

# WINTER SPORTS SEASON ROUNDUP: TWO MTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS!



**BASKETBALL:** This season the varsity basketball team earned their first ever Mission Trails Athletic League Championship, sharing the title with Stevenson School. In a post-season CIF/CCS playoff on February 21st, the Cougars defeated Half Moon Bay 40-37. This win sends them to the quarter-finals against Valley Christian of San Jose on February 24th. The game will be played at Mercy of San Francisco at 1:00 p.m. All league awards will be selected at the culmination of the season. Go Cougars!

**SOCCER:** The varsity soccer team finished a very successful season, winning the Mission Trails Athletic League Championship. They advanced to the CIF/CCS playoffs and opened at home with a convincing victory over Eastside College Prep 11-0. They then played in the quarter-finals on February 17th, falling to Woodside Priory 3-0. Meredith Evans, Samantha Wai, Sarah Wright, and Ryann Woolf were named to the first team All League Team. Santa Catalina's own Rod Gilchrist, in his first year at the varsity helm, was selected as *MTAL Coach of the Year*.



## SANTA CATALINA UPPER SCHOOL

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### GREETINGS FROM DR. MURPHY

This past month over 30 students participated in our school's annual Food Fast in an effort to raise awareness and educate others about world hunger. Each year this is done on a voluntary basis. Even though our students have so many other commitments, a good number of them still find time to devote themselves to this important cause. After asking for sponsors, our students pledge to fast for 24 hours in order to raise money that will go to Catholic Relief Services. In the eight years that Santa Catalina School has held the Food Fast, our school has raised more than \$47,000 to help end world hunger. Debra Baker, who teaches in our Religious Studies Department, has organized this effort each year. She also heads our Peace and Justice club which helps teach students about the need to think globally of our shared responsibilities to those who are less fortunate. Many of our students participate in our Peace and Justice club and a larger percentage of our student body are involved in service and charitable works outside of school. We are proud of all of them for their fine efforts to help others in need and work to create a better world.

The Food Fast is one further example of how we teach our students to think beyond the confines of our campus. Santa Catalina School was founded with a commitment to educate young women to be citizens of the world. As our Mission Statement reads, we seek to nurture in each student "a maturing awareness of community and global needs." This

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month of March we look forward to celebrating our annual Alumnae Reunion with the class of 1957 marking its 50th anniversary. And even though a great deal has changed since that time, those graduates will see on their return that the spirit of our school remains the same. We still continue to prepare our students for life beyond Santa Catalina. The Food Fast, our Service Days, our Peace and Justice club, and our community service efforts are all designed to reinforce the important lesson that service to others is a virtue and that it leads to a greater understanding of other people. It is equally true that occasions where we are able to be of service to others can lead to a deeper understanding of our own selves. As freshman student Devin Ryan exclaimed after participating in the Food Fast, "everyone should have this experience - it is so eye-opening."

In relationship with their teachers and classmates, our students are continually challenged to shift their focus and direct their concerns towards those in need. They also begin to learn that they can make a real difference in the world. As we prepare to celebrate another Alumnae Reunion, we feel confident that our future alumnae will come back to Santa Catalina with the same degree of appreciation and gratitude for how much they learned about themselves while at school and for the many challenges they experienced while being members of our wonderful school community.

## WHAT'S AHEAD

- 2/24-3/3 Northwest College Tour.
- 2/24-3/4 Winter Break.
- 3/4 Residents return by 7:30 p.m.
- 3/5 Classes resume.
- 3/8 Junior Community Service Day.
- 3/8 Service League Board Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- 3/9-3/10 Alumnae Reunion Weekend.
- 3/9 ecco!/Accents Concert 8:00 p.m.
- 3/10 SAT Examinations.
- 3/16-3/18 Ski Trip.
- 3/16 Service League Faculty Appreciation Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Santo Domingo Dining Hall.
- 3/20 Junior Parent College Night, 7:30 p.m.
- 3/24 Merit Scholarship Competition.
- 3/29 Sophomore Community Service Day.
- 4/6-4/15 Easter Break.
- 4/26 SCS Golf Tournament.
- 4/27-4/29 Father/Daughter Weekend.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT NEWS

The Fourth Annual Santa Catalina Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, April 26th at the beautiful Pasadera Country Club. The Golf Tournament raises funds to benefit Santa Catalina's Upper and Lower School Athletic Program. An invitation will soon be in the mail. For further information, please contact Cynthia Bennett at 831.655.9310 or via email at [Cynthia\\_Bennett@santacatalina.org](mailto:Cynthia_Bennett@santacatalina.org).

