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"Over 100 years of enriching lives through Catholic Education"

Dear Alumni, Family and Friends

Welcome back to a new year at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. Each year begins with the excitement of our new Kindergartners embarking on their Mount Carmel School career. They are wide-eyed and every day is a brand new experience for them as they learn how to do school. Our 8th graders are eagerly adopting their role as the school leaders. The faculty, and staff have adjusted nicely back into the routine of the school year.

The Fall Fundraiser has begun, and this year's auction, Under the Big Top, is well underway. We are excited to offer for the first time an online auction that will take place four weeks prior to the live event. This is a great way for our alumni and friends who live far away an opportunity to participate in the fun of the auction and support the school. Be sure to visit the auction website www.mountcarmelbigtop.cmarket.com where you can purchase your event tickets, preview items for bidding, become a sponsor or make a donation of a product, service, or a gift of cash to help underwrite our expenses. Every donation you make directly impacts every child by helping us to keep our important programs as part of our rich curriculum.

Fall sports have begun and Our Lady of Mount Carmel School has fielded two baseball teams and nine volleyball teams in grades 4-8 this year. Mt. Carmel, along with 16 other schools in San Mateo County, participates in the P.P.S.L. (Peninsula Parish Schools League). Boys and girls begin playing in the league at the 4th grade level and have the opportunity to participate in baseball, volleyball, basketball, and track and field throughout the year. No child is cut and the program is self supporting through fees collected at the beginning of each sport's season. The Grant Committee continues to write for sports' grants and it is because of their recent efforts that we have a new volleyball net system and ball bags, new track uniforms last spring and updated basketball and volleyball uniforms.

In February, we are planning our first Parish-wide Lenten Mission on February 24 and 25, 2009 by hosting Doug Brummel Lighten Up! ministries performances. The program that is presented follows the Church's call for evangelization and the promotion of the sanctity of marriage and family in a creative way and demonstrates how laughter and learning can go hand in hand. The mission welcomes people who have been away from the Church, as well as guests who have never had a church community, and those of other faiths to attend the event. We will rely on the "time and talent" effort of a variety of members of our community to work together as we plan, market, and tend to the various details of the "celebration." You will see and hear more about this event in the coming weeks. In the meantime, be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend with your family.

We are fortunate and truly blessed for the continued involvement of our parents, friends, alumni, parishioner and alum parents. It makes the school learning experience so broad and rich for our young people. Thank you for all you do!

Teresa Anthony

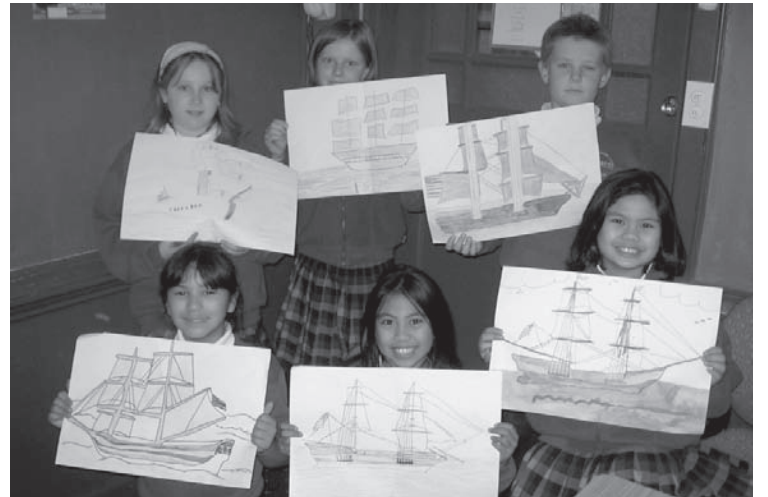
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Community Outreach Projects

2008-2009 Academic Year Schedule

St. Anne's Home for the Elderly	September 15-19
Catholic Worker House, Home for Troubled Teens	October 20-24
St. Vincent de Paul	November 10-21
Catholic Worker House	December 1-5
Second Harvest Food Bank	January 12-16
St Vincent de Paul Society	February 2-6
Holy Childhood Association Lenten Drive	Feb 25-April 9
Catholic Charities, Meals on Wheels	Mar 30-April 3
St Anthony's Padua Dining Room	May 4-8

If you would like to participate by either volunteering or making a donations to any of these outreach drives, please contact the Development Office at 650-366-8817.



