

# InTouch

## Look at what's happening at Mount Carmel School

### Science Center Now Open

After months of planning, construction began in June 2004 for our new Science Center and is now completely operational. The Science Center officially opened last spring and was used by the Jr. High classes. But over the summer, the center was furnished with tables, stools, countertops and window shades, a TV, VCR, microscopes; including a video microscope and balance scales. Now, all grades are using the Center, including Kindergarten!

All of these new items are being used regularly by Jr. High students as part of their investigations. These classes are working with concepts such as density, salinity, chemical changes, the water



cycle, and cell processes such as photosynthesis and respiration.

Our lower grades have been doing observations and investigations about germs; simulating sneezes, discovering how germs can develop.

The new Science Center provides a dedicated space with the right equipment to make teaching so much more exciting and convenient --- no more moving of supplies and equipment from class to class, spending time at the beginning and ending of class to set up and put away equipment and sometimes even re-arranging whole classrooms.

What this means for the children is that they are now getting more hands-on instructional time. They come to the center and are able to begin almost immediately. "In the past, there were things I couldn't even attempt to do because of the limitations of not having running water available, or a place to keep long-term investigations", says Laurin Toegeman, Vice Principal and Jr. High Science Teacher.

The Science Center was made possible through the many, many generous donations of our school families, alumni, parishioners, and friends. We cannot thank you enough!

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## New Librarian and New Technology



We start this school year with Mrs. Pichi Mendoza as our new librarian. Mrs. Mendoza has already been at Mount Carmel School for 4-years prior, as a teacher's aide in first grade. Now she takes over the library and a very special project – library automation.

During the last year we have been working with a company to create barcodes for each book in the library, and this work is almost complete. The next step is to install software that creates an online catalog of all the books in our library. This new system will allow for the scanning in and out of books, instead of the traditional manual process. Because the library catalog will be on-line – it can be accessed from every classroom as well as the library – providing quick and easy checks for book title availability.

Future plans include a link to the local library to aid in research projects where more materials may be needed. The new system will be so much more efficient for students and teachers, as well as our library volunteers. We can more effectively keep track of our books—and better help students to acquire the books needed for projects.

## Bill Callas honored in special ceremony

On September 22, our own Bill Callas, who taught physical education for 21 years at Kennedy Middle School in Redwood City before coming to Mount Carmel, was recognized for his achievements and honored with the dedication of the basketball court in the Gary Beban gymnasium in his name.

The dedication and presentation of the plaque was made by Mr. Bret Baird, PE Director of Kennedy Middle School who said that; "Bill's healthy lifestyle choices, work ethic, and love of teaching Redwood City's youth make him a great role model for all. He's in tip top shape at 82".



Bill graciously accepted this honor and shared many wonderful stories of his time at Kennedy and his philosophy of coaching and teaching. Bill coached numerous championship teams over the years and developed a sense of purpose, pride and perseverance in his students. He is credited with being a major influence and father figure to many students, including Gary Beban, 1967 Heisman Trophy Winner. This year marks Bill's 21st year at Mount Carmel School teaching PE to our K—8th graders, and his 56th year of teaching. Oh yes, he taught Johnny Mathis too!

## From the Principal's desk

*"What greater work is there than training the mind and forming the habits of the young." St. John Chrysostom*

The Catholic Church is involved in many ministries, the one that I most celebrate is the Catholic school system. As educational experts espouse and legislation is written to improve student learning in our country, I'm continually strengthened by the fantastic job we are doing educating the boys and girls at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School.

From the beginning, the Catholic School system in the United States has offered hope to those who were filled with hopelessness. The religious teaching orders reached out faithfully and tirelessly to children of immigrants, minorities and the poor. Today, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School reaches out to parish families deserving a challenging curriculum, by providing a safe and nurturing environment centrally rooted in the values and beliefs of the Catholic Church.

Daily, the teachers strive to educate the whole child. The teachers have created exciting learning communities, their curriculum mapping is all encompassing and correlated to state or archdiocesan standards, clear expectations and objectives are given, and assessment strategies are diverse. Furthermore, the teachers' enthusiasm and dedication to the teaching-learning process is clearly visible in our student centered environment.

