



SANTA CATALINA LOWER SCHOOL COUGAR CONNECTION

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National Spanish Exam Results

Congratulations to Grade 7 and 8 students who participated in the 2008 National Spanish Exam. Competing with students from schools throughout Northern California, they achieved outstanding results in both the Level 01 and Level 1 categories, obtaining a total of 35 different awards. The individual results follow:

Grade 7 Results

Gold Medal
Rachel Herrera
Michelle Lee

Silver Medal
Mikayla Avalos-Feehan
Marisa Christensen
Laila Joseph

Bronze Medal
Andrew Arnold
Evan Etienne
Perry Sheldon
Michael Woo

Honorable Mention
Morgan Carver
Caroline Conron
Jordan Goodman
Kendra Hoffman
Lauren Johnson
Brandon Montes-Nguyen
Lucy Scattini
Chimay Skinner

Grade 8 Results

Gold Medal
Fiona Alfait
Annika Fling
Ryan Katz

Silver Medal
Matthew Lindly

Bronze Medal
Chandler Chavez
Hayden Clevenger
Nicolaus Jannasch
Phoebe Udomsri

Honorable Mention
Tatiana Briggs
Roth Ehnisz
Katharine Garcia
Kelsey Hand
Marcus House
Leah Myers
Matthew Nucci
Alexandra Pollack
Arjun Sidhu
LeighAnne Vittetoe



Spring Art Show and Concert

Spring Art Show

Art Works by Children Grades K – 8
Tuesday, May 20 – Friday, May 23
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Daily
Multi-Purpose Room

Spring Concert & Art Show Reception

Thursday, May 22, 7:00 p.m.
Performing Arts Center
Ice Cream Social and Art Show Reception
Immediately following the concert in the Multi-Purpose Room



Upcoming Events at School

■ Parent Association Spring Luncheon

Please join the Parent Association for their annual Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, May 20, at 12:30 p.m. in the Hacienda Courtyard. This is the perfect opportunity to dine with friends before summer vacation begins. The event is \$15.00 per person (checks payable to Santa Catalina Parent Association). Please RSVP to Kathy Gibbs at kogibbs@sbcglobal.net.

Important Dates and Events

See our Web calendar for the latest details and updates.

- **May Community Service:** Soles4Orphans
- **Grade 7 Parent Meeting – Washington, D.C. Trip**
Thursday, May 15, 8:00 a.m., Room 9
- **Grade 2 to The Farm in Salinas**
Thursday, May 15, 9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- **Grade 4 to Gold Country**
Thursday, May 15 – Friday, May 16
- **Primary/Intermediate Assembly**
Friday, May 16, 8:15 a.m., MPR, Grade 3 Presents
- **Moms in Touch** (Prayer Request Box in LS Office)
Friday, May 16, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- **Middle School Dance**
Friday, May 16, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., MPR
- **First Holy Communion, Grade 2**
Saturday, May 17, 10:30 a.m., Chapel
- **Art Show**
Tuesday, May 20 – Friday, May 23
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Daily, MPR
- **Grade 7 Parent Meeting – Washington, D.C. Trip**
Thursday, May 22, 8:00 a.m., Room 9
- **Grade 8 Parent Meeting**
Thursday, May 22, 8:15 a.m., The Cottage
- **Spring Concert & Art Show Reception**
Thursday, May 22, 7:00 p.m., Performing Arts Center
- **Annual Benefit Celebration Kick-Off Meeting**
Thursday, May 22, 8:15 a.m., Library Seminar Room

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- **No Primary/Intermediate Assembly**
Friday, May 23
- **Moms in Touch** (Prayer Request Box in LS Office)
Friday, May 23, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- **B Schedule:** Wednesday, May 28
- **Guest Speaker: Dr. Gus Halamandaris** (Grades 5 – 8)
Wednesday, May 28, 9:40 a.m. – 10:20 a.m., Recital Hall
- **B Schedule:** Thursday, May 29
- **May Procession:** All Grades, Chapel Dress
Thursday, May 29, 9:40 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.
Anniversary Garden
- **Primary/Intermediate Assembly**
Friday, May 30, 8:15 a.m., MPR
- **Moms in Touch** (Prayer Request Box in LS Office)
Friday, May 30, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Chapel

Big Sur International Marathon

First Place for School Participation!