“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”

EPHESIANS 4:2

Playground Renovation Update

It has been ten years since the playground equipment has been updated, and ten years ago, it cost approximately \$30,000. To help kickstart the funding for this effort we identified this project as our “Fund a Need” item for last fall’s auction. Parents overwhelmingly responded to this need and generously donated \$12,000 to kickstart the project.

A research committee was formed and led by Mr. Ed Gory. The committee came up with ideas and plans to renovate the yard, including refurbishing the existing vs. replacing completely. Their final recommendation was to replace completely. The total cost, including the basketball hoops, is just over \$51,000.00.

Since that time, through the personal efforts of both Nori Jabba and Fr. John Balleza, we were the grateful first-time recipients of a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Danford Foundation. We have a pending grant application into the Olympic Club Foundation for the same amount. The Olympic Club has been a supporter of Mount Carmel in the past, and we are prayerful that we will soon hear of their support for this project.

Our ever-dedicated Men’s Club has also generously donated the material and labor to install the new basketball hoops—donated to



us by Joe Montara and the Woodside Priory School. They are now up in the yard, and the children are enjoying them daily.

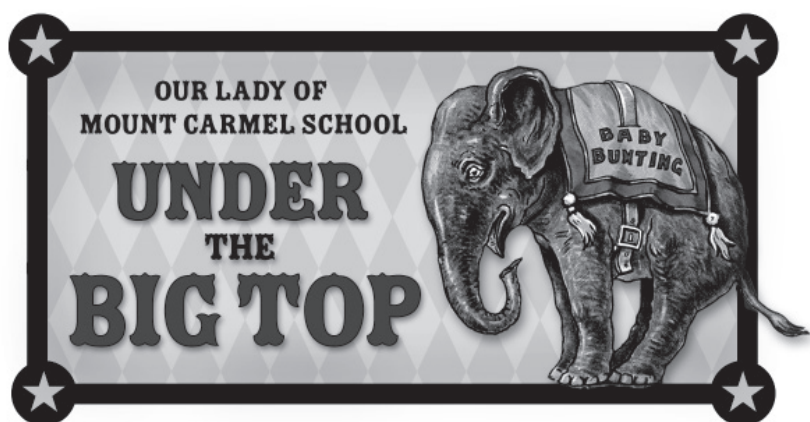
Next steps—In addition to finding more grant monies to complete this project, Mrs. Anthony would like the children to have the opportunity to provide input on the structure the committee has recommended. “It is important for the children to have their say in what elements of the play structures they would like to have,” says Mrs. Anthony, “After all, this is for them.”

Pen Pal Program Begins Its 12th Year

In 1998/99, the third grade made a change to their Pen Pal program. Mrs. Camille Torres has had the Pen Pal program as part of her English curriculum for many years. In 1998, the Parish Scripture Study Class became the pen pals for the 3rd grade.

In addition to writing letters through the year, pen pals are invited to class or school events, plays and concerts. Jeanie Isaacs recently wrote a letter to Mrs. Anthony and shared that “the members of our (Scripture) class greatly enjoy the letters written by our pen pals. They tell us about their families, pets, favorite subjects at school, sports activities and hobbies. They work hard on their letters, decorating them with seasonal pictures, and they make us seasonal craft projects as well. Their visit to our class is certainly a highlight, entertaining us with songs, informal presentations, a lot of laughter and shared prayers.” Mrs. Isaacs continues that “it is apparent they felt a wonderful sense of unity as a class. Mrs. Torres fosters this unity, showing respect and kindness towards her students. Each year our group has a renewed appreciation for Mrs. Torres as a teacher and as a Christian role model for her students.”

