

SPIRIT AND SCHOLARSHIP

Fall 2023

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



2023 Pep Rally Auction “RAM”ps It Up to Support SCS!

Our 37th Annual San Carlos School Auction was our first-ever “pep rally” themed event and our first-ever fundraiser showcasing our new Dove Gymnasium and Event Center. After two years of virtual fundraising events and the postponement due to a major power outage in Monterey in March, it was terrific to gather again in person for such a casual, spirited, and fun-filled evening on Saturday, May 13th. Our Pep Rally Auction raised over \$52,000, thanks to the remarkable team effort led by Co-Chairs Paula Calvetti and Nicole Castillo and all their fabulous committee members.

We were blessed with an evening of beautiful weather for all of our outdoor activities. Guests enjoyed a super cool Ferrill Brewing Truck that opened into a full bar with an area for mingling, a sweet Pour Girl Bartending Cocktail Trailer,



and a Tuscan Feast Mobile Wood-Fired Pizza Oven. Inside the Dove Gym, guests gathered for a fresh and delicious light dinner presented by Tutto Buono Catering and incredible homemade desserts courtesy of our volunteers. Noel Saucedo and The DJ Booth of Salinas played lots of awesome music too.

Many Silent Auction items were on display inside the Gym and open for bidding throughout the evening. The Silent Auction included gorgeous Class Art Projects designed and coordinated by our extremely talented Art Teacher, Kindra Mancus. Guests were also invited to participate in our ever-popular Cake Raffle, test their skills in our first-ever Competitive Wine Ring Toss, and purchase the last few 50:50 Raffle tickets for chances to win the Grand Prize Jackpot. Special thanks to John Guru, our Emcee Extraordinaire who added amazing energy and excitement to the evening’s festivities.

As an extra incentive for school families to surpass \$62,000 in 50:50 Raffle tickets, a Schoolwide Pizza and Movie Party was added to the fun! Many thanks to all for helping us surpass this goal and reach

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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.

2023 Pep Rally Auction Cont'd

\$64,000 in ticket sales. Our lucky Grand Prize Winner took home over \$32,000!

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Three cheers for all parents, faculty, staff, students, local businesses, donors, and sponsors for "RAM"ping it up and supporting this very important event for SCS!



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San Carlos School is incredibly blessed to have such a wonderful and giving community!



Principal's Message

Dear San Carlos School Family,

As I prepare for my second year as Principal of San Carlos School, I'm reminded of a thought-provoking quote from Pope Francis, "Life is a journey. When we stop, things don't go right." I'm honored and humbled to continue to lead our school community's journey in welcoming new hearts and minds to campus, in nurturing all students to become the best they can be, and in serving the local and global communities through faith-filled stewardship. Thank you to all SCS parents, students, teachers, staff members, and community supporters for your prayers, kind acceptance,

patience, and generosity in sharing your time, talent, and fundraising support during my first year as principal.

In 2022-23, we were relieved to move past the pandemic and resume normal school operations. We celebrated our first-ever Pep Rally Auction fundraising event in-person in our new Dove Gymnasium and Event Center in May and were very grateful for the wonderful support from our school community. We cannot thank Tim and Jenny Dove enough for this incredible gift to our school community and we truly appreciate all who supported our New Gym Equipment Fund and helped us raise \$35,704!

We also thank our 2022-23 Annual Fund donors, grantors, key benefactors, and volunteers for their important contributions to the operation of San Carlos School. Our Annual Fund totaled \$61,508 from 217 donors! These contributions have allowed us to expand our Transitional Kindergarten and Art Programs, repair and maintain our facilities, and provide much needed tuition assistance to more SCS students. We are also pleased to share our Annual Income & Expense Reports, reflecting our solid financial position again this year.

We are in the process of reintroducing our "Legacy Giving Program" this year to help ensure the future of San Carlos School. Please consider including SCS in your estate plans.