## FATHER/DAUGHTER WEEKEND

### Attention Fathers

Father/Daughter Weekend will take place this year on Friday, April 27th through Sunday, April 29th. Please know that the Hyatt Regency Hotel, located close to school, will honor a special Santa Catalina School Father/Daughter room rate until March 27th. Reservations at local hotels can also be made through [www.resort2me.com](http://www.resort2me.com). You can expect to receive your Father/Daughter invitations, sent to you by your daughters, in the very near future. More information is also on the way as we all look forward to a great weekend.

## DRIVE CARMEL SCHEDULE REMINDER

Please take note of the schedule below to sign-up for Driver's Education classes. Students may take the class before they turn 15 1/2 and wait until that date to take the written exam at the DMV. To receive a registration form, please contact Mary Gifford at [DriveCarmel@aol.com](mailto:DriveCarmel@aol.com) or phone 831.625.3994.

*Driver's Education Classes for Spring/Summer 2007:*

March 10, 11, 24, 25 at Santa Catalina School

April 28, 29, May 5, 6 at Stevenson

June 16, 17, 18, 19 at Carmel Youth Center

Classes are held from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## TO PARENTS OF JUNIORS AND SENIORS

### From Sister Christine

As you may well be aware, the Santa Catalina Junior-Senior Prom will occur this year on Saturday, May 12th, beginning at 9:00 p.m. and continuing until 1:00 a.m. Because the evening has been extended to accommodate entertainment within those hours, there will be no school-sponsored activity following the Prom. The juniors are still planning the event; however, you will receive, when the evening is a bit closer, a much more detailed letter with further information regarding Prom and the School's expectations regarding this activity.

We did want to remind you, at this time, of our policy regarding any overnight permissions for resident juniors and seniors the night of the Prom. Resident students may stay off-campus overnight if they are with their own parents, but not with other relatives, family friends, the parents of other resident students, or day students. We have reviewed this policy each year and have agreed that this is best for our purposes and goals. We hope that by mentioning this now, we will avoid any inconvenience to you in the future, and will allow you enough time to make plans for that weekend.

We look forward to a very happy evening for the girls when we reach May 12th. Somehow, at this point, Prom seems rather far away, but we all know how misleading that sense is! We send you all our best and look forward to keeping in touch with you.

## ANNUAL FUND NEWS

### Thank you Upper School Parents for Your Support of the Annual Fund!

Seniors	32%
Juniors	37%
Sophomores	32%
Freshmen	35%
<b>Total</b>	<b>34%</b>

A special thanks to all the Upper School parents who have supported the Annual Fund this year. We're very excited to report that parent participation has jumped over 10% in the last month alone. These contributions provide for the extraordinary programs and opportunities that set our school apart.

A special note to those who have yet to make their gift: after the break, *Every Parent Campaign* volunteers will be making calls inviting you to participate in the 2006-2007 Annual Fund. If you make your donation now, you will save the committee a call! Please consider a gift today.

## SCS TEACHER IS FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

Jodie Hollander, of Santa Catalina's English department, is one of fifteen high school and college teachers selected nationwide to take part in a Fulbright Scholars' program this summer. Ms. Hollander will travel to South Africa to study student achievement and workforce development in disadvantaged populations. She will create an independent project which focuses specifically on how poetry is not only a means for independent expression, but also a powerful political tool capable of striking awareness and change.

Ms. Hollander will visit schools as well as look at curriculum, and will integrate this experience into her teaching at Santa Catalina.



## JUNIOR DAY STUDENT PARENTS

All parents of junior day students are invited to attend an informational evening about the college application process on Tuesday, March 20th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hacienda. Please RSVP to Mrs. Lynne Millington by Monday, March 12th at 831.655.9331 if you are interested in attending. You may contact Mr. Peck, Director of College Counseling, at 831.655.9368, for a personal appointment. Junior resident student parents are also welcome to attend this meeting.

## SCS TEAM CHOSEN AS NOAA FINALISTS



A team of six Santa Catalina Upper School students has been chosen as one of seven finalist teams in the "Name NOAA's New Ship" contest sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The contest, open to all California, Oregon, and Washington students in Grades 6 through 12, asked contestants to research one name of their choosing for the ship and create an essay to support their selection. The submitted essay was judged on imagination and creativity, evidence of educational value, and ocean literacy. (To read the essay online, go to the Bulletin Board section of our website.)

