

SANTA CATALINA UPPER SCHOOL

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Greetings from Dr. Murphy

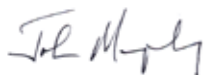
It is difficult to believe that we have nearly completed three months of school. Thanksgiving and Christmas are quickly approaching and I think it is fair to say that everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved break. With this in mind we would first like to invite you to any and all of our seasonal celebrations, the dates and times of which can be found on our school calendar. The students will also enjoy any number of less formal seasonal activities including the traditional Kris Kringle exchange of gifts and the decoration of Study Hall desks. We are entering a joyous, and indeed busy, time of the year.

The month of December brings our final examinations and marks the end of the semester. The finals begin on Saturday, December 15th at 10:00 a.m. Teachers have been and certainly will remain available to students for assistance and for specific review. Most have already begun this review process; however, if your daughter needs a little encouragement or assistance organizing her notes or pulling the last bits of work together, we encourage you to take some time over this Thanksgiving vacation to do that. Please instruct your daughter to see her teachers if she needs any help whatsoever. It is important for students to avail themselves of every opportunity possible at school. If this is your daughter's first set of final examinations with us, know that all are here to be of assistance. For everyone, it is important that students eat and sleep well during this time and, since there are only 15 days before the beginning of finals, we have cautioned everyone regarding any absence during this time leading up to final examinations.

On a related note, regarding Christmas travel plans, we have reminded the girls that there are no "early departures" for this vacation. Students may leave school when they have completed their last final examination; however, they may not reschedule a test in order to leave early. We know that this policy should not cause any difficulty since the dates for final exams have been on the calendar since last February. Although we realize that travel is complicated, any flight that may have been scheduled inadvertently in conflict with an examination will have to be changed. Girls will be free to leave the campus by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 19th.

Finally, we are all reminded at this time of the year that we have so very much for which to be grateful - our faculty, our students, their families, and our many friends. We wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving and a joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,



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

A Strong Start for Our Annual Fund!

The 2007-2008 Annual Fund is off to a great start thanks to all of you who have responded so favorably! Your donations are helping our school provide for our outstanding teachers and to continue the academic and co-curricular programs that set Santa Catalina apart. Just as a reminder, in order to receive your 2007 tax deduction, your Annual Fund donation must be received by December 31, 2007. You can donate online at www.santacatalina.org or phone the Development Office at 831.655.9379.

Thank you to all and especially to the following parents who volunteered their time making reminder phone calls: Margie Fithian, Robert Gould, Ann Jaeger, Rick Kennifer, Gary Kihs, Karen Rector, William Smith, and Madonna Zellitti.



Important Dates

- 12/1 SAT Exams.
- 12/4 Alumnae Event - "Christmas in the Hacienda," 6:00 PM.
- 12/6 Santa Catalina Parent Association Board Meeting, 8:15 AM, The Cottage.
- 12/8 ACT Exams.
- 12/9 Christmas Concert, 8:00 PM, Sister Carlotta Performing Arts Center.
- 12/13 Santa Catalina Parent Association Christmas Luncheon, 11:30 AM. Call Cara Butler at 831.648.1565 to RSVP.
- 12/15 Candlelight Mass, 7:30 PM.
- 12/15-12/19 Semester Exams.
- 12/19 Christmas Vacation, dismissal at 12:00 noon.
- 12/19/2007-1/6/2008 Christmas Vacation, campus closed.
- 1/7/2008 Classes resume.

Fall Varsity Sports Wrap-Up ~ Go Cougars!

■ Cross Country

The varsity cross country team ended the season with a 5-2 record. This was the most successful season on record for the cross country team in the past ten years. Varsity runners Erin Gall, Sam Bates, April Campos, Dixie Cessa, Jackie Gollette, Calyx Gaston, and Jaklyn Nunga broke several records this year. At the first meet of the season against Carmel at Jack's Peak, the first five runners across the line broke the existing course record, which had been set by Kira Frenzen in 2005 (18:03). Catalina runners Erin Gall and Sam Bates posted times of 17:15 and 17:55, respectively. At season's end, the team earned a bid to the CCS Championship race, where they placed sixth in the league. Frosh Jackie Gollette placed 19th overall, and strong runs by the remaining varsity runners rounded out an incredibly successful season for Catalina.

■ Field Hockey

The varsity field hockey team finished the season with a notable win against the number two ranked team. Offensively, we remained strong in scoring against our opponents with 30 points this season, led by Sarah Wright who has been our lead scorer the last two years. Lucy Pippin, who played consistently all season on defense, was selected to the All-League first team. Also receiving All-League honors were Megan McCaffrey and Gina Aiello on second team, Alex Strenfel as Honorable Mention, and Katie Goodson for Sportsmanship.

