



The Lighthouse Reflector

December 8, 2023 "The Publications' class contribution"

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."--Matthew 18:20

We have been working out the details of our special alumni weekend scheduled for Friday, March 1 through Sabbath March 2, 2024. Save the date! We will be celebrating our 125th anniversary! We will also be honoring the following classes: 1944 (80 years), 1954 (70 years), 1964 (60 years), 1974 (50 years), 1984 (40 years), 1994 (30 years), 1999 (25 years), 2004 (20 years), 2014 (10 years). Invites will be going out next week. Please email Denise at school@sdacademy.com with current contact information. I will be reaching out to each class president from these years to encourage attendance and help track down updated contact information.

Celebrating 125 years!* **ALUMNI WEEKEND

March 1-2, 2024

Friday, March 1
7 p.m. Vespers at
San Diego Academy

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SINCE 1899

Guest Speaker:
Don Dudley
Former San Diego Academy teacher, principal, and SECC Superintendent of Education

Sabbath, March 2
10 a.m. Church service in the Academy Gym
12 p.m. Lunch
6:30 p.m. Alumni vs. Cavaliers
Girls Volleyball, Boys Volleyball,
Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball

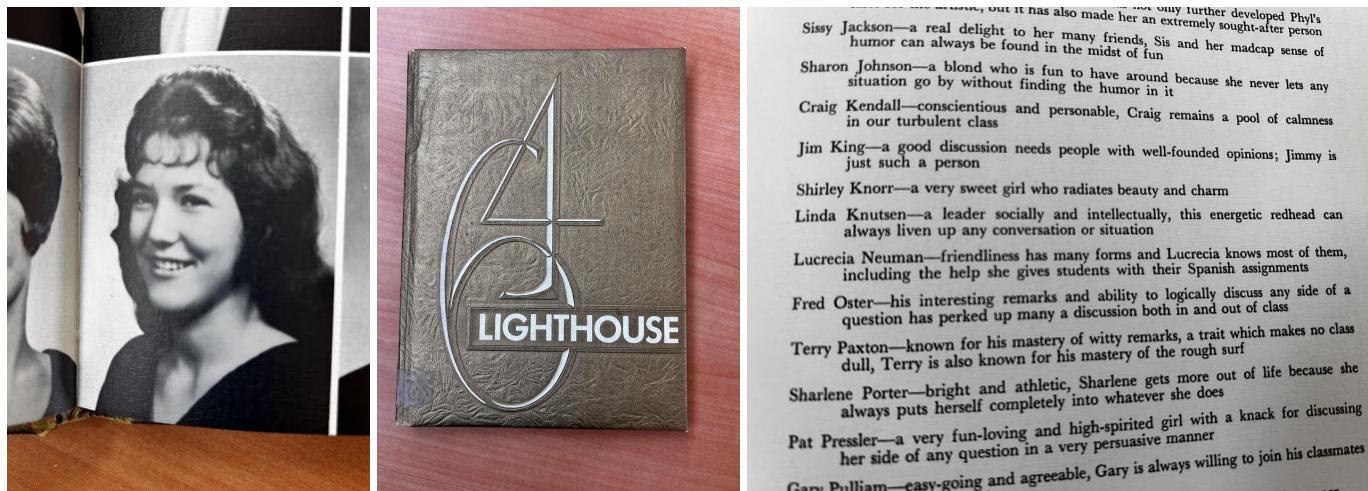
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We welcome alumni to send a "where are they now" highlight for upcoming newsletters! We especially encourage alumni who will have special honor years at our upcoming Alumni Weekend, March 1-3, 2024 to submit a short essay along with current photos.

Alumni Highlight

Dick Duerksen, an alumnus from the class of 1964, and an author of books we carry at the Christian Book and Nutrition Center, was highlighted earlier this year. Recently, a classmate of his, Lucrecia Santa Newman, reached out to me to learn more details about our upcoming alumni weekend. I shared with her that I plan to reach out to the presidents of each honor class and she indicated that their president, Buddy Steen had passed away in 1996. She offered to keep the class of 1964 current and also shared a few details about herself.



"I was born in San Diego, grew up in Tijuana of European descent, which ALL ended up in different parts of MX... I attended San Diego Academy 3rd through 12th grade. I received a B.A. both in Spanish & Elem. Ed. and taught 1st grade 3 yrs. @ Nestor Elem., a total bilingual Immersion School in South Bay School District in Imperial Beach before moving to Colorado in 1975. This first photo is of me with my husband Harry and our sons, Keven and Erik hiking Ouzel Falls, Wild Basin National Park in 2003. The next photo is of my grandson, Forest, now 4.5. My husband Harry passed away in 2022, eight days before he would have been 80."

