



ROUNDTABLE

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR AND FROM KNIGHTS

Student Activities Fair



Clock wise from top left: Junior high and high school students fill up the first floor hallway of Mount Carmel School's Maturana Building during the annual Student Activities Fair. Leaders of Mount Carmel School's athletic program look forward to a great year of sports. From left to right: Louisa Han, Theresa Zheng, Kelvin Cepeda, and parent coach, Catherine Attao-Toves. Members of Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club are ready for a year full of stage and film productions. (From left to right): Justin Ocampo, Quincy Chinen, Reica Ramirez, and Angelo Manese. At the foot of the 2017 CNMI Mock Trial Championship Trophy and Gavel, VOX Knights President Jeff Melchor (center) signs up Angelo Manese for the new club which was showcased at the Student Activities Fair. Gamers Uknighited (the school's Gamer Club) president, William Blake Deleon Guerrero (left) explains some of the games the club will play this year. Joanie Paraiso (left) and Giselle Long eagerly recruit new members for Mount Carmel School's Math Club.

Almost 300 middle school and high school students participated in Mount Carmel School's annual Student Activities Fair held this past Wednesday, August 23 in the first floor hallway of the school's Maturana Building.

Held at the start of every school year and sponsored by Student Council, the fair highlights the many extra-curricular activities available at the school. Throughout the fair, middle school and high school students perused the booths of sponsoring clubs and organizations in order to learn more about the various activities and to sign up for those that interest them.

Student Council president, Erika Mendiola, was very happy with the turnout for this year's fair. She said, "While we had a lot more students than last year, it went very smoothly and everyone was satisfied with the clubs that were offered." Recognizing that the school tries to allow students to experience different activities, she added, "Students have the opportunity to find another hobby, instead of being stuck in one."

This year's fair included booths from the school's athletic teams, Red Cross Club, Theatre Club, Gamers Uknighited (a club for gamers), and two new clubs, a Computer Coding Club and VOX Knights. Taking its name from the latin word

for voice, VOX Knights will bring together students of all grade levels who use their voice in various interscholastic competitions, including National Speech and Debate Association, National Junior Speech and Debate Association, Primary Grade Forensic Competition, Mock Trial, and International Thespian Society.

For its part, the school's Theatre Club plans to produce two films and two stage shows, including Disney's *Mulan Jr.* The show's director, Reica Ramirez, looks forward directing her first production. In particular, Reica wants to help students grow. As he put it, "This is another amazing opportunity to grow and develop new skills, along with other people." When asked why she wanted to direct the show, she said, "I've always been interested in drama and I wanted to learn more about productions from back stage, including costumes, set design, music, sound, lights, and, of course, directing." Ramirez was also assistant director for last year's sold-out performances of Disney's *The Lion King Jr.*

Now that clubs and organizations are up and running, they will shift their attention to the upcoming Student Leadership Retreat, in which all activities for the year will be planned out.

Get to Know the New SAT

by Jim Montoya, Vice President for Higher Education at the College Board



For many students, taking the SAT® is a rite of passage. It has been an important part of the college admission process for millions of students since its introduction in 1926, and it remains an important part of that process today. As the former head of undergraduate admission at Stanford University, Occidental College, and Vassar College, I've seen firsthand how SAT scores and high school grades combine to become a strong predictor of first-year college success. Now, the SAT has an even stronger connection to the work that students are doing in the classroom.

Since last year, students who took the SAT will saw a new version of the test. Before redesigning the test, the College Board looked at the research that shows what skills and knowledge students need to know to be ready for college and career. We also listened to feedback from students, parents, teachers, and college and university professionals. The result is a test that is more useful, focused, and clear than ever.

- Some of the changes include:
- Content that is better aligned to what they're already learning in class. Now there's a clearer connection between what students are learning in school and the skills and knowledge we're assessing on the SAT.
 - A focus on the areas of math that research has shown to be most important for college success. For example, proportions and algebraic linear equations will be on the test; logic puzzles that have little connection to the math students are learning in class will not.

Continued on back

Announcements

Knights Herald

If you would like to subscribe to the Knights Herald (daily bulletin) email distribution list, feel free to email Mr. G at galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com.

Mulan Auditions!

