



# ROUNDTABLE

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR AND FROM KNIGHTS

## VOX Knights Rock Recent Competitions



Members of Mount Carmel School's newest club, VOX Knights, fared well in recent competitions held by the Primary Grade Forensic League (PGFC), National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA), the National Junior Speech and Debate Association (NJSDA), and the International Thespian Society (ITS).

In PGFC, the following placed in the K-2 division: Jaze Enzo San Nicolas (3rd place, Readers Forum Masters, and 4th place, Impromptu), Remiegem Melchor (5th place, Readers Forum Masters), and Zian Michael Obnimaga (5th place, Readers Forum Masters). In the PGFC 3-5 division, the following placed: Heleyna Dela Santa (1st place, Readers Forum Masters, 5th place, Impromptu), Valerie Ann Estalla (1st place, Impromptu, 5th place, Readers Forum Masters), Justin Mallari (1st place, Impromptu, 5th place, Readers Forum Masters), Sarah Jane Melchor (2nd place, Readers Forum Masters), Annieshka Arreza (3rd place, Readers Forum Masters), Mikaelha Paige Mendoza (3rd place, Impromptu), and Laura Mareham (4th place, Impromptu).

In NJSDA, the following placed: Kyla Cabrera (1st place, Poetry Masters, 2nd place, Duo Interpretation, 5th place, Impromptu), Renne Kiser (1st place, Impromptu, 2nd place, Duo Interpretation, 3rd place, Poetry Masters), Hannah Lacap (2nd place, Poetry Masters, 4th place, Impromptu), Jill Ann Mallari (1st place, Original

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## MCS Eco Club

by Reica Ramirez, '19



*Top: E-Land Group representatives recently met with Mount Carmel School's Eco Club as the club worked on the school's garden.*

*Right: Mount Carmel School students work on the school's garden.*



This year, Mount Carmel School Knights are reinforcing their commitment to the environment with a new Eco Club. The club is partnering with business supporters and holding several events to improve the environment.

The Eco Club is advised by veteran science teacher and former teacher of the year, Luz Baldazo, who recently connected with the E-Land Group as part of its environmental outreach program. E-Land runs Kensington Hotel and Coral Ocean Point and recently paid a visit to the school.

E-Land's Eunji Ahn was very happy to work with the school and its students. As Ahn put it, "The E-Land Group is deeply interested in youth alliance activities. We want to see more of the youth develop and participate in activities that will support our beautiful island and increase awareness."

For Baldazo, E-Land's support is helping move the Eco Club's projects along. "The school already has a garden, but it hasn't been touched in a long time. Then E-Land reached out to us, offering to sponsor any projects that would benefit our environment and community. So, we started fixing the garden."

However, while E-Land agreed to support the redevelopment of the school garden, Baldazo wanted students to also take ownership of the project. As she put it, "I wanted students to help so that they are exposed to projects that not only helps the school, but also the environment."

In addition to the garden, the Eco Club is sponsoring several competitions, including a flyer contest for 3rd through 6th grade students, a brochure contest for 7th through 12th grade students, and a monthly plastic bottle competition.

## Announcements

### GO KNIGHTS!!!

Come supports all our basketball teams as they play in the CCOPSSA Championship games TODAY at Ada Gym starting at 3:30 pm. Students that come to all games today will be given MCS Spirit Dress Down passes that can be redeemed on Monday, December 18. GO KNIGHTS!!!

### MathCourt Knights

Congratulations to our MathCourt Knights for their success in the December 9th meet: Nathaniel Clark (1st Place Individual Round, State Round Qualifier) and Oscar Bien Buenaflor (State Round Qualifier).

### Next Week's Schedule

Please note that we will not have regular classes next week Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday will be used for the Christmas Program rehearsal with a regular Wednesday dismissal at 1:50. Thursday will be homeroom all day with dismissal at 3:00. Friday will follow this schedule:

7:30–7:40: Homeroom  
 7:40–8:30: Christmas Mass  
 8:30–10:30: Christmas Carnival  
 10:30–12:00: Homeroom/Class Parties  
 12:00 Dismissal

### MCS Eco Club Flyer Contest

For all 3rd–6th graders who have an artistic side that they want to express this is the competition for you! Come design a flyer for the MCS Eco Club & you could have the chance to win \$25! For more information on the contest, see Theresa Zheng (12A).

