



ENCINITAS ROTARY DONATES TO SDA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER CAMPAIGN

On Wednesday, November 12th, SDA Principal Mike Grove accepted a \$5000 check from the Encinitas Rotary Club towards the Performing Arts Center capital campaign. The generous gift, announced at their luncheon meeting by Rotary President Kristen Gaspar, demonstrates the commitment to community betterment that is a part of the mission statement of the Rotary Clubs. The gift will be doubled as part of the \$250,000 Challenge Grant offered by the Timmstrom Family Fund. The Timmstrom Family Fund Challenge, in effect through December 31, 2008 has offered to match any gift made to the Performing Arts Center capital campaign.

The new Performing Arts Center will house a theater and music complex at SDA. The 16,000 square foot facility, dubbed the "Baby Potiker," was designed by the Los Angeles architectural firm of John Sergio Fisher and Associates. Fisher was also the designer of the Potiker Theater at the UC San Diego / La Jolla Playhouse.

The facility will provide a new Arts Media & Entertainment (AM&E) Teaching Center with five state-of-the-art teaching labs, designed in accordance with state requirements for Career Technical Education (CTE). Career Technical Education provides students with the necessary skills for the 20th century workforce by presenting cutting edge technology and teaching life skills that lead to career success. The CTE curriculum addresses local and regional labor market demand



for trained AM&E craftsmen such as sound, music, recording, lighting, stagecraft, and multi-media technicians, production managers, and stage and costume designers, among others. The program is designed to provide state-of-the-art instructional facilities tied directly to industry standards; develop an industry-recognized certification program; and increase dual credit courses that can lead to college and business.

Gifts can be made through the school Foundation office or online at www.sdafoundation.net. For more information, please call Sheila Durkin at 760-753-1121, ext. 5152

PARENTS:

CHECK THOSE BACKPACKS FOR NEW STUDENT DIRECTORY

This week, the SDA Foundation distributed the **2008-09 Student Directory** to homerooms. Distributing the copies in homeroom helps to keep expenses low by eliminating mailing costs.

Each SDA family receives one complimentary copy of the directory. For those families with multiple students, the directory was distributed to the oldest sibling.

Please check the back pages for those parent businesses who helped to offset the Directory printing costs and be sure to thank them for their support of SDA.

Check with your student and see that you receive your copy of the SDA Student Directory. Questions - call the Foundation office at (760) 753-1121 ext 5085

GET SMART

An evening of fun & laughter at the Winter Theatre Arts Show

Join us on January 8-9 and 14-15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Roundabout Theatre for the 2008 Winter Theatre Arts presentation of **Get Smart**, a bright comedy-satire written by Mel Brooks. Assisted by the beautiful Agent 99, Maxwell Smart moves from one gigantic blunder to another — each, however, somehow turning into a brilliant master stroke. In this grand spoof of secret agent thrillers, Smart and Agent 99 spring, or should we say stumble, into action to stop KAOS from using the Inthermo to wreak death and destruction upon American society.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$9 for students without ASB, and \$7 for students with ASB. Tickets can be purchased on the school website at www.sdacademy.net by clicking on the Mustang On-line Store shop button. Tickets are also sold at the door.

Doors open at 6:00p.m.

Plan your Saturday Night around this!

ENCINITAS HOLIDAY PARADE & BARBEQUE

SDA Music students will be marching in the [Encinitas Holiday Parade](#) on Saturday, December 6th down Main Street in Old Encinitas beginning at 5:30 pm. Prior to the parade, the [SDA Music Council](#) will be hosting a [Holiday Pre-Parade BBQ](#) from 2:00-5:00 pm in the parking lot at 826 Second Street in Encinitas. Be sure to bring your parade chairs, get a good place to park and enjoy burgers and chili with your SDA friends before the 51st annual Encinitas Holiday Parade.

Tickets for the BBQ can be purchased through Paypal on the SDA Foundation website or at sdamusic.org. Suggested donation for this event is: \$10.00 for adults; \$7.00 for students and \$5.00 for children under 12. We hope to see you there with bells on.

Also, please join the [SDA Jazz and Symphonic Bands](#) as they perform their [Winter Concert](#) on Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 pm in the SDA gymnasium. Dessert and coffee will be served during intermission. Suggested donations for this event are \$5.00 per person. We look forward to seeing you there!

ROBOTICS



SDA robotics members have spent the Fall mentoring four teams of elementary students at Ocean Knoll and two middle school teams at Oak Crest. All six teams participate in FIRST Lego League (FLL), which revolves around robotic designs by Lego Mindstorm. Activities at both schools will come to a pinnacle in December when teams compete

at Legoland on December 6-7 and at Ocean Knoll on December 13. In addition to building robots capable of scoring points on a playing field, students also completed a Climate Project designed to challenge their problem-solving skills.

The SDA team is also getting ready for its own competition season that starts early in January. The 50+ students have attended workshops to learn concepts in electronic configuration, computed-aided drawing, bumper construction, transmission and drive train design, presentation skills, and team marketing and promotion. After a 6-week "build season" in January and February, the team will compete in San Diego and Phoenix in March. Fundraising efforts by team parents and SDAF director Sheila Durkin has yielded \$20,000 in generous grants from Asymtek, ViaSat, the City of Encinitas and the Mizel Family Foundation, and Qualcomm.



ACADEMIC COUNCIL FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!

Forty happy chocoholics enjoyed the first-ever Academic Council fundraiser, Chocolate 101 on November 13. The setting was the SDA Library. Participants learned about the various flavors in chocolate, what chocolate was actually good for you (it has to have over 70% cacao content), and had fun as they listened to the presentation by Marcy Richards of Taste Chocolate in Portland, OR. They also tasted up to 18 samples of delicious artisan chocolate. The event brought in \$1200, to be split between SDA's Robotics Team, Speech and Debate Team, and Mustang Minds.

UPDATE ON OUR OUTSTANDING DEBATE TEAM

USC Tournament – November 7-9

- 8 varsity team members and 3 novice team members competed in one of the largest policy tournaments on the West Coast.
- Kiana Eberle** and **Maia Rosengarten** advanced to the quarterfinals in novice team policy debate.

Damien HS Tournament Los Angeles, November 15-16

- 7 varsity and 8 novice team members competed

Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate:

Tommy Rodrigues won the Novice Lincoln Douglas division. He was also the #1 novice LD speaker.

Cherise Lopes-Baker finished second in the Novice Lincoln Douglas division and was the #5 overall novice LD speaker.

Varsity Team Policy Debate:

Megan Gaffney and **Jake Novack** were the #1 team for varsity policy debate and **Leslie Nesser** and **Bryan Cheng** finished second.

Bryan Cheng was the #1 policy speaker, **Jake Novack** was the #2 speaker, **Megan Gaffney** was the #4 policy speaker,