



# ROUNDTABLE

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR AND FROM KNIGHTS

## Enrollment Upgrades for SY 2018-2019



*Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez (right), who is the corporate sole of Mount Carmel School, Inc., meets with school president, Galvin Deleon Guerrero, in front of the school's mural honoring the founders of the school, Father Arnold Bendowski and the sisters of the Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz.*

Mount Carmel School recently announced that it is now accepting enrollment applications for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year, which can be completed online with an upgraded admissions site.

Mount Carmel School president, Galvin Deleon Guerrero, hailed the new online system, saying, "This new admissions site will make it easier for returning parents to re-enroll their children because they will not need to re-enter information already there." New and returning parents may visit the school's website at [www.mountcarmelsaipan.com](http://www.mountcarmelsaipan.com) to access the new admissions module.

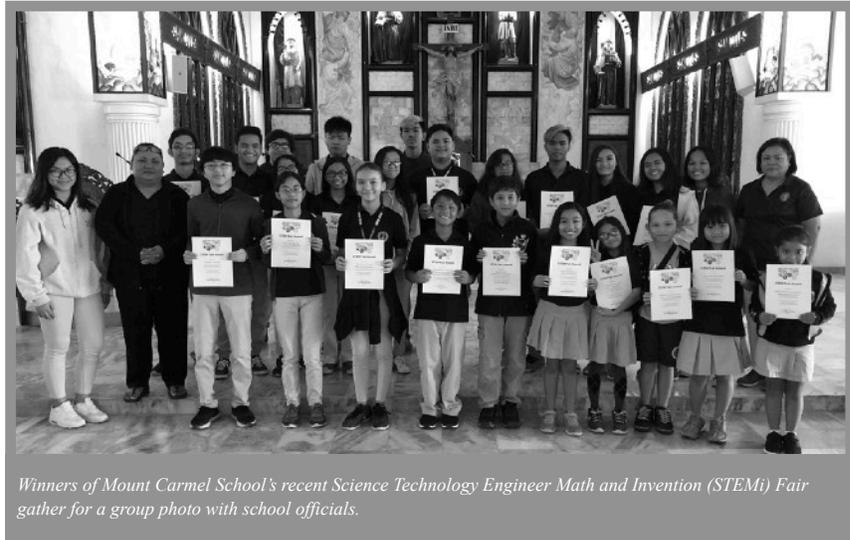
The school also announced the continuation of incentives that were offered this past 2018-2019 school year. The first incentive is an Early Bird Registration Fee. Normally \$400 per child, parents who pay the registration fee by May 1 will get a 50% discount on the fee, at only \$200 per child.

The school will also continue family discounts for families that enroll more than one child. Families with two children can avail of a \$600 discount for the second child, families with three children can avail of a \$1,000 discount for the third child, and families with four children can avail of a \$1,500 discount for the fourth child.

In addition, the school will once again offer up to \$750 per student in scholarships and financial aid for qualified students. Scholarship and Financial Aid application forms will be available on May 31.

To learn more about enrolling at Mount Carmel School for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year, call 234-6184 or visit [www.mountcarmelsaipan.com](http://www.mountcarmelsaipan.com).

## MCS Reinvents Traditional Science Fair



*Winners of Mount Carmel School's recent Science Technology Engineering Math and Invention (STEMi) Fair gather for a group photo with school officials.*

At its recent Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Fair, Mount Carmel School introduced two new categories, Mathematics and Invention, thus giving the fair a new name: the annual STEMi fair.

While the school's annual science fair is often a big hit, generating hundreds of new ideas and projects, the school's science and math department wanted to improve the fair in two ways. First, the department wanted to be true to the "M" in the acronym "STEM" by having a mathematics category. The new category allows high school students to engage in analytical projects that apply math towards understanding a wide range of issues. In an era of big data, the new Mathematics category is preparing students to be better compilers and consumers of quantitative data.

Second, the school's science and math department wanted to tap into students' creativity by launching a new Invention category. While traditional science fair projects require students to actually conduct experiments, the new Invention category invited students to develop concepts and ideas for inventions that did not necessarily have to be created for the fair. In

particular, it challenged students to develop abstract solutions to real-world problems.

School principal, Frances Taimanao, was very happy with the addition of the new categories. She said, "These new categories are good ways to get students more excited about science and math." Taimanao added, "I look forward even more projects and inventions next year."

Junior Gary Camacho, whose group project "This Idea is Tubig" took first place in the Invention category, was especially excited about the Invention category. "I think that the whole Invention category is one of the best things the school came up with," Camacho said. He added, "A lot of these kids are smart, but they don't have the opportunity to show what they can do."

Camacho's group project proposed an affordable, easy, and environmentally safe way to make water for places that lack access to potable water. When asked about where he and his team came up with the idea for their project, Camacho said, "We thought about what would help people the most, and we realized that people without water would need an affordable way to access clean water."

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## Sports Calendar

### CCOPSSA Middle School Volleyball Championships

TODAY, MCS1 v GCA1 @GCA at 4:30 pm

## Announcements

### Congratulations!

MCS 1 battled back from 3rd place to make it to the CCOPSSA Middle School Volleyball championship game TODAY at 4:30pm at GCA vs. GCA 2. Knights that come to support the team will be given a dress-down pass that can be redeemed on Monday, March 12. GO KNIGHTS!!!

### No Classes on Tuesday, March 13

Mount Carmel School will NOT have classes on the day of Bishop Tomas A. Camacho's funeral, Tuesday, March 13. If you plan to attend the funeral, note that Bishop Tomas's remains will be escorted to the Cathedral for responso at 8:00 a. m., to be followed by the Holy Rosary and public viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a. m. Also note that it was the expressed desire of Bishop Tomas that in lieu of floral donations, monetary donations can be made to the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa for the retirement fund of the clergy.

