

SPIRIT AND SCHOLARSHIP

Spring 2023

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



Blessings Abound at Dove Gymnasium and Event Center Grand Opening!

Our Dove Gymnasium and Event Center Grand Opening Barbecue Celebration was a spectacular gathering of fun, family, and faith, thanks to the incredible generosity of current grandparents, Tim and Jenny Dove! New Gym Equipment Fund donors, special guests, and event volunteers came together to celebrate history in the making for San Carlos School on Saturday, November 5, 2022.

Nearly 300 guests attended the sunny, outdoor celebration which included a fabulous barbecue feast catered by award-winning Showoff BBQ, divine homemade desserts, a Dove Beer & Wine Garden, rockin' live music by The Lost & Found Band, a hi-tech photo booth courtesy of Lopez Photography, festive flowers and balloons, face painting, tattoos, field games

for the kids, Dove Gym t-shirts and bottled water, and tours of the amazing new facility. The event was highlighted by ribbon-cutting by Tim & Jenny Dove, a beautiful blessing by Fr. Ron Shirley, and spirited reflections by Principal Karen McKenzie, Special Guest and Former Principal, Teresa Bennett, our Pastor, Fr. Ommar Solis, and Tim Dove. Mrs. Bennett worked very closely with Mr. Dove to plan the project and make his vision a reality, and we were thrilled that she was able to join us. Our Business Manager, Cindy Rybkowski presented Tim and Jenny with a lovely, small-scale version of the stained-glass gym entrance panels, designed by her husband, Roger Rybkowski, as a token of our deep appreciation.



Students, faculty, and staff also gathered on the field with Tim and Jenny the day before the Grand Opening for a beautiful Blessing Ceremony led by Fr. Ommar, Fr. Ron, and Fr. Patrick. All were then invited into the gym for the very first time! Tim and Jenny's grandchildren had the honor of shooting the first baskets, and the school sang a delightful thank you song while waving posters of gratitude.

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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.

Blessings Abound at Dove Gymnasium: Cont'd

Everyone was entertained by a super exciting game of Knock Out with 8th Graders, Fr. Ommar, and sharp-shooting teachers followed by lots of fun rotating through game stations inside the gym and outside on the field. Another fun-filled and historic day for San Carlos School!

We are so very grateful to Tim and Jenny Dove whose vision and generosity made dreams come true for the students at San Carlos School! Special thanks to all



New Gym Equipment Fund donors who helped us purchase new sports equipment, a portable stage, chairs for basketball and volleyball games, and equipment to care for and protect our new gym floor. We also thank Showoff BBQ, The Lost & Found Band, Lopez Photography, Abril Saldana and Ooh Pretty Rentals, A to Z Rental, our dynamite event committee, and all volunteers for helping us create lasting memories for San Carlos School!

Congrats again to all and GO RAMS!



Principal's Message

Dear San Carlos School Family,

It's hard to believe that I'm approaching my first-year anniversary as Principal of San Carlos School and that I'm writing my second Principal's Message for "Spirit and Scholarship". The year has been a mix of countless blessings and significant challenges. Thank you to the entire SCS community for your kindness, patience, support, and prayers during my transition to principal while managing the tail-end of the pandemic, the reality of a lockdown, WCEA/WASC Accreditation Review, storms, flooding, power outages, family loss of loved ones, and the post-pandemic socio-emotional needs of our students and staff. These difficulties brought us together like never before, and our community spirit continues to soar! I am forever grateful to our former Principal, Teresa Bennett for her wise advice, detailed approach, prayerful consideration, and unwavering

support in training me to handle my new responsibilities.

In this issue, blessings abound at San Carlos School! We cannot thank Tim and Jenny Dove enough for gifting San Carlos School with the amazing Dove Gymnasium and Event Center! Our Grand Opening Celebration was fabulous and our community is thrilled to be using the facility for gym classes, games, book fairs, STEM and history fairs, meetings, and other special events, including our Pep Rally Auction in May. Thank you to all who donated to our New Gym Equipment Fund! We raised \$35,704, surpassing our goal of \$30,000!