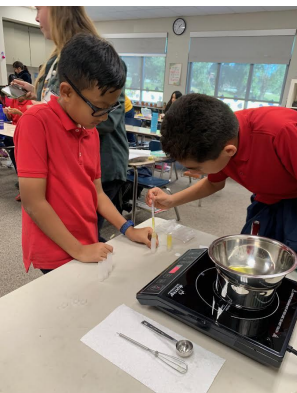
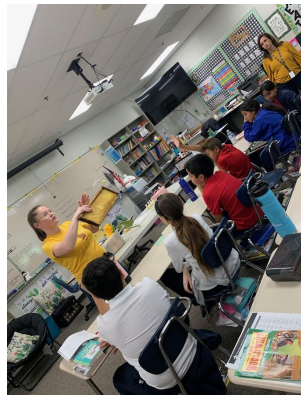
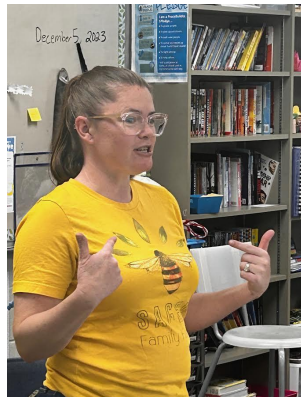
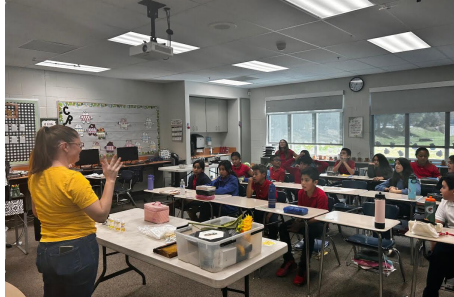


Elementary Activities

5th Grade Bee Field Trip and Lip Balm Creation

photos by Heather Martinez, 5th grade teacher and Iliana Olmedo

This week our fifth graders had an in-class field trip learning about bees, honey production and beekeeping from Sager Family Farm. Additionally, each student was able to make homemade lip balm out of beeswax!





High School Activities

Chorale Performs at the Old Town Christmas Tree Lighting

Last night San Diego Academy Chorale students shared their musical talents at the annual Old Town Christmas Tree Lighting service.



San Diego Academy Calendar of Events

JH and HS Christmas Concert at PV.....Sabbath, Dec 9 at 11 a.m.
Senior Class Movie Night fundraiser at SDA.....Sat night, December 9
K-6 Christmas Program.....Thursday, December 14 at 6 p.m.
NO SCHOOL Christmas Break.....Monday December 18 to January 1
School Resumes.....Tuesday, January 2
HS Finals.....Wed and Thurs January 10 and 11
NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr Day.....Monday, January 15
K-12 Awards Chapel.....Friday, January 19

San Diego Academy Athletics

Girls Varsity Basketball game at Monarch.....Tues, Dec 12 at 4 p.m.
Boys Varsity Basketball HOME game vs. Horizon PrepTues, Dec 12 at 4 p.m.
Girls Varsity Basketball game at O'Farrell.....Thurs, Dec 14 at 4 p.m.

San Diego Academy

PV Christmas Sabbath Church Service
Sabbath, December 9 at 11 a.m.
Featuring San Diego Academy
JH and HS students

A stylized illustration of a nativity scene. In the center, a stable is lit from within, showing the birth of Jesus. To the right, three camels and a shepherd with a staff are silhouetted against a dark blue night sky filled with stars. The scene is set on rolling hills.

On our way to Bethlehem

Kindergarten to 6th Grade Christmas Program
December 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
Paradise Valley SDA Church

Special Store hours: open 12.14 3:30-6 and 1 hour after

2701 E 8th St, National City, CA 91950



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and
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2721 Burden Dr., National City, CA 91950

December Hours:
SUN-THU: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
FRIDAY: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sabbath We Rest

