

SANTA CATALINA UPPER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

It is difficult to believe that the first semester of school has drawn to a close and that we are now in the midst of the holiday season. The students have certainly been looking forward to this Christmas vacation with great anticipation. On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of Santa Catalina's Upper School we wish all of you a very happy Christmas and hope you can enjoy this wonderful time of the year with friends and family.

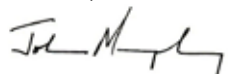
Our Christmas vacation provides a much-needed break as we ready ourselves for the second semester. We start a busy month with classes resuming on Wednesday, January 3rd. On Monday, January 8th, we will provide the option of a number of physical education classes for students. All freshmen and sophomore 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 teach introductory classes in aerobic/weight training, yoga, kickboxing, and Pilates. Each week, students will move from one class to the next over the course of the four-week session. The 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 three years ago and have found them to be popular with our students. We are hopeful that this varied physical education program will be met with the same enthusiasm.

Our Sophomore College Day will take place on Wednesday, January 24th. On that day, all sophomores will be taken to the University of California at Berkeley, the University of San Francisco, and Santa Clara University 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. Ms. Solt, our Dean of Students, along with other faculty chaperones, will also accompany the group. We have taken sophomores to college campuses for a number of years, now, and found it to be very helpful. Hopefully, the 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.

Also on the 24th of January, our freshmen students will go out on their Service Day. The freshmen, along with some of their teachers, will attend one of 10 Service Sites. Our hosts, such as the Salvation Army or Dorothy's Hospitality, provide our students with an awareness of the important work they do as well as offering students the opportunity to make a difference in our community. As you may recall, rather than have an all-school Service Day, this year students will go out with their respective classes to visit service sites. The senior class has already gone on their Service Day and we will schedule Service Days for the sophomores and juniors later in the second semester.

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.

Sincerely,



John J. Murphy, Ph.D.
Head of Upper School

IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY

- 1/2/2007 Residents return by 7:30 p.m.
- 1/3 Classes resume.
- 1/6 SSAT.
- 1/12-1/13 Board of Trustees Meeting.
- 1/12 - 1/20 Performances of *Charley's Aunt*. (See page 2.)
- 1/24 Freshman Service Day
8:15 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.
- 1/24 Sophomore College Day
8:15 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- 1/27-1/29 Open Weekend. Dismissal
after last class at 2:40 p.m. on 1/26.
- 1/30 Classes resume.

A REMINDER TO DAY STUDENTS

If you would like to have breakfast on campus next term, please be sure to submit your check, made out to *Bon Appétit*, for the amount of \$223.85. Checks can be given to Suzanne Emery in the Dining Room.

ANNUAL FUND NEWS Happy Holidays!

We'd like to extend a gracious thank you to all the Upper School families whose gifts have helped us kick off the 2006-2007 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 2006 at the same time if you make your gift by December 31st!

Your participation is vital, and every gift - of every size - will make a difference in the lives of our students. Best wishes for the holiday season and New Year from all of us in the Development Office.

SANTA CATALINA SCHOOL PRESENTS
**COMPUTER CRIME AWARENESS AND
ONLINE CHILD EXPLOITATION**

January 10, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

All parents are invited to join the Santa Catalina community as Officer Steven DeWarns presents information on current dangers and crime trends from the "Dark Side of the Internet." See first-hand how our children are being solicited online and learn how to protect yourself and your family.

This presentation will take you through various types of crimes committed online, and will demonstrate what happens to children in chat rooms and social networking sites. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of the presentation.

Officer DeWarns has 16 years of law enforcement experience, including 10 years assigned as the Juvenile Detective, and has trained with the FBI and the Department of Justice. For the past seven years, Officer DeWarns has dedicated himself to online child exploitation cases and the education of communities in online safety. For more information about the presentation, please visit www.internetchildsafety.net.

Admission to this event is free, but we ask that you call Linda Hughes at 655.9324 to make a reservation.



**STEVE GANN PHOTOGRAPHY
AVAILABLE**

Steve Gann, who takes many of the photos for school events, is making his work available to our school community via his web site. Go to www.stevegannphotography.com, and click on Galleries. (New galleries will be posted over the next few weeks.) If you receive this newsletter electronically, the password for the Santa Catalina galleries is contained in the body of your email. If you receive it in hardcopy, please call Lynne Frey (831.655.9302) for the password.



