



ROUNDTABLE

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR AND FROM KNIGHTS

AlumKnights Ready For Night with the Knights



Mount Carmel School's AlumKnight Association is gearing up for its signature annual event, "The Night with the Knights", set for Saturday, February 3, at Pacific Islands Club.

Since the association launched over a year ago, AlumKnights have been working together to help their alma mater. Headed by AlumKnight, Charles V. Cepeda, the association has supported the school's Save the Stage Campaign and is currently raising funds for scholarships and new furniture for the school.

For Cepeda, it's all about giving back. "I attended here and I want to see it flourish." Recalling how difficult he was at times, he said, "I owe it to all the principals and teachers who were patient with me, especially while I was here for my formative years." He added, "This is where my roots are."

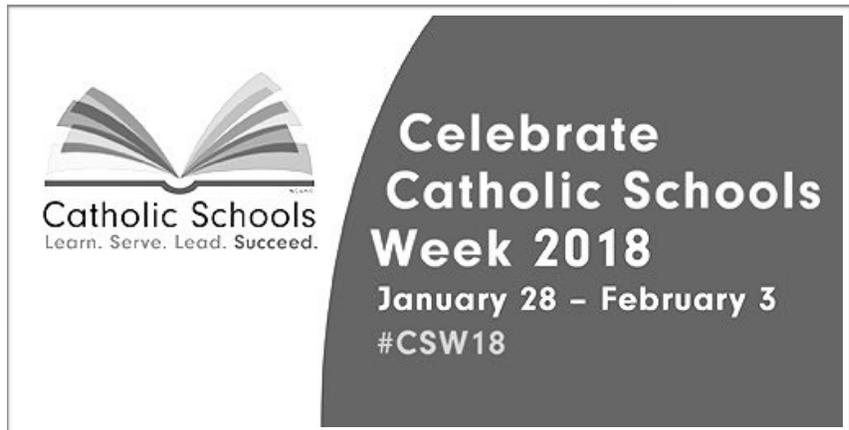
Fellow AlumKnight, Priscilla Dela Cruz, agrees. "We are doing all that we can to make an impact and give back to our school." She noted that many AlumKnights have already come forward to contribute to the Save the Stage Campaign, including the Class of 1967 led by former lieutenant governor Jesse Borja and JM and Rieko Guerrero.

Dela Cruz noted that it's also about bringing AlumKnights together. "We are planning several events throughout the year, including a sports competition that will be headed by John Blanco, James Benavente, and Patrick Guerrero."

She added, "Of course we encourage AlumKnights to help their alma mater, but we also want everyone to enjoy their time together, reminisce about their days at Mount Carmel School, and celebrate our school's rich legacy, which is what the Night with the Knights will be all about!"

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Catholic Schools Week 2018



Later this month, Mount Carmel School will join Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja on Rota and Catholic schools across the nation in celebrating Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2018.

This year's CSW theme is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed", which encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. As the National Catholic Educational Association noted in announcing the new theme, "Not only are Catholic schools teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, we as educators are growing with them." The association added, "These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work and what make them succeed."

Mount Carmel School president, Galvin Deleon Guerrero, is excited about the new theme and the weeklong celebration. "For 65 years, our school has definitely helped mould students who learn, serve, lead, and succeed." Referring to the school's alumni, who are called AlumKnights after the school's mascot, Deleon Guerrero added, "At the local, regional, and even national levels, our AlumKnights have embraced this year's theme as successful leaders who serve their communities in business, government, and non-profits."

As it joins the rest of the nation, Mount Carmel School has prepared a full week of events that highlight a different aspect of the school each day. On Sunday, January 28, at 9:00 a. m., the focus will be on "Catholic Schools in our

Parishes" as MCS students converge on Mount Carmel Cathedral to kick off CSW 2018 with a Eucharistic Celebration. On Monday, the focus shifts to "Catholic Schools in our Community" as MCS junior high and high school students engage in different activities that support community services. Elementary school students will make banners expressing their appreciation for the school's many donors and supporters. Tuesday will be dedicated to "Catholic Schools in our Faculty and Staff". On that day, MCS will hold an appreciation program for faculty and staff, in which the 2018 Teacher of the Year will be announced.

On Wednesday, MCS will celebrate "Catholic Schools in our Vocations" with a Eucharistic Celebration, which will be followed by a vocations talk and other activities honoring vocations. MCS will shift its attention on Thursday to the rest of the country with "Catholic Schools in our Nation" as students honor the many ways that volunteer groups have contributed. Friday morning's emphasis will be on "Catholic Schools in our Students" with MCS students participating in a road-side waving in the morning, followed by field activities and demonstrations. Friday night will highlight "Catholic Schools in our Families" with the school's signature CSW event, Family Night. Held on the school grounds beginning at 6:00 p. m., Family Night will feature dinner, entertainment, and the presentation of the Parents of the Year awards.

