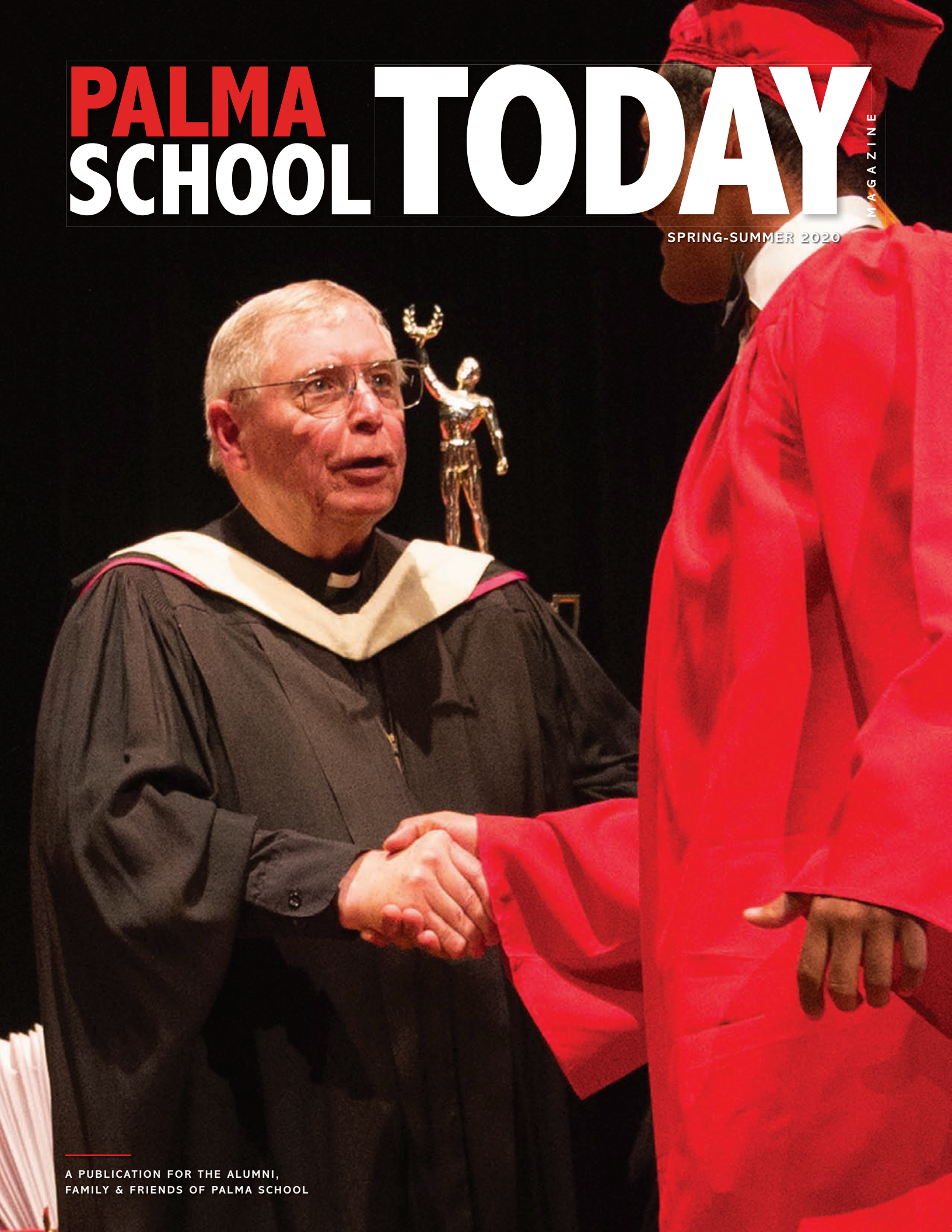


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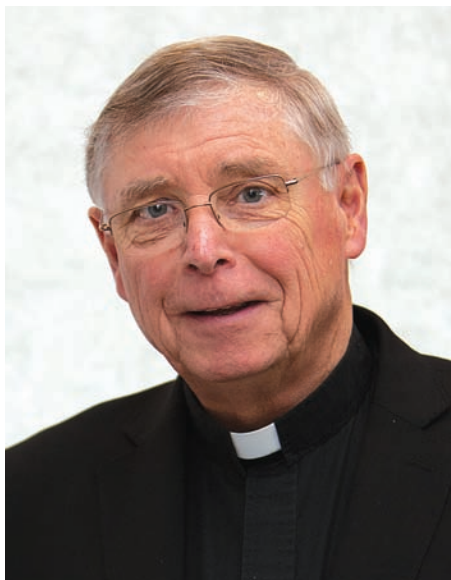
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Letter from the President



Br. Patrick D. Dunne, C.F.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Br. Patrick D. Dunne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

I am writing at this time of crisis for two reasons. First, to ask each of you to help bring this global COVID-19 pandemic to closure. All have heard the directives passed along from the various levels of health and government on what we need to do to keep our individual lives and families safe and well. What has been your personal and family response to these directives? "Sheltering in Place" and "Social-Distancing" are not easy assignments, especially for families. If this is the biggest price one has to pay in staying well and safe, good for you; others, I understand, have not been and will not be as fortunate.

Secondly, I suspect this global pandemic will have a devastating and rippling effect on many of our families as the status of our economy is the great unknown as we move to uncharted areas in the weeks and months to come. Should your circumstances allow, please make a donation to **"Palma Aid"** that will be used to help our families facing loss of jobs keep their son(s) at Palma for the duration of this global crisis. Every penny donated will go to this restricted account and be used to provide needed funding to the neediest of our families in a difficult time under truly harsh conditions. The Palma community has always been a generous group in time of need. There has never before been such an urgent need in our lifetime for help in keeping the dream of a Palma education alive and real for some of our hardest-hit families. Please make your donation to **"Palma Aid"** in making a real difference here at home, here at Palma, as we all traverse through these uncharted waters into the great unknown. If a Palma family you know is going through challenges due to this current global crisis, would you be able to reach out and make a difference for that family? We wish we could take comfort in meeting the enemy we face and knowing the worst is over. Sadly, we have not met the enemy face-to-face and have no idea of when and where this pandemic will take each of us.

As you know, Palma has transitioned to an "on-line" learning/teaching paradigm with remarkable success as both teachers and students were eager to re-engage with each other in getting back to a semblance of normality given the circumstances with which we are dealing at this time. In my view, our teachers and students are working harder than ever in transitioning to this different modality of education.

The end of our Lenten journey is the holiest of holy days in Christianity, that of Easter Sunday. Much has happened in the world since Ash Wednesday. For Christians, Easter is the ultimate gift of faith that proves evil will not prevail. Let us take refuge this Easter Season, even without the benefit of open churches and/or meaningful liturgies, that the dark challenges of today will eventually give way and lead us to a newer and better season of renewal down the line, to a new Easter.

Thank you for your support of our "Palma Aid" project. Stay safe and well. ●

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Letter from the

Principal



David Sullivan

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Sullivan".

On Friday March 13th, I announced that Palma School was going to transition to E-School the subsequent week. I added that the 13th would be the last day of face-to-face learning for an indefinite period of time. Subsequently we have also cancelled all extracurricular activities, field trips, mission trips, Lenten Mass Series, and more.

Since that day, California has issued a shelter-in-place executive order without promise of when that order will be lifted. All public Masses have been cancelled during one of the holiest seasons of the year; Lent, into Holy Week, in the Easter Triduum. On March 26th Monterey County public schools published that "in concurrence with the Monterey County Health Department, they do not anticipate schools returning [to norm] earlier than Monday, May 4, 2020." Five days later they announced they would not return to classes at all for the remainder of the current school year. On Friday, April 3rd both the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and the Central Coast Section (CCS) announced the cancellation of spring sports playoff and championships for the remainder of the school year. On Monday, April 5th all league play has likewise been cancelled for the remainder of the school year.

This is our new normal? Wow! Fear, anxiety, loss afflict us all. Worse, some of us grieve without proper ceremony the lives of loved ones lost to this pandemic. Here at Palma we are defying the new normal.

