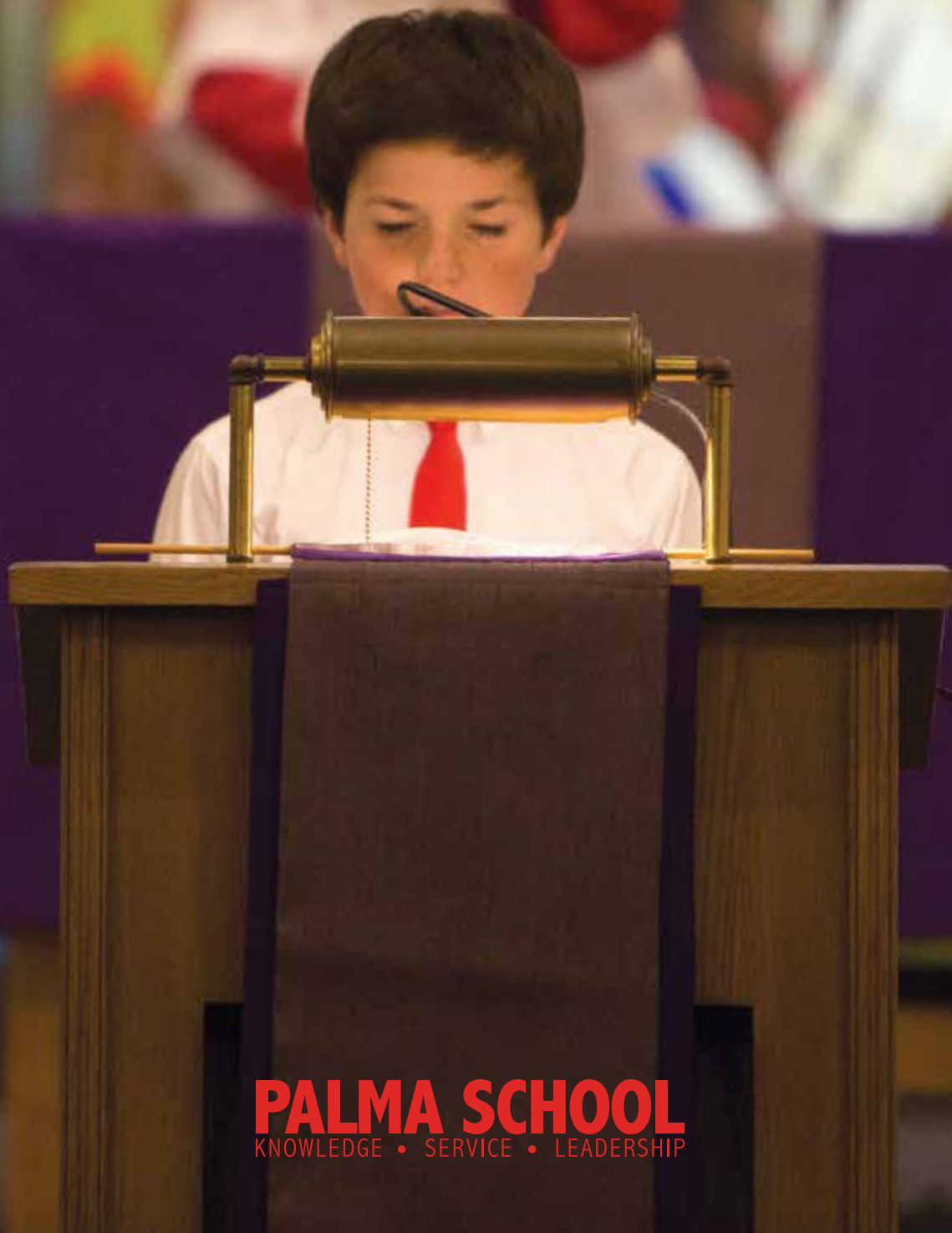


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President's Message

Sixty-six years is a grand number of celebrations for birthdays and anniversaries. Were one to go back to the very beginning of this fine institution we all know and love as Palma, all the way back to even before the school opened in 1951, no doubt we would find a hearty lot of folks who knew what they wanted and were not embarrassed nor overwhelmed by the task at hand. They had committees, they had drive, they had organization, they had a vision and passion. That vision and passion are obvious even today when one looks around at what they had not only dreamt, but at what they constructed and gave to the community as if it were a shining city built on a hill-top or, perhaps better said, a school surrounded by lettuce and cabbage fields. No doubt, it was that and more to those who went beyond the legwork necessary — they were doers, not just talkers. They certainly were dreamers who saw their dreams realized, up close and personal.