A whole track full of congratulations to our 91 students and family members who participated in the Big Sur International Marathon's "3K Just Run" on the morning of April 26, near the Monterey Harbor.

We met under a brilliant blue sky with the sun shining for a group photo-op and proceeded to the starting line for a heartfelt tribute to the American flag led by the U.S. Marine Corps. Then, on your mark, get set, go; we leapt out, adrenaline pumping, in anticipation of our accomplishment in reaching the finish line and receiving a commemorative ribbon and medal.

Surprise and delight awaited us at the post-race festivities at Custom House Plaza. Santa Catalina won first place for the school with the greatest number of registrants. Oh what joy — \$700.00 in prize money for our track and field program at school! Cougars, let's keep the spirit alive and make it happen again next year. Go Cougars!



Memorial Day Concert

School is in session on Memorial Day, but Santa Catalina parents are invited to Memorial Day at the Naval Postgraduate School and its annual "Concert-on-the-Lawn."

The Monterey County Symphony will perform, and people are invited to bring a picnic to eat on the lawn of the former Hotel Del Monte, 1880. The children's play area will include face painting, a bubble machine, bounce houses, and other activities for kids.

The event is open to the public. Typical attendance is 3,000 – 5,000. The event is Monday, May 26, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Naval Postgraduate School.

Spring Concert Details

Information for Participating Students

The Spring Concert is on Thursday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

An Art Show Reception and Ice Cream Social will follow the concert in the Multi-Purpose Room. Please join us for an evening of music and fun.



Student Performer Arrival Times

Students performing in the Concert should plan to arrive by 6:30 p.m. but no later than 6:45 p.m. Please report to the following locations:

- Grades 1 – 5:** their classrooms
- Grade 6:** Room 12 (Mr. Doherty/Mrs. Monroe)
- Grade 7:** Room 9 (Coach Hrepich/Mrs. Canteli)
- Grade 8:** Room 8 (Mrs. Lotz/Ms. Evans)

Student Dress

Student dress for this event will be as follows:

Boys — Dress shoes and slacks, shirt, and tie. Jacket is optional.

Girls — Party dress (no formals, no full length dresses, no strapless, no spaghetti straps) and dress shoes.

Student Council Thanks Volunteers

The Student Council would like to thank Mrs. Terry Mohsin, Mrs. Maureen Richards, and Mrs. Julie Forrest for volunteering their time and effort for various student council activities during the year. Their kind assistance is much appreciated.

Our Snack Shack parent volunteer, **Mrs. Terry Mohsin**, mother of **Abea**, Grade 4, and **Hannah**, Grade 9, has generously purchased food items for both Snack Shack and our earthquake bag food kits during the past few years. She has volunteered to help again next year.

Mrs. Maureen Richards, a long-time volunteer, cleans and distributes all unclaimed items from our Lost and Found. Unclaimed school uniform clothing goes to The Cottage for resale, and all other articles go to a local charity. Mrs. Richards also cleans, sorts, and sells uniforms donated for our "Like New" uniform sale to raise money for scholarships. Mrs. Richards has volunteered her efforts on this project for many years.

At the end of each school year, **Mrs. Julie Forrest**, tennis coach, class of '78 and mother of **Tamsen**, Grade 7, generously organizes the delivery of earthquake bag food kits to the Food Cupboard Outreach. The food kits have been kindly donated by generous students and collected by Mrs. Forrest and Mr. Jeff Hrepich during P.E. classes.

Room Parents Needed

If you are interested in being a Room Parent next year, please pick up a sign-up form in the Lower School Office or contact Christy Pollacci at 655.9351.

May Community Service: Soles4Orphans

The mission of Soles4Orphans is to bring a smile, love, and dignity to every orphan and child through a simple gift of shoes.