### Roadside Tribute for Bishop Tomas

Mount Carmel School's AlumKnight Association invites all AlumKnights, Knights, faculty, staff, administrators, parents, families, and friends to pay tribute to our late Bishop Emeritus Tomas Camacho on the day of his funeral. Wear "blue" and meet at 7:15 am on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 near the Naked Fish parking grounds for the Roadside Tribute. The President of the AlumKnight Association, Charles Cepeda, has offered to prepare a dispidida banner for this occasion.

### 2018-2019 School Year

We are excited to announce that enrollment is now open for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. We are also excited to announce the continuation of the following enrollment incentives:

- Early Bird Registration Fee: \$200 per child (normally \$400) if registration fee is paid by May 1
- Family Discounts\*: \$600 off for 2nd child • \$1,000 off for 3rd child • \$1,500 off for 4th child (\*Available only to parents and legal guardians of children)
- \$750 (per student) Scholarship & Financial Aid Packages: Application Forms Available May 31st
- \$50 Application Fee Waived (for applications completed online)

To apply online, simply access the admissions link on our school website, mountcarmelsaipan.com. Once there, use the same username and password you used last year. If you forgot your username or password, or need assistance, contact our Information Technology Director, Jonathan "JC" Clark, at jc@saipantech.com.

## ESLR of the Week

#5. Appreciate traditions, customs and beliefs of diverse world-wide community.

## Science Fair

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*Brent Ortizo (right) explains his "Black Sheep" project to judges Richard Salas (left) and Matthew Kintol (center). Ortizo's took first place in the 6-8 division of Mount Carmel School's recent Science Technology Engineer Math and Invention (STEMi) Fair.*

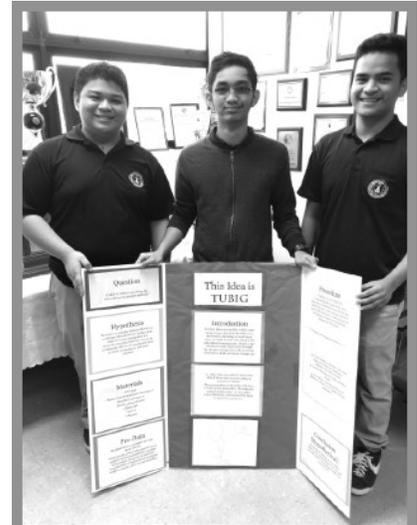
This year's STEMI winners are as follows:

K-2nd grade division: 1st Kennani Villagomez "Gummy Bear", 2nd Jadine Pangelinan "Rust Chemistry", and 3rd Isabella Demapan "Pendulum Art". 3rd-5th grade division: 1st Tomamitsu Aldan "Brine to Beverage", Maui Silva "Test Your Honey", and Leah Lansangan & Naomi Matsumoto "Penny Drops". 6th-8th division: 1st Brent Ortizo "Black Sheep", 2nd Yuri Sasamoto "Paper from Plants", and 3rd Brissa Hunter "Burning Calories". 9th-12th grade division: 1st Tommy Cayetano "Video Games & Blood Pressure", 2nd Brandee Hunter & Mikee Mendoza "Is Your Bottled Water Really Alkaline?", and 3rd Kalea Borja "Installation of Water Tank". Mathematics category: 1st Aldwin Batusin, Ivy Leong, Joanie Paraiso, & Reica Ramirez "CaisNO or Yes", 2nd Amy Cabanting & Mild Sriprasert "Working Hard or Hardly Working?", and 3rd Louisa Han, Hoo Lim Cho, & Seoyonee Lee "Population Registered". Invention category: 1st Gary Camacho, Jan Bobadilla, & Matt Moran "This Idea is Tubig", 2nd Alvin

Palacios "Smart Road", and 3rd William Blake Deleon Guerrero & Steven Li "Reflex Suit".

Of the students that placed, the following qualified to compete in the CNMI-wide STEM Fair: Kenanni Villagomez, Tomamitsu Aldan, Brent Ortizo, Tommy Cayetano, and Aldwin Batusin.

Mount Carmel School also expressed its appreciation to the following professionals for taking time out of their busy schedules to judge the school's STEMI Fair: Jaclyn Michelle Atalg from Department of Public Lands, Charito Bautista from the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ), Samantha Birmingham-Babauta from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC), Larry Delon Guerrero from Hofschneider Engineering, Carly Eakin from the Division of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR), Matthew Kintol from BECO, Keena Leon Guerrero from DLNR, Marybeth Manibusan from CHCC, Billie O'Campo from CHCC, Richard Salas from BECO, Hannah Shai from CHCC, and Keanna Villagomez from CHCC.



*Jan Bobadilla, Gary Camacho, and Matt Moran display their "This Idea is Tubig" invention idea which took first place in the Invention category of Mount Carmel School's recent Science Technology Engineer Math and Invention (STEMi) Fair.*

## In the Future

### Junior Campus Clean-Up

TOMORROW, Saturday, March 10

### Funeral Services for Bishop Tomas A. Camacho

Tuesday, March 13 (no classes)

### Senior Mini-Carnival

Wednesday, March 14

### Knights of the Altar Smoothie Stand

Thursday, March 15

### Senior St. Patrick's Gram

7th Grade Cold Drinks Stand

Sophomore Lock-In

Friday, March 16

### Junior Hot Lunch

Saturday, March 17

## Parent Council Corner

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**Monday  
April 9**