It seemed to me, a long time ago, that 66 was indeed a grand number, most often exhibited in grandparents or uncles and aunts as I gained age and some wisdom along the way. While I have never boasted of gaining an excessive amount of wisdom during that journey, I've not shied away from acknowledging the aging process and the benefits, such as they are, bestowed upon seniors today and their plans for their future based upon real-life experiences, many learned the hard way. I have fond memories of quality time with grandparents learning of their background and listening to their tags to boxes-full of photos that were held in high esteem as a sort of sacred tie-in to relatives long gone but certainly not forgotten. I get that same feeling in going through the many "boxes-full" of photos from the remarkable history this place has generated over these last 60-plus years. If only those founders of Palma, the many good folks from Sacred Heart Parish and their friends, could see us today. If only they could see what we today take for granted as the norm. At a recent gathering of present day students at the start of this school year, I reminded them that everything we have here at Palma is a gift from someone — absolutely everything, from classrooms, to fields, to vans, to buildings, equipment, etc. Those who came before us certainly had a vision that has provided us with a remarkable place, a terrific little school where extraordinary things happen on a daily basis.

Speaking on behalf of the place we know and love as Palma, I see the wisdom of planning for Palma's future in this day and age. I've often heard from those I trust that the future belongs to those who plan accordingly. That process often works well, it seems, in families, companies, governments, organizations, and schools. To that end, an organized effort is being made this year to formalize the process that will result in a five-year

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strategic master plan for the school with particular emphasis on infrastructure, buildings, facilities, and physical growth going forward. Palma does the annual survey every year, soliciting input from our stakeholders — our parents, our students, and faculty and staff — on what would be useful to the betterment of the institution and to our students in enhancing the Palma experience. I know our academic offerings have never been better; I know our graduates continue to go on to many of the most prestigious universities throughout the country; I see many well-rounded young men walking this campus each and every day; I see a vibrant campus ministry and service component in place. I sense we are doing a pretty good job at getting our students ready for college and beyond. We've even upgraded the food offerings in the cafeteria and installed hydration stations on campus.

So there is the challenge — what can we do to further enhance the Palma experience, to make this place even better than it was when it was handed to us those many years ago? We have plans. We have folks who want to be part of the process and for that I am extremely thankful. If this sounds exciting and challenging and interesting to you and you'd like to offer your input, give me a call or drop me an on-line message or just stop in for a visit. Together the founders of the school more than 66 years ago saw their dreams realized. Many others have contributed over the years to what we have today — these many gifts that let us live the Palma dream up close and personal every day. Now it is your turn to be of assistance, to dream, to answer the challenge of preparing for the next five years and being in a good spot to plot the school's destiny accordingly.

Best wishes to you and your family for the blessings of this new school year. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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

Brother Patrick D. Dunne, C.F.C.

President

Chairman of the Board of Director's Message

Greetings Palma Family and Friends,

Here we are again, another school year is beginning. Welcome back to all of our Students and Faculty, and welcome back Family and Friends to what promises to be yet another year of incredible accomplishments. Palma has worked all summer long to make sure that every classroom is up to speed, and our programs are primed and ready to deliver.

To the Alumni of our school, both recent graduates and graduates from prior years, I welcome you back as well. Palma needs you today more than ever. We need your participation, your help in promoting our school, and for sure your help in keeping Palma the leader in everything that we deliver to our community and beyond. You all may remember the Alumni who helped you when you were students at Palma and just how much that may have made a difference in your time here. We appreciate each and every one of you and all that you do to assist us in our mission.

Palma means a lot to its community. Our success directly affects the future of our community, as what we deliver every day affects the future leadership of our City, our County and our Country. The Board of Directors at Palma takes that responsibility very seriously and works to ensure Palma is cutting edge, provides resources and direction that builds men of character and high moral standards, and will be here for generations to come. Our Board of Directors invites your help and assistance in making sure this responsibility continues to deliver daily. As has been said many times... "It takes a village." Truer words were never spoken.