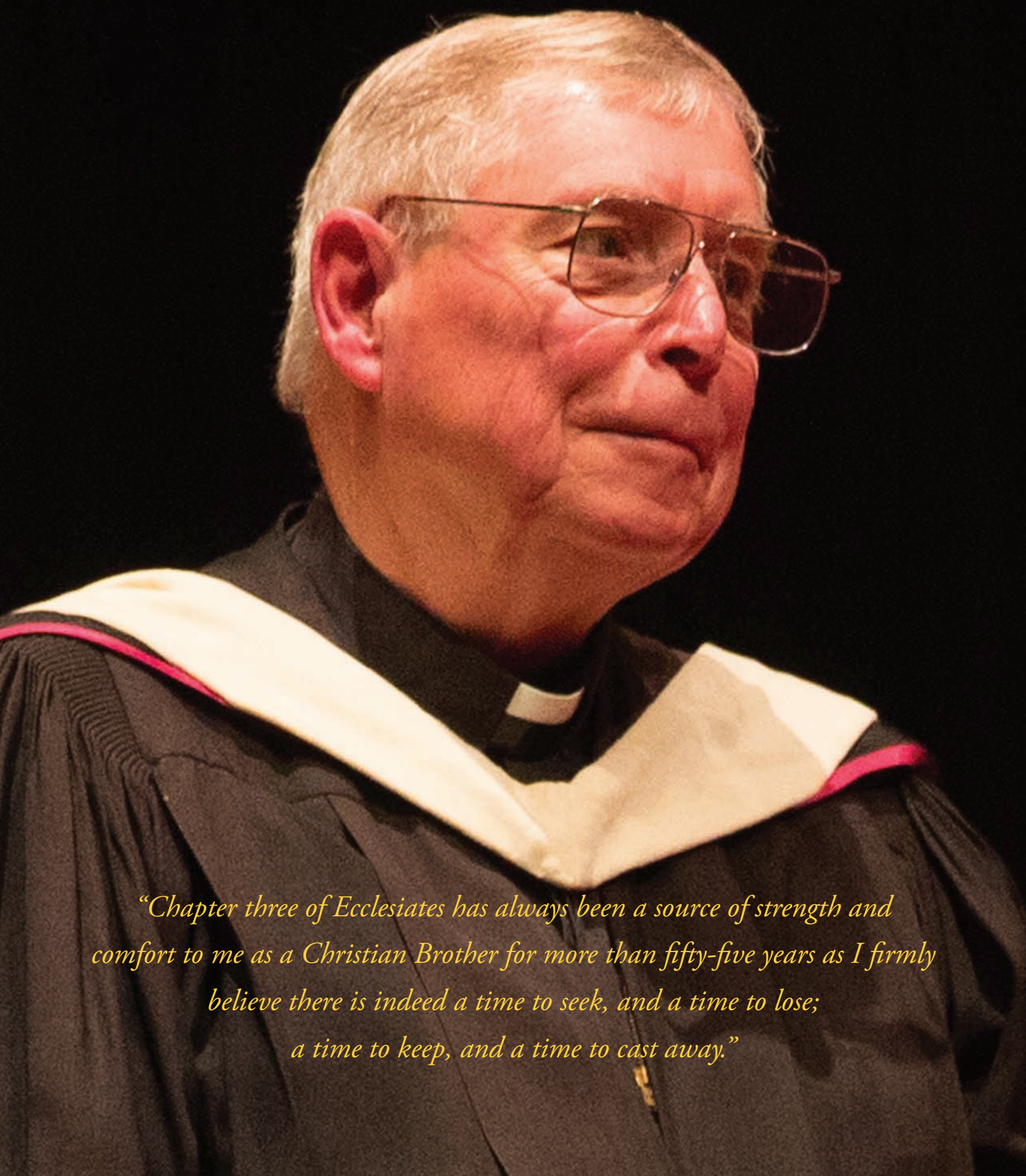
- Chieftains are learning! They are reporting to class online and on time from their bedrooms, family rooms, kitchens, and even from parking lots with hotspots!
- Teachers do more than deliver instruction and assess students learning through teleconference platforms – they are also mentoring, building relationships, motivating students, and collaborating with classrooms in waters previously uncharted.
- The staff is supporting learning in ways unprecedented and maintenance teams are deeply cleaning every corner of campus and readying rooms for our students' eventual return to campus.
- The faculty now meets twice weekly, with one of those meetings dedicated to the interpersonal care and follow up for the success of every student who may be struggling with our new realities and crisis.
- Seniors mourn a myriad of losses in school traditions and milestone rites of passage, but with priorities fixed on perspective amid suffering elsewhere they are now facing opportunities to become men of uncommon character.

I have been deeply moved by the way that the Palma Family has responded during this crisis. I have no doubt that our collective patience and understanding will continue to provide foundations for our resilience moving forward.

Please hold your loved ones close and keep all those working to combat this virus in your thoughts and prayers. We appreciate your many efforts on behalf of our young people and appreciate your partnership in honoring our most valuable mission. Keep well and let us hold one another in prayer.

Go Chieftains! ●

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“Chapter three of Ecclesiastes has always been a source of strength and comfort to me as a Christian Brother for more than fifty-five years as I firmly believe there is indeed a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away.”

A Giant Among Men of Character: Palma School Prepares to Bid Farewell to Brother Dunne

With an early morning email that took the Palma community by surprise, Brother Patrick Dunne, C.F.C. announced he had tendered his resignation and would be stepping down from his role as president effective June 30, 2020. The February 24th announcement launched a parade of inquirers and well-wishers traversing his office. It was (and is) hard to digest the three-plus decades' legacy of Palma's chief Chieftain drawing to an eventual close.

Br. Dunne arrived in the fall of 1987, hand-selected to replace Br. Michael Segvich as Palma's ninth principal. He had served in many teaching, coaching and administrative positions in Edmund Rice Schools in Chicago, Seattle, Vallejo and on the Pima Indian Reservation near Phoenix. He was drawn from St. Laurence High School in Chicago where he was their Dean of Discipline.

Br. Dunne's first mission was to, in his words, "maintain close relationships with the families that built Palma and whose investment went far beyond dollars. Their souls were, and are still, present at Palma. The understanding and promotion that Palma *is* families. They put their trust in Palma's teachers and leaders, but ultimately it is *their* school, *their* legacy that must be protected and passed along in better shape than was received." Many of Palma's "pioneer families" were active in the Palma Foundation and shared Brother's vision of the future. He knew "the enduring value of hard-working men and women who took ownership of an institution so young men would have the education they needed: an academic education, a spiritual education, a physical education, and a moral education."

Ultimately, every change, innovation, and improvement to Palma was made only if it benefited the students. In the ensuing years, Br. Dunne would spearhead or oversee improvements to both the curriculum and the physical plant. And, Palma grew. Enrollment climbed to a record high in 1998-99 of 668 students. Academic standards, and subsequent offerings, increased to where Palma now boasts 36 honors and AP classes. Student outcomes improved as the school honed its focus as a Christian Brothers mission-driven school.



What Br. Dunne wrote in the spring of 2000 bears witness to his goals while at the helm: "I hear from our teachers on an almost daily basis of the progress our young men are making in their classrooms. I hear from parents who have noticed a distinct positive change in performance and discussion and dialogue they enjoy with their teen-age sons. I see many of our students meeting their community service obligation in an outreach to those less fortunate and those in need. I see the vast majority of our students being decent moral young men who yearn to do what is expected and what they know to be right through the direction received at home as well as in their religion classes at Palma daily. I see Palma students who enjoy a good time, who have a wonderful sense of humor, who respect themselves and others, who

like Palma and really enjoy the friends they have made here at Palma."

The underpinning of Palma's mission has always been about character. This is the legacy Br. Dunne is passing along to the next president.

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Rosalie and Francis Cislini, Bishop Thaddeus Shubsda, and Br. Dunne during the dedication of the Cislini Library in 1989

"American culture places high value on things that are innovative, record-breaking, or contemporary. But the things that stay the same can be equally, if not more, important. Here at Palma, the core values that built the school remain: a commitment to moral growth and spiritual awareness, academic excellence, and community involvement. The education of the whole person is as much a part of daily life now as it was decades ago. Under the guidance of Palma's dedicated faculty and staff, our students are being challenged daily to reach their highest potential. Our young men are working hard and excelling across the academic disciplines and the arts. For some, this level of excellence comes at award-winning levels; for others it is measured in terms of personal performance and improvement. In the realm of athletics, the challenge to reach optimal levels, both as individuals and as a team, is ongoing. Some years are banner years, others are not; but the quest for excellence goes on every season, every year."



Br. Dunne accepts a donation from Foundation President Sam Lavorato '55 in 1988

Br. Dunne's unwavering belief in every constituency for which he serves; students, parents, faculty, staff, supporters, legacies, alumni; is what has guided them along to share and support his vision. "During his 33 years of dedicated service to Palma and the Salinas Valley, working impossible hours, being present to thousands of young men and their families, Br. Dunne's vision and leadership have quite literally made Palma the college prep school it is today," said Palma Principal David Sullivan.



"There is something very special here at Palma that has withstood the test of time. There is something very sacred here at Palma that has allowed it to not only exist but to prosper in ways never imagined by the little group of parishioners from Sacred Heart Parish organized first by Monsignor Patrick O'Connor and then realized under Monsignor Thomas Earley's efforts. Our prayers of gratitude are with those who have enabled us to be where we are today."

Of the men and their families who have benefited from the high standards set by Palma School, Br. Dunne has one enduring request: "Don't be a jerk." ●





Setting A New Precedent: *Men in Blue Address Students in Palma's Chapel*

For the past six years, Palma School has engaged with inmates at the Correctional Training Facility (CTF) at Soledad State Prison. Their *Exercises in Empathy* have had profound effects on both the inmate population and the students and members of the Palma community who participate.

Always pushing the project to new and more meaningful heights, Director of Campus Ministry Jim Micheletti, along with Mia Mirassou, have become an ever-presence at the correctional facility, earning the trust and respect of prison officials. Ideas that would have garnered an immediate and unequivocal "no" are now seen as possible. And the possibilities seem to have no end.

A good example came to fruition on January 14th. Amid appropriately heavy security, two inmates were allowed to leave the prison to address Palma juniors and seniors in an assembly held in The Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel. Flanked by armed prison guards and a cadre of prison officials that included Warden Craig Koenig, the men in blue were quietly escorted into the Chapel about an hour before the scheduled assembly. The event was not publicized to better allow officials to maintain control.

Alfredo "Freddie" Ortega and Jason Bryant, both serving life sentences, sat apart, shackled. Guards kept a watchful eye as Mr. Micheletti, Ms. Mirassou and others chatted with the inmates, with whom they have worked at the prison.