As partners, with parents as the primary educator of our young people, we know that we cannot and must not try to educate in isolation. Working with our families to foster self-esteem, believing that all children can be successful learners and supporting positive choices, we continue to build the cornerstone of success for our young people.

All of us at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School follow in the footsteps of the Sisters of Notre Dame who began teaching here over 100 years ago. Be assured that we, with God as our source of strength and St Julie and the Sisters of Notre Dame as our guides, we continue to devote all the necessary time and energy to prepare the children for the next phase of their young lives.

Mrs. Teresa Anthony, Principal

## Three year Technology plan implemented

As part of an ongoing effort to improve and enhance our computer curriculum, we received approval from the Archdiocese of our 3 year technology plan last year. This comprehensive plan lays out the road map for Mount Carmel technology goals and objectives, how we plan to integrate technology into the curriculum, as well as identify both student and faculty needs, budget requirements, and a technology inventory.

Part of the plan also addresses our future technology needs. This year's focus is on the purchase of additional eBooks. We have established a goal of having a set of roaming eBooks—at least 18, which will enable the classroom teachers to bring more technology into the classroom using wireless technology.

The implementation of this plan places Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in the forefront on the use of technology in the classroom.



# Community Outreach

## Junior High Hosts Breakfast for Hurricane Katrina Relief

On Thursday September 22, our Junior High 6th and 7th grade classes hosted a pancake breakfast to raise money for those families devastated by Hurricane Katrina.



The project was organized, promoted and prepared by the 6th and 7th grade students, their parent volunteers, and special help from 8th graders Maila Felise and Maddy Tabing. Over 200 school families and parish members enjoyed pancakes, fruit and juice that morning. The project raised over \$2,100 in relief funds!

But more than that—the students recognized the need for Mount Carmel School to participate somehow in these relief efforts, and made it happen. We couldn't be more pleased with their sense of community, Christian responsibility, efforts, and results. The money raised was donated to the National Catholic Education Association's (NCEA) Child to Child Campaign, for the education of children in Catholic Schools in the area.

## First Grade Kicks off our Outreach Calendar

Our first graders organized a drive to help the Little Sisters of the Poor who run St Anne's Home for the Aged, assisting the elderly of San Francisco who need care and have nothing.

The sisters who came to pick up the items were thrilled and touched by the generosity of all our families who donated much needed, toiletry items, paper products and candy. They drove away with a very full van! Thank you to our first graders and Miss Knadler for organizing this effort, and to all of you who supported them. Here's what's happening next:

Oct 17—21

Home Goods Drive  
Catholic Worker House

Nov 7—18

Holiday Food Drive  
St Vincent DePaul

Dec 5—9

Toy Drive  
Paiuteshoshone Indian  
Reservation

Jan 9—13

Food & Clothing Drive  
St Francis Center

Feb 6 —10

Valentine Cards  
St Vincent De Paul

Mar 1 —April 13

Lenten Drive  
Holy Childhood Association

April 3—7

Easter Cards  
Catholic Charities/Meals on  
Wheels

May 8—12

Cooking Staples Drive  
St Anthony's Dining Room

For more information or if you would like to help, please contact the Development Office at 650-366-8817.

# Annual Statement

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The donations listed below were received during the period of July 1, 2004 and September 30, 2005. Gifts in memory or honor of loved ones become a living memorial touching the lives of our students. They are also listed in our Remembrance Book and are remembered at our school liturgies

We hope that we have accurately recognized each of our donors and those in whose name so many these gifts have been made. If we have missed your name, or it is listed incorrectly, please accept our sincere apologies for the error and contact the Development Office at 650-366-8817.

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## Meet the Class of 2006



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 Maddy Tabing  
 Fadi Totah

\*2nd Generation Padres

Sporting their new "Friday T-Shirts", meet the Class of 2006. These T-shirts were designed by the Class of 2005, and given as a parting gift at the annual brunch, the day before their graduation.