■ Golf

The golf team finished second in the eleven-team TCAL league and qualified for the CCS playoffs, then finished second (out of twelve teams) in the CCS event - qualifying for the NorCal tournament. At Spring Creek GC in Ripon, CA, the team finished fifth out of thirteen teams, but unfortunately did not qualify for the State tournament. Ariana Patterson was a unanimous All-League selection and both Annie Bowsby and Reisa Soedarsono earned second-team mention on the basis of their play at the league championship.

■ Tennis

Co-captains Kristina Wasserman and Maddie Vitanza led the varsity tennis team to a second place league finish and advanced to the CCS playoffs where they were defeated by Pinewood School. In another season highlight, the Santa Catalina School Invitational Tennis Tournament celebrated its 51st year, hosting fifteen schools from throughout northern California. One of the longest running tennis tournaments in California, this event provided a wonderful weekend of tennis, friendship, and fellowship for the participants.

■ Volleyball

The varsity volleyball team enjoyed another great season, capturing the MTAL league title for the fifth time this decade and advancing to the CIF/CCS playoffs for the 10th straight year. The team advanced to the quarter finals of the playoffs before falling to defending CCS Champion Menlo School. The team was led by senior Christine Alves, who was selected to the All-Monterey County team as well as the All-League team. Joining her on the All-League team were Clare Bolton, Danyel Kahumoku, Sage Wright, Shelby Carroll and Michelle Briggs.

■ Water Polo

The Water Polo team was once again a major force in the pool. Our team ended the season with a 9-1 league record and a 16-9 record overall. They placed second in the TCAL league and earned their fourth straight appearance in the CIF/CCS playoffs. It was



the program's eighth straight winning season in their 9 years of existence as a team and ran the overall record to 131-57. The team was led by a talented group of seniors including captains Devan Kennifer (103 goals, 56 assists and 124 steals) and Brita Sigourney (48 goals, 42 assists and 70 steals). Senior goalie Kelsey Hightower had a solid year with 141 saves.

College Counseling Information: Senior College Checklist for December

■ College Application Deadlines

If your daughter is applying to colleges with deadlines of January 15th or earlier, it is important that she does the following right now: provide Mr. Peck with her college list, along with secondary school report/counselor forms (if any) for sending transcripts **and** give the teachers who will write her recommendations her list of colleges and their deadlines (with teacher forms only if applicable – in most cases they will use the school’s own form). Students applying to colleges with later deadlines should complete the steps mentioned above as soon as possible.

■ Standardized Tests

If your daughter has not already done so, she should be sure to have her SAT and/or ACT scores sent officially to all colleges to which she is applying. With the SAT, colleges will receive a complete record of all previous tests she has taken (SAT and subject tests). Colleges will generally select her best scores from all of her test results. With the ACT, score reports are not cumulative, so anyone who has taken it more than once needs to submit the higher score.

■ Financial Aid

If your daughter has any questions regarding financial aid procedures, she should contact Mr. Peck. Online FAFSAs and (where required) PROFILEs can’t be filed before January 1st. Most financial aid deadlines range from Feb. 1st to March 2nd, but it’s always good to start early, read the instructions, see what is needed and be ready by the deadline.

This is a very important time in the process – procedurally and academically. Mr. Peck suggests your daughter stay both proactive and responsive to make the best possible effort to attain her goals.

From the *Catalinan* and *Lamplighter* Staffs

Santa Catalina’s yearbook, the *Catalinan*, is an annual celebration of School and serves to congratulate students and faculty for their many efforts and accomplishments. Our newspaper, the *Lamplighter*, also serves to record the students’ time at School. Many students work very hard and put forth their very best efforts to produce publications of which we are all very proud. Each year, these publications are aided with the generous support of parents. At this time we ask for your contributions to help us with the *Catalinan* and the *Lamplighter* by printing the attached form and returning it to school.

Drive Carmel

Please note the schedule below to sign up for Driver’s Education classes. The fee for the four days of classroom instruction is \$280. All classes meet from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

December 8, 9, 15, 16 Carmel Youth Center

January 19, 20, 21, 27 York School

Drive Carmel also offers behind-the-wheel instruction. The charge is \$60/hour. Classroom instruction must be completed before getting behind the wheel. For more information, please contact Mary Gifford at DriveCarmel@aol.com or call 831.625.3994.

From the Parent Association

■ 2007 Christmas Ornaments

The Santa Catalina Parent Association is proud to offer the sixth edition in the series of heirloom quality beveled glass Christmas ornaments. The 2007 edition will be etched with a beautiful image of Santa Catalina’s Anniversary Garden fountain. Each year a distinctive building or featured site from the Santa Catalina campus will be displayed on an ornament. Place your order EARLY to reserve your sixth edition of these unique collectible pieces. You may download the form from the Parent Association page of our web site at www.santacatalina.org.