To add to the weight of this unprecedented event, Lisa Ling, her producers and crew from *This is Life With Lisa Ling* were on campus shooting footage and conducting interviews for an episode about the *Exercises in Empathy* program that is scheduled to air on CNN in the fall of 2020. Ms. Ling and crew were in the middle of their assignment in Salinas, traversing Highway 101 between Palma and Soledad.

After brief introductions, Mr. Ortega nervously addressed the assembled students. He told a story of growing apart from his parents as they left home to establish a better life for their family. When he finally joined his family in California, he was picked on at school for his appearance and lack of proficiency in English. As his grades dropped and the bullying increased, he became angry, starting getting into fights and by age 15 identified himself as a gang member. He did not care about anyone or anything and felt entitled to take anything that pleased him — leading directly to prison. Through programs like Life C.Y.C.L.E., run by inmates in the prison, he began to see how his gang life was a lie and found the support he needed to set out on a new path.

He was followed by Mr. Bryant, whose story was nearly the opposite. Despite having been raised in a loving family, Mr. Bryant developed "a twisted and dangerous belief about how it is and what it meant to be a man." When confronted with racism and hate, he looked to the violent portrayals of fictional characters instead of seeking help from his parents or teachers. His behavior led to a robbery turned homicide and prison. The sudden revelation that he was severely hurting the ones he loved came all too late — while being escorted in handcuffs down the driveway of his family home. That fueled his decision to change his life in prison and take advantage of every opportunity to improve himself and help others, earning two masters degrees and co-authoring the book, *Men Built For Others*.

The assembly concluded in the same way each session of *Exercises in Empathy* ends at the prison. Both Mr. Ortega and Mr. Bryant stood in front of the chapel as students, teachers, and guests lined up to shake their hands, offering solidarity and affirming their new life of purpose. Being treated with dignity and respect is an essential part of the formula that turns "prisoners" into men who are in prison.

This unprecedented assembly was just one of the events that amazed the CNN crew while documenting the interaction between Palma students and the men in blue. It's an unconventional and symbiotic relationship that emphatically proves the value of character. ●



Security is appropriately tight when inmates are outside the prison.



POSTSCRIPT: On April 2, 2020, Jason Bryant was paroled after 21 years behind bars. "Thank you, Palma, for all you've done for me."



*Jason Bryant and Freddie Ortega
greet students after the assembly in
The Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel*

Palma Be Nimble, Palma Be Quick: ***COVID-19 Forces A New Paradigm***

With the reassuring words “do not be afraid” and opening with prayer on “do not worry” from Matthew 6:25-27, Principal David Sullivan kicked off the March 12th faculty meeting. Providing updates on COVID-19, not yet declared a pandemic, he outlined precautions and considerations with a fundamental question: *are we e-school ready?* Can we maintain instruction and learning in the wake of an international crisis? By 2:00pm the subsequent day, Sullivan announced that Palma would transition to an e-school format only three school days later.

During full-day faculty trainings on Monday and Tuesday, March 16th and 17th, in Palma’s Multi-Purpose Building (an all-purpose hall the size of a small auditorium) personnel were compelled to maintain safe social distance. Sullivan, along with Vice Principal Rob Viarengo, outlined how to prepare students for the transition from in-person instruction to online platforms, and what they would need to attend class from home.

Assuring teachers that “all of the infrastructure has already been with us for some time,” discussions turned to online conferencing platforms, with insights on best practices from faculty with prior experience in distance learning. Teachers were encouraged to help one another to peer coach tech skills and variations in pedagogy that would allow for successful learning online, while providing structure and flexibility for each course. IT Director David Cunha prepared short “how-to” videos and tutorials for teacher reference.

On Wednesday, March 18th, the first classes convened at 9:00am. The transition was smooth, the school and students were prepared and a new paradigm in Palma pedagogy had begun. Learning by doing amid a few kinks to be worked out during the first days of instruction, Palma’s e-school has been a local success overall.

How does a traditional school transition to e-school in five days? Leadership. The decisive action taken by Palma administration set a clear plan into motion. Palma families, whose care for, and belief in, the Palma community has always been the school’s greatest strength, stepped up once again with a “can do” attitude. What could have been a time of uncertainty turned into a manifestation of what great milestones are possible when we all work together. ●



Faculty attends the first meeting to discuss the e-school transition.



Faculty and staff members are working from campus or home, all at an appropriate distance



Mr. Moncure teaches from his home office

AROUND CAMPUS

Taking Time to Help Others

Thank you, Chieftains, for being your brothers' keepers by taking time out of your summer to bring food and necessities to farmworker families in need in Monterey County. Your example inspires the community. Pictured here are (l to r): **Marc Asuncion '23, Evan Asuncion '21, Michael Padilla '25, Jack Kaminksis '21, Nico Pezzini '25, Julian Garcia '21, Thomas Lundy '20, Anthony Villegas '20, and Joey Aiello '21.**



And Then There Were Nuns

Chieftains met two Dominican Sisters on Friday, August 23rd. The Sisters talked about their vocation while students listened intently and asked questions. Thanks go to the Gastello and Nino families for arranging this presentation.

Chinese Class Is More Than Language — Instruction Includes Chinese Culture

Students in Mrs. Sun's Chinese class learn about the Mid-Autumn Festival — one of the most important festivals in China. It means love, thanksgiving, family and friendship. The foods traditionally served during the Mid-Autumn Festival are moon cake and tea. ●



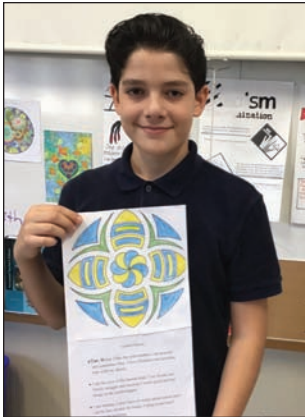
Palma School Tradition: Chieftain Spirit Day

August 17th was the date for Palma's annual Chieftain Spirit Day, formerly known as Red & Gold Day. Despite cooler weather, the turnout was measurable and enthusiasm and laughter ruled the day. Traditions like football scrimmages, the Farmers' Market, dunk tank, live music and the tri-tips cooking over oak fires made this year's Chieftain Spirit Day memorable for everyone. ●

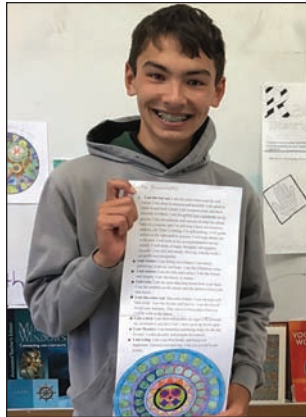


8th Grade Examines Extended Metaphors

Eighth graders examined extended metaphors by Robert Frost, Emily Dickinson, and Langston Hughes and then wrote their own eight-stanza metaphors about themselves. They also created and presented mandalas to visually represent themselves.



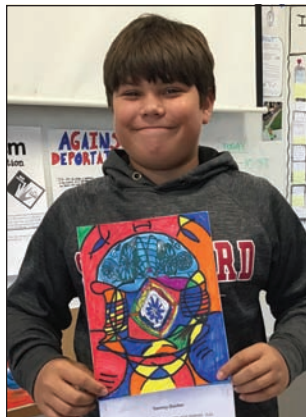
Corbin Osborn "I am the eyes of the human body. I see friends and family struggle and succeed. I watch good and bad things in the world happen."



Luka Kawamoto "I am the lost sea. I am the calm waters and soft waves. I am deep in emotion and peaceful. I am quick to jump in and lend a hand. I am adventurous and curious of what lies ahead."



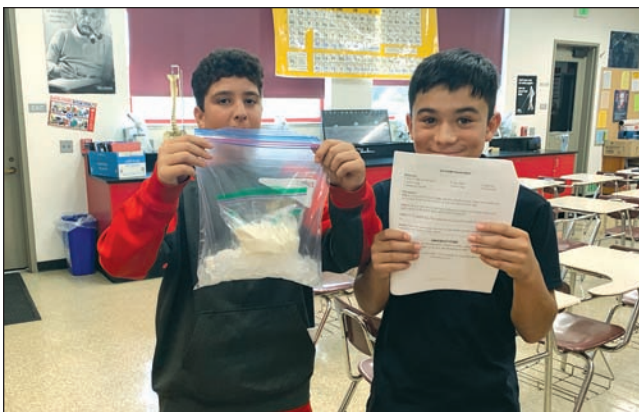
Rolando Infante "I am an Eagle. I am free and fierce. I will help those in need. I am keeping my family from harm."



Tommy Ducker "I am dusk. I am always caught between hanging out with friends and doing things I like to do."

Ice Cream in a Bag

To add a little fun while studying how states change at freezing point, eighth graders made ice cream in a bag.



Know That You Matter

The Know That You Matter Club was joined by Palma alum, **Albert Castro '13**, one of the founding members of the club.