Beginning in 2004, the Scripture class members have enjoyed watching with great pride all of their pen pals graduate from Mount Carmel.



October 25, 2008

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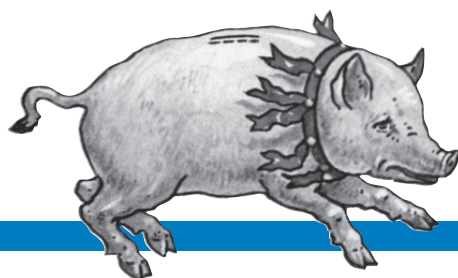
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You can bid on items, buy event tickets and preview live event only items!

If you have questions, would like to make a donation or be a sponsor, please visit the website above, or contact one of our Auction Co-Chairs:

Mrs. Adrienne Herro at 650-556-1544

Mrs. Kathleen Sochan at 650-556-9414



Alumni News

Gregory Kucich, Class of '70

Appointed Director of London Undergraduate Program

Gregory's father Mario Kucich recently shared an announcement from the University of Notre Dame London, announcing the appointment of Greg Kucich, Professor of English and Mount Carmel Class of 1970, as the Director of Undergraduate Programs at the University.

The article goes on to describe Gregory as an "expert on British Romanticism and an experienced administrator, Kucich has served as director of graduate studies, associate chair and director of undergraduate studies in the Department of English. He taught for two years in the London undergraduate program, organized an international conference at the London Center in 2003 and has served since 1994 as the co-editor of the United Kingdom-based scholarly journal *Nineteenth Century Contexts: An Interdisciplinary Journal*."

Congratulations to Gregory and the Kucich family on your very impressive achievements.



Class of 1957 reunion

San Francisco Mission District Schools Seeking Alumni

The Alliance of Mission District Catholic Schools is a unique collaborative partnership whose goal is to continue the 150-year tradition of Catholic educational excellence in the Mission District of San Francisco. The Alliance is currently seeking to make contact with the alumni of these schools, and we are trying to help. If you, your parents or grandparents attended any of these schools, we want to hear from you!

Mission Dolores School
School of the Epiphany
St. Charles Borromeo School
St. Elizabeth School
St. Finn Barr School
St. James School
St. Philip School

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or St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception



Please contact Ms. Julie Clemens, Advancement Director for the Alliance by emailing clemensj@sfarchdiocese.org or call 415-614-5547. Their website is www.amdcs.org.

Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1977

The Class of 1977 is in the planning stages for a belated 30-year reunion for September 2008. For more information please contact Kimberly (Harm) Mila at joesgirl426@hotmail.com

Class of 1978

The Class of 1978 is celebrating their 30-year reunion on October 11, 2008. For more information, please contact Lynn Pereria-Felise at felise fale@yahoo.com or Karen Gallagher Sammons at kaegs@aol.com

Looking for classmates or your favorite teacher? Visit the newly designed website for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, and you can search for them – <http://www.snddenca.org/>

In 2009, the following classes have milestones:

1959: 50 years	1989: 20 years
1969: 40 years	1999: 10 years
1979: 30 years	2005: 4 years

Would you like your class to have a reunion?

We would be happy to help. We will share the Mount Carmel School facilities with you, free of charge and subject to availability during the weekends. The Small Hall, courtyard, Cavanaugh Hall and the kitchen can be used for your brunch, lunch or evening event. Although the event is for you and your classmates to arrange, we will work with you to make the process as easy as enjoyable as possible. Please contact us in the Development Office at 650-366-8817 if we can help in any way.

2010: 125-Year Anniversary of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

This is a very exciting time for all alumni, parishioners and school families. If you would like to participate in our planning efforts to commemorate this event, please contact the Development Office at 650-366-8817.

