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Can you Imagine the Possibilities?

IT'S NOT JUST A PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Have you ever been uncomfortable sitting on those metal chairs at a Family Forum in the Mustang Center or had to squirm into a seat at the Roundabout Theater during registration? Have you been turned away from a sold-out Comedy Sportz night or wished for a better venue as you watched your student participate in art shows, presentations, and competitions at SDA? Then we have good news for you!

Our new Performing Arts Center will give us **16,000 square feet of new space and provide a beautiful new gateway to our campus.** Just think of the possibilities...



- ◆ Our recording studio and professional sound control booth will give budding composers, editors, music arrangers and recording engineers a chance to learn **industry standard skills** like Pro-Tools editing software.
- ◆ Sound proof practice rooms will provide our **guitar classes and other small ensembles** a place to play and record.
- ◆ A spacious and light-filled lobby will afford ample space for **Student Art Shows** for our painting and sculpture classes.
- ◆ Flexible seating and staging in the black box theater will give our students a beautiful setting to display their **Senior Projects.**
- ◆ Professional quality acoustics and an outdoor stage with seating for up to 500 people will provide a great venue for **Battle of the Bands.**
- ◆ Our professional quality theater will give voice to **Comedy Sportz, Speech & Debate competitions, Family Forums, New Parent Orientations, College & Career Night, student Movie Nights, and Career Day presentations.**
- ◆ An additional 16,000 square feet of performance space in the city of Encinitas will provide SDA with **on-going revenue** from rentals during non-school periods.

All of these events and activities will be **in addition to the drama and music classes** that will be held in the PAC.

As we work to raise the funds for our Performing Arts Center, I have been encouraged by the generosity of our parents, alumni, teachers, staff, administrators and community friends. But we need to do more. **Please help us to meet the \$250,000 challenge.** Just go to www.sdafoundation.net and click on the link to the Performing Arts Center donor form.

Working together we can Imagine the Possibilities!

Don't want Football Season to end?

NFL GREAT TOM DEMPSEY TO SPEAK AT RSF

Please come support your school at the second **Alumni Lecture Series** on Saturday February 9th at 7 pm at The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe. Our guest speaker will be **Tom Dempsey** – class of '64 – former NFL place kicker, most widely known for his **still unbroken record 63-yard field goal**, who played for 5 major NFL teams. Here is your chance to rub elbows with a famed alumnus, as well as school administrators, while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and drinks in a beautiful setting.

All families who have donated \$500 to the Foundation by February 1st, and who did not attend the first Lecture Series with Peter Rowe – class of '73 – in November, will be entitled to two tickets to this exclusive event. All others are encouraged to bring friends and family, at a cost of \$100 per ticket, to come support all the students of the Academy. **Proceeds will go to the general fund of the Foundation, which is used to support programs benefiting all the students.**

SDA GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL FIRED UP

This Fall season was terrific for SDA Girls Varsity Volleyball. Game score: 20-13. They finished #3 in Division III behind Cathedral Catholic and La Jolla. Returning seniors MacKenzie Aries and Sami Houston were fired up to take over from the five seniors that graduated last year. Third year starter junior Kayla Frost switched from right opposite to main outside hitter and didn't disappoint. Junior setter Kelsey Crowe was ready for action at the beginning of the season, but a foot injury in practice had her sit out most games. Her enthusiasm never wavered and she got the *Most Inspirational* award for the season. Juniors Kelly Flannery, Shay Goldberg, Nora Wallenius, and Alli McGregor were always there, ready to help the team. Sophomores Anna Kobara, Katherine Merchat, and newcomer Jourdyn Aiken were frequent starters, all adding their expertise to the season. Kat received *Most Improved* for the season, as she learned to handle her extra 6 inches gained over the summer. Newbie freshmen Alyssa Neal and Jessie Vahalla got playtime. All together next year, this should be a team to watch.



The North County Times reports Kayla Frost beating out Anne Carroll Ingersol (Torrey Pines) and Katie Fuller (LCC) as kill average leader in North County for 2007 (Kayla came in 9th overall). She made second team in Division III and The San Diego Union Tribune (December 22 issue) shows Kayla making second team CIF. Congratulations, Kayla, for changing positions and becoming a score leader!

A hitter is only as good as her setter. MacKenzie Aries did her job, and did it well, this season. MacKenzie came in 3rd in The North County Times in assists leader. She came in 4th overall in blocks, as well. She made first team in Division III and The San Diego Union Tribune shows Kenz making first team CIF. At the end of season banquet, MacKenzie received the *Most Valuable Player*. Congratulations, MacKenzie, and good luck in your promising college career!



WANTED: 200 PARENTS!!

Your help is needed to create a safe celebration for the Class of 2008. Grad Nite is a memorable and awesomely fun time for the graduates, as well as those volunteers who make it happen. Nearly 200 parents are needed — there are a variety of places to help out — from set-up days before, to showing up the night of, or tearing down the day after. This year, due to district scheduling, Grad Nite will be held on Thursday, June 12th, rather than on the traditional Friday night.

Please email Elisabet Harth at elisabet_harth@yahoo.com or Nancy Rady at rady@adnc.com to get your name on the list of volunteers.

Freshman, sophomore and junior parents are especially needed, so that senior parents can relax that evening, secure in the knowledge that they actually managed to rear a high school graduate!

Bilingual parent seminar

LEARN ABOUT 'SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND TEENS' ON FEB. 28

On Thursday, February 28 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at **Torrey Pines HS**, the San Dieguito Union High School district is holding a bilingual parent seminar, "**Substance Abuse and Teens**," to raise awareness of signs and symptoms of drug and alcohol use. The seminar will demonstrate how students conceal their drug use through hidden messages, slang and paraphernalia.

The evening features speakers from San Dieguito Alliance for Drug Free Youth and READI (Recovery, Education, Alcohol and Drug Instruction) experts. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please contact Tiffany Findell at 760-753-1121 ext. 5304, or tiffany.findell@sduhsd.net.