The Santa Catalina team selected their entry name, *Refugia*, to highlight the plight of vulnerable marine refuges and the role they play in protecting biodiversity. The contest winner will be announced in March. Congratulations and good luck to Emily Helbig, Suzy Quist, Christine Alves, Miki Fukushima, Akaliza Shalita, and Ginny Lee.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS

### Food Fasting to Combat World Hunger

On Friday, February 16th and Saturday, February 17th, 34 students from Santa Catalina School joined with other youth in an ecumenical effort to address the intolerable reality of world hunger. Students went without food for 24 hours to raise money for Catholic Relief Services, one of the largest Christian relief and development organizations in the world.

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Devin Ryan

During the fast, students participated in activities that focused on cultural awareness and mindfulness of food needs and waste. On Friday night students started the fast with time for quiet reflection and a sunset walk on the beach. At the end of the evening, they joined the youth from other churches and watched documentary films on the issue of child soldiers in Uganda and in Sierra Leone. Half of the Santa Catalina students took the option of



sleeping outside in the cold to further their experience of solidarity with many of the world's poor. Some slept out in the open air and others slept in cardboard

shelters that they had creatively constructed. The freshman and junior students participated in community service in Salinas on Saturday morning, working enthusiastically at *Dorothy's Kitchen* and at the *Food Bank*, preparing food for others while they themselves were hungry.

In the eight years that Santa Catalina School has held the Food Fast they have raised more than \$47,000 to help end world hunger. If you are interested in adding to Santa Catalina's efforts, it is not too late to contact Debra Baker, Upper School Religious Studies Instructor at 831.655.9300. Checks should be made out to Catholic Relief Services, and all donations are tax deductible. Ninety-four percent of all funds contributed will go directly to those who need it most.