The Class of 2006 takes the responsibility of being the elder classman very seriously. They understand how much the lower grades look up to them— especially Kindergarten. They are excited about choosing and applying to high-school; and already feel the stress of waiting to find out where they will be going!

## What they are saying . . .

We asked members of the Class of 2006 what is the best thing about being an 8th grader, and what is the worst. Here are just a few of their answers.

### The best thing about being in 8th grade is:

"You are the younger ones leader, and you learn so much . . It's such a blast!" *Stephany Swenson*

"Knowing you are on top of the food chain" *William Kadash*

"Being a role model for the younger students" *Danny Lewin*

"Enjoying every moment with my class and making my last year the absolute best" *Dana Gloria*

### The worst thing about being in 8th grade is:

"We have a lot more homework" *Sean Espinosa*

"We have to take on more responsibility" *Alvaro Andaluz*

"Stressing about getting into the high school you want" *Daniela Garofani*

"Knowing this is your last year with this class" *The Entire Class of 2006*

Dear Alumni and Friends of Mount Carmel School,

I hope that this Annual Report has given you an idea of how many lives you have enhanced by your gifts of time, talent and treasure. Thanks to your generosity during the 2004/2005 school year, our students are enjoying a beautiful, well equipped, dedicated Science Center and renovated Library, upgraded computers, and additional materials for the Resource Program.

Your gifts have generated over \$314,000.00, of which over \$9,000 was given to our Endowment Fund and now stands at \$540,279.00. The friends and family in whose names memorial gifts are given to our Tuition Assistance Fund are remembered in our prayers at monthly school liturgies.

Your generosity of time and donations is an investment in the future of today's and tomorrow's students at Mount Carmel School. Thank you for all that you do to support our school.

Most Sincerely,

Michelle Conci  
Development Director

## Operating Budget 2004/2005

## Development/Fundraising Summary

<u>Revenues</u>			
Tuition & Fees	\$1,159,060	Annual Campaign	\$39,335.00
Registration and Testing Fees	\$70,000.00	Auction	\$56,705.00
Fund-raisers	\$203,000.00	Endowment Fund	\$9,364.00
Kids Place Income	\$25,000.00	Fall Fundraiser	\$25,598.00
Parish Subsidy	\$5,000.00	Festival	\$41,648.00
Investment & Other Income	<u>\$29,400.00</u>	Holiday Home Tour	\$6,149.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,515,460.00</b>	Library	\$450.00
<u>Expenses</u>		Major Gifts	\$20,000.00
Personnel Costs	\$1,154,476.00	Memorial Fund	
Educational Expenses	\$69,355.00	for Tuition Assistance	\$32,643.00
Tuition Assistance	\$60,000.00	Parish Support	
Utilities	\$29,800.00	for Tuition Assistance	\$7,188.00
Property Costs	\$37,275.00	Box Tops/ Label Rebates	\$3,456.00
General & Administrative	\$65,670.00	Science Center	\$8,365.00
Student Activities	\$14,900.00	Scrip	\$51,556.00
Insurance	\$20,575.00	Scrip Rebates	\$3,924.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$23,270.00	Wed Hot Lunch	\$8,200.00
Depreciation	\$4,470.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$314,581.00</b>
Other Operating Costs	<u>\$35,669.00</u>		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,515,460.00</b>		

## Scrip News

Scrip now has its own page on the school website. You can find information and news about Scrip comings and goings—and soon a PDF of the order form to make it easier for you and your family to acquire scrip.

Remember Chevy's and Bucca di Beppo days are scheduled throughout the year and they will each donate 20% of your lunch or dinner bill back to the school. Barnes & Noble Shopping Days help you shop for Christmas, and the school could earn as much as 25% in rebates. Use your scrip and it's a double win! On Chevy's days we will even take school lunch orders and deliver! Check the website often for updates.