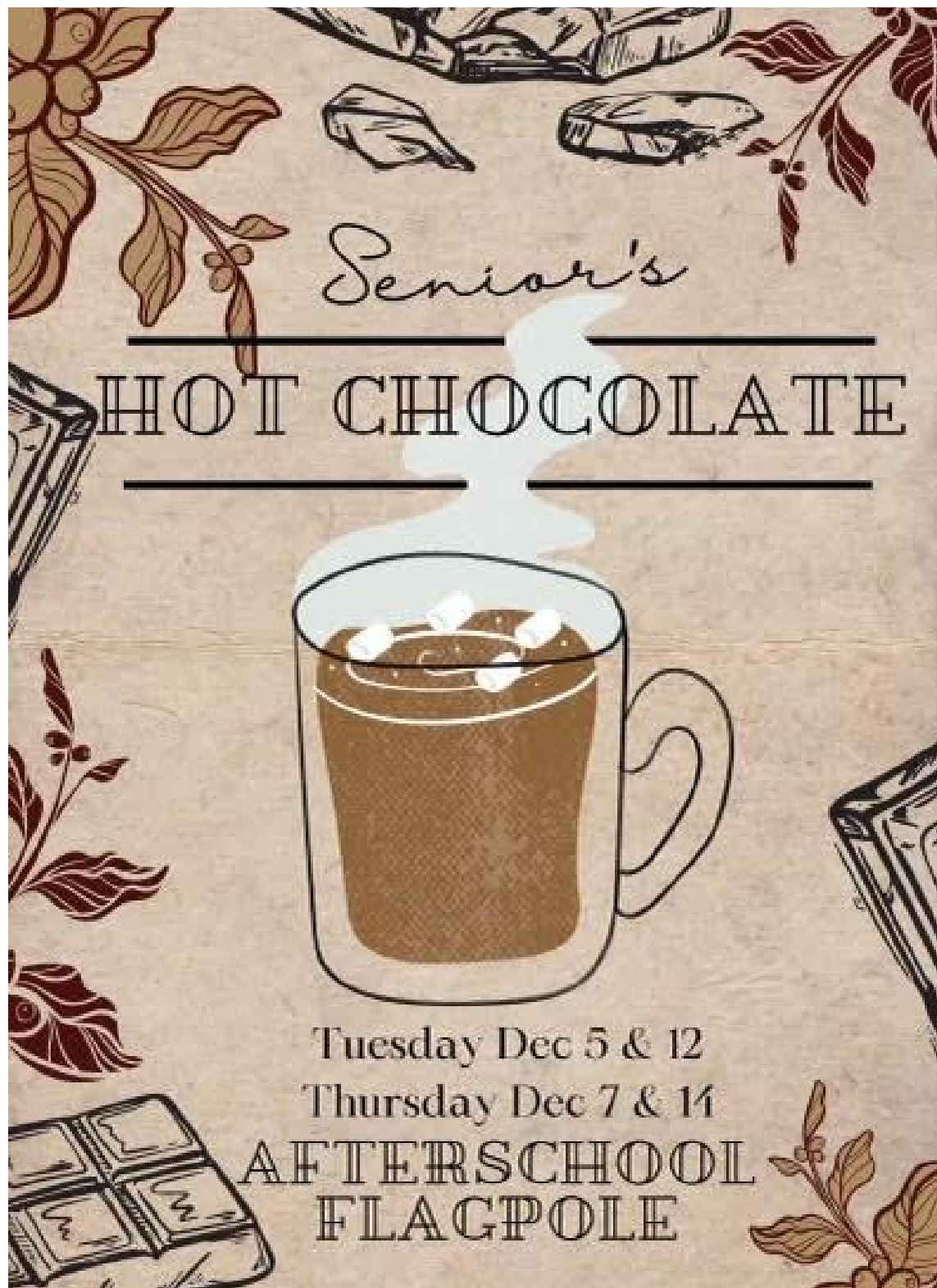
Holiday Hours:
Closed on December 25 –Christmas
*Call Denise's cell for extended hours: 619-618-8984.
We are often here in the afternoon and early evening.*

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****Did you know you can place an order by phone and have it delivered to the school? Call Denise at 619.618.8984****

We will be open before and after the Elementary Christmas program Thursday, December 14



The 14th Annual Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive

DEAR FAMILIES,

Our class is participating in the **14th Annual Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive** with Scholastic and non-profit, Pajama Program.

TEACHER NAME

December 12, 2023

DUE DATE

WHAT TO DONATE

- 🛏️ Brand-new pajamas in age ranges 0-12, all sizes from newborn to children's XL.
- 🛏️ Pajamas must be a complete set - top & bottom or onesie.
- 🛏️ Pajamas for all seasons.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,

VISIT WWW.PAJAMAPROGRAM.ORG/SCHOLASTIC23



Pajama Program

Good Nights Are Good Days

Pajama Program is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes equitable access to healthy sleep so all children can thrive.



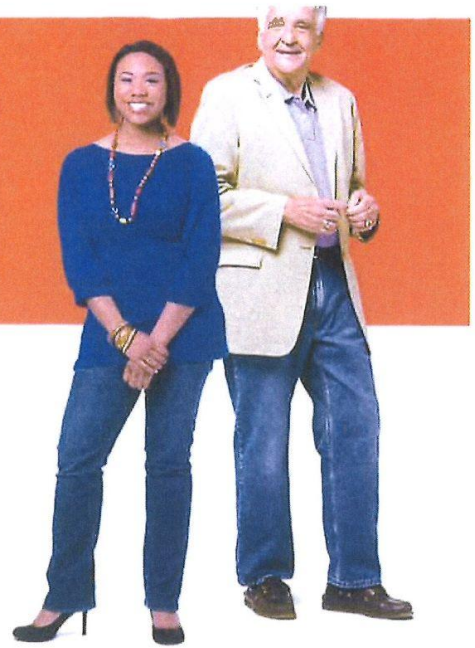
For every pair of pajamas donated, Scholastic will donate a brand-new book to Pajama Program to go to a child facing adversity.

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San Diego Academy

2800 E 4th St, National City – Chapel Room

December 12, 2023

9:00a-3:00p



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