In our "Teachers' Turn" section, we highlight the stellar results of our WCEA/WASC Accreditation Review and the key accomplishments that were identified by our review team. We're very proud to share that San Carlos School received "Highly Effective" ratings across all areas of review! Faculty and staff members worked tirelessly and diligently for nearly two years to prepare for this very important process. Congratulations again to all for such outstanding results!

We continue to celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of our Lower and Middle School students in our "Class Corner" and to share news of outstanding alumni in "Alumni Applause".

Special thanks to all supporters who generously donated to our 2022 – 2023 Annual Fund so far and helped us surpass our goal of \$50,000.

We will be reintroducing our "Legacy Giving Program" over the next few months to help ensure the future of San Carlos School. Please consider remembering SCS in your estate plans.

Don't forget to check our website and Instagram and Facebook pages for updates on school news and events.

Please keep us in your prayers and consider contributing to our Annual Fund to assist us in delivering the best possible educational experience for our students.

With gratitude and blessings to all,
Karen McKenzie
Principal



2022 – 23 Annual Fund Surpasses \$50,000 Goal!



Thank you, thank you to all San Carlos School families and friends who so generously donated to our 2022 - 23 Annual Fund so far! Our current total is \$60,683 (including \$17,934 in tuition assistance), and we've surpassed our goal by 21%! This is quite an achievement after raising over \$35,000 for our New Gym Equipment Fund!

If you have not participated in our Annual Fund, please consider making an online gift by June 30th at sancarlosschool.org by clicking on the "Donate to SCS" tab at the top of the homepage.

Questions? Contact Carolyn at schanzer@sancarlosschool.org.

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



San Carlos School

Dove Gymnasium and Event Center

2022 New Gym Equipment Fund

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Thank you for your generous support of San Carlos School!
Go Rams!

TEACHERS' TURN

SCS Receives Stellar “Report of Findings” from WCEA/WASC Accreditation Review!



San Carlos School is thrilled to share the stellar “Report of Findings” from our recent Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA)/Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation Review! This process occurs every 6 years if full accreditation is granted. SCS received “Highly Effective” ratings across all areas of review,

including Catholic Identity, School’s Purpose, Organization for Student Learning, Data Analysis and Action, Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLEs) and Curriculum Standards, Support for Spiritual, Personal, and Academic Growth, Instructional Methodology, and Resource Management and Development.

After much hard work for over two years, our faculty and staff are very grateful for the results of the review and the following summary of key accomplishments:

- Administrators, faculty, and staff are clearly dedicated and committed to school improvement and collaborate effectively to support student learning and achievement.
- Strong Catholic Identity is lived and embedded in the school culture through Masses, Catholic traditions, Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLEs), service projects, prayer, and assemblies.
- Data driven programs are in place to support students in reading, writing, and math. Data bins of student assessments are passed on from year to year to show student growth.
- Writing benchmarks were created to ensure continuity in instruction and assessment for writing.
- There is a clear, organized, and strategic process for identifying, creating, implementing and monitoring Student Success Plans, collaborating with parents and utilizing external resources.
- A strong and vibrant extracurricular and co-curricular program offering a variety of opportunities for students to engage in clubs, leadership, athletics, and STREAM activities.
- The effective and responsible management of resources generated from grants, federal funding, fundraisers, and donations to support programs and facilities to enrich and enhance student growth and development.
- SLEs are clearly defined and emphasized throughout a variety of modes including curriculum, communications, school events, and community outreach.

Goals

1. Implement the new Diocese of Monterey religious standards to support student achievement in faith knowledge, participation, and practice.
2. Adopt a performing arts program to reinforce the Student Learning Expectation.
3. Implement a faith-based schoolwide social emotional learning program to address and support students at all grade levels.

Faculty and staff are also very excited to begin work on new goals for the upcoming school year and beyond. We are dedicated to continuous improvement and forever grateful for the tremendous support from the SCS community.



Lower School



Kindergarten Cover Model

Kindergartner **Niamh Sheehan** was *Monterey Bay Parent Magazine's* cover model for the March 2023 issue! Her dad is from Cork, Ireland and her mom grew up in Shanghai, China. She loves swimming, biking, taekwondo, singing, dancing, and gymnastics. Happy Spring from **Niamh** and SCS!