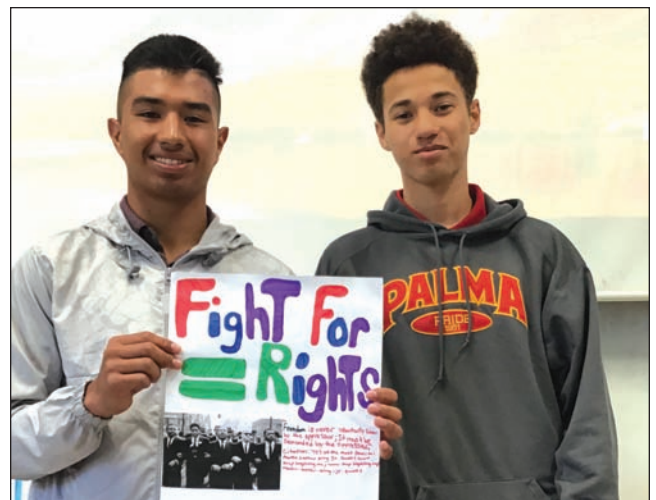
Peer Editors

Seventh graders peer edit their five-paragraph essays on Ray Bradbury's mysterious story *The Foghorn*.



Fight for Rights

After the English class read Richard Wright's *Rights to the Streets of Memphis*, ninth graders **JC Escutia** and **Giovanni Santamaria** presented their "What is Worth Fighting For?" poster to their peers on Equal Rights.



Henry McKelvie '20 Speaks at Monterey County Reads Ceremony

Palma Senior **Henry McKelvie** was among the eight people selected to present remarks at the 23rd annual Monterey County Reads Volunteers and School Recognition Ceremony held at the Panetta Institute on September 20th. McKelvie spoke of his experiences helping young people to read and how the experience has taught him "patience." He is pictured here (left) with fellow volunteers and Monterey County Reads Co-Chair and CEO Silvia Panetta (right).



Beach Cleanup

Thank you to those who participated in the beach cleanup on Sept. 21st. All went well. They picked up quite a bit of trash including a bicycle fork, 500+/- cigarette butts, silver plastic confetti, and even a set of dentures (ask Mr. Silva about that last one). After they finished they met up with Ms. Jennifer Duncan and her group of students from Santa Catalina and shared some of their snacks. "It was a beautiful day and we all left feeling good about doing something important for our earth and ocean," remarked Mrs. Christensen. Pictured here are: Mr. Silva, **Henry McKelvie '20**, **Ethan Pavlet '20**, **Hudson Wood '20**, **Jacob Serrano '20**, Mr. and Mrs. Christensen, and **William Ward '25**.



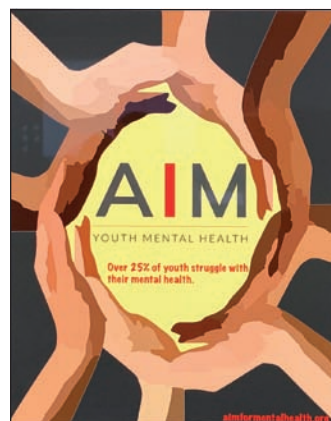
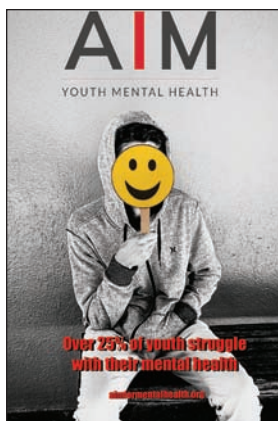
Human Chess

Members of Palma's Chess Club assembled a giant chess board in the MPB to play human-sized chess. Each team, made up of students and faculty, worked together to strategized their moves.



AIM Digital Art

Digital art students created posters as part of an ad campaign for AIM (a national organization that advocates for the mental health of children, teenagers, and young adults). More than 400 middle and high school students from across the US (and one from Canada) submitted an ad to the AIM for Awareness Mental Health Student Ad Contest. **Nico Pezzini '25** placed first in the middle school Digital Art category and **Trey Houghton '23** placed second in the high school Digital Art category.



College Fair

Students from Palma and Notre Dame attended the annual College Fair, held in Palma's gym every fall. This year, 85 colleges sent representatives while literature was available from dozens more. Students were given a vision of what life after high school could be like along with getting answers about admission requirements and student activities.



Dino Lazzerini '21 Eagle Scout Project

Dino Lazzerini '21 received some help from fellow Chieftains and members of BSA Troop 60 working on his barn owl box project. The boxes were distributed to Dorothy's Kitchen, Mission Park School, Casa Boronda and Monterey Audubon Society. A nesting pair of barn owls can eat up to 70 pounds of rodents a day. Building and installing barn owl boxes is Lazzerini's Eagle Scout project. Joining Dino were Palma students **Josh Delapena '21, Marshall Boutonnet '21, Nate Halcon '23** and Ryan Delapena.



Eighth Graders Meet A Literary Writer

Naomi Jensen, a literary writer, visited Ms. McClain's eighth grade English class to talk about writing. Her "Writer's Workshop" focused on learning how to read as a writer and how to engage all of the senses with one's prose. Students read passages from Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *The Very Old Man With Enormous Wings* and explored the author's techniques for painting pictures with words and related it to how students could improve their own writing using some of these literary devices.



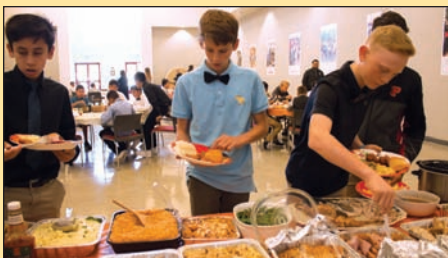
Palma School Tradition: No Shave November 2019

Winners of No Shave November 2019 beard growing contest: **Michael Culcasi '20** was named Lumberjack (best overall beard); **Chandler Nicholson '22** won for longest; **Prabhjot Singh '20** won for best mustache/goatee; **Daniel Penner '21** won the coveted Naked Mole Rat award; and the biggest donor was **Erick Lombardi '21**. The contest raised money for the American Cancer Society. Mr. **Nick Norioan '02** promised to shave his head if the Chieftains raised more than \$5,000. Their total: \$6,612.75. Good job, men! ●



Palma Brotherhood: Friendsgiving Day

On Thursday, November 21st, the seventh grade held "Friendsgiving Day." Parents brought food for students to share while they exchanged messages of gratitude with and about one another. The event was spearheaded by Ms. Sarah DeSantis, instructor of seventh grade religion and Ms. Emily McClain, instructor of Language Arts 7. The delicious banquet was provided and served by Palma 7th grade parents. ●



Palma's Director of Bands, Stephen Uccello, Honored as Part of the Latin Jazz Collective

The Latin Jazz Collective is a high energy eight-piece ensemble led by percussionist John Nava and drummer Martin Binder. LJC members have shared the stage, recorded, and taught with the likes of Carlos Santana, Pete Escovedo, the Yellowjackets, Malo, Kim Stone (Rippingtons), Wayne Wallace and many other respected artists. The group was awarded one of 2019's Champions of the Arts by the Arts Council for Monterey County. Mr. Uccello is pictured on the far left.



Where For Art Thou?

Sophomores in Ms. DeSantis' English class always have a good time reading *Romeo and Juliet*!



Food Bank Needs to Make Two Trips

It seems Palma School creates the same problem every year. Students fill barrels for the Food Bank of Monterey County and the Food Bank is overwhelmed by the volume. This year students filled the 37 barrels the Food Bank had dropped off with overflow to fill another three barrels. It's a nice problem to have to make two trips to collect from Palma.

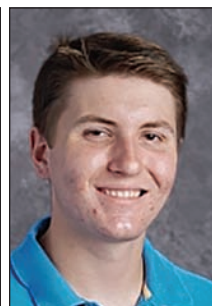


National Merit

Seniors **Isaac Paulo**, **Ethan Pavlet**, **Wade Rianda**, **Steven Said** and **Hudson Wood** received Letters of Commendation from the 2020 National Merit Program. These letters are awarded in recognition of being in the top 3% of students who entered the 2020 competition. In addition, **Jakob Reinhardt '20** and **Wade Rianda '20** both earned letters from the National Hispanic Recognition Program. The awards are given for extraordinary academic achievement in these competitions.



Isaac Paulo '20



Ethan Pavlet '20



Jakob Reinhardt '20



Wade Rianda '20



Steven Said '20



Hudson Wood '20

"Passing On The Tradition"

On January 18th, **Blake Iverson '21** was announced the winner of the 2020 California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the California Wildlife Officers Foundation "Passing on the Tradition" essay contest. The contest challenged youth to answer the questions: "What can CDFW do to get more people involved in hunting? And what can you do, personally, to get more people involved in hunting?" Blake won a lifetime hunting license with bird hunting privileges.



Chieftain Christmas Tradition: Casa de la Cultura in Pajaro

Palma School students, parents, faculty members and alumni delivered a busload of food to Casa de la Cultura in Pajaro. Casa de la Cultura provides food and gifts for farmworker families from around the Central Coast. Even

Santa makes a stop to visit the children. More than 400 families took part in this year's Christmas expression of generosity and solidarity. ●



Kathy and Richard Denier Are Honored at the 2019 National Philanthropy Day Luncheon

Palma supporters and past parents Kathy and Richard Denier were honored at the National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon held at Spanish Bay on November 15th. The Deniers were nominated by Palma for their many contributions to the Palma community. Thank you! The Deniers (center) and pictured here at the luncheon flanked by Tracy Jones and Br. Dunne. ●



Students Celebrate Chinese New Year

Students in Mrs. Sun's Chinese class enjoyed traditional Chinese foods along with lucky money in red pockets. They created posters with illustrations and Chinese writing commemorating the Chinese New Year.



