



SPIRIT AND SCHOLARSHIP

Fall 2020

San Carlos School, a Catholic, Co-Educational TK-8 School of the Diocese of Monterey



2020 Dinner Auction Delivers RRRecord-Breaking AND RRRoaring Good Time!

Our 34th Annual Dinner Auction, "Having a Roaring Good Time" was a record breaker! Nearly 300 guests, including parents, grandparents, alumni, staff, and supporters mingled, wined, dined, danced, and participated in a number of exciting fundraising activities that exceeded our goal and set a new record of \$70,342 for San Carlos School! The event was held at the Monterey Marriott on Saturday, February 29th in the San Carlos Ballroom which was spectacularly decorated with a "Roaring 20s" theme. Many guests donned dramatic flapper and speakeasy attire that added to the evening's festive mood, and prizes were awarded for "Best Themed Dress" for both men and women.

The night opened with a dazzling cocktail reception and silent auction with tickets on sale for a new Wine Barrel Raffle,



the ever-popular Cake Raffle, and our supercharged 50:50 Raffle. A delicious

dinner was served followed by a live auction, a Raise Your Paddle effort, raffle drawings, a terrific DJ, and lots of dancing. Beautiful Class Projects, enticing many bidders, were featured in both the silent and live auctions. The Grand Prize Winner of our Cake Raffle took home a gorgeous Gucci Bag, and our lucky 50:50 Raffle Winner realized over \$28,000!

We were extremely blessed to have hosted our 34th Annual Dinner Auction before California's shelter-in-place order of March 18th. Many thanks to all our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and attendees for your kind and generous support during such an uncertain time!

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Mission Statement

San Carlos School is a ministry of San Carlos Cathedral providing a quality Catholic education for students in grades TK-8.

We welcome

all families seeking a faith-filled learning community for their children.

We nurture

the whole child by integrating spiritual and moral development with high academic standards.

We serve

the local and global community by fostering a spirit of stewardship, safety, and peace.

2020 Dinner Auction Cont'd

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Prom Night 2021

Please mark your calendars!

Our 2021 Dinner Auction with a super fun "Prom Night" theme is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st at the Hyatt Regency Monterey!



Principal's Message

Dear San Carlos School Family,

As we continue to adjust to COVID-19, we still face uncertainty for our students, teachers, and families. We worked hard throughout the summer preparing to resume On-Site Learning in August with the addition of several new safety measures on campus. Although we were disappointed that we were required to return to Distance Learning at the start of the school year, we are very happy to reconnect with our students and families, even if it is virtually for now. We continue to pray for all the members of the SCS community and

hope that we will be permitted to resume On-Site Learning and be together in mind, body, and spirit again very soon.

As we look back on the 2019 – 2020 school year, we are filled with gratitude for the spirit of cooperation between our students, families, and teachers, the success of our Distance Learning effort, and our many supporters.

We congratulate our teachers and staff for their creativity, flexibility, dedication, and team work in their efforts to best serve the students of San Carlos School during this historic and most difficult time.

In this issue, we highlight and celebrate our record-breaking 34th Annual Dinner Auction. We are truly thankful to have had the opportunity to host this event safely and successfully before shelter in place took hold in March. We were overwhelmed by the record-breaking funds raised and the amazing outpouring of support from our San Carlos School community!

We also thank all of our Annual Fund donors, grantors, key benefactors, and volunteers whose contributions were critical to the successful operation of SCS.

Special thanks to those who so kindly

responded to our plea for extra help to offset our new campus safety requirement expenses. Our Annual Income and Expense Reports reflect our solid financial position in the midst of such uncertain times and is testament to our consistent and responsible fiscal management. We continue to celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of our students, teachers, and alumni.

