

SANTA CATALINA UPPER SCHOOL

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Greetings from Dr. Murphy

Dear Parents:

We began the second semester with our Honor Roll Assembly. This is one of the times during the school year where we formally recognize our students' academic achievements. I am happy to report that our students did very well in the first term. Two students from each class also received Courtesy Awards at the Honor Roll Assembly. We are pleased with all of our students' efforts as well as their many talents and gifts. It is important that we celebrate their accomplishments.

Since the start of this second semester, our students have been very busy. We have just recently concluded a marvelous production of *The Miracle Worker* in our PAC. The cast and crew are to be commended on the professional nature of the show and for all of the hard work they put into the production. Many of those same students have already begun working on our next musical, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Our basketball and soccer teams are in full swing and having wonderful seasons. Also, a number of Santa Catalina musicians were recently chosen to perform with the CCS Honors Orchestra and Choir. The CCS Honors Orchestra and Choir are composed of the finest high school musicians from schools in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties. All of them are to be congratulated. Also this past month, the freshmen completed a very successful Service Day. They helped out at the St. Vincent de Paul locations in Seaside and Pacific Grove, the Food Bank of Monterey County, Dorothy's Hospitality in Salinas, the Salvation Army, and Meals on Wheels, among other places. We are proud of our freshmen and the way they embraced the day. (Our junior students will go on their Service Day at the end of the month.) As you know, our school's aim is to nurture each of our students' individual gifts and talents and encourage our students to try to become the persons they are meant to be. As our busy schedule would suggest, most Santa Catalina students reach well beyond the school's requirements in their pursuit of learning. Our students develop a desire for excellence that inspires them in all facets of life. And whether it is in the classroom, on the playing field, in the arts, or in community service projects, students are challenged to see the responsibility they have to offer their gifts to others and to ultimately realize their full potential as individuals.

Lastly, it is worth mentioning that our annual Sophomore College Trip was a great success. By all accounts, our students very much enjoyed the day. Sophomores visited St. Mary's College and Berkeley – two very different colleges. In the next few weeks, the sophomores will be asked by their advisors to write a short piece about their experience as they begin to think critically about their college choices. It's not too early to have students thinking about the future. We also think it is helpful to have our sophomores be in conversation with their advisors about college considerations. What we have seen in the past with the Sophomore College Day is that the experience

of visiting other colleges can help motivate and inspire our students to put forth an even greater effort at school. Our advising program is designed, in part, to help facilitate these efforts and to direct our students to the proper resources as they consider what lies ahead.

Please know that all of us at Santa Catalina are committed to create the best opportunity for your daughter's success. We believe that a Santa Catalina education helps prepare our students for all that life has in store. We of course work in partnership with you to help them realize that goal. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. In the meantime, thank you very much and all best wishes this upcoming month.

Sincerely,



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

Santa Catalina Welcomes a New Member to Our School Community

The Santa Catalina community is delighted about the arrival of a new addition on January 14. Dr. John Murphy, Head of Upper School, and Ibi Murphy '83, Lower School teacher,



George Thomas Cillian Murphy

welcomed their baby, George, into the world. Congratulations to the new parents and welcome to George!

Re-Enrollment Reminder

Contracts for next year's enrollment will be sent to parents on January 29. We ask that these be returned to school by February 25, 2008.

Freshmen at Dorothy's Kitchen



Sophomore College Trip



Important Dates: February 2008

Please visit the Web calendar for the latest detailed information for events at Santa Catalina.

- **Saturday, February 2**
Ring Dinner, 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, February 6**
Ash Wednesday Chapel Service, 2:10 p.m.
- **Saturday, February 9**
ACT Exams
Ecco/Accents Concert, 8:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, February 13**
Change of Office Ceremony, 2:10 p.m.
Annual Fund Phonathon, 6:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 14**
Shakespeare Festival
Valentine's Day
- **Friday, February 15**
Winter Break begins at 2:40 p.m. Dismissal after last class.
- **Friday, February 15 - Sunday, February 24**
Winter Break & College Tour
- **Sunday, February 24**
Residents return by 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, February 25**
Classes resume.
- **Thursday, February 28**
Junior Service Day

College Acceptance Update

In Assembly each week, Senior Class Officers announce the colleges and universities to which their classmates have been accepted. We share this list-in-progress and will continue to provide you with updates over the next few months. This list reflects colleges and universities that have made Early Decision, Early Action, and rolling admission decisions. The notification date for many institutions, including the University of California, are yet to come.

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| Azusa Pacific | Seattle University |
| Cal Lutheran | Southern Oregon |
| Cal Poly Pomona | St. John's College |
| Cal State University | St. Mary's of California |
| Fullerton | Temple |
| Humboldt | Tulane |
| Northridge | University of Arizona |
| San Diego | University of Central Florida |
| Creighton | University of Colorado |
| Dickinson | University of Denver |
| Dominican University | University of Oregon |
| Fordham | University of Portland |
| Harvard | University of Redlands |
| Indiana | University of San Francisco |
| Loyola Marymount | Vanderbilt |
| Miami of Ohio | Villanova |
| Northern Arizona | Washington State |
| Rice | Whittier |
| Santa Clara University | Willamette |

Drive Carmel

Please note 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. The fee for the four days of classroom instruction is \$280. All classes meet from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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| February 9, 10 & March 8, 9 | Stevenson |
| April 12, 13, 19, 20 | Stevenson (tentative) |
| May 3, 4, 10, 11 | Santa Catalina |

For more information, please contact Mary Gifford at DriveCarmel@aol.com or call 831.625.3994.