I welcome you all back and invite you all to be engaged and supportive in any way you can. Every little thing we do adds up to major accomplishments in our mission of making fine young men out of our boys. Every little thing you do, helps in that mission.

I encourage all of you to help us in our goals at Palma, including the goals of the Palma Fund. Help us remove the barrier of tuition and keep a Palma



education and experience affordable. My goal as Chairman is to see every young man who wants a Palma education, get one. Money and cost should not be an obstacle. Our entire community would be so grateful for any help you can provide us in reaching this goal very soon.

For all you do, THANK YOU. You are making a difference with every bit of talent, time, and treasure you provide Palma. Your gifts are the gifts that will keep on giving for years to come.

Proud to be your Chairman,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Chapin". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Don Chapin
Chairman of the Board of Directors

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Principal's Message

What a start to a brand new school year! Enrollment is up. Course offerings are up. Teacher and staff morale is up. Thanks to the work of our school Board and our President, student tuition is, perhaps, more affordable than ever.

Hedges have been trimmed and new college prep banners grace the parking perimeter reading, "Knowledge, Service, Leadership" with a new mascot that, at once, appeals to today's youth and also honors a tradition of Irish heritage in our Blessed Edmund Rice Christian Brother School. Various classrooms are piloting new furniture, allowing newer modalities of instruction. Others have been outfitted with even more advanced technology to memorialize step-by-step lessons in resolving complex Calculus and Algebraic instruction. The school computer lab is updated with 2016 iMacs, outfitted with the newest software to enhance learning in digital art, Java Honors, robotics, yearbook design, and more. The cafeteria is now outsourced with Sky's The Limit catering, and purified Brita® water is available by fountain there for students to refill their reusable bottles.

During our first week of school, students new to junior high and ninth grades were invited to a day of orientations just for them. Upper class high school students welcomed them to our historic gym, rededicated in recent history as the Steve Clayton Memorial Gymnasium. With music bumping and a human tunnel forged by upper class students, Palma's newest Chieftains walked proudly, some timidly, amid welcomes from their peers, high-fives, and smiling faces. These big brother upper classmen are Palma's CORE Club. They are leaders in many and varied ways. They applied and interviewed before they were carefully selected last spring. Among other things, they are committed to helping their younger brothers find belonging and encouragement to achieve their very best here.

Dedicated to perpetually growing degrees of academic success at Palma, new courses were offered to all new and returning students. This year students who qualify are pursuing courses of study in AP Psychology, AP Calculus BC, Introduction to Engineering, and Computer-Assisted Design (CAD), which is supplemented with two new 3-D printers. Palma has launched a new Scholars Program for qualified students who are interested in achieving recognition for rigor of course work. They may pursue any combination of the three programs: 1) STEM+ Scholar; 2) Excellence in the Humanities Scholar; and 3) Certified Bilingual Scholar. Course of study is a criterion for eligibility, as would be a student's active participa-



tion in clubs at Palma like Ecology, Pre-Med, Robotics, Marine Biology, Art, Spanish, Latin, Italian, Interact, School Newspaper, Yearbook, Mock Trial, Diversity, or Investors.

Our cadre of fall coaches are arguably as good as has ever been. Most of them are alumni and on-campus teacher/coaches, others are former NCAA Div. I athletes, two are international Olympians, and the challenge is underway to earn some more league titles at both the junior high and varsity levels. Palma participates in one of the most competitive divisions of competition of a powerful Monterey Bay League (MBL) of the Central Coast Section (CCS). We don't recruit. Success begets success. Coaches who love their players foster teams who never quit; teams who play for one another as brothers. And, perhaps most important of all, while our athletes work hard to achieve as athletes, they know that being a well-prepared student for the next phase of their lives is even more important. This assurance of something greater awaiting them beyond the present victory/defeat empowers them to win humbly or to lose graciously.

Palma Chieftains achieve. They are challenged to grow spiritually, intellectually, morally, physically, and socially. They are encouraged to compete, with an eye on the ultimate prize beyond the present. Palma School is a sacred place, where boys of promise become men of character.

Go Chieftains!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David J. Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".