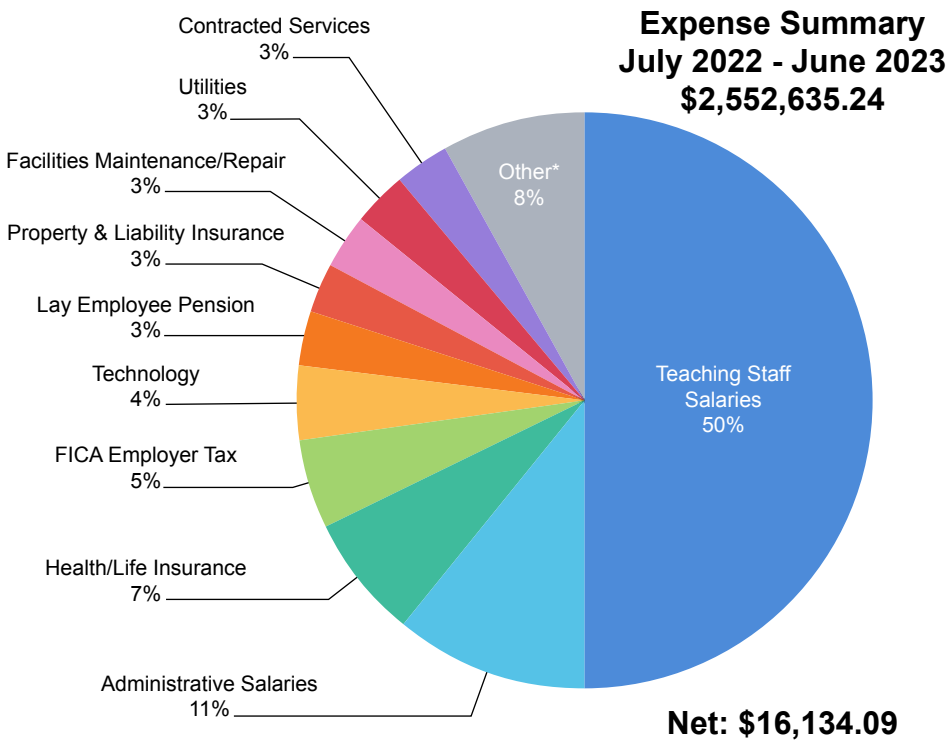
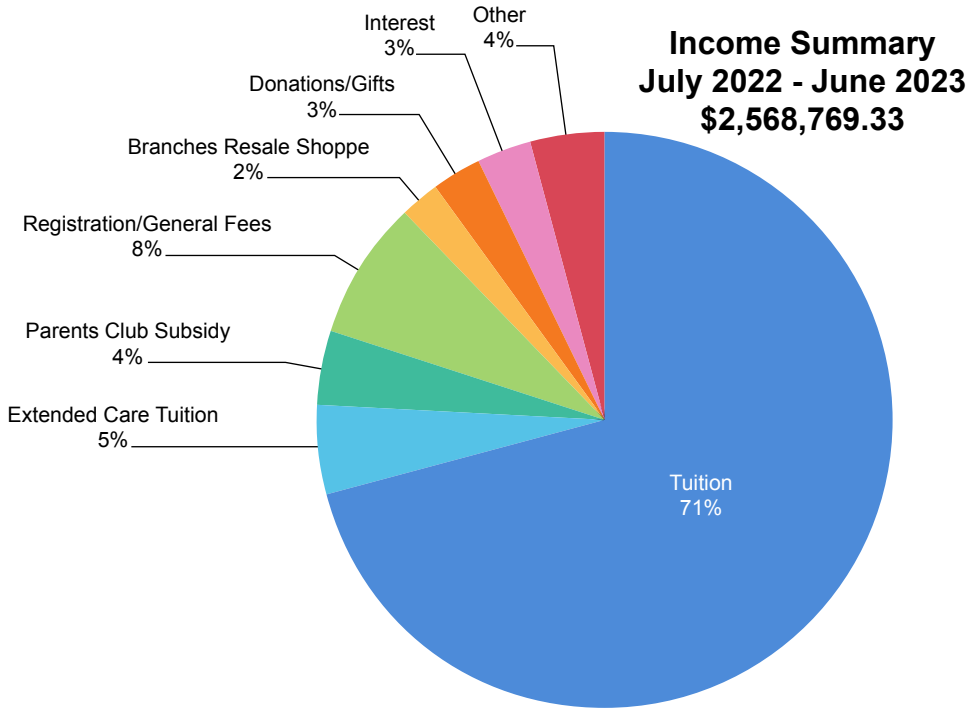
We are proud to share and celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of our students and alumni in our Class Corner and Alumni Applause sections. In our Teachers' Turn section, we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs. JoAnne Rodriguez, our beloved K-1 Teacher and Mrs. Gina Nobida, our dear Office Manager and Admissions Coordinator. We will miss them very much and we wish them all the best! We also welcome all our terrific new Faculty and Staff members.