Soles4Orphans was founded by Santa Catalina Upper School student **Paulina Nguyen**, Grade 10. During a visit to Vietnam last summer, Paulina visited the only orphanage in the country that houses children affected by HIV and AIDS. During this visit, she donated school supplies to 100 orphans.

Paulina was touched by the communal living conditions and how simple gifts brought smiles to the children's faces. She also realized that many children's feet had calluses from walking barefoot, and witnessed many young children on the dirty streets without any shoes, selling food and souvenirs to tourists. "There must be something I can do to help these children," Paulina said. So she started Soles4Orphans to make a difference in the lives of these orphans.



You can help by donating a pair of gently used or new shoes size infant to adult 6. Specifically, children are greatly in need of athletic/tennis shoes. Brochures are available in the Lower School Office for more information on this organization. Boxes are located in several areas throughout the Lower School to drop-off your donations.

Thank you for participating in this worthy cause. For more information, visit www.soles4orphans.org or contact info@soles4orphans.org or paulina@soles4orphans.org.

Carnival Wrap-Up

A Big Thank You! This year's "Olympic" carnival was a fabulous day where families, faculty, and friends came together to share in the spirit of Santa Catalina. All monies raised benefit our children. Most importantly though, none of this success would have been possible without the support from families, faculty, and staff, incredibly generous donors, and every person who volunteered precious time and talents.

Laurel Lembo and Sarah Hainstock, once again, out-did themselves and put together fantastic Benefit Drawing prize packages that generated so much interest from not only Lower and Middle School children, but also from students in the Upper School and friends from outside of School. The benefit drawing brought in almost \$20,000!

Hearty congratulations to all benefit drawing winners:

Grace Pryor, Grade 3; **Billy Rudiger**, Grade 7; **Allison Fithian**, Grade 9; Erin Branson; **Caroline Conron**, Grade 7; Carmen Gaye; and **Kimb Johnston**, mother of **Gregory**, Grade 5, and **Emilee**, Grade 3.

A very special "Thank You" to Mr. Doherty; his book sales reached \$2,000!



Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, June 4

- **Pre-K & Kindergarten — Last Day of School**
Dismissal after Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony
- **Kindergarten — Graduation**
11:00 a.m., Hacienda Courtyard, Dismissal after Ceremony

Thursday, June 5

- **Grades 1 – 5 — Last Day of School**
Flag Lowering Ceremony, 10:45 a.m.
Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.
- **Grades 6 – 8**
Flag Lowering Ceremony, 10:45 a.m.
Grade 6 & 7 — Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.
- **Grade 8 — Awards Luncheon**
12:30 p.m., Upper School Dining Hall

Friday, June 6

- **Grades 6 – 8 — Last Day of School**
Dismissal after Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony
- **Baccalaureate Mass**
9:00 a.m., Rosary Chapel
- **Grade 8 — Graduation**
11:00 a.m., Lower Terrace



2008 Annual Benefit Celebration

- **Kick-Off Meeting**
Thursday, May 22, 8:15 a.m., Library Seminar Room

Please join us to raise funds for our financial aid program. Be involved with a great team as we create a beautiful evening of wine tasting, silent and live auctions, and an elegant dinner/dance to take place on October 11, 2008. Our committee heads are in place, but we still need lots of people to join hands and make our event a success. If you are interested but cannot attend, please contact Diane Simmons at 622.0856 or Lisa Knight at 372.6049. Coffee and snacks provided.

Summer at Santa Catalina

Registration for **Summer at Santa Catalina** has begun! Camp is for girls entering Grades 3 – 9 in the fall. This year's sessions are:

- **Soccer Clinics:** July 7 – 11, July 14 – 18, July 21 – 25
- **Basketball Clinics:** June 23 – 27, June 30 – July 4
- Five-week Session: June 22 – July 26
- Two-week Session: June 22 – July 5
- Three-week Session: July 6 – July 26

Camp applications and clinic registration forms are available in the Lower School Office. If you have any questions, please contact Deirdre Gonzales at 655.9386.



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