



ROUNDTABLE

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR AND FROM KNIGHTS

Knights Help with 9/11 Anniversary Preparations

by Erwin Encinares for Saipan Tribune



Student-volunteers coming from Mount Carmel School, Marianas High School, and Grace Christian Academy helped raise flags at the CPA Airport Field yesterday for today's start of the weeklong commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 incident as well as honor past and current servicemen.

The event is dubbed "We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes" and is hosted by the Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

The flags were purchased by local businesses of the CNMI and by various people who wish to support the purpose of the event, which is to honor those who responded during the 9/11 tragedy in Sept. 11, 2001 as well as servicemen who had and continue to defend the nation's freedom.

Eunice Angeles, program specialist of Corporate Affairs for the Tan Holdings Corp., shared how important it is for 9/11 to be remembered.

"This is important because this event [9/11] does not only happen here in the U.S., it happens all around the world. It's something that everybody should be aware of," she said. "It's not just a fight against terrorism, it's also a fight for freedom, it's a fight for those who have sacrificed their lives for their own countries."

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First Parent Ed Night: Financing College



Northern Marianas College Financial Aid Officer, Daisy Manglona-Propst (far right) facilitates Mount Carmel School's first Parent Ed Night, which focused on funding a college education.

Mount Carmel School recently held its first Parent Ed Night to help parents of college-bound students prepare for college. This Parent Ed Night featured Northern Marianas College's Financial Aid Officer, Daisy Manglona-Propst, who provided information about funding a college education. Manglona-Propst covered a wide range of resources for parents and students, including federal grants, loans, and scholarships that are available for eligible students.

The Parent Ed Night complements the school's college-prep curriculum, which also includes a Knights Seminar. A few years ago, the school launched the seminar to help students in the college admissions process, as well as help them learn more about financial literacy, study skills, and work-readiness skills.

School vice principal and Knights Seminar teacher, Helene Manning, coordinated the event and was very happy with the turnout. According to Manning, "The event went very well, and we even had a parent of a Sophomore attend the session." She added, "Parents were pleased to hear that they could apply for financial aid as early as October and to hear about other scholarships that would be available throughout the year."

Parents echoed Manning sentiments in surveys completed at the end of the session. One parent wrote, "Let's have more Parent Ed Nights!" Another parent urged the school to hold Parent Ed nights throughout the year to cover other topics related to college admissions and enrollment.

School president, Galvin Deleon Guerrero, said that the school will definitely hold more Parent Ed nights. As he put it, "This is just the first of a series of sessions to help our parents and our students prepare for college." He added, "Mount Carmel School has a very successful track record of our AlumKnights attending some of the world's best post-secondary institutions, and we want to ensure that all our students not only get into the college of their choice, but are also able to finance that education and fare well academically in college."

Over the years, graduates of the school have been admitted into New York University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, UC Berkeley, the University of Michigan, the Coast Guard Academy, and the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Announcements

Scrabble Club

The 7B homeroom has started a Scrabble Club and the kids are really excited to learn the game. In order for entire class to participate in this activity we need 3 to 4 more sets of Scrabble. Please forward all donations to Ms. Columbo.

Field of Heroes

Please join members of the community in showing appreciation and support for the men and women who have made the decision to serve in our military, police force, fire department, and other agencies that make our island a better place:
 September 11 - 9/11 Memorial Ceremony and Freedom Walk
 September 13 - Closing Ceremony
 For more information, please see Zeno Deleon Guerrero, Jr. (z.dlqjr@gmail.com).

In the Future

8th Grade Cookie Gram

Monday, September 12

PTO Parents Representatives Meeting

Tuesday, September 13
 5:30 pm in the faculty lounge

Theatre Club Student Film Festival

Wednesday, September 14
 Buses depart at 9:00 am
 \$10.00 Admission
 Tickets available in the Business Office

Sports Calendar

CCOPSA Middle School Volleyball

Tuesday, September 13
 MCS1 vs Agape @ Agape at 3:30 pm
 MCS2 vs WPS @ WPS at 3:30 pm

Wednesday, September 14
 WPS vs MCS1 @ WPS at 3:30 pm

Thursday, September 15
 MCS1 vs MBS @ MCS at 3:30 pm
 MCS2 vs SDA @ SDA at 3:30 pm

ESLR of the Week

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Knights Help

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Angeles also points out that the event is not specifically for honoring the servicemen of the USA, but also that of the other countries who are the first to respond in the face of danger. "These flags are not just honoring Americans. Some people have dedicated the flags to honor heroes from their own countries as well," said Angeles.

Secretary of the executive director of the Veteran's Affairs Office, Jennifer de Leon Guerrero, thinks that the upcoming event is brilliant.

"For them to come up with an idea to honor everybody, not only my late husband who is a veteran himself but also the others that have gone through a lot with war and other servicemen who are battling PTSD

(Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)," said Guerrero. "It's really heartwarming just to see all these flags up here."

The opening ceremony of the "We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes" would be held today at the CPA Airport Field, at 4pm with guest speaker Duane Samian, from the Department of Homeland Security.

Flags can be purchased during the opening ceremony today or from any of the Shirley's Coffee Shops (Susupe and Garapan) and iShops all around Saipan. The flags would be distributed to their respective purchasers after the closing ceremonies on Sept. 13.

Proceeds of the event would go to the financing of the needs of veterans and soldiers who are suffering from PTSD.

Welcome Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts



This past week, Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts held its first classes at its new location on the Mount Carmel School Campus.