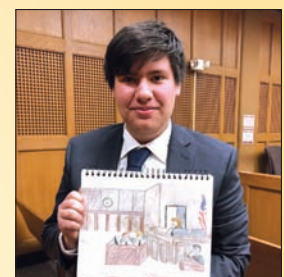
Junior High Spelling Bee

The Junior High Spelling Bee came down to three finalists on February 19th. Finishing in third place as **Matthew Arbizu '24**. Second place honors went to **Thomas Ducker '24** and the winner of the 2020 Spelling Bee was **Roberto De Leon '24**. Roberto is pictured here with Principal David Sullivan. ●



Mock Trial: Tremendous Efforts Fall Short

Each trial was extremely close, but Carmel and Pacific Grove, both perennial power houses in Mock Trial squeaked out victories. The largest scoring margin was just 0.4 points. In the end we finished in fourth place. Congratulations to defense captain **Steven Said '20** for being named one of the outstanding defense attorneys at the competition! Others who participated in Mock Trial this year were freshmen **Andrew Estrada, Alex Martin, Luke Moran-Murphy,** and **Carl Nielsen;** sophomores **Christopher McCarty, Andrew Ottone,** and **Ryan Roggio;** juniors **Neil**



Christopher McCarty '22



Beach, Guy Bessey, Richard Cruz, Gino Grier, Nevin Manimaran, and Andrew Zendejas; and seniors **Isaiah Corpus, Kolby Gooder, Thomas Lundy, Dominic Nale, Wade Rianda, and Nicholas Slater.**

Many thanks to our attorney coaches, Matt Ottone, Matt L'Heureux, and Lana Nassoura, who generously gave many hours of their time to coach the team. ●

Palma School Tradition: St. Patrick's Luncheon

The Steve Clayton Memorial Gym was the site for the 51st annual St. Patrick's Luncheon. Held on March 11th, the luncheon is an important fundraiser for Palma's Parents' Club. The dine-in lunch included hot corned beef with cabbage, potatoes and carrots complete with salads and desserts. Fun photos were available at the photo booth. Mary Ann McCarthy (right) called the numbers for luck-of-the-Irish winners of great raffle prizes. **Carson McPherson'23** poses with Br. Dunne as Palma's own St. Patrick. For those who preferred take-out, a delicious corned beef or pastrami sandwich lunch was available from the friendly volunteers in the parking lot. ●



Chieftain Athletics

Fall / Winter Sports Wrap



Varsity Football

The varsity football team was tested early with a 47-31 loss to Archbishop Mitty in the first pre-season game, but the loss motivated the Chieftains to victories against Sacred Heart (San Francisco) and Oakdale High. They opened the division with rival Salinas at The Pit. It was a hard-fought see-saw battle all night with Salinas scoring a touchdown in the final minutes to take the win 38-35. From there forward, the Chieftains were 4 and 0 (five if you count Gilroy's forfeit). Finishing the season 6-1 in league and 8-2 overall, Palma made the CCS playoffs for the 37th year in a row. A formidable Palo Alto proved too much, winning by a touchdown, 27-20.



League Offensive Player of the Year Anthony Villegas '20

The Chieftains' 2019 season was led by quarterbacks **Luke Brigantino '20** and **Luke Rossi '22**. The O-line, anchored by **Noah Pulea'i '21**, **Leo Lizaola '21**, **Jose Valesquez '20** and **Isaiah Saldana '20**, was stout, providing holes for League Offensive Player of Year running back **Anthony Villegas '20**. They also provided time for the Lukes to connect with go-to receivers **Jon Jon Berring '20** and **Micah Olivas '20**. On defense, **Brent Eastman '20**, **Daniel Cabrera '20** and **JT Amaral '21** led the charge. A hallmark of the 2019 season was teamwork.



Quarterback Luke Brigantino '20 clears the way for Jon Jon Berring '20



Junior Varsity Luke Alvarez '22

Junior Varsity Football

Gabilan Division Champions

Junior varsity was undefeated in league and 8-1 overall. Sophomores **Luke Alvarez**, **Joe Cardinale**, **Kasey Mena**, **Jake Mahler** and **Misha Lomboy** spearheaded the effort. After an injury in game one, freshman backup quarterback **Josiah Garnica '23** was moved to starter for the remainder of the season. The JV Chieftains outscored their opponents 246 to 71 over the season with four games being complete shutouts. The largest margin of victory was 47 to zero.



JV on the attack



Wade Rianda '20

Varsity Water Polo

Varsity water polo had a disappointing season finishing with a 4-11 overall record. **Wade Rianda '20** led the Chieftains earning First Team league honors. **Matt Bassetti '20** was awarded Second Team league honors and **Simon Bosch '20** was selected for the league Sportsmanship Team.



Varsity Cross Country

Cross Country finished first in the Mission Division led by **Moises Benito '22** with consistent outstanding performances each meet leading to being selected for the all league First Team. **Jack Busch '20** was named to the league Sportsmanship Team. The team will be returning four of their top seven runners next year.



Thomas Lundy '20 leads the pack

Varsity Basketball Gabilan Division Champions

Varsity Basketball dominated the division with an undefeated season, closing the campaign with 16 straight wins. **Aaron Garibay '20**, named the Gabilan Division MVP, averaged 12.2 points per game, followed by **Joey Finley '22** (11.9 ppg) and **Nate Jean-Pierre '22** (10 ppg). **AJ Suniga '20** had a consistent solid season. Their undefeated season earned the Chieftains the first seed and a first-round bye in the CCS playoffs. The season ended in disappointment on Hartnell College's court as the Chieftains were defeated by Santa Cruz in the first round. Their record earned them a spot as the sixth seed in the D-3 State Championship, but that bid also came up short, losing to Foothill High 68-51.



Nate Jean-Pierre '22 out maneuvers his opponent for the score



AJ Suniga '20 for three

Junior Varsity Basketball Gabilan Division Co-Champions

The JV basketball team also compiled a successful season record of 20-4 overall and 10-2 in league garnering League Co-Champion honors. Outstanding performances were recorded by **Ryan Roggio '22**, **Colton Amaral '22** and **Luke Rossi '22**.

Freshman Basketball

The freshmen showed grit while amassing a 15-9 overall record. Unfortunately, their league tally was 5-7. **Charlie Costa**, **Ben Scattini** and **Logan Guerini** showed promise for the future of Palma Basketball.



JV battles to a division co-championship

Eighth Grade Basketball MTJAL Champions

Palma's eighth grade basketball team finished their season as MTJAL Champions, winning on the road against Carmel and grabbing an overtime victory on the road against Buena Vista.



MTJAL Champion team

Varsity Soccer

Led by 12 seniors, Palma Soccer had a great season finishing third in the Cypress Division. **Dominic Nale '20** and **Gabriel Nale '20** made the First Team All League. **Everardo Ruiz Contreras '20** and **Salvador Lopez '20** made the Second Team All League. **Oscar Rocha '21** and **Edwing Cruz '21** will look to lead the team next year to another successful season.

Varsity Wrestling

The wrestling team finished second in league with a 5-1 record, only losing to Gilroy in a dual meet. **Zak Thompson '21** had an outstanding season finishing as a CCS Champion and earning a trip to the State Championships where he finished in the top 12, missing a medal by one match in the 113-lb weight class. Other noteworthy performances by Chieftain Grapplers were turned in by **Javi Avila '22**, **Misha Lomboy '22**, **JoJo Andrade '23**, **Danny Andrade '20**, **Brent Eastman '20**, **JC Escutia '23** and **Rudy Zepeda '21**. Losing only two seniors next season means the future looks bright for Palma Wrestling. ●



Palma wrestling team

Student-Athletes: Invited to Play at the College Level



Baseball Scholarship

Jon Jon Berring '20 has signed with Santa Clara University to play baseball for the Broncos.

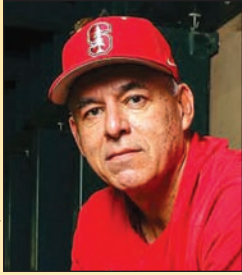


Lacrosse Scholarship

Anton Strasser '20 has signed with the University of Dubuque to play lacrosse for the Spartans.

