

# SPIRIT AND SCHULARSHIP

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





### TERESA BENNETT PRAYER GARDEN

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light, and guard, to rule and guide.



MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU. MAY GOD'S FACE SHINE ON YOU. MAY GOD BE KIND TO YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.



## Happy Retirement and God Bless Mrs. Bennett!

The "Farewell Celebration" for our beloved Principal, Mrs. Teresa Bennett was a day filled with love, laughter, thanksgiving, prayers, and some tears. Students, parents, faculty, staff, family, and friends gathered to honor, thank, and celebrate Mrs. Bennett and her remarkable 30-year history of dedicated service and countless contributions to San Carlos School. She was a student, parent, volunteer, aide, teacher, and our faith-filled, devoted, and extraordinarily high-energy principal for the last 18 years.

The day began with a typical year-end morning assembly led by Mrs. Bennett that featured thank you messages and goodbye blessings to teachers, students, and families that were leaving the School. Our traditional Awards Ceremony followed with teachers recognizing the exceptional achievement of many SCS students from 1st to 8th Grades. Students took a break for recess and reconvened for the kickoff of the "Farewell Celebration" led by incoming Principal and Emcee Mrs. Karen McKenzie. The "typical" part ended here!

Mrs. McKenzie welcomed everyone, praised Mrs. Bennett for her many contributions, and reviewed the day's festivities. With the help of Office Manager, Mrs. Gina Nobida, they introduced and joined a surprise faculty/staff flash mob dance, choreographed to Vanity Fair's '70s hit, "Hitchin' A Ride"! This hilarious group effort was dedicated to Mrs. Bennett in memory of HER 7th Grade SCS Talent Show performance to the same song! Mrs. Bennett also received a wood plaque made from a piece of the Old Hall stage with the inscription, "This wood is from the San Carlos School stage upon which 7th Grader Teresa Volk performed "Hitchin' A Ride" for the 1970 Talent Show."

The celebration continued with several other unique student gifts and heartfelt dedications, including a darling all-school song to the tune of "Butter" by BTS with custom lyrics by Music Teacher, Amber Johnson and 4th Grade Teacher Aubrey Chumley.

Led by our Pastor, Fr. Ommar Solis, our "All-School Farewell Celebration Mass" was joyful, Spirit-fueled, and incredibly moving. Students participated in many parts of the Mass, including a beautiful "Irish Blessing Song" for Mr. and Mrs. Bennett by 2nd and 3rd Grades. Thanks to the amazing talents of Mr. Timothy Krislyn, Middle School History Teacher and 7th Grader Anna Nicoletti, student voices filled the Cathedral with songs of praise and thanksgiving for our many blessings during Mrs. Bennett's tenure at SCS.

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### **Mission Statement**

San Carlos School, as a ministry of San Carlos Cathedral, provides a high-quality Catholic education for students in grades TK-8.

#### We welcome

all families seeking a faith-filled learning community.

#### We nurture

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

### We serve

the local and global communities by fostering a spirit of safety, stewardship, social justice, and peace.



## Happy Retirement and God Bless Mrs. Bennett! Cont'd

Immediately following Mass, students, teachers, and guests processed out to the Athletic Field for the dedication and blessing of the brand new "Mrs. Teresa Bennett Prayer Garden," located next to our playground.

Faculty, staff, family, friends, and special guests from the Diocese of Monterey then



### **Principal's Message**

Dear San Carlos School Family,

I am delighted and humbled to be writing my first Principal's Message for "Spirit and Scholarship." Thank you to all families, faculty, staff, and supporters who have been so kind and encouraging during my transition to new principal. I also cannot thank Mrs. Bennett enough for her time, dedication, thoroughness, support, and advice in training me to take the reins. I am more than ready to assume my responsibilities and I look forward to a healthy, safe, and wonderful school year!