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Announcements

2018 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest

The US Ninth Circuit Court invites all high school students to participate in its annual essay and video contest for students in the western United States and Pacific Islands. This year's theme is the 14th Amendment and what its equal protection clause means to students. For more information, visit <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/civicscontest>.

Read-a-Thon

Feed your brain and win! You or your class could win fantastic prizes as part of this year's Read-a-Thon! Individual prizes include a Samsung Galaxy S8 phone, an iPad Air 2, and a Dell laptop. Class prizes include a field trip to World Resort or SeaTouch, a pizza party, and an ice cream party. Proceeds from the Read-a-Thon will go towards purchasing 50 new student desks. For more information, see the Read-a-Thon information that was passed out to teachers.

In the Future

NJSDA/NSDA Meet

TOMORROW, Saturday, January 20

Freshmen Cupcake-Gram

Monday, January 22

Parent Assembly Report Card Distribution

Wednesday, January 24

NHS/Junior Food Stand Theatre Club Pizza Night

Wednesday, January 24

Senior Fried Oreos

Thursday, January 25

Sophomore Game Night

Friday, January 26

Junior Hot Lunch

Saturday, January 27

Sports Calendar

CCOPSSA Middle School Volleyball

Tuesday, January 23

MCS1 v SIS @SIS

MCS2 v GCA1 @GCA

Thursday, January 25

MCS1 v GCA1 @MCS

MCS2 v SIS @MCS

ESLR of the Week

#4. Show leadership by being active participants within the community.

AlumKnights

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2017 AlumKnight of the Year: Every year, Catholic Schools Week at Mount Carmel School (MCS) concludes with its Night with the Knights AlumKnight fundraiser, where the school recognizes the AlumKnight of the Year. The 2017 recipient was business pioneer, Jesus V. "J. M." Deleon Guerrero (front, center), who gathered with (from left to right) MCS AlumKnight Association Vice Chair and AlumKnight Priscilla Dela Cruz, MCS Board Secretary Joe Pangelinan, MCS Board Vice Chair and AlumKnight Jacqueline Che, MCS Board Chair and AlumKnight Vicente "Ben" Babauta, Association Treasurer and AlumKnight Patrick Guerrero, AlumKnight Association Secretary and AlumKnight Rita Chong, AlumKnight Association Chair and AlumKnight Charles Cepeda, and MCS President and AlumKnight Galvin Deleon Guerrero.

The Night with the Knights will be the culminating celebration of Catholic Schools Week 2018. The night will feature a music video montage of the school's history, raffle prizes, and entertainment. The 2018 AlumKnight Class of the Year and a few other surprise awards will also be announced.

The event will also include the recognition of the 2018 AlumKnight of the Year. Past awardees include: former Governor Benigno Fitial '64, the late Governor Eloy Inos '66, former Lieutenant Governor and retired justice Jesus C. Borja '66, business leader and entrepreneur Jesus V. "J. M." Deleon Guerrero '68, Representative Felicidad Ogumoro '68, architect and entrepreneur, Efrain F. Camacho '69, school leader Rita Kazuma-Guerrero '69, CNMI's

Delegate to the US Congress, Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan '73, Bank of Guam Vice President and CNMI Regional Manager, Merced "Marcie" Tomokane '73, former Board of Education chair and attorney, Lucia Blanco-Maratita '77, former Lieutenant Governor Diego T. Benavente '77, Attorney Brien Sers Nicholas '79, medical doctor, Dr. Norma Ada '84, educator, Dr. Debra Tudela Cabrera '88, educator, Dora Borja Miura '90, law professor Rose Cuison Villazor '91, educator, Elaine Cabrera DelaCruz '97, former congresswoman, Tina Sablan '99.

Tickets for the Night with the Knights are \$50.00 each and can be purchased at the school's Business Office or from AlumKnights. For more information, call 234-6184 or email Priscilla Dela Cruz at presdelacruz@gmail.com.

Catholic Schools Week 2018

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The school's celebration of Catholic Schools Week will conclude with the "Night with the Knights" AlumKnight fundraising banquet on Saturday. (See related story "AlumKnights Ready for Night with the Knights")

The celebration of Catholic Schools Week began as an annual event in 1974. Catholic Schools Week and the National Marketing Campaign are joint projects of the National Catholic Educational Association, the world's largest private professional education association, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the national public policy organization of U.S. bishops.



As part of Catholic Schools Week, Mount Carmel School students show their school pride and spirit at a roadside waving, as these students did last year.