Charley's Aunt

PERFORMANCES AT 7:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

MATINEE AT 12:15 P.M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED

GENERAL ADMISSION \$9.00

SENIOR, STUDENT, MILITARY \$6.00

TICKET RESERVATIONS

PHONE BOX OFFICE 831.655.9341

OR ONLINE AT

WWW.SANTACATALINA.ORG

PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 9:30 AM • Chocolate Dipping in the Dining Room 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Holiday • Christmas Vacation 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Vacation • Residents Return by 7:30 PM 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes Resume • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Report Card Assembly 2:10 PM • Chapel Singing 5:30 PM • Confirmation Class 6:30 PM • Basketball Soledad • JV 5:00 PM, V 6:30 PM 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Service League Board Meeting 2:00 PM 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Leadership Team 10:00 AM • Workhours 3:00 PM • Bowling Tournament 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM • Soccer King City • V 3:00 PM, JV 4:00 PM 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSAT • Fall Sports Picnics 12:00 PM • Aquarium/ Cannery Row Tour 1:00 PM 	
<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearbook Weekend • Whale Watching Trip • Time: TBA • Photo Hike in Big Sur 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM • Self-Defense Class 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM • Gym • Mass 5:00 PM 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • New Faculty Meeting 3:00 PM • Senate Officers Meeting 5:30 PM • Community Dinner (B) 6:15 PM • Soccer @ York • JV & V 3:30 PM 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Admin Team 10:05 AM 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Activity Period - Class Meetings - Class President Elections 2:10 PM • Resident Faculty Mtg. 4:00 PM • Chapel Singing 5:30 PM • Confirmation Class 6:30 PM • Presentation for Parents re: Online Safety 7:00 PM • PAC • Soccer @ Pacific Grove • V 5:30 PM 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Student Life Meeting 9:05 AM • Basketball @ Carmel • JV 5:00 PM, V 6:30 PM 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Trustees Meeting • Yearbook Weekend • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Workhours 3:00 PM • Performance: "Charley's Aunt" 7:30 PM • Soccer @ Anzar • JV & V 3:30 PM 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Trustees Meeting • Yearbook Weekend • Self-Defense Class 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM • Dance Studio • Pilates in Thompson Lounge 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM • Performance: "Charley's Aunt" 7:30 PM • Basketball Gonzales • JV 1:30 PM, V 3:00 PM 	
<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 9:30 AM • Self-Defense Class 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM • Gym • Relaxation and Massage in the Dance Studio 1:00 PM 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Martin Luther King Assembly 7:55 AM • Faculty Meeting 3:00 PM • Senate Meeting 5:30 PM • Community Dinner (C) 6:15 PM 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Admin Team 10:05 AM • Basketball @ Greenfield • JV 5:00 PM, V 6:30 PM 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Activity Period - Class Meetings 2:10 PM • Mr. Peck to Junior Meeting. • Thompson Team Meeting 3:00 PM • Chapel Singing 5:30 PM • Confirmation Class 6:30 PM • Soccer @ Soledad • V 5:30 PM 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Student Life Meeting 9:05 AM • Basketball King City • JV 5:00 PM, V 6:30 PM 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Leadership Team 10:00 AM • Upper School Performance: "Charley's Aunt" 12:15 PM • LS students to attend. • Workhours 3:00 PM • Performance: "Charley's Aunt" 7:30 PM • Soccer Stevenson • V 3:00 PM, JV 4:00 PM 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Room Change - Grade 12 (optional) 10:30 AM • Gilroy Outlets Trip 11:00 AM • Self-Defense Class 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM • Gym • Performance: "Charley's Aunt" 7:30 PM 	
<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Weekend • Mass 9:30 AM • Rosary Chapel 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Department Chairs Meeting 3:00 PM • Prefects Meeting 5:30 PM • Community Dinner (A) 6:15 PM • Basketball @ Pacific Grove • JV 5:00 PM, V 6:30 PM 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Admin Team 10:05 AM • STAR Leaders Meeting 6:00 PM • Soccer York • V 3:00 PM, JV 4:00 PM 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Freshman Service Day 8:15 AM - 2:40 PM • Sophomore College Day 8:15 AM - 6:00 PM • Activity Period - Advisor/ Advisee Meeting 2:10 PM • Greer Team Meeting 3:00 PM • Chapel Singing 5:30 PM • Confirmation Class 6:30 PM • Soccer @ Gonzales • V 4:00 p.m. • Basketball @ Anzar • V 6:30 PM 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Student Life Meeting 9:05 AM • Soccer Carmel • V 3:00 PM, JV 4:00 PM 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rosary Chapel • Leadership Team 10:00 AM • Open Weekend 2:40 PM • Dismissal after last class • Basketball @ Soledad • JV 5:00 PM, V 6:30 PM 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Weekend 	
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