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12TH Annual Dinner Dance and Fundraiser

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Mustang Magic



- ◆ Want to channel your inner Top Gun as a fighter pilot?
- ◆ How about going behind-the-scenes with Jeff and Jer?
- ◆ Are you ready for a getaway to the Big Apple, complete with a night out on the Great White Way?

You might just **win the dream of your choice** at San Dieguito Academy's **twelfth annual dinner auction and fundraiser** on October 4th at the **new Sheraton Hotel in Carlsbad**.

The theme of this year's event is **Mustang Magic**, so prepare to be spellbound as you enter our "**grown-up prom**" at 6:00 pm. Enjoy **delicious appetizers and drinks** as you catch up with old friends and get acquainted with new ones. You can make a difference to all SDA students by taking a chance at our Mustang Magic drawings, where you have the opportunity to win anything from a fine dining experience to tickets to a ball game. Continue the celebration at 7:30 pm with a **wonderful dinner**, as you **support SDA students** during the much-anticipated live auction. Here's where we really pull a rabbit out of our magic hat

and offer you a treasure trove of delights. You won't need a genie to grant your wish; you'll just need a bid number! Round out your enchanted evening with **great dancing** to the rockin' tunes of the **Jerry McCann band** from 9:00 to 11:00 pm.

Budget cuts and a weakened economy threaten several SDA programs and academic opportunities. Help us restore the magic to our school while you **have fun with our SDA family!** Purchase your tickets – a bargain at \$75.00 each - online at <http://sdafoundation.com/2008/08/25/12th-annual-mustang-magic-dinner-dance-auction>.

**Don't miss this one; we're
conjuring up quite an extravaganza!**

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to all the parents who helped get the school year off to a great start. Thanks to those who helped make Taking Care of Business Days run so smoothly, those who provided food or help with the Welcome Back Picnic for the staff, those who help in the office and with mailings and those who are planning what promises to be an amazing fall fundraising dinner dance. You are appreciated!

If you do not get emails about volunteer opportunities for parents and would like to be notified in the future, please contact Marla D'Avanzo via e-mail: sdafoundation@sduhsd.net.

We love our Parent Volunteers!

Marla D'Avanzo, Charlotte Klock, Risa Lauth
Parent Foundation Volunteer Coordinators

JERRY McCANN AND HIS BAND PERFORM FOR SDA PARENTS

If you have never heard local guitarist Jerry McCann and his band perform, you're in for a treat! Locals have enjoyed his guitar and vocal skills around North County since the 1970's. A renowned guitar teacher, he's touched the lives of countless SDA students and their parents.

We are privileged to have Jerry and his band perform at Mustang Magic on October 4th, adding his special *musical magic* to our evening. Whether you feel like dancing to his rock, reggae and jazz tunes or just humming along, you'll understand why the Jerry McCann Band has always been a hit in our community.

Check out Jerry's website at www.jerrymccann.com.

FROM THE SDA FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

Greetings and welcome back!

I'm Nancy Meisenhelder, SDA Foundation President and SDA parent for the past 4 years. My son graduated in 2008 and will soon be heading off to Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo to study Mechanical Engineering, and my daughter is an enthusiastic junior anticipating a busy year at SDA.

I've been involved on campus volunteering with students, staff and other parents for the past four years because I so strongly believe in the value of an SDA education. I also believe that what makes a good school great is parent involvement.

There are so many ways to be involved:

- ◆ Volunteer your time – participate on a committee, work in the office, donate food or materials.
- ◆ Share your knowledge and resources – become a speaker, connect the Foundation to your company or industry, make a matching gift
- ◆ Make a financial gift – donate to the highest priority academic needs, make a gift to a specific council or donate to the Performing Arts Center capital campaign

A wonderful way to make a difference in your student's education is to attend our biggest event of the school year – the “**Mustang Magic**” Dinner Auction. This magical event will be held on Saturday, Oct 4th at the Sheraton Resort Hotel in Carlsbad. Look for more details in this newsletter.

Thank you for all you do to encourage excellence at SDA. Your participation enriches the educational experience not only for your student but for all students at the Academy. Go Mustangs!



Nancy Meisenhelder

RUMMAGE SALE BENEFITING THE SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM

Coming this Fall

Drop items off in Rm. 120 or contact Nancy Gaffney
at 760-845-1350 or nancy760@adelphia.net

Get ready for your evening of **MUSTANG MAGIC** at **BELLA BELLA SALON AND BOUTIQUE**

Need accessories or an evening handbag?
20% OF SALES WILL BE DONATED TO SDA

Hair and makeup service,
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Hair And Makeup \$50,
with \$10 donated to SDAF

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ATHLETIC COUNCIL

SDA's Athletic Council is a parent volunteer group that :

**Actively supports all 18 of SDA's
men's and women's sport teams**

**Raises funds so that SDA students can have
the best possible athletic experience**

The Athletic Council has a big dream of seeing an improved track and a new field at SDA. We are currently actively working to explore ways to raise sufficient funds to turn this dream into a reality.

We are always looking for volunteers, either to assist the individual team reps or to work on one of the Athletic Council projects that benefit all students who choose to participate on an SDA team.