Santa Catalina Parent Association invites you to enjoy an afternoon of Christmas merriment, fabulous food, and caroling by the Upper School Choir

Thursday, December 13, 2007

11:30 a.m. - Champagne Reception

12:00 p.m. - Caroling Performance

12:15 p.m. - Luncheon

Casanova Restaurant

5th Avenue, between San Carlos and the Mission
Carmel-by-the-Sea

\$45 per person

Reservations required as seating is limited.

Please bring socks and/or
undergarments (no Christmas wrapping)
for girls or boys, 5-11 years of age,
to benefit children at Horizons School.

Please contact Cara Butler at 831.648.1565 to RSVP.

A Greater Gift Sale

You are invited to our “Greater Gift Sale” which will be held in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center before and after the Upper School Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9th. Our sale will feature high-quality, beautiful handcrafts made by disadvantaged artisans and farmers in developing regions of the world. The sale of these items enables them to earn income from their work and build better lives. Proceeds will benefit the artisans who made the products, as well as Catholic Relief Services, Darfur refugees, and local migrant farm workers.

Sponsored by Santa Catalina’s Peace and Justice Club.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Events on this page may change. You will find, and can print, an updated monthly calendar online at:
www.santacatalina.org/calendar

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TABS Conference Mass 9:30 AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rehearsals "The Miracle Worker" 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM • Faculty Meeting 3:00 PM • Senale 5:30 PM • Community Dinner - A 6:15 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 • SCCF Collection at Assembly • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rehearsals "The Miracle Worker" 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM • Student Life 11/12 3:00 PM • Advent Prayer 5:30 PM • Alumnae Event - "Christmas in Hacienda" 6:00 PM • Soccer v. Alisal V 3:30 PM; JV 4:30 PM • Basketball v. Soquel JV 5:00 PM; V 6:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rehearsals "The Miracle Worker" 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM • Hills Dorm Team 3:30 PM • Chapel Singing 5:30 PM • Soccer @ Sacred Heart V 3:00 PM; JV 4:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Santa Catalina Parent Association Board Meeting 8:15 AM • The Cottage • Upper Admin Meeting 10:00 AM • Rehearsals "The Miracle Worker" 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM • Basketball @ Watsonville Times TBA • Soccer @ Harbor V 3:30 PM at Depot Park; JV 3:30 PM at Harbor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rehearsals "The Miracle Worker" 2:45 PM - 5:30 PM • Workhours 3:00 PM • Mass 5:00 PM • Holy Day of Obligation • Basketball @ Watsonville Times TBA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 • ACT Exams • Basketball @ Watsonville Times TBA • Equestrian Team @ Monte Vista Christian School 12:00 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission Gathering - Pasadena 3:00 PM • Mass 5:00 PM • Christmas Concert 8:00 PM PAC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rehearsals "The Miracle Worker" 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM • Department Chairs Meeting 3:00 PM • Senate Officers 5:30 PM • Community Dinner - B 6:15 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 • California Math League Contest 7:15 AM • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rehearsals "The Miracle Worker" 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM • Student Life 9/10 3:00 PM • Advent Prayer 5:30 PM • Soccer @ Seaside JV 4:00 PM; V 6:00 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rehearsals "The Miracle Worker" 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM • Resident Faculty 4:00 PM • Chapel Singing 5:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Santa Catalina Parent Association Christmas Luncheon 11:30 AM • Rehearsals "The Miracle Worker" 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM • Cumulative Grades Due 5:00 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 • Closed Weekend • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Rehearsals "The Miracle Worker" 2:45 PM - 5:30 PM • Study Hours 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM • Tarze Service 7:30 PM • Off campus • Soccer @ Notre Dame Location: CSUMB; JV & V 3:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 • Closed Weekend • Semester Exam - Foreign Language 10:00 AM (Note: Saturday) • Christmas Dinner 6:00 PM • Candlelight Mass 7:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Mass - See 12/15/07 • Closed Weekend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Semester Exam - Science 8:00 AM • Semester Exam - English 1:00 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17 • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Semester Exam - Math 8:00 AM • Semester Exam - Religious Studies 1:00 PM • Advent Prayer 5:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 • Christmas Vacation: Dismissal at 12:00 Noon • Morning Prayer 7:40 AM • Semester Exam - History 9:00 AM • Faculty / Staff Christmas Party 6:00 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 • Campus closed until 1/6/2008 • Christmas Vacation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 • Christmas Vacation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 • Christmas Vacation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Vacation • No Mass on campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23 • Christmas Vacation • Staff Holiday - Offices Closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 • Staff Holiday - Offices Closed • Christmas Day • Christmas Vacation • Mass 10:00 AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 • Christmas Vacation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26 • Christmas Vacation • Grades and Comments Due 8:00 AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27 • Christmas Vacation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28 • Christmas Vacation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29 	
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