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

Please keep us in your prayers and consider contributing to our 2023-24 Annual 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



*Development, Advertising & PR, Student Accident Insurance, Staff Subscriptions, Office Supplies, Services to Students, PE Expense, Travel & Hospitality

Please Note: The Dove Gymnasium and Event Center has been fully funded by Tim & Jenny Dove.

Many Thanks ★ 2023 Grantors!

The Pebble Beach Company Foundation awarded SCS another wonderful grant to help fund the continuation of our Accelerated Reader Program for Grades 1-8, a new Tynker Premium Coding Plan for Grades 4-8, and new Anatomy in Clay Learning System Curriculum Materials for Middle School.

The William McCaskey Chapman & Adaline Dinsmore Chapman Foundation awarded SCS an extremely generous grant for our Tuition Assistance Program. These funds will assist several more families in need of financial support to allow their children to attend SCS. The need for these funds has been increasing yearly since the onset of the pandemic as many families continue to struggle with rising costs and economic uncertainty.

SCS was blessed to receive Covid-19 relief funding through **ARP EANS (American Rescue Plan Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools)** for ongoing intervention programs and tutoring for students and socio-emotional counseling for students, parents, and teachers.

SCS also received an award from **Cal OES CSNSGP (California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program)** for infrastructure protection, including security cameras and monitoring.

The Monterey Peninsula Foundation kindly donated funds to SCS again this year based on our volunteer efforts at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

The Concorso Italiano generously donated funds to SCS due to a strong volunteer turnout for last year's event.

The Big Sur Marathon made a kind contribution to SCS based on our Aid Station volunteer efforts in April.

San Carlos School 2022-2023 Annual Fund Donor Honor Roll

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**Dove Gymnasium and Event Center

Thank you for your kind and generous support of our students!

Lower School



Fourth Graders Are Published Authors

Inspired and directed by **Teacher Mrs. Chumley**, our 4th Graders worked very hard writing, illustrating, and compiling books through Studenttreasures Publishing. Students were so excited to share their stories with each other and their families! Congratulations to all and way to go 4th Grade!



Fifth Graders Create Out-of-This-World Solar System Projects

Fifth Grade shared their super creative Solar System Projects with students, faculty, and staff in early May. Students researched the solar system, wrote reports, and designed awesome multi-media projects that were displayed in the courtyard for viewing by all grades. Stellar effort 5th Grade!

Middle School



CONGRATULATIONS to all San Carlos School 2023 Graduates!

We are very proud of you and wish you the Best of Luck in High School!

Abigail Aguilar
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Jeane Nobida
Linda Pacheco

Dominic Pellegrino
Dylan Rocchi
Alexander Short

Middle School



7th Grade Celebrates AF Class Participation Contest Win at The Wharf

Seventh Grade finally celebrated their 1st Place Win in our 2022-23 Annual Fund Class Participation Contest with a "Walk to the Wharf for Ice Cream and Shopping" which tied into our "Set Sail to New Records" campaign. Students enjoyed a beautiful spring walk, ice cream and sorbet with terrific toppings courtesy of Monterey Bay Creamery, and lots of shopping. Thank you again to **Mr. Krislyn, Middle School History Teacher, 7th Grade Moderator, and Assistant Principal** and all 7th Grade families for your 100% participation and awesome support of San Carlos School!

All School



Scholastic Book Fair Returns with Read-A-Thon Fun

Students were delighted that our Scholastic Book Fair returned to campus this year with lots of exciting titles and cool merchandise for all grades. Classes visited the Book Fair in the Dove Gymnasium and Event Center throughout the week, including a Family Night for family and friends. Students were also invited to participate in our first-ever San Carlos School Read-a-thon to raise funds for the school library. By reading 15 minutes per day, students were eligible for a trip to the Treasure Box. Top readers in each class won terrific prizes and the top class won an Ice Cream Sundae Party. Thank you to all who coordinated and supported this terrific effort and helped us raise over \$11,000 for our literacy programs!

Congrats to Fr. Ron for 50 Years of Priesthood!