The Athletic Council sponsors the following fund raisers:

CASINO NIGHT - March 28, 2009 - gives you a chance to win at the tables without the risk of losing, enjoy a dinner with like minded people, and participate in a silent auction fund raiser.

BUICK INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT TICKETS - the Athletic Council sells tickets each year at one-half the gate price. All proceeds go to SDA sports. The tournament is in late January and makes great holiday presents for all golfers.

The Athletic Council usually meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m, at the school offices, beginning on September 3. Please join us!

**The Athletic Council lead is:
Dan Vahalla at 760-402-3266 (danvahalla@yahoo.com)**

STAY IN TOUCH—WHY NOT JOIN A COUNCIL THIS YEAR?

Do you have a musician in your family?

JOIN MUSIC COUNCIL

Welcome to SDA Music! Our programs continue to grow in size and quality each year. It is the mission of the Music Council to provide support for our music programs through fundraising, organization, communication, and advocacy.

The Music Council has been working with our Music Director, Jeremy Wuertz to plan activities for this upcoming year which includes our annual Sept. 7th Back to School BBQ, October 10th Coffee Concert, December 18th Winter Concert and May 21st Spring Concert. In addition, we will be co-hosting the second Annual Cabaret Night on February 21, 2009. This is an evening of student performances involving both the music and theatre departments, and is an event not to be missed.

The Music Council hosts receptions at the concerts, facilitates the purchase of needed equipment, raises funds for student needs, and organizes a student trip each year. This year we are planning a two-night trip in January that will be affordable and allow the greatest student participation.

Parent volunteers are an essential part of the success of the music program. You can help by making a donation, volunteering, and supporting our students with your involvement,

encouragement and advocacy. Please, also remember to make a separate donation to the SDA Foundation. We all need to support our parent organization!

We have mailed a music program packet to all students enrolled in fall music classes – more information and opportunities to help will be included there. If you have not received this packet, let us know and we will make sure you get one. You can also use the SDAF Donation envelope enclosed in this packet to donate to the Foundation and the Music Council.

Thank you for being a part of an important educational program. We look forward to another great year of music at SDA. Please consider volunteering your time with us when you can. You will find it rewarding, worthwhile and fun!

Music Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m, in the Conference Room, beginning on Sept. 16th. Please join us!

**The Music Council Co-Chairs are:
Suzie Concors at suzieconcors@cox.net
Diana Shimkus at dialtytan@aol.com**

Parent Forum

HOW TO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE AMONG TEENS

On Tuesday, September 23, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., San Dieguito Academy will host a district-wide parent seminar with Phillip Hubbs on “How to Recognize Signs of Alcohol and Drug Use Among Teens.” Mr. Hubbs is an expert from Proactive Network Against Substance Abuse (PRONASA), and is a popular speaker with first hand experience to share about identifying and detecting early use and effective interventions.

This parent seminar is sponsored by the Recovery Education and Alcohol/Drug Instruction (READI) program, a district-wide support service for students and families. The event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be available.

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

Daughter a drama queen?

THEATRE ARTS COUNCIL

**Have you ever wanted to be part of the excitement
of a theater production?**

This is your chance. Join the Theater Arts Council, a low-key group of parents who support the SDA Theater program. If your student is, or plans to be an actor or techie this year, this is a great and fun way to get involved. We are fortunate to have a dedicated and talented theater teacher, Ms. Dasho who will direct two plays this year: a drama in the fall and a musical in the spring. The plays involve actors and techies working together to create fabulous shows.

Our mission is to support the program with two fundraisers; the first is a fall campaign by mail and the second is a casual dinner where parents socialize and meet each other. We also facilitate pre-ticket sales for the theater families and organize best wishes ads for the play programs.

Theater parents come join us! Everyone is welcome. We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the conference room, beginning September 26th.

**The Theater Arts Council Chair is:
Terri Lerager (tlerager@aol.com)**



Did you know you could raise money for San Dieguito Academy by doing something you are already doing? Simply register your Credit, Debit or ATM card on-line with participating local merchants and every purchase you make will earn money for SDA! And then join us for special SDA Nights at local restaurants and a portion of the profits will go to the SDA Foundation. Here's how easy it is:

While shopping for Back to School materials:



Contributes 5% to SDA. Simply mention SDA when making your purchases.



Designate your VISA or Target credit card purchases to SDA to receive 1% of all of your purchases at Target. Sign-up at http://Target.com/target_group/schools/search_school.jhtml or call (800) 316-6142

While grocery shopping:



Ralph's: the new Ralph's Reward Card can easily be linked at registration to your existing Ralph's Club Card or go to www.ralphs.com to enroll. Click on 'Community Contributions' then 'Participants' and enter SDA's #83616 and you're all set.



Albertson's: Register your Albertson's Preferred Card at www.albertsons.com click on 'In the Community' then 'Albertson's Community Partner' then 'Enroll' and enter SDA's ID #49000117819 and start shopping.



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Coco's Bakery Restaurant

Macy's
Pick-Up Stix

Eddie Bauer
Claim Jumper Restaurant



While Eating Out:

Look for upcoming SDA Restaurant Nights at these local spots:



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