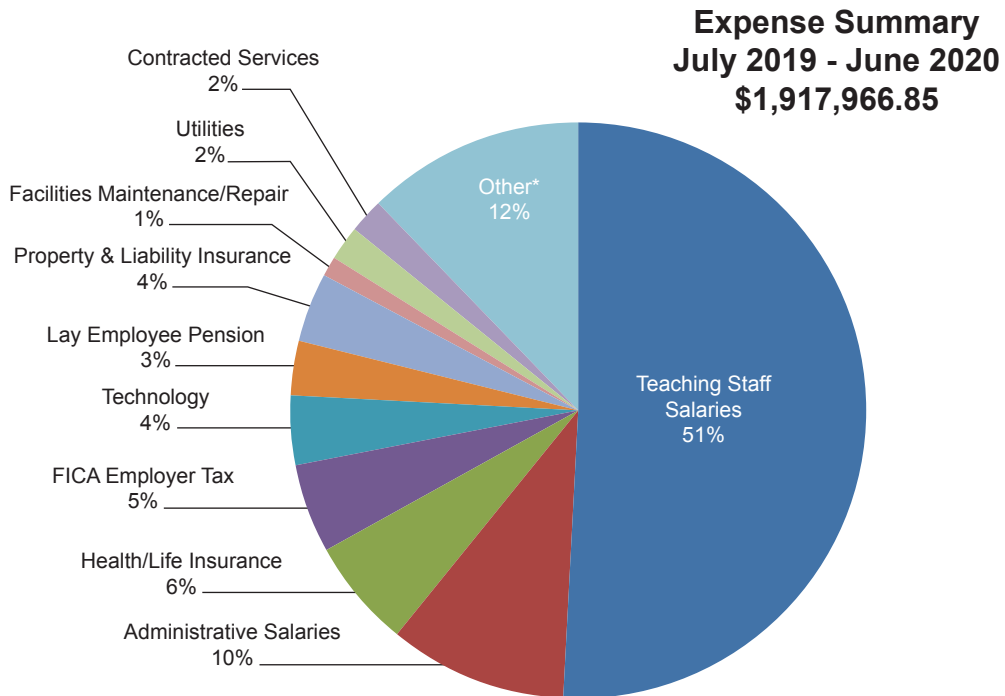
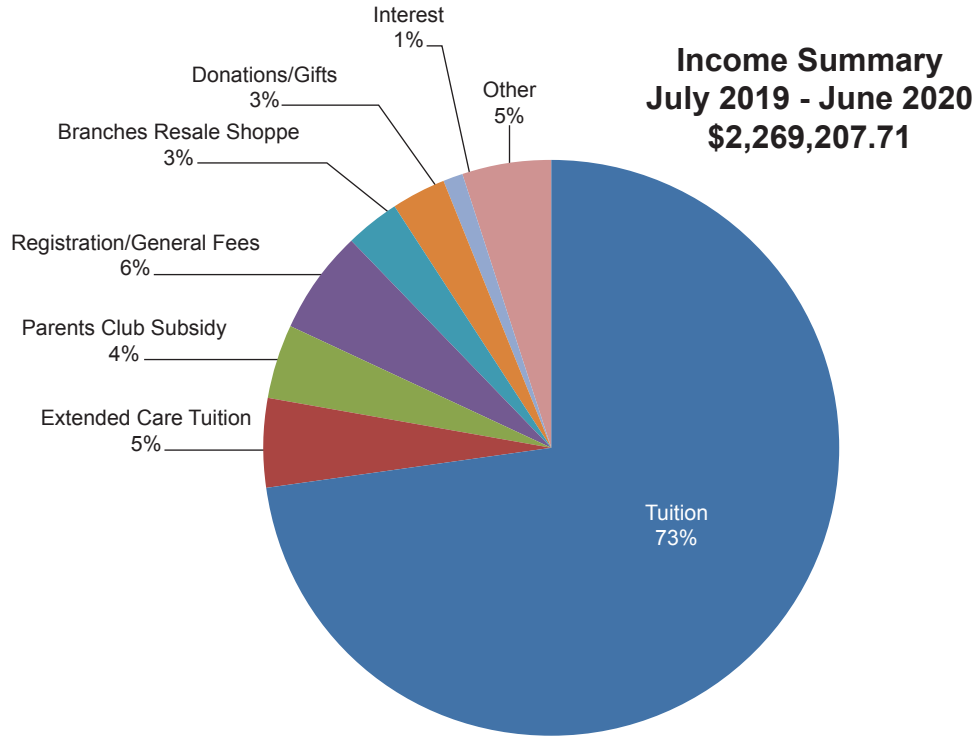
We also welcome many new families who joined our community at the start of the school year. We look forward to continuing to provide the support needed for a smooth adjustment and sense of belonging through the love, support, and spirit of the San Carlos School community.