San Carlos School celebrated **Fr. Ron Shirley** and the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination with a very special all-school assembly. Fr. Ron was ordained on 3/17/73 and has been serving San Carlos Cathedral, San Carlos School, and several neighboring parishes and schools for many years. Baptism and Reconciliation are his favorite sacraments, and he even baptized Mrs. DaSilva, our 2nd Grade Teacher! Congratulations Fr. Ron and many thanks for being such an inspiration to us over the years! SCS has been extremely blessed to have you on our team!



Ms. Johnson Leads New Performing Arts Program

Our fabulous **Music Teacher, Ms. Amber Johnson** added theater to her responsibilities and is in the process of developing a new Performing Arts Program for Grades 2-8. Theater classes are now available during the school day in addition to music.

Students will have opportunities to perform for students, teachers, staff, family, and friends throughout the school year. Thank you to Ms. Johnson for sharing your many talents with San Carlos School!

TEACHERS' TURN



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

- Linda Hayden '14, Art Aide
- Veronica Lara, Counselor
- Michelle Lavara, Office Manager and Admissions Coordinator
- Carole McFadden '04, Safety & Facilities Coordinator and Marketing & Development Assistant
- Brandon Rivera, Maintenance and IT Assistant
- Brenda Santiago, K-1 Kindergarten Teacher
- Allison Searle, Interim 4th Grade Teacher and Future TK Team Teacher
- Sophie Snow, 5th Grade Aide and Religion Assistant Coordinator

We also welcome back Kathy Cleary, 3rd Grade Aide and Primary Grade Library Teacher who took a year off to help care for her new granddaughter!

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

SCS Bids Farewell to Mrs. Nobida

Gina Nobida, Alumni Parent of Dylan '06, Lauren '12, and Jeane '23 and our Office Manager and Admissions Guru for 9+ years, stepped down from her position this summer. Gina was a very dedicated, spirit-filled, and conscientious member of our office staff as well as an enthusiastic parent volunteer and dear friend. Although it will be hard for us not to see her smiling face daily, we are happy for her and look forward to continued connection with her as part of our faith family at San Carlos School. Wishing you best wishes and many blessings Mrs. Nobida!



Year End Mass Dedicated to Mrs. Rodriguez and her 10 Years of Service to SCS!

Our Year End Mass was presented by Kindergarten and dedicated to **Mrs. JoAnne Rodriguez**, our beloved K-1 Teacher who moved to Arnold, CA with her husband and family. The Mass was highlighted by a darling tribute to her by her students. Mrs. Rodriguez had a wonderful 10+ year history at SCS and we will miss her very much! She was a masterful Reading Specialist and taught over 350 SCS students to read! Best wishes and many blessings to you and your family Mrs. Rodriguez!



Welcome Baby Finn Chumley!

Congratulations to **Fourth Grade Teacher, Mrs. Aubrey Chumley** and her husband Dexter on the birth of sweet Baby Finn on August 3, 2023! We're so happy for you!



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Carole & Logan McFaddan

Carole McFaddan '04 joined the Office Staff at San Carlos School this summer as Safety and Facilities Coordinator and Marketing and Development Assistant and has already had an amazing impact on school operations! She received her BS degree from University of New Haven with a Major in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Theater Arts, and a MS degree from University of Phoenix in Administration of Justice and Security.

She has extensive experience in safety and digital marketing and is also a current parent of a SCS 1st Grader and a 10-month-old. Welcome back Carole... we're thrilled to have you on board!



Jenna Servi

Jenna Servi '15 graduated from University of Louisville in 2022 in 3 years with a Major in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Psychology. She finished a one-year MBA Program in July and will be entering the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville this fall. She played shortstop and third base for the Louisville Cardinals during her 3-year college career, earning NFCA Scholar-Athlete and ACC Academic Team awards. She is also getting married in October! Congratulations and best wishes Jenna!



Rylee Jue

Congratulations to **Rylee Jue '19** for being awarded the inaugural George P. Shultz Future Leaders Scholarship from the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Rylee attended Monterey High School, graduated with a 4.6 GPA, and was selected from over 20 other highly qualified applicants. She received a full-ride scholarship to attend Cal State University Monterey Bay, along with internships at the aquarium for the first two years. Best of luck in college Rylee! SCS is very proud of you!

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