Mount Carmel Scrip Program

Our Very Own Gift Card Mall

Did you know that most of our Scrip are actually gift cards—just like the ones you purchase at your favorite retailer or at the grocery store? The big difference is the school earns a percentage of the face value when you purchase that card thru the school. Next time you need a gift card in a hurry, be sure to stop by the school and shop there instead of the mall. We carry in stock Arco, Safeway, iTunes, Toys R Us, Gap, Peets, Starbucks, Jamba Juice and so much more.

Annual Statement

We graciously thank our donors listed below for their gifts made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending on June 30, 2008.

We hope that we have correctly recognized each of our donor's names. If we have missed your name, or spelled it incorrectly, please accept our apologies for the oversight and contact the Development Office at 650-366-8817.

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Grants and Matching Gifts Received

Grants Received

Grant writing has become more significant as we have gained experience in this area and are writing more grant requests. In 2008-2009, our grant writing efforts will focus on funds for tuition assistance, sports, technology, science, new playground equipment, resource and fine arts. We are pleased to have been the recipient of the following grants during the 2007-2008 school year:

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May Stanley Smith Fund

Danford Foundation

Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame

Olympic Club

Tuition Assistance

Tuition Assistance

Playground Renovation

Team Uniforms

P.E. Equipment

If you are aware of grant opportunities through other foundations or companies we would greatly appreciate receiving the information. Please contact the Development Office at 650-366-8817.

Matching Gifts Received

Many employers have programs that will match their employees charitable donation 100% or more. The process is so very easy—after you make your gift, the paperwork is completed by your employer and then by us. Do you know if your employer provides such a program? Most people don't know or take advantage of these programs—ask your Human Resources Department today for more information.

We thank the following companies and their employees who supported Mount Carmel School this year thru their Matching Gift Program:

Bank of America

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The Gap Foundation

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Development and Fundraising Summary

Each year we set a goal of covering 30% of the costs to educating each child through our development and fundraising programs. This is only made possible from the incredible level of support we receive each year from our parents, grandparents, parishioners, alumni and friends. Along with foundation gifts, your time, talent and treasure contribute greatly towards the funds we raise.

In the 2007-2008 school year we had a 9% increase in our development and fundraising efforts. We enjoyed a tremendously successful Fall Fundraiser, Auction, Holiday Home Tour and Festival—all reflecting an increase in net income over previous years. Scrip sales and profits were also up over last year (good job shopping with Scrip!). The Adopt a Student Tuition Assistance support has been tremendous. This program benefits all families, helping to keep Our Lady of Mount Carmel School a thriving parish school, denying no one a Catholic Education based solely on economics.

The endowment fund did not receive the large gift as it had in 2006-2007 and, due to the current economy, suffered a loss in net income. We will continue to make the endowment fund, Adopt a Student and grants a focus of our development efforts for the 2008-2009 school year.

For the 2007-2008 School Year from July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

A Kid's Place	25,000.00
Auction	78,730.00
Endowment Fund	2,745.00
Fall Fundraiser	32,570.00
Festival	52,786.00
Grants	27,500.00
Holiday Home Tour	12,200.00
Parish Subsidy	5,000.00
Adopt a Student Tuition Assistance	83,061.00
Offertory Support for Adopt a Student Tuition Assistance	17,829.00
Rebates	3,437.00
Scrip	51,092.00
Unrestricted Gifts	8,533.00
TOTAL	\$ 418,312.00

Spotlight on Alumni

Last spring, we invited all the classes celebrating a milestone year to complete a questionnaire for publication in In Touch. Please accept this open invitation to any member of any class to submit their answers to the same questions, and we will run it along with your 8th grade picture in the next issue of In Touch. We will print as many as space permits. In 2009, the following classes are celebrating milestones—1959, 1969, 1979, 1989 and 1999! We would love to hear from all of you.