Palma Ath-lumni

Courtesy of SFGate.com



David Esquer '83
Head Baseball Coach
Stanford University
SV Athletic Hall of Fame

Courtesy of csurams.com



Tony Hill '98
Head Football Athletic Trainer
Colorado State University

Courtesy of govandals.com



Brian Reader '07
Recruiting Coordinator/
Running Backs Coach
University of Idaho



David Fales '09
Quarterback
New York Jets

Student Athlete Alumni

Jack Burlison '15



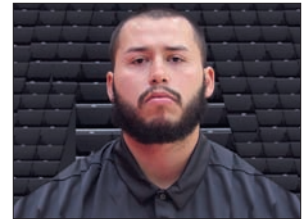
Golf

Wyatt Maker '16



Basketball Scholarship

Angel Maldonado '16



Football

Liam McMillin '16



Rugby

Jack Richardson '16



Football Scholarship

Matt Smith '16



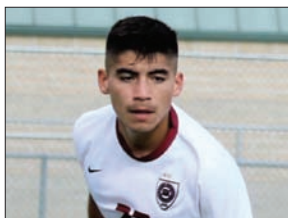
Baseball

Orlando Yopez '16



Football

Francisco Arevalo '17



Soccer Scholarship

Jamaree Bouyea '17



Basketball Scholarship

Kyler Crone '17



Baseball

Drew Dalman '17



Football Scholarship

Anthony DeSantis '17



Baseball

Richard Hernandez '17



Football Scholarship

Robert Hernandez '17



Football Scholarship

Cameron Jones '17



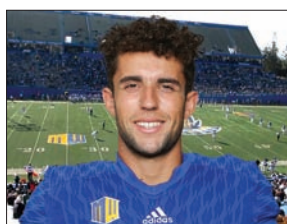
Basketball

Emilio Martinez '17



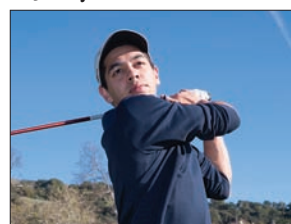
Football Scholarship

Matt Mercurio '17



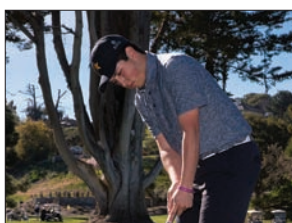
Football

Joey Burlison '18



Golf Scholarship

Michael Carrillo '18



Golf Scholarship

Santo DeFranco '18



Football Scholarship

Vince Flores '18



Baseball Scholarship

Sam Stoutenborough '18



Baseball Scholarship

Octavio Rubio '18



Cross Country

Zach Taylor '18



Football

Jerry Flores '19



Baseball Scholarship

Grant Sergent '19



Football Scholarship

Palma Alumni: ***Alumni Baseball Game***

On Saturday, February 22, alumni from across decades came together at the Brother O'Grady Baseball Field to play in the inaugural Alumni Baseball Game. ●



Phil Speciale, Sr. and Phil Speciale, Jr. '07



Nick Noroian '02 and Tommy Nunes '95



Justin Linquist '96 and Brian Neff '96



Barry Knappe '05 and Richard Long '88



Joe Carnazzo '10, Justin Terrill '09 and Chad Whitehead '09



Ruben Rubalcava '12, Alec Irwin '13 and Jack Ross '13



Michael Zabrycki '79, Matt Lozano '09, Chad Whitehead '09 and Jakob Ohman '08



Willie Beesley '86 and Danny Carnazzo '87



Tyler Kofman '10 and Matt Rosa '07



Chad Whitehead '09, Joe Carnazzo '10 and DJ Slaton '10

Classmates: Alumni Updates

1955

Monsignor Daniel Lopez is from the first Palma class of 1955. He has been retired for 10 years and helps out at the Mass for the neighboring parishes including the 7:30 Palma Daily Mass. "I miss my friends who have passed on but occasionally I get together with some of my former classmates like **Paul Cahill '55, Sam Lavorato '55, and David Esquer '55.** The thing I remember most about Palma is that the tuition was only \$100 per year. And the girls were on one side of the school and we were on the other. I am happy to see their sports teams doing well. We were just a small school when we began. Keep the faith."



1959

Paul Campos writes, "Jim and I spent three weeks traveling up the Mississippi last June/July on the American Queen Steamboat. We visited a lot of wonderful small towns including Graceland in Tennessee. There was so much flooding upstream we diverted up the Ohio River to Cincinnati, then home on Amtrak. Great time and wonderful weather."

Charleen (Patricia) O'Brien has been 60 years now in the conduit with the Sisters of the Holy Family. She ministers best of care with her older Sisters and loves every minute of it.



1960

Marleen Lagattuta sent in this photo of the class of 1960 ladies luncheon held in November 2019 in San Juan Bautista. Top row: **Vivian Brisbane Medina, Barbara DeLuna Lazarotti, Yvette Casamayo Benson, Marleen Armanini-Lagattuta and Jeanette Avilla Schneider.** Middle row: **Angie Sahagun Vasquez, Elvera Raposa Moitoso, Sarah Herbert and Sue Rianda Sorgi.** Bottom row: **Diane Stein, Beatrice Ortega Gifford and Florence Barrera.** Also attending was **Helen Stevenson.**



1961

Barbara Borchert Pybas sent in this photo of the class of '61 out to lunch at Black Bear Diner in Salinas on July 23, 2019. Using maiden names; Standing: **Karen Fano, Joan Botelho, Kathy Sheehy, Patsy Shellooe, Marietta Tosto, Gloria DeLiz, Mary Alice Doner and Kathy Garlinger.** Seated: **Diane Dolan, Nancy Reif, Barbara Lavorato, Donna Joyce, Marilyn Meidinger, Barbara Borchert and Maria Lopez.**



1962

"**Rob Scattini** and I moved to Idaho — it's been almost two years now and we are thoroughly enjoying it. Rob enjoys fishing and hunting and I enjoy skiing and biking. We love the four seasons and we've met so many nice people who have become friends. We recently purchased an RV and have really enjoyed traveling through different states and enjoying the beauty of our country. We also have been having fun going to the Santa Clara Basketball games and watching Cassidy perform as part of their dance team. We've really embraced the Boise State Football teams and have fun attending their games as well. *Go Blue!*"

1963

In April 2019, **Dr. Allan DeSerpa** was formally inducted into the W.P. Carey School of Business (Arizona State University) Faculty Hall of Fame. He was cited for his seminal research in time allocation and the economic analysis of law, along with over 40 years of outstanding teaching and mentoring. His teaching contributions ran the gamut from introductory courses to economic theory at the doctoral level, and offered a range of undergraduate courses linking economics with mathematics, law, history, industrial organization, public policy, psychology, and philosophy. His credits included five major teaching awards, five nominations for ASU Professor of the Year, and the honor of delivering the "Last Lecture" in 2004. Allan served as faculty advisor of the Student Economics Association from its founding in 1976 through 2014. He routinely hosted as many as ten gatherings per semester at his home and recruited countless talented speakers from the private and public sectors to establish connections and to relate economics to the real world.



Patricia Berta Hall is enjoying her retirement. She tells us that in 2019, "I went on an African Safari with my son and his family. We traveled to Arusha, Tanzania and saw Kilimanjaro, the Serengeti Desert, the Ngorongoro Crater and the Great Migration. And we saw many wonderful African animals. I am looking forward to the next adventure life might send my way. My four children, their spouses and my five grandchildren are all doing well."

1964

Barbara (Olson) Stephens lives in Phoenix, Arizona and has two adult children and three grandchildren. She works fulltime and has great memories of her trip to Italy three years ago. She is a Disneyland fanatic and loves San Diego. Barbara is always thankful for being a Palma graduate.

1966

James Hernandez resides in Sanger, California. He continues to enjoy retirement life and spends most days deep in family history research making genetic connections. This June he and his wife, Linda, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Vegas. Two of his nine grandchildren will be graduating from high school and are set to attend local colleges. His eldest granddaughter, a graduate of Notre Dame de Namur works as a Clinical Lab Associate at Natera in San Carlos. The other grandchildren are in middle school and two are in high school. Recently, Jim's middle daughter, Rita Martinez-Hernandez moved to Texas with her family. Rita is a special education para-professional. Jim has



enjoyed three mini-vacations with his wife to Texas to visit their daughter and her family. Jim was also able to visit many of his own family in Texas as well, including his 95-year-old maternal aunt, his mom's youngest sister. His eldest daughter, Monica Hernandez-Sigala, was recently recognized as a nominee for Fresno County School Administrator of the Year and his son, Jaime Hernandez works as small-format manager for Pepsi-Cola. Jim keeps in touch with his Salinas buddies and continues to follow Palma High football religiously. Jim's son, Jaime played Sanger football (pop-warner through high school) for 10 years. Come football season, Jim, a Palma football player himself, would say "I wish Palma and Sanger High would meet for a non-league game, that would be a thriller!" Fifty-four years later, this alumni still has the Palma spirit!

Manuel Martinez and Marian continue to stay active with their six grandchildren. They enjoy going to their sporting events. **Luke Martinez '19** is a third generation Martinez Palma graduate! **Gavin Martinez '24** is an eighth grader at Palma. Hannah has just returned to Salinas. Bella is a Freshman at Notre Dame. Maya is a sixth grader at Sacred Heart School. And last, but not least, Jacob is a fourth grader. Manuel is an Assistant Palma Football Coach with son **Tim Martinez '89**.



1967

Phil Fondale writes, "It's been a busy time for us. Cindy and I celebrated our 45th anniversary in August. We spent the month of September on a long road trip visiting Yellowstone, Devil's Tower, Mount Rushmore, Little Bighorn Battlefield and all interesting points in between. We also visited Seattle and Puget Sound area to visit our children and grandchildren. We then headed for home via the Pacific Coast. We still live in Pioneer, California and love every minute of it. We are both very active with our parish and I'm still an active member of the Young Men's Institute. There have been a few challenges this year due to living in Amador County at the 3,600 ft. level. Like many others we have had to scramble and find fire insurance for our home due to the "wildfire insurance crisis." A repeat of the Paradise Fire is a very real possibility in Pioneer. We have a whole-house generator for our home and survived the multiple PG&E power shutoffs without any problems. We look at these inconveniences as challenges that God gives us in order to appreciate his many blessings. Finally, in February I will have a total knee replacement and will be recovering when this is published. I wish all my fellow Palma graduates the best!!! We are all very lucky that our parents made the sacrifices necessary in order for us to obtain the best Catholic education possible."

