



# The Lighthouse Reflector

January 19, 2024

*"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."--Isaiah 41:10*

## Welcome Korean Exchange Students

Last Thursday we welcomed 18 Korean exchange students to join our academy for a month. They are staying with several host families, many of whom have students here at San Diego Academy. Please enjoy this photo collage of some of the connections they have made so far. I have the pleasure of hosting two of the boys, Dong Jun, an 8th grader, and Jin Ha, a 6th grader. My son Story has enjoyed getting to know them and sharing some of their favorite things with one another. They brought treats from Korea including candy, tea and silverware. They are eager to try new things and have been able to share about their country as well.





Pastor Donald Smith, our academy chaplain and high school Bible teacher reported on his experiences with the Korean students in his classroom, and also with them living with his daughter-in-law Darcy, Karter's mom, "I think they are really enjoying our time in Bible—exploring it, trying to find where Phillipians is. We were doing some interesting exercises yesterday they were really tracking with...they don't know what the application is but we will go over that today. They are intrigued and learning English. We have three girls staying at our house. I take them home and we get to talk about Korea, America and I believe they are enjoying their time here."





## Cross Country Running Team

story and photos by Kevin Kellbach, K-8 PE Instructor and Cross Country Coach



Thursday 1/18 we competed in our first ever Cross Country event. The competition consisted of a 2 mile run at Mission Trails Regional Park. Our Girls Team placed second overall in the league with runners capturing 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, and 11th place with an overall team score of 33 just 1 point behind the top school. Congrats to Valerie Cassasola (3rd) for receiving a medal and to La Nae Lewis (4th), Keira Kellbach (5th) and Kiara Herrera (10th) for receiving ribbons. Our Boys Team had runners finish in 5th and 10th place. Congrats to Julian Briano (5th) and Dane Barry (10th) for receiving ribbons.

# Junior High Activities

## Middle School Girls Volleyball Varsity Win the Championship

story and photo by Kevin Kellbach, MS Volleyball Coach



We are proud to announce that both our A and B league qualified for the playoffs in November. Our B Team was undefeated for the entire season and won the championship. B Team will be receiving a coveted Banner to hang in the gym. B Team girls: Emily Clarke, Angel Babao, Evelyn Carrillo, Kathryn Dunn, Veishca Francois, Shirley Ponce, Alessandra Lindquist, Zyana. Coaches: Kevin Kellbach and Walter Martinez.

## 7th Grade Skate Day

story and photos by David Roysdon, 7th grade teacher



We finally made our class trip come true. The Skate day had been planned for months with many interruptions and challenges BUT we finally made it.



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# San Diego Academy Calendar of Events

K-12 Spirit Week.....Mon, Jan 22 to Fri, Jan 26  
Fifth Grade Field Trip to the History Center.....Tuesday, Jan 23  
K-12 Awards Chapel.....Friday, January 26  
JH Bible Camp at Indian Hills.....Fri, Jan 26-Sun, Jan 28  
Music Performance at ETA Church.....Sabbath, Jan 27  
Almost Anything Goes.....Saturday night, Jan 27  
Second Grade Field Trip to Old Town.....Thursday, February 1  
JR/SR Bible Camp.....Wed, Jan 31 to Sabbath, Feb 3  
Fifth Grade Field Trip to Living Coast.....Thurs, Feb 8  
Chorale Music Hymn Festival.....Fri, Feb 9

## San Diego Academy Athletics

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Girls and Boys Basketball HOME vs Cambridge Game.....Monday, Jan 22  
Girls and Boys Basketball HOME vs Mountain Empire.....Tuesday, Jan 23  
Girls Basketball HOME vs Monarch.....Wednesday, Jan 24  
Boys Basketball HOME vs Monarch.....Thursday, Jan 24 at 4 pm



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*\*Celebrating 125 years!* **ALUMNI WEEKEND**

**March 1-2, 2024**

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



**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

**Honor Classes**  
1954 (70 years), 1964 (60 years), 1974 (50 years),  
1984 (40 years), 1994 (30 years), 1999 (25 years),  
2004 (20 years), 2014 (10 years)

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SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ALUMNI WEEKEND! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE TO CELEBRATE

# 125 YEARS!

We have been working to get the Alumni Weekend invites mailed...hopefully on Monday! Contact Denise at [school@sdacademy.com](mailto:school@sdacademy.com) to confirm we have the correct address if you are unsure.