## SERVICE LEAGUE NEWS

### Faculty Appreciation Luncheon Friday, March 16th, 11:30 a.m.

Every year the Service League hosts a Faculty Appreciation Luncheon. This is an opportunity for parents to say thank you in a special way to our faculty and staff. Please join us this year in the Santo Domingo Dining Hall for this wonderful event. For more information, please call Kathy Gibbs at 333.1868.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Events on this page may change. You will find, and can print, an updated monthly calendar online at: <a href="http://www.santacatalina.org/calendar">www.santacatalina.org/calendar</a></p>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Break</li> <li>• No Mass on Campus</li> <li>• Residents Return 7:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classes Resume</li> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Department Chairs Meeting 3:00 PM</li> <li>• Senate Meeting 5:30 PM</li> <li>• Community Dinner (B) 6:15 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California Math League Contest 7:15 AM</li> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Admin Team 10:05 AM</li> <li>• Softball St. Francis V 3:45 PM</li> <li>• Lacrosse @ Leland V 4:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Activity Period - Advisor/Advisee Meetings 2:10 PM</li> <li>• Hills Team Meeting 3:00 PM</li> <li>• Chapel Singing 5:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Community Service Day</li> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Service League Board Meeting 2:00 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Break</li> <li>• NAIS Conference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SSAT</li> <li>• Winter Break</li> <li>• NAIS Conference</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass 9:30 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Drivers Ed. @ Santa Catalina 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM</li> <li>• Sunday Chef Class 1:00 PM</li> <li>• Main Kitchen</li> <li>• Freshman Community Meeting 6:45 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Faculty Meeting 3:00 PM</li> <li>• Senate Officers Meeting 5:30 PM</li> <li>• Community Dinner (C) 6:15 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Admin Team 10:05 AM</li> <li>• Softball @ Soledad V &amp; JV 3:45 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Activity Period - Class Meetings 2:10 PM</li> <li>• Resident Fac. Mtg 4:00 PM</li> <li>• Chapel Singing 5:30 PM</li> <li>• Softball @ Pacific Grove JV 3:45 PM; V 6:00 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Student Life Meeting 9:05 AM</li> <li>• Science Field Trip 9:15 AM - 10:40 AM</li> <li>• Track Practice Meet 3:30 PM @ Stevenson</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ski Trip</li> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Leadership Team 10:00 AM</li> <li>• Service League Faculty Appreciation Luncheon 11:30 AM</li> <li>• Workhours 3:00 PM</li> <li>• Evening Shuttle 6:30 PM</li> <li>• Lacrosse @ Stevenson JV Only @ 5:30 PM</li> <li>• Swimming Stevenson 3:30 PM</li> <li>• Softball King City V &amp; JV 3:45 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monterey County Science Fair</li> <li>• Ski Trip</li> <li>• Yoga Class 9:00 AM</li> <li>• Dance Studio</li> <li>• Self-Defense Class 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM</li> <li>• Gym</li> <li>• "Seasonal the Musical" 7:30 PM</li> <li>• MPC Morgan Stock Theater</li> <li>• Lacrosse Marin Catholic V 11:00 AM, JV 12:30 PM</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ski Trip</li> <li>• Trip to Glide Memorial and SF Museum 7:45 AM - 5:00 PM</li> <li>• Self-Defense Class 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM</li> <li>• Gym</li> <li>• Mass 5:00 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades and Comments Due</li> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• New Faculty Meeting 3:00 PM</li> <li>• Prefects Meeting 5:30 PM</li> <li>• Community Dinner (A) 6:15 PM</li> <li>• Softball @ Gonzales V &amp; JV 3:45 PM</li> <li>• Lacrosse @ Los Lomas V 5:00 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Admin Team 10:05 AM</li> <li>• Junior Parent College Night 7:30 PM</li> <li>• Hacenda Dining Room</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Activity Period - Advisor/Advisee Meetings: Grades 9 &amp; 10: Class Meetings: Grades 11 &amp; 12 2:10 PM</li> <li>• Thompson Team Meeting 3:00 PM</li> <li>• Chapel Singing 5:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Student Life Meeting 9:05 AM</li> <li>• Softball @ Carmel V &amp; JV 3:45 PM</li> <li>• Track Chamberlin Pre-Season Meet 2:00 PM @ King City</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid-term Grades and Comments Mailed</li> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Leadership Team 10:00 AM</li> <li>• Workhours 3:00 PM</li> <li>• Room Change - Grades 10 &amp; 11 3:00 PM</li> <li>• Movie Night 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM</li> <li>• Johnson Recital Hall</li> <li>• Lacrosse Christian Brothers V 4:30 PM</li> <li>• Swimming Carmel 3:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Merit Scholarship</li> <li>• Pikes Class 9:00 AM</li> <li>• Dance Studio</li> <li>• Drivers Ed. @ Santa Catalina 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM</li> <li>• Self-Defense Class 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM</li> <li>• Gym</li> <li>• Spring Dance 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM</li> <li>• Dining Room</li> <li>• Softball @ Charlie Miguel Tournament, Sunnyvale</li> <li>• Lacrosse @ Campolinda V 11:00 AM, JV 12:30 PM</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass 9:30 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Carmel Gallery Walk 11:00 AM</li> <li>• Drivers Ed. @ Santa Catalina 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM</li> <li>• Self-Defense Class 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM</li> <li>• Gym</li> <li>• Sunday Chef Class 1:00 PM</li> <li>• Main Kitchen</li> <li>• Sophomore Community Meeting 6:45 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Senate Meeting 5:30 PM (for election info.)</li> <li>• Community Dinner (B) 6:15 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Admin Team 10:05 AM</li> <li>• Lacrosse Stevenson V 4:00 PM, JV 5:30 PM</li> <li>• Softball Stevenson V &amp; JV 3:45 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Election of Student Body President - Speeches/ Vote 7:55 AM</li> <li>• Activity Period - Class Meetings 2:10 PM</li> <li>• Green Team Meeting 3:00 PM</li> <li>• Chapel Singing 5:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sophomore Community Service Day</li> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Softball Greenfield V &amp; JV 3:45 PM</li> <li>• Track Tri-meet: Anzar &amp; King City 3:30 PM @ King City</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:40 AM</li> <li>• Rosary Chapel</li> <li>• Leadership Team 10:00 AM</li> <li>• Art History Southern California Trip Departs 12:00 PM</li> <li>• Freshman Retreat 3:00 PM</li> <li>• Workhours 3:00 PM</li> <li>• Trip to Starline Ballroom, San Jose 5:30 PM - 1:30 AM</li> <li>• "La Cage Aux Folles" 7:00 PM</li> <li>• Golden Bough Theatre</li> <li>• Softball @ Charlie Miguel Tournament, Sunnyvale</li> <li>• Swimming Pacific Grove 3:30 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trip to IMA&amp;X San Jose (Time: TBA)</li> <li>• Art History Southern California Trip</li> <li>• Yoga Class 9:00 AM</li> <li>• Dance Studio</li> <li>• Freshman Retreat Returns 3:00 PM</li> <li>• International Women's Day Celebration 5:45 PM</li> <li>• Evening Shuttle 6:30 PM</li> <li>• Lacrosse @ Stanford Tournament</li> <li>• Softball @ Charlie Miguel Tournament, Sunnyvale</li> </ul>
<p><b>Please note: Home lacrosse games will be played at York School.</b></p>						