Remember to check our website and Instagram and Facebook pages for updates on school news and events.

Please keep us in your prayers as we look forward to the day we can bring everyone back to campus. May we stay healthy, safe, flexible, and supportive of each other in navigating our new normal.

Many blessings to all,
Teresa V. Bennett
Principal

Annual Income & Expense Reports



* Hospitality, Development, Student Accident Insurance, Staff Subscriptions, COVID-19 and Office Supplies, Services to Students, PE Expense, Depreciation, and Travel.

NOTE: Surplus includes \$240,117 from faculty/staff payroll savings from a PPP Loan.

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Thank you for your kind spirit and generous support!

Many Thanks to Our Generous Grantors in the Midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic

The **Pebble Beach Company Foundation** awarded San Carlos School another wonderful grant to help fund the continuation of our Accelerated Reader Program for Grades 1 through 8 and the purchase of 35 new Chromebooks for use in English Language Arts, Math, and Spanish. The Accelerated Reader Program has been such a blessing for our children! The majority of our students are reading at or above grade level, and those with reading difficulties are receiving individualized, targeted, and effective intervention. Based on new campus safety guidelines, we will be purchasing additional Chromebooks since students can no longer share devices.

The **William McCaskey Chapman & Adaline Dinsmore Chapman Foundation** awarded SCS another generous grant for our Tuition Assistance Program. These funds will be used to assist families in need of financial support to allow their children to attend San Carlos School. The need for these funds has been particularly great for many of our families due to the pandemic.

Bella + Canvas kindly donated 360 face coverings for the protection of students, faculty, and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. These face covers will be an integral and necessary part of our safety effort in the 2020 – 2021 school year.

The **Monterey Peninsula Foundation** graciously donated funds to SCS once again in conjunction with this year's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. Thank you to all SCS volunteers who donated their time and talent to this very worthy cause!

2020 – 2021 Annual Fund Kicks Off in September with Tuition Assistance Plea

In the midst of the pandemic, our 2020 – 2021 Annual Fund kicks off in September with an ambitious goal of \$40,000. Last year, we raised nearly \$46,000 from 144 generous contributors and exceeded our goal by +31%! In case you haven't heard, our Annual Fund is a financial best practice that allows family, friends, alumni, and the community to help us keep tuition costs down while covering our planned gap in costs. Please consider joining our effort and contributing to our Annual Fund this year. Our needs are especially great with our new campus safety requirements. Contributions can be made online at sancarlosschool.org by clicking the "Donate to SCS" tab at the top of the homepage. We thank you for your consideration and support in this most difficult time!

In addition, many of our families have been severely impacted by COVID-19 and are in need of Tuition Assistance. Unfortunately, our budget does not cover this evolving need. Please consider making a contribution for Tuition Assistance online at sancarlosschool.org by clicking the "Donate to SCS" tab and selecting "Tuition Assistance" on the Annual Fund page. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Schanzer at schanzer@sancarlosschool.org.



COVID-19 Campus Safety Update

We pray that we will be back on campus very soon! San Carlos School staff spent much of the summer purchasing, installing, and coordinating the addition of several new campus safety measures for our students and teachers, including:

- Touch-free thermometers for every classroom
- Touch-free hand sanitizer dispensers for every room
- Hand-washing stations for the playground
- Playground marking for individual and cohort social distancing
- Plexiglass shield for office reception area
- Electrostatic disinfectant sprayers
- UV light book sanitizer equipment
- Additional Chromebooks since students cannot share devices
- Wi-Fi expansion in Church and Old Halls for Middle School classes
- New staff members so grades can be divided into smaller group cohorts for social distancing

Many thanks to all who responded to our spring Annual Fund plea for donations to help cover these expenses!