1971

Deacon Rick Gutierrez will be celebrating 14 years at Sacred Heart Church in Salinas. "It is wonderful to see many of my classmates from the class of '71 from time to time. I try to attend as many sporting events as I can in support of such wonderful teams that Palma has produced over the years. I will always be thankful for the education I received and hold on to memories of such a great school."



1972

John Felix and his wife Jan enjoy spending their free time with 2-1/2 year old grandson Liam. They both work in Monterey. John is CEO at the Portola Hotel and Spa and Jan's Office is nearby on the Wharf.

1973

Ron Shaw says, "It is all about the numbers. Turning 65 in April and living in retirement — going on year three. My first three kids, ages 37, 35, 33 — all daughters — were born within a two week period in July. And my baby boy is 25. As of September, I will be a grandfather of eight. Feeling blessed living in Davis, CA and spending my days providing quality care to older adults. Most importantly, I am very grateful for my Palma education. Lessons learned truly prepared me for my life journey of purpose and direction. Contributions and relationships were enjoyed throughout 46 years of work and volunteering within 24 counties of California.

1974

Brian Priddy will retire this year from the Renault factory in Lyon, France where he's worked for 27 years. His wife Elisabeth is a medical secretary. Son William graduated from Sciences Po in Paris and is a professional soccer analyst on TV and YouTube. Daughter Constance graduated summa cum laude from De Paul and will start her doctorate next fall at either Vanderbilt or Ohio State.

1976

Dan Concepcion was recently interviewed by *Facility Manager Magazine* serving the venue management industry — IAVM. Scan the QR code here to read the story.



Joey San Paulo dropped us a note to say he is retired at the age of 62.

1977

Mike Harris is living life as fully as possible between racing his dirt bike, quad and babysitting his grandson Wyatt. Retirement is working out great!



1977

Rob Smets was inducted into the Rodeo Hall of Fame in 2019

1980

Tom DeLappe is a proud new grandpa to McQuade James DeLappe. Tom is a Senior Underwriter with First American Title, Head Baseball Coach at Calaveras High School and trying to get in as many rounds of golf as possible.



Robb Eklund, Dan Ryan and Greg Chilton are shown above with their wives at a dinner together in San Francisco last December. They all attended Palma; Robb and Dan graduated in 1980.

David "Doc" Walker is pleased to announce that he and his fellow class of 1980 football players **Matt Echeveria '80** and **Jon Cook '80** were inducted into the Hartnell College Athletic Department Football Hall of Fame on November 14, 2017. Presently, he is a Subject Matter Expert (SME) of Computer Network Data Security and advanced storage technologies like "Non Volatile Memory Express over Fabric" (NVMe-oF) working with the US Defense Department, US Department of Energy and US National Laboratories. Another honor pending for David is the EU's Presidential nomination to the council membership of the "European Centre For Information Policy & Security" (ECIPS) the "Global Internet Watchdog" that works closely with INTERPOL. David finished his undergraduate work at St. Mary's College with a BA (with Honors) in Law in 2007. He had the distinction of being published in a peer-reviewed professional legal journal as the national Constitutional Law Essay scholarship winner involving more than 400 colleges and universities. David continued his education at St. Mary's College in the MA Leadership program and finished law school at Purdue University.



1979 Class Reunion — March 7, 2020

Members of Palma's and Notre Dame's class of 1979 got together to remember old times and celebrate each other's company at their 40th reunion.



Cindy Reifsteck, Liz Fortino and Judy Radovich



Nancy Smith, Victor Nierva, Sally Smith, Jeanne Prunty, Andrew Ausonio



John Fratangelo and his wife Jackie



Jim Barich, Victor Nierva, Doug MacMillan with his wife Kristi



Gonzalo Lopez-Perez, Scott Holthouse with his wife Jan

1981

Ben Beesley and brother **Willie Beesley '86** traveled to San Pancho, Mexico with their sister Sarah and Willie's daughter Jenna this past summer. Don't worry, the country was as left as they found it! Future trips are planned!



Ed Laverone (below) was shopping in the Roseville Costco when he met Kay Collins (mother of **Pat Collins '82**). **Dante Malvini '03** overheard them talking about Palma. He asked Ed if he said he went to Palma, then introduced himself. Chieftains are everywhere when you least expect them.



Christopher Mychajluk and Lucia (NDHS '84) (left) are almost empty nesters with their youngest of four daughters graduating this year. Both work at Marin Christian Academy where Christopher is the Head of School. They live in Petaluma where they are involved in several business ventures. "I thank God for my time at Palma and the

impact it had on my life."

1982

Paul Miller says, "So life has changed so much. I retired in 2017 after 34 years as a police officer, the last 10 as Chief of Police for the City of Gonzales. In 2018 I was elected to the Gonzales City Council and I also serve as a Commissioner on the Housing Authority of Monterey County and the Chair of the Housing Development Cooperation. My oldest daughter Elizabeth was married to her husband Edgar Garcia in 2018 and my wife Gina (Notre Dame class of 1981) and I became grandparents for the first time when Elizabeth and Edgar welcomed Ensley Maria Garcia in June of 2019. Here is a family photo from my granddaughter's baptism at St. Theodores Catholic Church in Gonzales."



While catching up with classmates was the focus, giving back to Palma was at the heart of the Gathering of the Tribes, the 1983-88 Class Reunion. **Mike Mifsud '84, Gary Chavez '84** and **Brian Souza '84** presented a check for \$2,000 to Br. Dunne on behalf of the reunion. The donation was made to the financial aid endowment to honor the memory of those Palma alumni from 1983-1988 who have passed away.

Gathering of the Tribes — 1983-88 Class Reunion — October 5, 2019

Six classes put the call out for alumni to gather in the MPB on Palma's campus for a reunion.



1983



1984



1985



1986



1987



1988



Coach Wright, Dan Murphy, and the Kingstons



Amy Winfrey with John Massa '84



1984's Mike Misdud, Gary Chavez & Brian Souza

1984

Mike Mifsud and Michelle with kids Max, Monica, and Marcus in front of Mission Santa Clara where Mike and Michelle married in 1994. Mike and Michelle just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and are looking forward to their empty nest coming in the fall of 2020! Max (23) lives in the Boston area and will be looking to apply to medical school this summer. He graduated from Loyola Chicago in May 2019. Monica (21) spent last semester in Florence, Italy. She is a junior at Gonzaga University. Marcus (18) is a senior at Bellarmine, the co-captain of the football team and was named All League First Team. He is in the midst of the college decision craziness!



1987

Dave Martinez and his wife Susie are kept busy with their children's sports activities that include football and basketball. **Luke Martinez '19** is away at school just as Hannah, the oldest, has returned to Salinas.



Gavin Martinez '24 is an eighth grader at Palma and the next Chieftain is Jacob who is currently a fourth grader.

1988

John Conley writes, "About a year post graduation, I joined the US Navy and served this great country during the Gulf War as a Fleet Marine Corpsman (combat medic). After spending a short time as a police officer, I eventually returned to the medical field. I have been employed by the US Government serving our nation's veterans for the last 21 years. I work in the social sciences occupation as a team member on a clinical support team that serves our veteran homeless population in finding safe, affordable and long-term housing. I am a certified Whole Health and Wellness coach, community integration specialist, and a certified alcohol and drug technician. I am currently completing my education in financial counseling. My wife and I celebrated our 23rd wedding anniversary last month, and my 50th birthday last week. Our son completed his BS in Kinesiology with a minor in Psychology from



SJSU in 2016, and is currently working on his grad degree in physical therapy. I have competed in cross country mountain bike racing for eight years in local, state and national events. I transitioned to enduro/downhill discipline the last couple of years and ride about 4,000-5,000 miles a year with more climbing than I care to admit. With my wife's retirement approaching after nearly 30 years in nursing, we are going to relocate to Nevada within the next year, near Lake Tahoe. Life has, as it always will, served its share of ups and downs, but, the most important thing to do every morning when you wake up is to keep stacking wins, no matter how small, keep moving forward. Never doubt yourself or let anyone tell you you can't do something. Always move toward your goals, and master what you are good at, listen to others always, and live life like you are the star of your own movie. Eat clean, exercise, and your mind and body will reward you everyday. Discipline is the major component to achieving any goal, without discipline, you will not progress. Failures are learning opportunities and are healthy for our growth. Never be afraid to fail.

1988

Gavin Kisting and Claudia are delighted to announce the marriage of their youngest son Zachary to Shay Eggemeyer, daughter of Brian and Lisa Eggemeyer, this September 6th, 2020 near Chicago, Illinois. Wishing them a very blessed journey together.



1989



Tim Martinez and his wife Jessica are busy with their daughters Bella a freshman at Notre Dame High School and Maya a sixth grader at Sacred Heart School. Both girls play travel softball as well as basketball and track. Tim continues coaching football at Palma as well as teaching high school honors math.

1992

Steve Zenk is the head football coach at Salinas high and says, "I was 49ers and NFL high school coach of the week this year and beat Palma for the 3rd straight year (in football)."

1993

David Sargenti sent this photo of two generations of Sargentis coached by Doug Saucedo. David and his son **Owen Sargenti '23**.



1996

Alex Carvajal is married to Martha (13 years) and has two daughters. Below is a photo of Isabella's and Brianna's 11th and 9th birthdays. Currently living in Quito, Ecuador, Alex works for Borets, a Russian oil service company which has operations in more than 14 countries. Alex is a petroleum engineer working as the country manager for Ecuador.