Class of 1945

John G. Barr, Jr.

Favorite teacher and why: My favorite teacher was Sister Francis Loretta, because she treated us like grownups and treated us well. We were very fortunate to have had her for the 5th, 6th and 7th grades. We were hoping to have her for 8th grade as well, but that did not happen.

Favorite memory (or memories) of Mount Carmel School: The School Drum and Bugle Corps marching in the World's Fair on Treasure Island in 1939 or 1940.

What was special (or a special memory of) about your class: Being blessed with the same teacher for three years. Could that be because we had been so terrible to our 4th grade teacher?

Currently, I am: Retired from the Lawrence Livermore National Lab and living in Fremont, CA with my wife Rose and enjoying every minute of it.

Class of 1958

Dana Terremere Acolesi

Favorite teacher and why: Sr. Catherine Aloysius taught our class two years in a row (2nd and 3rd) and she made sure we didn't forget any of it. Also, Sr. Frances Maureen was a very patient teacher. She liked sports and was usually playing basketball with the boys at recess.

Favorite memory (or memories) of Mount Carmel School: I will always remember Fr. Cavanaugh coming to class to pass out report cards and saying something nice to each person. Sticking our feet under the convent gate and waiting for Sr. Barbara Ann to tap them with hers after lunch. Riding the train to San Mateo with the girls to cheer on our boys' basketball team. Having lots of fun at the Fall Festival each year.

What was special (or a special memory of) about your class: The spring fashion show during our 8th grade year. Somehow the boys were persuaded to do all the modeling and it was absolutely hilarious. Of course being part of the double class was always special.

Currently, I am: Married to my husband Larry (we were married in Mount Carmel church 38 years ago). We have two daughters—Denise in Chicago and Teresa in San Diego. I substitute teach and my husband is now retired. We love to travel and are planning a trip to Washington D.C.

Trivia Question



Class of 1958: Can you identify the students in the above photo? (Hint: They're all boys!)

Karen Judge Delgado

Favorite teacher and why: One favorite teacher was Sr. Barbara Ann. She always came out of the convent gate where we eagerly awaited her and made us little 1st graders feel so important. Another was Sr. Bernard, now Sr. Ruth Ella. She was terrific with us 5th graders, somehow

communicating that she loved and accepted us.

Favorite memory (or memories) of Mount Carmel School: I just loved the Fall Festivals, the May dances out on the playground and the talent shows. There was an incredible sense of family and community. We all knew one another and had so much fun.

What was special (or a special memory of) about your class: We were the one class in the history of Mount Carmel that had two grades. We were the start of the "Baby Boomers." We were always considered special. My memory is that we all liked each other and really got along. We were NOT angels, but we had a lot of personality!

Currently, I am: I am now retired after 42 years of teaching. I am married to another teacher, have one son and live in San Jose. I consider myself richly blessed for countless reasons; one of them is to have spent eight years at Mount Carmel.

Class of 1958

Mary Louise Liberati

Favorite memory (or memories) of Mount Carmel School:

I was a newcomer from San Francisco in the 9th grade. I really did not all my classmates. My favorite memory was the lunch hour when we girls used the Small Hall, played the piano and sang the latest songs, especially “Santa Catalina,” dance and have fun.

Currently, I am: I am working for Catholic Healthcare West and Sequoia Hospital as a Reimbursement Analyst in the Finance Department. I will soon be part-time so that I can pursue other interests and retire in a few years. I still live in the area and attend Mount Carmel Church. My four nephews (Dei Rossi) are also alumni of Mount Carmel.

Susan Schabot

Favorite memory (or memories) of Mount Carmel School:

I came to Mount Carmel in the 7th grade and was surprised to find there were two 7th grade classes. My first friend was Mary Goode, a very warm and sweet girl. I often think of her.

What was special (or a special memory of)

about your class: Oh my gosh! Our class was definitely special. I believe we had at least two different nuns who taught our 8th grade class.