Lower School

2nd Grade Pizza Making Field Trip Goes Virtual

Traditionally, 2nd Grade celebrates the end of the year by walking to Pizza My Heart in Del Monte Center for a pizza making field trip. In keeping with the tradition in the midst of Distance Learning, Teacher **Mrs. DaSilva** organized a Family Virtual Pizza Making Party which was a big hit! When students came to school to drop off their final work packets, they picked up Trader Joe's Pizza Dough. The party started with quintessential accordion music, a video on how to roll and flatten pizza dough, and instructions on making



pizzas at home. While pizzas were in the oven, families discussed toppings, watched a video of the Pizza Dough Throwing Championship (yes, there is one!) and of course listened, sang along, and danced to "That's Amore".

The best part was that all family members were involved with some dads using pizza ovens outside, moms making homemade tomato sauce, siblings choosing certain toppings and making cheese-stuffed crust, kids and parents dancing on Zoom, and everyone eating their culinary masterpieces together. Thanks to the creativity and enthusiasm of **Mrs. DaSilva**, 2nd Grade families shared the joy of a virtual meal together, a fun-filled ending to an unprecedented year.

4th Grade Gets Dramatic With Readers Theater

Fourth Grade had a wonderful time studying the elements of Drama during Distance Learning. By participating in daily Readers Theater activities, students volunteered to



take reading parts and put new knowledge to the test by bringing out their inner actors and actresses. Some students even took it a step further and drafted their own scripts! According to their teacher **Miss Newton**, "Readers Theater brought laughter and silliness amidst a stressful time. My students did an incredible job!"

Middle School

7th Grade Virtual Renaissance Projects Burst with Creativity

Mr. Krislyn challenged his students by giving them complete freedom and control in deciding how they would like to demonstrate their understanding of the Renaissance. Their options included cooking, drawing, dancing, singing, playing instruments, writing poetry, playing games, sewing costumes, and many more. Although two tasks were required to qualify as an "Apprentice" and earn full credit of 100%, students were encouraged to do as much as they liked to have fun and earn bonus points as "Journeymen" or even "Masters" for grade boosts well over 100%. Student projects were incredibly creative and inspired by famous Renaissance artwork, recipes, and music. Some students even filmed themselves learning to juggle!



Student: Olivia DaSilva | Category: Tableau of Renaissance Painting | Leonardo DaVinci, "The Last Supper"

Middle School Cont'd

Virtual Graduation Celebration Makes History

San Carlos School made history by coordinating its first Drive-Thru Graduation celebration on May 29th! Graduates and their families gathered in front of San Carlos Cathedral in cars decked out with balloons, streamers, signs of congratulations, and other festive decorations to honor and celebrate the Class of 2020. Banners of every graduate

hung prominently on the athletic field fence. One by one, **Mrs. Bennett, Ms. Fernandez, and Mr. Krislyn** announced each graduate



and distributed diplomas, goody bags, and other gifts as each car passed by. Horns honked loudly as faculty and staff waved signs and

cheered along Church Street. Even the priests joined in the fun! The event culminated in a parade through downtown Monterey led by an official police escort.

Graduation week was also full of virtual activities, including "Graduate Spotlights" during morning assemblies, an 8th Grade memories slide show "Journey Through SCS", a live-streamed private "Graduation Mass and Ceremony" in San Carlos Cathedral, and a "Presentation of Graduates" with an all-school blessing during morning assembly on Graduation Day.

Congratulations to all San Carlos School 2020 Graduates! We are very proud of you!