Audition for the next production from the MCS Theatre Club, DISNEY'S MULAN JR., Tuesday, September 5, 3:30-5:30 pm, in Room A-201 (Mr. G's classroom). Students must have an audition form/permission slip, available in the office. Due to license restrictions, casting is limited to Freshmen and younger students. For more information, see Quincy or email Mr. G at galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com.

VOX Knights

We are proud to announce our newest club, VOX Knights. In Latin, vox means "voice". VOX Knights is a club that brings together students of all grade levels who use their voice in various interscholastic competitions, including National Speech and Debate Association, National Junior Speech and Debate Association, Primary Grade Forensic Competition, Mock Trial, and International Thespian Society. Anyone interested in any of these clubs should come to the first general meeting of the VOX Knights on Wednesday, September 6, during Activity Period in the Joeten-DaiDai Social Hall.

MCS Rebooted SAT Boot Camp

Crack the NEW SAT, boost your score, and get into college. Enroll in Mount Carmel School's famous SAT Boot Camp, which has been rebooted for the new and redesigned SAT. August 29 to October 5. \$200 for MCS students, \$300 for non-MCS students. Applications available at MCS or online at www.mountcarmelsaipan.com. Applications due by Monday, August 28. For more information, call 234-6184 or email galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com.

In the Future

Student Leadership Retreat

TOMORROW, Saturday, August 26
8:00 am-12:00 noon
slips are available from club/class advisers

Faculty & Staff Retreat

Friday, September 1 (no classes)

Labor Day

Monday, September 4 (no classes)

ESLR of the Week

#3. Integrate religious themes to reinforce Catholicism and sacramental virtue of life.

The New SAT

continued from front

- A focus on vocabulary that students are likely to use again in college and career. Two words students won't see on the test: "prevaricator" and "sagacious." They may see a word like "synthesis," however, which is used often in the contexts of chemistry, philosophy, biology, and psychiatry.
- No penalty for guessing. Students will earn points for the questions they get right – but won't have points subtracted if they choose the wrong answer. There are also fewer answer options for multiple-choice questions – four, instead of five – so students making an educated guess are more likely to choose the correct answer.

To help students prepare for the new SAT, Mount Carmel School is offering a SAT Boot Camp from August 29 through October 5, leading up to the October 7 SAT. The camp is open to all high school students. The fee is \$200 for Mount Carmel School students and \$300.00 for those not enrolled at the school. Application forms are available at the school and online at the school's website, www.mountcarmelsaipan.com. Application forms are due by Monday, August 28. For more information, call 234-6184 or email galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com.



VOX KNIGHTS

DICERE VERITAS ET IUSTITIA

In Latin, vox means "voice".
Mount Carmel School's Vox Knights is a club that brings together students of all grade levels who use their voice in various interscholastic competitions, including National Speech and Debate Association, National Junior Speech and Debate Association, Primary Grade Forensic Competition, Mock Trial, and International Thespian Society. Together, these students commit to the club's mission to "dicere veritas et iustitia", which in Latin means, "speak truth and justice."

FIRST MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 9/6, ACTIVITY PERIOD
JOETEN-DAIDAI SOCIAL HALL

Mount Carmel School's
Theatre Club
presents



MULAN JR.

AUDITIONS

Tuesday, September 5
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Room A-201

Audition Forms available in the main office.
Due to license restrictions,
casting limited to students in 9th grade or below.
Questions? See Quincy Chiron
or email Mr. G at galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com.

PTO Corner

Schedule of Meetings

September 6
Parent Representatives Meeting
5:30 pm • Faculty Lounge

October 4
Parent Representatives Meeting
5:30 pm • Faculty Lounge

November 8
Election of Officers
5:30 pm • Faculty Lounge

November 14
Turkey Trot

All parents are encouraged and welcome to join us for these important meetings.
For more information, contact PTO President, Luis Camacho, at 287-9753.

Mount Carmel School's



Rebooted SAT Boot Camp

August 29 to October 5

Crack the **NEW SAT**.
Boost your score.
Get into college.

\$200 for MCS students
\$300 for non-MCS students
Applications available at MCS or online at www.mountcarmelsaipan.com.
Applications due by Monday, August 28

For more information, call 234-6184 or email galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com.