. Be assured that we will contact parents immediately.

There are some exceptions to the law; however, the very limited exceptions given for the provisional driver during the first year are specifically for instances in which "no other reasonable transportation facilities are available." A social trip to Long's or Del Monte Center or Carmel for lunch, dinner, or a movie simply does not qualify. Statistics already indicate this law's effectiveness. It is there for a very good reason. For the safety of your daughter, her friends, and others on the road, we ask your firm support in this matter. Please do not allow your daughter to drive illegally.

The second item is simply a school procedure regarding a day student's spending the night on the campus. First, as is stated in our Handbook, we will not have a day student spend the night here unless we have spoken with her parents. If you have not spoken with an adult at school confirming the overnight stay, your daughter is not with us. Likewise, once you have confirmed an overnight stay for your daughter, should she notify us that her plans have changed, we will call you to let you know that she is not spending the night on the campus. Kristi Solt, the Dean of Students, is the proper contact person for these arrangements, and your daughters are always most welcome to stay with us for an activity or to visit a friend. If you are traveling, your daughters are also welcome to stay with us, and, again, Kristi Solt will help you with any such plans.

The year is moving ahead well. It is busy as always but filled with constructive study, activities, and fun. These two topics seemed to benefit from a bit more clarity, and we hope this information is helpful to you.

Very sincerely,



Sister Christine
Assistant Head of Upper School

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

- 11/2 Service League Board Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Service League Cottage
- 11/4 and 11/11 College Essay Workshop 9:30 a.m.
- 11/9 Service League Holiday Bazaar, 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Hacienda
- 11/12 Admission Open House, 1:00 p.m.
- 11/18 - 11/26 Thanksgiving Vacation (Students dismissed after last class 11/17; residents return 11/26 by 7:30 p.m.; classes resume 11/27)



PROVISIONAL DRIVER LICENSE

- **Provisional Drivers License** for drivers under 18.
- 12814.6 California Vehicle Code Section — Mandatory.
- **1st year restrictions (New Law Effective 01/2006):**
 - "SHALL NOT" Drive between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
 - "SHALL NOT" Transport passengers under 20 years of age, unless accompanied and supervised by a licensed parent or guardian, Certified driving instructor, or a licensed driver who is 25 years of age or older.

Exceptions for the provisional driver during the first year. These will apply **only** when no other reasonable transportation facilities are available.

- Medical necessity. (Note from physician required.)
- Employment necessity. (Note from employer required.)
- Schooling or school authorized activities. (Note from principal required.)
- Parental permission. (Note from parent required.)
- Emancipated minor. (Court documentation required.)

Each exception requires the appropriate documentation verifying the reason and containing a probable date the necessity will have ceased.

Parents and Juveniles should also be reminded of Monterey County Ordinance 11.76.030 which states it is unlawful for minors to remain in any public place or on the premises of an establishment in Monterey County between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6 a.m. Both the minor and the parent may be found guilty of misdemeanors if the parent knowingly, or by insufficient control, permitted the minor to remain in any public place or on the premises of an establishment.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 9, 2006

10:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

THE HACIENDA

Vendors to include:

Arbon Skin Care	Mary's Birdhouses
Cass' Paperie	Moby Wrap Knitwear
Cookie Lee Jewelry	Moojie Trunk Show
Funky Chic Clothing	Accessories
Lynn Crafts	Tina Marie, Art & Notecards
Lounge Clothing	Santa Catalina
Mary Nikssarian Charms	Christmas Ornaments

Wylde Wells soaps, lotions & bath items

SERVICE LEAGUE'S ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO BUS TRIP

FOR PARENTS

JOIN US FOR SHOPPING IN THE CITY
November 28th

Departure: 8:00 a.m. from Old Monterey/Salinas Hwy.

Return: Between 8:30 and 9:00 pm.

Events Schedule

- Arrival at St. Francis Hotel.
- Proceed to William Sonoma for new product demonstration and a few nibbles.
- Shop and dine at your leisure.
- Recommended lunch Locations:
 - "The Rotunda" at Neiman-Marcus 415.362.4777
 - Kuleto's 415.397.7720
 - Farallon 415.956.6969
- Save a little room for a dinner box prepared by Whole Foods.
- We will depart promptly at 6:00 p.m. from the St. Francis Hotel.

Cost is \$60 per person. Please make your check payable to the Santa Catalina Service League, and mail it to:

Santa Catalina Lower School Office

Attn: SFO Bus Trip

1500 Mark Thomas Drive

Monterey, CA 93940-5291

RSVP/Questions: Please contact Dianne Chavez at 831.277.0852 or Dianne@norcalharvesting.com.

2006 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

The Santa Catalina Service League is proud to offer the fifth edition in the series of heirloom quality beveled glass Christmas Ornaments. The 2006 edition will be etched with a beautiful image of the Sister Mary Kieran Memorial Library. Please complete and return the enclosed order form (or download the form from our website at www.santacatalina.org).

Last Chance!



SANTA CATALINA SPRING SKI/ SNOWBOARD TRIP!

March 16-18, 2007

Squaw Valley at Lake Tahoe

It's fun and it's a great opportunity to spend time with your friends and to make new ones!

The deadline for this trip is Friday, November 3, 2006. If your daughter is interested in participating, please contact Skye Walden, Director of Activities (831.655.9313), as soon as possible. Please complete and return the enclosed trip form (or download the form from our website at www.santacatalina.org).

DRIVE CARMEL

Please note below the driver's education classroom times from which your daughter may choose (the four days may be split between four locations). Spring classes will be announced in January. The DMV requires that students complete the four days of classroom time before they begin the six hours of behind the wheel training. Passports or birth certificates are needed the last day of class.

November 4,5,11,12 @ Santa Catalina - Monterey
December 9,10,16,17 @ Calvary Chapel High - P.G.
January 13,14,20,21 @ Stevenson High - P.B.
February 10,11,17,18 @ York School - Monterey

Classes are held from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. each day. Our classroom portion features presentations by police officers, trauma surgeons, and students. If your daughter takes the class before she is 15 1/2 years old she may wait until that date to meet us at the DMV.

The charge for the four days of class time is \$280. The charge for the 6 hours of required driving lessons is \$60 per hour and may be paid when your daughter begins her lessons. For more information, please contact Mary Gifford at 831.625.3994 or DriveCarmel@aol.com.