US Students Meet Hillary Clinton

Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton posed for a photograph with Santa Catalina students on January 22 during her campaign appearance at Hartnell College in Salinas. The students pictured are Anjelica Zalin, Brighid Greene, Lucy O'Leary, Maria DiGiovanni, Kristina Wasserman, and Annabelle Audet-Griffin.



Bay Area Vacation Bus

As many of you know, our Christmas transportation to and from the Bay Area did not run this last vacation. Because the fare is prorated among the riders and because there were only five girls who signed up to ride north, the cost to each rider would have been considerable. Each of the five students indicated that she would rather arrange other transportation. Unfortunately, although the girls themselves knew all of this, you did not. We do apologize for any inconvenience all of this may have caused you.

School transportation to and from the Bay Area will resume for Winter Break, Easter Break, and the April Open Weekend. Obviously, the fare is not a profit-making endeavor but simply a necessary fee to cover the costs of gas, mileage, and driver time. We will do our best to hold down the cost to each student. We do know that for some of you at vacation times the availability of a school bus or van is very helpful.

Again, our apologies to those of you who were inconvenienced at Christmas Vacation. We look forward to taking care of this matter for the future.

Annual Fund Gifts Pack Twice the Punch

Many thanks to all Upper School parents who have made contributions to this year's Annual Fund, resulting in parent participation that has *doubled* compared to this time last year! This is great news as Santa Catalina aims to reach participation goals that are in a league with other comparable independent schools. And speaking of doubling participation, the amount of your gift can also be doubled. Again this year, the Chapman Foundation has pledged \$20,000 to match new and increased gifts from parents, alumnae, and faculty. Parents who are first-time Annual Fund supporters, or those who have increased their gift this year, even a little, are helping Santa Catalina qualify for this terrific match. Plus, there is one more way to double your gift. Did you know that there are over 15,000 companies that match their employees' charitable donations? Perhaps your company is among them! Here are a few examples:

Adobe Systems Inc.	Knight Ridder
Alaska Airlines	Morgan Stanley
Bank of America Corp.	Quest Diagnostics Inc.
Dole Food Co.	Wachovia Corp.
Goldman Sachs Group	Wells Fargo & Co.

It's easy to make your donation online at www.santacatalina.org, or you can mail or call in your gift to 831.655.9379. Each and every gift will make a difference!

Thank You Upper School Parents for Your Support of the 2007-2008 Annual Fund!

Class of 2008	32%
Class of 2009	30%
Class of 2010	42%
Class of 2011	31%
TOTAL	34%

First Semester Gold Cord & Honor Roll

Santa Catalina is pleased to announce the first semester Gold Cord and Honor Roll achievements of our student body. Students with a GPA of 3.80 and above are awarded Gold Cord, while students with a GPA of 3.30 through 3.79 are awarded Honor Roll.

■ Highest in Class

Seniors: Devan Kennifer
 Juniors: Katherine Robinson
 Sophomores: Reisa Soedarsono
 Freshmen: Elizabeth Clark
 Highest in School: Katherine Robinson

■ Gold Cord

GPA 3.80 and above, with no grade below C+
 38% of the Senior Class
 17% of the Junior Class
 28% of the Sophomore Class
 19% of the Freshman Class

■ Honor Roll

GPA above 3.30 and below 3.80, with no grade below C+
 35% of the Senior Class
 40% of the Junior Class
 19% of the Sophomore Class
 31% of the Freshman Class

■ Courtesy Award

Seniors: Stephanie Jegat and Sarah Wright
 Juniors: Shelby Carroll and Michele Jaeger
 Sophomores: Rachel O'Leary and Eliza Harbert
 Freshmen: Rae Gregory and Kayti Ramirez

Miracle Worker Is a Wonder!



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: www.santacatalina.org/calendar</p>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish Week Mass 9:30 AM Rosary Chapel SAT Prep Class 1 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Freshman Resident Students Meeting Group B 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Thompson Lounge Freshman Resident Students Meeting Group C 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Thompson Lounge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:40 AM Rehearsals "Thoroughly Modern Millie" 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM Faculty Meeting 3:00 PM Senate 5:30 PM Community Dinner - A 6:15 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCCF Collection at Assembly Morning Prayer 7:40 AM Rehearsals "Thoroughly Modern Millie" 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM Soccer v. Carmel V 3:00; JV 4:30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:40 AM Ash Wednesday Chapel Service 2:10 PM Rehearsals "Thoroughly Modern Millie" 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM Resident Faculty 4:00 PM Chapel Singing 5:30 PM Basketball @ Carmel JV 5:00 PM; V 6:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:40 AM Santa Catalina Parent Association Board Meeting 8:15 AM The Cottage Upper Admin Meeting 10:00 AM Rehearsals "Thoroughly Modern Millie" 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM Café Mundi 6:00 PM Admission Gathering - Local 6:30 PM Soccer @ Greenfield JV 4:00; V 6:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish Week Morning Prayer 7:40 AM Rehearsals "Thoroughly Modern Millie" 2:45 PM - 5:30 PM Workhours 3:00 PM Flamenco Dance Lesson 3:30 PM Dance Studio 80's Dance Party & Root Beer Floats 8:00 PM Basketball v. King City JV 5:00 PM; V 6:30 PM Soccer v. Stevenson V 3:00; JV 4:30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish Week SAT Prep Exam 1 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Ring Dinner 6:00 PM
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