**Bucca di Beppo:** Thursday, February 23  
**Chevy's:** Tuesday, November 8, Monday, January 30,  
 Thursday, June 8

**Barnes & Noble Shopping Days:** Nov 29 and Nov 30

Stop by the Development Office and purchase gift cards and gift certificates to the most popular retailers, including:

- Auto Pride Car Wash
- Toys R Us
- Starbucks
- Chevy's Restaurants
- Bucca di Beppo
- Barnes & Noble
- Home Depot
- Mi Rancho
- Wegmans

## Grants & Matching Gifts received during the 2004/2005 School Year

Carl Gellert and Celia Berta Gellert Foundation  
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### The eScrip Program is easy

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**Our Group ID: 135419998**

*A percentage of your purchases will be donated to Mount Carmel on a monthly basis.*

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# Alumni News

## History and Nostalgia

One of the first things that struck me as I began my new position as Development Director, is the existence of a school song, sung at morning assembly. Do you remember the song? It begins "In a fertile valley nestling, 'neath the great sequoia shade. . ." I've talked with different people in my first weeks here and find that it goes back at least as far the 1940's.

But who knows it's origins? The name of author? When did it become established as the school song?

If you know the answer to this question, please send an email to: [development@mountcarmel.org](mailto:development@mountcarmel.org) or send a postcard with a return address. We will send you a \$10 Starbucks gift card to the first person who gets it right, along with a copy of the song suitable for framing!



## Class of 1964 Reunion

On October 1, The Class of 1964 held a reunion to mark their 41st year since graduating from Mount Carmel. A committee that included Fran Prato Barrett, Ellen Fox, Therese Foster Taylor, Maureen MacDonald Russell, Janis Piombo Guinn, Joanne Moylan Aube, Patti Alston, and Suzanne Snowgrass Steel all co-chaired the festive event. Gerry Wentworth provided music from the 60's to help set the mood.

The evening included a tour of the school, and many cherished memories were shared. Mrs. Mary "Bizzy" Lymna Donatoni took her customary (we're told) ride down the banister, and Fran Prato Barrett stood next to her old uniform, which she had



donated to the school, and now sits proudly in our trophy case outside the large hall. A white elephant religious gift exchange was held to the sounds of great laughter as the items sparked more memories of the past.

Patty O'Keefe Brandes traveled all the way from Denver, Colorado for the evening. Twenty seven members of the class, along with 4 spouses, and one alum's mother celebrated the evening along with Father Bob Moran and Sister Patricia McGlenn (in full habit and armed with her clicker) who taught 6th grade as Sister Mary Sebastian. Sister Andrew (now Sister June Canoles) and Sister Agnes St. Jude (now Sister Catherine Pelletier) who taught the 2nd and 7th grade classes respectively were also there.

The faculty, staff, parents and students wish to thank the Class of '64 for the generous donation made that evening to our Tuition Assistance Fund.



# Planning a Mount Carmel School Reunion?

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## Facilities

We would be happy to share our Mount Carmel Facilities with you free of charge and subject to availability during the weekends for your reunion. The Small Hall, courtyard, Cavanaugh Hall and the kitchen can be used for brunch, lunch or an evening event. There are tables and chairs for your use and your only responsibility is a caterer, set-up and takedown. You will be given guidelines for use of the facilities and a set of keys to help make the event go smoother.

## Tracking Lost Classmates

We can supply a class list and any details from our records that will help you trace missing classmates, e.g.. High School or siblings names and addresses.

A few tips:

- Classmates.com is a great resource for a minimum fee
- Catholic High Schools will usually share addresses
- Public High Schools require a letter that they will forward to alumni
- San Mateo County Times will publish your reunion information free of charge
- We will check our records for which high school your missing classmate transferred to, whether their siblings have a current mailing address or whether their parents remain in our records

## The Event

You are encouraged to contact the Development office at least 3 months before the event to make arrangements. We will plan a time to meet and show you the facility and help make any final plans. You may wish to:

- Arrange a tour of the school and a class photo
- Attend Mass as a class, before the event. Masses are held at 5 pm on Saturday, and at 9:00 am, 11:00 am 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Sundays
- Search our archives for class photos, or use display boards for photos or mementos
- Look at samples of invitations sent from previous reunions and discuss ideas

The event is for you and your classmates to arrange, and we will work with you to make the process as easy and enjoyable as possible. Please contact the Development office at 650-366-8817 or email [development@mountcarmel.org](mailto:development@mountcarmel.org).