### MCS Eco Club Brochure Contest

For all 7th–12 graders who have an artistic side that they want to express this is the competition for you! Come design a brochure for the MCS Eco Club & you could have the chance to win \$25! For more information on the contest, see Theresa Zheng (12A).

### MCS Eco Club Monthly Plastic Bottle Competition

Do you like delicious, creamy frozen treats? Well, you are just in luck! The MCS Eco Club is hosting monthly plastic bottle competitions to see which class can collect the most bottles. The winning class will receive an ice cream party. The competition for the month of December will end on the 22nd so get collecting! For more information on the competition, see Theresa Zheng (12A).

## Sports Calendar

**CCOPSSA Varsity Basketball Championships**  
 TODAY starting at 3:30 pm at Ada Gym

### U11 Interscholastic Soccer League

Semifinals, Tuesday, December 19 @Hopwood  
 Girls at 3:30 pm; Boys at 4:30 pm  
 Thursday, December 21 @Hopwood  
 3rd Place, Thursday, December 21 @Hopwood at 3:30 pm  
 Championship, December 21 @Hopwood at 4:30 pm

## ESLR of the Week

**#1. Communicate effectively using various methods and mediums.**

# THANK YOU



Recently, Herman's Modern Bakery and Joeten Motors presented Education Tax Credit contributions to Mount Carmel School. School president, Galvin Deleon Guerrero, received the contributions from Herman's Bakery representative Michael Guerrero (right) and Joeten Motors representatives (from left to right) Boss Alvarez, Matt Deets, and Norman Peter Tenorio.

## In the Future

### Junior Winter Bash

TONIGHT

### Senior Hot Lunch

TOMORROW, Saturday, December 16

### 8th Grade Candy Gram

Monday, December 18

### Freshman Bake Sale

Tuesday, December 19

### Senior Christmas Candy Gram

Wednesday, December 20

### Cheer Squad Secret Santa Gram

Senior Buy-a-Change  
 Thursday, December 21

### Christmas Carnival

Friday, December 22  
 8:30–10:30 am

### Christmas Program

Friday, December 22  
 7:00 pm

### Christmas Break

December 23–January 7

## VOX Knights

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Oratory, 1st place, Poetry Masters), Raesyl Gerard Solis (4th place, Original Oratory, 4th place, Poetry Masters), and Monique Duenas (4th place, Poetry Masters).

In NSDA, the following placed: Jeff Melchor (1st place, Dramatic Interpretation, 1st place, Impromptu, 5th place, Poetry Masters, 5th place, Prose Masters), Amy Rose Cabanting (2nd place, Dramatic Interpretation, 2nd place, Poetry Masters), Erica Cunanan (3rd place, Dramatic Interpretation), Michelle Palacios (1st place, Carolinian Speech, 4th place, Dramatic Interpretation, 5th place, Chamorro speech), Lletyon Andre Javier (3rd place, Original Oratory), Jim Michael Ham (3rd place, Impromptu, 4th place, Original Oratory), Joanie Paraiso (3rd place, Commentary, 4th place, US

Extemporaneous), Reica Ramirez, 2nd place International Extemporaneous, 2nd place, Impromptu), and Jonelle Toskas (2nd place, Chamorro Speech, 3rd place, Poetry Masters, and 5th place, Expository).

In ITS, Jan Bobadilla took 1st place in his film category and Kalea Borja and Alvin Palacios too 3rd place in their film category.

Over the years, hundreds of Mount Carmel School Knights of all ages have distinguished themselves as accomplished orators who have won countless PGFC, NJSDA, and NSDA 1st place ribbons, seven CNMI Mock Trial Championships, and 18 wins in the annual Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition. Capitalizing on this impressive track record, this year, speakers and debaters at the school came together to form a new club, VOX Knights.

Taking its name from the Latin word for voice, VOX Knights brings together students of all grade levels who use their voice in various interscholastic competitions, including NSDA, NJSDA, PGFC, Mock Trial, and ITS. Together, these students have committed themselves to the club's mission to "dicere veritas et iustitia", which in Latin means, "speak truth and justice."