Anjela Abanico

Victoria Adint

Skyler Alexander

Jenna Beesley

Nash Bodensteiner

Dawson Brej

Layla Chu

Abigail Clarke

Javan Cordova

Marie-Claire Davenport

Ethan Davis

Ariella Dawson

Hana Feldmeier

Sophia Fieber

Emma Hall

Keira Jones

Olivia Jones

Maura Kragelund

Norah McDonald

Sarah Nannini

Cyanea Nguyen

Dharma Ragsdale-Cronin

Joshua Roman

Jaden Soliz

Sidney Thornsby

Izzabella Trego-Cardenas

Luke Willer

TEACHERS' TURN

New Cultural Education Initiative Encourages Celebration and Inclusion

In an effort to raise awareness, deepen understanding, and promote inclusion among our students, San Carlos School has instituted a new schoolwide addition to the curriculum that focuses on cultural celebration and awareness. **Our Cultural Education Initiative** centers around classroom activities, guest speakers and performances, and visual reinforcement. This Initiative is spearheaded by the new **SCS Cultural Committee** that includes **Mr. Pacheco, Ms. Antonian, and Ms. Gamboa** and reinforces our commitment to creating student PEACEkeepers who treat each other with respect, kindness, and compassion. We are thankful to have the passion and commitment of these three outstanding teachers to guide us through this very important addition to our curriculum.

Our 2020 – 2021 Cultural Celebration Calendar includes monthly themes and special activities that highlight the diversity of students at San Carlos School.

September	Religious Inclusion Month
October	Latinx Heritage Month
November	Native American/Indigenous Peoples Month
December	European Heritage Month
January	Multicultural Celebration Month
February	Black History Month
March	Women's Heritage Month
April	Asian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month
May	Dignity & Human Rights Month

After a summer of social unrest, violence, and exclusion, we pray for reconciliation and peace in our community and throughout the world.



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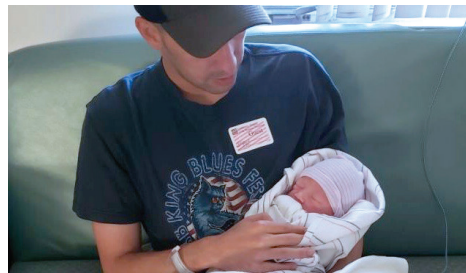
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Alumni Applause

The **Micheletti Family** celebrated two virtual graduations in 2020 with **Kristin '12** graduating Summa Cum Laude from Loyola University Chicago and **Sophia '16** graduating from Notre Dame High School with High Honors. **Kristin** earned a BA in Communications Studies, a BA in International Studies, and a Minor in Sociology and was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She will be entering a graduate program at Loyola University Chicago for International Education in the fall. **Sophia** was a member of the California Scholarship Federation and National Honor Society and will be attending Sonoma State University in the fall to study Psychology. Best of luck in all your future endeavors **Kristin and Sophia!**

In the midst of the global pandemic, San Carlos School congratulates all of our 2012 and 2016 graduates who experienced virtual college or high school graduations in 2020!



Scott Lydon '98 is a Teaching Fellow currently working on his PhD in Biogeography at UCLA. **Scott** graduated from California State University, Monterey Bay with a BA in Social and Behavioral Science after serving in the United States Navy, and received a Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) from California State University, East Bay. According to **Scott**, "Graduating from San Carlos with my classmates, after bonding together for nearly nine years, was one of the most memorable days of my life. The sense of community, charity, and commitment to excellence at San Carlos are true pillars of its longstanding success."

What do **Mrs. Bennett** (our Principal), **Mrs. DaSilva** (our 2nd Grade Teacher), **Mr. Pacheco** (our PE Teacher), and **Mrs. Rybkowski** (our Business Manager) have in common besides being illustrious members of our Faculty and Staff? **They are outstanding San Carlos School alumni of course!**

Congrats to **Mr. Pacheco '98** and his wife **Michele** on the birth of their son **Rio!** We're so happy for all of you! Welcome **Baby Rio!**

Picture: Mr. Pacheco '98 and Baby Rio.

Questions?

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