In 2021 – 22, we were blessed to be able to resume most of our normal pre-pandemic operations and all-school events, including Masses, Graduation, and parts of our Farewell Celebration for Mrs. Bennett inside the Cathedral. In addition, we finally gathered for our All-School Blessing of the Athletic Field Ceremony led by our Pastor, Fr. Ommar Solis. Although it appears that we are out of the pandemic tunnel, we will continue to monitor our students, faculty, and staff for new cases and take necessary precautions to keep our community healthy and safe. We pray that the end of the pandemic is near!

In this issue, we highlight the high-spirited and faith-filled "Farewell Celebration" for Mrs. Bennett. The day was amazing and so fun for everyone! Mrs. Bennett has been a dear friend and colleague of mine for many years and I will miss her very much.



We cannot thank Tim and Jenny Dove enough for their unbelievable gift to San Carlos School! The new "Dove Gymnasium and Event Center" is near completion and will be celebrated with a Grand Opening Fall Barbecue! We truly appreciate all family and friends who so kindly donated to our "New Gym Equipment Fund" so far. Please note that all contributors will receive invitations to our Grand Opening festivities. gathered in the New Hall for a delicious luncheon and afternoon of lovely speeches, a wonderful slide show, fond memories, and a toast to the future for Mr. and Mrs. Bennett in Tennessee!

Happiest of retirements and many blessings, Mrs. Bennett!

We thank our 2021 – 22 Annual Fund donors, grantors, key benefactors, and volunteers for their important contributions to the operation of San Carlos School. Our Annual Fund totaled \$71,309 from 271 donors which was an AF record for us! We are also pleased to share our Annual Income & Expense Reports, reflecting our solid financial position during another challenging year.

We were overwhelmed by the support that we received for our 2022 Virtual Dinner Auction even though we were unable to gather in person for the second year in a row due to the pandemic. We are most grateful to Paula Calvetti who chaired our effort this year and all her stellar committee members for sharing their time, energy, and talent to ensure the success of this event!

We are again proud to share and celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of our students, teachers, and alumni in our Class Corner, Teachers' Turn, and Alumni Applause sections.

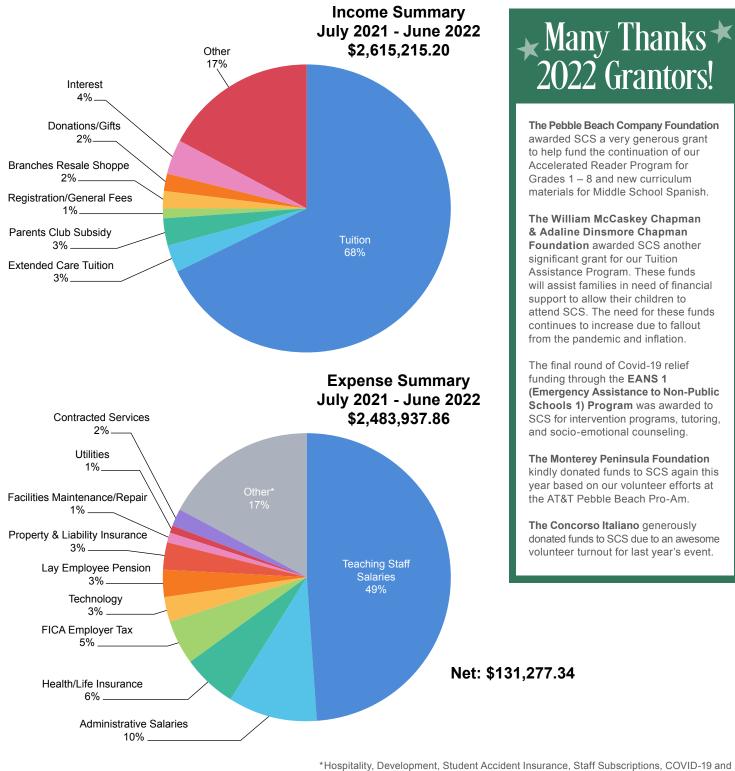
Remember to check our website and Instagram and Facebook pages for updates on school news and happenings.

Please keep us in your prayers and consider contributing to our 2022 – 23 Annual Fund and/or our New Gym Equipment Fund to assist us in delivering the best possible educational experience for our students and teachers.