Congrats to 4th and 5th Grade Spelling Bee Winners!

Congratulations to all 4th and 5th Grade SCS Spelling Bee Winners, including **Rebecca Ibrahim** (1st Place), **Khloe Mora** (2nd Place), **Sal Pitruzzello** (3rd Place), and **Anayah Prakash** (4th Place)! Terrific effort SCS spellers!

5th Grade Service Project Supports Homeless Through Sun Street Centers

Led by **Teacher Mrs. Anderson**, 5th Grade completed a wonderful and spirit-fueled Christmas service project to assist homeless families through Sun Street Centers in Salinas and its temporary housing in Marina. The project included a fundraising bake sale, donation collection, gift organization, packing, and delivery to families. Special thanks to **current grandparent, Judge Sillman** for introducing SCS to Sun Street Centers and to all families who participated!



Middle School



Seventh Grader Wins Second Place in Monterey County Spelling Bee!

Congratulations to 7th Grader **Ryan Ferguson** for winning 2nd Place in the 2023 Monterey County Spelling Bee! The competition took place at the Monterey County Office of Education in Salinas and included top spellers from several schools across the county. SCS is very proud of your accomplishments **Ryan**!

8th Grade Travels to Washington, DC

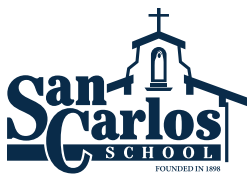
Eighth Graders and parent chaperones enjoyed an action-packed and safe trip to Washington, DC over spring break this year! Thanks to **Teacher Ms. Antonian's** conscientious planning, students visited many historic sites, including



Pentagon City, the U.S. Capitol, The White House, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Jefferson, and MLK, Jr. Memorials, the WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, Museum of the Bible, the Holocaust Museum, Independence Hall, Gettysburg, and Amish Country. What an incredible educational and exciting experience for all!

Popular Electives are Back This Spring!

San Carlos School 7th and 8th Graders are thrilled to be participating in fun electives again this spring. Students choose from a variety of options including Art Exhibition Design Studio, Ceramics Studio, PE Fundamentals – Healthy Movement, PE Fundamentals – Sports, Tech Innovation Club, and Theater.



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Alumni Applause



Anna Hayden '14 graduated from UC Davis with a BA in English and Psychology and minors in Latin, History, and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies last year. She will be joining the English PhD Program at the University of Notre Dame in the fall, and her research will focus on early modern women writers and domestic alchemy. Congrats **Anna** and best of luck at Notre Dame!

Linda Hayden '14 is an Art Studio Major at UC Davis, working primarily in acrylic on canvas in the form of whimsical realism. Her work presents themes on mental health awareness and often experiments with portraiture and affect. She will be graduating in June of 2023 and is currently applying for her master's degree in fine arts.



Congratulations to **Antonia Malate '14** for receiving an invitation to the Augusta National Women's Amateur (ANWA) Tournament again this year, for qualifying for the final round, and for placing 20th overall! The ANWA includes an international field of women amateurs that compete in over 54 holes of stroke play. **Antonia** also ended 2022 by winning the Patriot All-America Golf Tournament in Arizona with an eagle on the 4th playoff hole! She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies at San Jose State after earning her bachelor's degree in Communication Studies at SJSU in May of 2022. Way to go **Antonia** and Go Spartans!

Lauren Pritchard '17 sailed 5' 3 1/2" in the high jump at the Triton Invitational to finish second overall for UC San Diego in the women's division. **Pritchard**, who has a career best of 5' 5 3/4", earned a pair of second place finishes last year in invitationals. A CIF state meet qualifier as a sophomore and senior at Carmel in the high jump, **Pritchard** finished in the Top 5 at the 2021 CIF state track and field championships.

Freshman distance ace **Michael Julian '18** put together his best race of the season in the 5,000-meter run for the UC San Diego track and field team, clocking 14:52.27 to finish fifth at an invitational at UC Irvine. **Julian**, who won the Central Coast Section 3,200-meter title last year for York School and placed seventh in the state, also ran cross country in the fall for the Tritons.

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