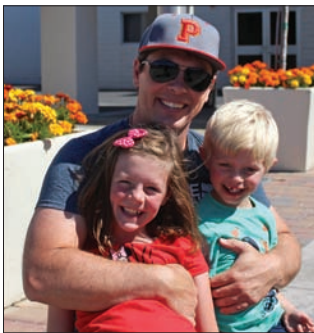
1997

Scott Henningsen says, "Everything is going good for us. Ethan is a kindergartner at Sacred Heart School and loves it. I recently bought a business in Couer de Alene, Idaho that manufactures carburetors for antique cars. Ethan and I like hiking at Toro and Fort Ord."



1998

Kyle Brown writes, "We have been loving life with our 3-year-old son, Kenny, and 7-year-old daughter, Charlotte. Both are doing great in school and have incredible imaginations, which keep us laughing. I am very involved in the Salinas Rodeo and am now officially a Committee Director.



We loved taking the kids to the rodeo this year! We were grateful for the opportunity to travel to Hawaii last October to celebrate my 40th birthday at the same resort in Maui where we were married in 2006. Our family has grown a lot since then. In fact, we just brought home an Australian Shepherd puppy, Otis, who our kids adore. Life is good!"

2000

Chris Buich has been a State Farm agent for 11 years and has three children: Ethan (14), Spencer (6) and Kiera (3). He is married to Katie, who is a NDHS grad.

John McCarthy and his wife, Lyric had a little girl on November 26th. "Here I am with Lyric and Rosie."



2001

Joe Quinlan visited the Edmund Rice Center on a recent trip to Ireland. After graduating from Palma, Joe attended New Mexico State University. He earned two BS degrees, one in Ag Education and one in Animal Science. He then attended UC Davis, graduating with his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine.

Joe now works for the USDA as a Public Health Veterinarian in Roswell, New Mexico.



2002

Aaron Cask opened his own medical billing and consulting company last year called Cask Consulting.



Ryan Felix and his wife Sarah had their second boy in February. The new baby joins big brother, 2-1/2 year old Liam. Ryan was recently promoted to Captain for Cal Fire in Merced.

2003

Domenick Cava is living in Los Altos working as a real estate agent for Keller Williams. He got married on September 7, 2019.



2004

Donald Frazier was recently promoted to the rank of major in the US Army.



Nick Sterrett is in his 12th year as a teacher at Palma, and his wife, Chelsea, is in her 9th year as a teacher at Notre Dame. Archer (6) Hazel (4) and Penelope (9 months) keep them busy.

2005

Captain Pat (aka **Patrick Walker**) is the captain of the 501c3 nonprofit, FriendSHYP F1rst Foundation. FriendSHYP's mission is to share mindfulness practices to organizations and individuals on how to be their own best friend by practicing self-love and selfless service. He has been working with children from ages 3 through 18, their parents, and teachers for the last 15 years. Captain Pat and the FriendSHYP work locally with San Carlos School and globally as they are in preparation to spread the mission of FriendSHYP in Kenya.

2006

Vincent Roth says, "Next time I come to town I will definitely swing by and say 'hi' to some faculty! I hope things are going well at Palma! I will send some more photos soon. Anyways, I will be in touch and am thankful for what Palma has taught me! Have a blessed day!"



2008

Isaiah Jimenez shares a photo from his wedding taken by fellow alum **Jason Cook '90**.



2009

Jarron E. Ramirez, BSN, RN took time out to visit Palma and play chess with members of the Chess Club. He also brought them a book about the history of chess, *The Immortal Game* by David Shenk. Chieftains enjoyed challenging Jarron. He is shown here playing **Timothy Slater '24**.



2009

Rian Singh recently visited DHS headquarters. He graduated from Saint Mary's in 2013 and now works for the Department of Homeland Security.

2010

Zack Garnica recently got married in Hawaii. He was lucky enough to have fellow Alum, **Nick Abulencia**, be a part of this celebration as well. "I'm now happily married and hopefully soon my wife and I will be starting a family of our own."



2012

Alan Sims graduated from the University of San Diego in 2016 with a major in Environmental Studies and a minor in Economics. He traveled to Costa Rica with the School for Field Studies, studying sustainable development. His research looked at the impact of human artificial sugar hummingbird feeders and the frequency of visitation to feeders versus natural pollination of plants at the research site. He is pursuing his Masters in Urban and Regional Planning. He will graduate in May and has received an offer to work for an environmental service firm as a planner.

Shivan Singh graduated from the University of San Francisco and is working on his DPT at Chapman University.



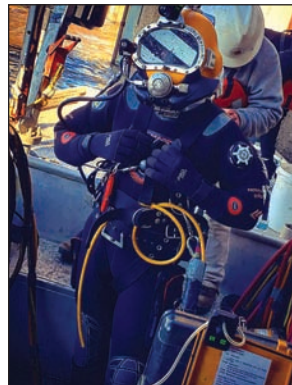
2013



Brian Brownfield writes, "I hope the new year is off to a great start for Palma! 2019 saw a lot of excitement. The end of the 2018-19 academic year at Menlo, I was awarded the 2019 GSAC Sports Information Director of the Year award in our conference, and the "Call of the Year" award from the NAIA. I was also fortunate to be a part of the Menlo's first-ever national championship, where our women's wrestling team claimed the

WCWA National Championship in Atlanta, Georgia. Getting to experience the thrill of a national title at my alma mater and getting to cover it was so special! At the end of the year, I received the opportunity to leave my alma mater and accept a Director of Athletic Communications position at Saint Mary's College in Moraga. Moving up the NCAA D1 ranks has been a fantastic learning experience, and it will include some great broadcasting opportunities, including baseball this spring and the men's basketball West Coast Conference tournament in Las Vegas!"

Thomas Stone served four years in the United States Marine Corps. Now he is working as a commercial diver.



2015

Aaron Bibbens is currently attending San Francisco State University.

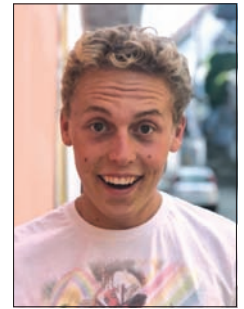
2016

Jacob Haas had the exciting opportunity to spend the summer in London, England, and work in the marketing department for a food and beverage company, Champagne + Fromage. Jacob put his marketing education to use working directly under the head of marketing learning firsthand about marketing a business. He was also set in charge of managing all social media platforms for the company. While abroad Jacob squeezed in a few weekend trips to Budapest, Amsterdam, Edinburgh, Rome, Siena, Florence, Cinque Terre, and Nice. He will graduate from Purdue University in May 2020 with a degree in Agricultural Marketing and Sales.



2019

David Daniels graduated last year and is going to college in Budapest, Hungary. David writes, "I moved into my own little apartment in September with my roommate who happened to be from NYC. He was pretty much the only other American I could say I made friends with in my time there because there aren't many. But I have been making friends with people all over the world. I have good friends from Egypt, Croatia, China, Russia, Africa, Arab Emirates, and also, as you might imagine, Hungary! I am studying media design which is a combination of web design and marketing. Not only am I learning a whole lot from my studies, but the culture is completely different than it is in Cali. Also the food, but that's a whole other story to tell. I did water polo for a few months on an all Hungarian team but recently I have been going to the gym and getting more into lifting. I have also been skateboarding a lot. Every once in a while I'll sit down and do some art of any kind; drawing, painting, writing, music and so on. Just creative expression in general."



Eric Martin joined the US Air Force and works as a Low Observable Aircraft Structural Maintainer. In his field he works on B-2s, F-22s, and F-35s A/B/C Models. "Palma has taught me the professionalism I carry out every day while taking the rest of my classes to finish my Technical school. I will soon be going to Alaska." ●



IN MEMORIAM



Brother John Hugh Greenan died on August 19, 2019 in New Rochelle, New York. Brother Greenan was a long-time fixture on Palma's campus going back some 40 years ago. May he rest in peace.

- 1956 **James Bernardasci** passed away on August 24, 2019
- 1961 **Cecilia Heinz** passed away on March 22, 2019
- 1961 **Maria (Lopez) Novak** passed away on March 18, 2020
- 1961 **Joanne (Marbach) Shields** passed away on April 1, 2019
- 1963 **Mark Sciaroni** passed away on May 12, 2019
- 1971 **Joseph Bowman** passed away on August 1, 2019
- 1971 **Tim Ryan** passed away on June 30, 2019
- 1980 **Tom Hiserman** passed away on October 19, 2019



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"We are thankful that we get to check in as a class and then work together in our small group "breakout rooms" in our live Zoom classes.

Thumbs down: we are missing being with our Palma friends in person and joining together for our sports and clubs.

Thumbs up: we have more family time, get to wear cozier clothes, and have more flexibility on when to do school work."

— Emily McClain, English

"Students have responded to the change very well! Our students need a routine; Palma was very quick to create a structure

that provides flexibility, yet keeps students accountable in regards to a "regular" school day. Personally, I have seen students adapt and thrive in this new setting. The students are engaging, working together on some assignments via different virtual platforms, and turning in and completing work like we were in a normal classroom. Our Palma men are stepping up to the challenge! A big credit to our teachers, admin, staff, and Palma community for the quick transition. It's very inspiring to see the work that Palma is doing."

— Isaiah Jimenez '08, Science



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