## Attention Class of 1966

2006 marks your 50th anniversary — If you or someone you know from this class would like to start planning a reunion, contact the development office for help and information.



# Calendar of Events

*Mark your calendars for these important fundraising and community building events.  
For further information and changes, please visit the school website at  
[www.mountcarmel.org](http://www.mountcarmel.org) or call the school office at 366-6127.*

## **Annual Auction Benefit**

*Saturday, November 5*

## **Holiday Home Tour**

*Saturday, December 10*

## **Open House and Catholic Schools Week**

*January 29*

## **Past Presidents Dinner**

*February 4*

## **Grandparents Day**

*March 14*

## **Spring Festival**

*Friday, April 28—April 30*

## **Graduation Ceremonies Class of 2006**

*Thursday June 1*



# In Memoriam

*We have been notified by friends and family of the passing of the following friends of Mount Carmel School; we ask that you keep them in your prayers*

**John Boyle**, Father to Daniel; Class of 1984, Fergal: Class of 1987 and Marie Class of 1987

**Carl Britschgi** , Father to Brent: Class of 1949, Grandfather to Susan Marie: Class of 1972, Mark: Class of 1978, Steve: Class of 1973, Great Grandfather to Jake Grade 5 and Spencer Class of 2006

**Donald Brockamp**, Class of 1947, wife Dorothy Harborough, Class of 1949

**David Collins**, Class of 1963, Brother to Carroll, Class of 1961; Catherine, Class of 1959; Donna, Class of 1962; Mary, Class of 1966

**Dennis Fox** Class of 1938; survived by his sister Kathryn Fox Davinroy class of 1949, niece Ellen class of 1962

**Paul Giguere**, father of Catherine Grace: Class of 1976 and Gregory; Class of 1973

**Stephen Goggiano** father of Joey: Class of 2000, and Anna: Class of 1999

**Regina Grandsaert**, wife of Jack, Class of 1966, Mother to John, Class of 1996; Katie,

**Maripat Hensley**, class of 1966; daughter of Helen Donovan and sister to Penny Donovan, Class of 1961, and James; Class of 1971

**Ray Mancini**, Father to Donald, Class of 1974 and Michael, Class of 1977

**Nancy Mengel**, wife of James Mengel, Class of 1951; mother to Christopher Class of 1980; Kathleen, Class of 1982; and David, Class of 1985

**Angela (Cigliutti) Rolla**, class of 1926; mother to Louis, Class of 1958; Florence, Class of 1952; Barbara Class 1956 and Joanna, Class of 1955

**Adam Samsel**, father to Vicki Ann, Class of 1960

**Marie Tiernan**, Mother to Barbara Frances, Class of 1959; Patricia Marie Class of 1976; Maureen Anne, Class of 1964 and Richard, Class of 1963

**Joan Thomas**, mother to Tyler, Class of 2002

**Rachel Timmington**, Class of 1994, daughter of Michael and Sandy Timmington, sister to Ashley, Class of 1999 and Amber, Class of 2003

**Pete Uccelli**, Husband to Paula Gail Territo, Class of 1956

## A GIFT TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL FUND

Your thoughtful donation to our Memorial Tuition Assistance Fund, made in remembrance of your family or friends, becomes a living memorial touching the lives of our students.

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**NEWSLETTER FOR THE ALUMNI, FAMILIES  
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Please forward this publication. If your child  
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## Please keep “In Touch”

*It is always great to hear from old friends and classmates. So, please take time to fill in a little information about yourself. You may also send updates via email to development@mountcarmel.org. We are also pleased to add parents and grandparents to our mailing list, so that they can also keep In Touch. We do post an electronic version of this newsletter on the alumni pages of the website—please pass along!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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News that you would like to share: \_\_\_\_\_

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