Many blessings to all, Karen McKenzie 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. Please Note: The Dove Gymnasium and Event Center has been fully funded by Tim & Jenny Dove.



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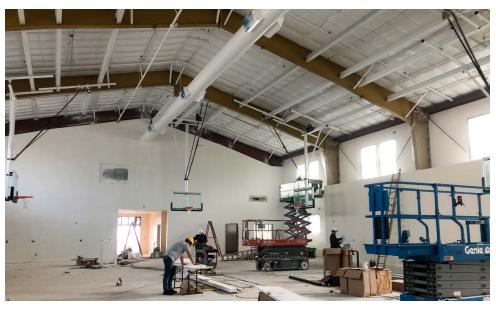
### Thank you for your incredible support during another difficult year!



### New "Dove Gymnasium & Event Center" Opening Soon!

The entire San Carlos School community is anxiously awaiting the completion of the new "Dove Gymnasium & Event Center" over the next few weeks! Current grandparents, Tim and Jenny Dove, blessed us with this unbelievable gift and have been working closely with school administration and contractors to make sure that this state-of-the-art facility will be a beautiful, comfortable, multi-purpose addition to SCS. The new building will not only give the school's PE Program and all sports a huge boost, it will also provide more space for school events and performances for all current and future students. It will include additional office and storage space and important technology upgrades for better school event experiences.

Planning for our "Grand Opening Barbecue Celebration" in late October/early November is in full swing! All donors to our "New Gym Equipment Fund" who contribute by September 16, 2022 will receive invitations to this very special event! The Grand Opening will include terrific



food, drink, live band, games for the kids, and an open house for the new facility. Thank you to all those who contributed so far! **If you are interested in donating to our "New Gym Equipment Fund" online, please go to sancarlosschool.org or**  send checks payable to San Carlos School to San Carlos School New Gym Equipment Fund, 450 Church Street, Monterey, CA 93940. Be part of SCS history and join us by making a gift to this incredible effort for our students!

### 2022 Virtual "Rock 'N' Roll" Dinner Auction Nearly Breaks Record!

Our 36th Annual "Rock 'N' Roll" Dinner Auction was a huge fundraising hit even though we were unable to gather in person for the second year in a row due to the pandemic!

Thanks to the wonderful team effort of Chair, Paula Calvetti and all her



**Committee Members**, the event raised nearly \$70,000 for the School! The response from students, parents, faculty, staff, sponsors, donors, and supporters was incredible and such a blessing during another difficult year.



The fundraiser included a delicious, takeout lasagna dinner expertly prepared by **Frank and Joe Campo**, 50:50 Raffle, Silent Auction with amazing Class Art Projects coordinated

> by **Art Teacher Mrs. Mancus,** Cake Auction with Gucci Purse Giveaway, and Fund-A-Need

Effort. Drawings for our 50:50 Raffle and Cake Auction Purse Winners were coordinated and announced live via Zoom by **Mrs. Bennett, Fr. Ommar Solis, and Mrs. McKenzie.** Our lucky 50:50 Raffle Winner took home over \$27,000! Thank you to all participants and supporters for helping make our 2022 Dinner Auction so successful!

### Thank you again 2022 Dinner Auction Sponsors!

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2023 Dinner Auction Details Coming Soon!



## CLASS CORNER

## **Lower School**



### First Grader Wins Gold in USA Judo Junior Olympic National Championships!

First Grader Leia Escobar participated in the USA Judo Junior Olympic National Championships in San Jose this summer. She represented the Bojuka Ryu Dojo in Marina in the Novice Under 23 Kg Category, won all of her matches by ippon, and took home the gold medal! Congratulations Leia!