Currently, I am: I have lived in Santa Cruz for 25 years. After retiring from PG&E I started a pet care business. I have two sons, John (43) and Jim (41), and five grandchildren, who are the true loves of my very blessed life.

Class of 1961

Kathy Klein Frates

I so enjoyed reading the memories of Mount Carmel alumni—especially from Cheryl Laber Bateman, as she was my sister’s buddy and Betty Ann Klein McMullen, who went to heaven almost four years ago. I thought that I would share some of my favorites, too.

Favorite memory (or memories) of Mount Carmel School: Singing in the choir loft with Sr. Ann Joseph in Latin. The Christmas Pageants—I have found nothing to equal them for my grandchildren. Sharing our breakfast drinks after mass during Lent. We would pass around a cup, all would add a sip of their drink, and then we would all have to taste it on the second round. It is amazing that we survived such pranks. Walking home the mile from school and seeing friends home as we walked—Connie Lane, Joan Haggarty, Mary Lou Foster, Penny Donovan and Judy Southward—Hello to all!

What was special (or a special memory of) about your class: We were quite undisciplined during 6th grade folk dancing and lost the privilege altogether in 7th grade. By 8th grade we had developed an appreciation for dancing and were the “best behaved class” that year.

Currently, I am: I am working as an advice nurse for Kaiser, enjoying our very active parish of St. Bonaventure’s in Concord, CA and watching my four grandchildren discover life—Breanna (10), Bailey (8), Zachary (2½) and Baby Jacob. I am an avid seamstress and love to harvest fruits and veggies from the yard.

Class of 1968

James Brian Shea

Favorite teacher and why: In the 5th grade, Mrs. Mary Zehender; she liked kids and had a lot of spelling bees and math contests to keep things fun. In the 6th grade, it was Sr. Vincent Marie; she was younger and had a sense of humor.

Favorite memory (or memories) of Mount Carmel School:

The playground at lunchtime was overflowing with kids playing all sorts of games. I enjoyed team tag, which became a form of tag, and hide and go seek with the other kids serving as cover. If you were playing with a ball, don’t let it get into the “big” kids play area. If so, that ball would get booted all around the yard.

What was special (or a special memory of) about your class: Seven of the 22 boys in our class were named Jim. John Ryan was the best athlete in the class by far. However, in the 4th grade his kickball team lost more games than they won. Paul Alston in 6th grade was the fastest kid his age in the City and the PPSL. Paul was also the smartest kid in class, followed closely by John Glover. About half the boys had a crush on Ellen Woodside, and the rest liked Carolyn Marten. John Ryan liked Denise Ferrando. Dennis Walters had a “date” party after we graduated and did not invite the “hard guys,” John Ryan, Rick Weiss, Dennis O’Keefe, Paul Alston and John Stafford.

Currently, I am: I am currently living in Redwood City. My three kids went to OLMC, and I was the first President and co-founder of the Men’s Club. I help contractors get surety bonds and am a licensed CPA. I have been married to Cecilia for 28 years. Ten years ago John Ryan and Patty Cullen organized a reunion for our class and about half the class was there—and I kissed Ellen Woodside!

InTouch

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In Memoriam

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

Catherine Vollmayer – mother to *Carla Deasy Class of '69, Ann Louise Van Tonnigan '73 and Mary Broxon '76*

Renee Shedoudi – mother to *Lorraine '90 and Jennifer '83*

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Eileen Cassidy – mother to *Kathleen '65*

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Auction 2008 – Under the Big Top

Saturday, October 25, 2008

Holiday Home Tour

December 13, 2008

Catholic Schools Week – Open House

Sunday, January 25, 2009

Doug Brummel Parish Lenten Mission

February 24-25, 2009

Grandparents' Day

March 17, 2009

Spring Festival

April 24, 25, and 26th, 2009

Class of 2009 Graduation

June 5, 2009

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