## **Middle School**



### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL SAN CARLOS SCHOOL 2022 GRADUATES! WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU AND ALL YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

JENNA ALANIZ **RACHELLE ANDRADE REGGIE BELL** ELIN CARDENAS HERNANDEZ SAM CLARKE JAYDEN COLOMA **GABRIEL-MICHAEL DELA ROSA DYLAN DESOUZA** MAKSYM DIDOSZAK **MACKENZIE DYKSTRA** JULIANNA FOLEY **EVAN GARNER** SOFIA GORDON **LEAH HAEDRICH** LOSA HALAI MARIBETH JIMENEZ

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### "Walk To Serve" Raises Funds for Breast Cancer Research

Our 8th Grade Service Project "Walk to Serve" was a tremendous success! Students in Grades 5 – 8 participated to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer Research in honor of SCS parent, the late Jennifer Swart. Teachers and students in Grades K – 4 also participated in the event and walked a few laps to show their support. Thank you to all who walked and contributed to this very important cause!



## All School



### Art Fair Delights Everyone!

Our Art Fair was particularly exceptional this year with awesome student work displayed in the back of Branches Resale Shoppe. Art Teacher, Mrs. Mancus and her terrific volunteers created a wonderful and engaging experience for all students and guests. All grades toured the show and were delighted to see the masterpieces of other students. Congrats to all TK – 8th Grade student artists and Mrs. Mancus for the fantastic show!

## **TEACHERS' TURN**



### Fr. Ommar Blesses Athletic Field and Plays Soccer with 8th Grade

San Carlos School was thrilled to be finally able to gather together to bless our new Athletic Field which was postponed due to the pandemic. Our Blessing Ceremony was led by our **Pastor, Fr. Ommar Solis** and was followed by an exciting **8th Grade** soccer exhibition with **Fr. Ommar** as surprise guest player! Thank you **Fr. Ommar** and **Mrs. McKenzie** for helping make our Blessing Ceremony so special and to **Tina Melo, our former Business Manager** for attending the event and for all her guidance and support in making the new field a reality. We also thank God and all of our generous donors for this amazing gift to our school community!



### San Carlos School Welcomes All New Teachers, Aides, and Staff!

- Jan Bell, Office Assistant
- Becky Craig, Grades 6 8 Language Arts and Writing
- Kylie LeBlanc, Grade 4 Aide
- Victoria Lloyd, Grades 1 2 Reading Specialist
- Guadalupe Martin, Grades 6 8
  Science, Grade 6 Religion, and
  Grades 3 8 Spanish
- Elizabeth Ortiz, Grade 3 Aide
- Erica Perez, E.C. Aide
- Yaeli Rojas, K-2 Aide

### We're so glad to have you join our SCS community!

### EANS 1 Funding Will Support Intervention Efforts

Our final round of EANS 1 (Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools) funding is in process to support a new intervention effort to help address pandemic learning loss. The addition of a Learning Loss Coordinator and increased classroom aide time are in the works. We're very thankful that this round of funding is finally being awarded to SCS!



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## Alumni Applause

**Franco Pacheco '98** started a new position as Assistant Director of Admissions for Stevenson's Upper School. He continues to coach the Boys Swim and Dive Team as well. Congrats and best of luck Franco!

Congratulations to **Ann Catherine Graziano '09** for receiving her Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree from Idaho State University!

Congratulations to **Kristin Alice Micheletti** '**12** for receiving her Master of Education in the Field of Higher Education Degree from Loyola University Chicago!

Antonia Malate '14 was selected to the Arnold Palmer Cup Team USA for matches in July in Switzerland. She was 1 of 12 female golfers representing the US in the tournament! Antonia's stellar college career also included a 3-time Mountain West Scholar Athlete Award, 3-time Academic All-MW Honoree, 3-time WGCA All-American Scholar Award, 2022 San José State President's Scholar, and a



current WAGR ranking of 97. In addition, she graduated Magna Cum Laude from San Jose State University with a BA in Communication Studies and a Minor in Spanish in 2022. She plans to continue her Masters studies and playing golf for San Jose State in the upcoming year. Congratulations **Antonia!** 

We are thrilled to announce that the 2022 Notre Dame High School Valedictorian, **Rubina Shrestha** and Salutatorian, **Courtney MacDonald** are both **2018 graduates of SCS!** 

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