David J. Sullivan
Principal

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Advancement Director's Message

St. Paul wrote "God loves a cheerful giver" in his letter to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 9:7). As a school that teaches more than academic subjects, Palma strives to develop in our students the value of "cheerful giving."

We want to graduate young men who have integrated the value of generosity into their daily lives. And, whether they give of their time, their talents, or their resources, we also hope they learn to do so with great joy.

Without question, our students learn from observing. They watch their siblings, friends, teachers, and most of all, their parents. I am always amazed at the quality and character of our Palma students. Year after year, they display amazing talents in the classroom, on the sporting fields, with their music and in our community.

As you read through this *President's Report* and see some of the extraordinary things that happen here at Palma School, I hope you feel as proud as I do of our young men.

On behalf of the present and future students of Palma School, thank you for being such great role models for our students and wonderful examples of "cheerful givers."



Tracy Jones

Tracy Jones
Director, Institutional Advancement

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MISSION STATEMENT

Palma is dedicated to providing young men an excellent college-preparatory education in a Roman Catholic environment that embraces *The Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education* and challenges each individual to develop spiritually, intellectually, morally, physically, and socially.



Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education

- I Evangelize youth within the mission of the church.
- II Proclaim and witness to Catholic identity.
- III Stand in solidarity with those marginalized by poverty and injustice.
- IV Foster and invigorate a community of faith.
- V Celebrate the value and dignity of each person and nurture the development of the whole person.
- VI Collaborate and share responsibility for the mission.
- VII Pursue excellence in all endeavors.

Making the Grade: The New Scholar Programs

The 2016-2017 school year marks the first year that three new Palma School Scholar programs are fully implemented. The Scholar programs, designed to provide avenues for even higher achievement, will recognize young men who make the extraordinary effort to add the Scholar moniker to their diplomas and senior transcripts.

Three unique Scholar programs are available. The **STEM+** Scholar program is designed for students whose academic proficiencies in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics disciplines warrant extra recognition. To receive this distinction, a student must earn a B grade or higher in a number of courses that include AP Statistics or AP Calculus; Java Programming, CAD or Intro to Engineering; AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics I or II; and have completed six semesters of a foreign language along with possessing a cumulative GPA of 4.0 or higher. A qualifying student must apply for the STEM+ Scholar designation in the beginning of his senior year.

The **Excellence in the Humanities** Scholar program is designed for concentrations in the liberal arts. To be considered, a student must earn a B grade or higher in AP European History, AP Psychology, AP Studio Art 2-D Design or Jazz Ensemble; both AP U.S. History and AP U.S. Government;

Economics Honors; both AP English and AP English Literature; plus have six semesters of a foreign language and a cumulative GPA of 4.0 or higher.

The third new Scholar program is **Certified Bilingual** which recognizes extraordinary proficiency in speaking, reading and understanding a foreign language. To qualify for Certified Bilingual, a student must pass the AP exam for that language with a score of three or higher during or before the spring of his junior year or earn a score of at least 650 on the SAT subject exam for that language, plus earn a minimum cumulative grade of 3.2 over eight semesters of Palma's English courses. In place of the AP exam requirement, a student would qualify by earning a B grade or higher in each of six semesters of that language and being enrolled in the AP level course as a senior.



Each of these Scholar programs has received collegiate-level review to ensure that the designation will carry the appropriate weight in the college admissions process. Palma guidance counselors, along with the academic vice principal, have worked diligently to develop the criteria and will review the requirements annually to confirm their relevancy.

Palma faculty and staff look forward to awarding the first Scholar program designations in May 2017. ●

For a complete list of Scholar program requirements, please see our course catalog.

Algebra I Honors: Wins the IXL Learning Showdown

Students in Mr. Rawson's Algebra I Honors course accepted the challenge posed by IXL.com to participate in their "Learning Showdown." The competition, which began on April 1, challenged students to log onto IXL's website and answer as many math questions as they could during the course of the month-long contest. Palma's Algebra I Honors class answered an average of 2,044 questions per student to claim first place in the high school grade division. Over the 2015-2016 school year, the class correctly answered more than 120,000 questions.

Internationally, more than 15,000 classes participated in the showdown. "Your class worked so hard, persevered, and conquered!" commented Melody Wong of IXL. Melody added that a \$250 Visa gift card was on its way for the students to enjoy a victory pizza party.



IXL is a web-based program that targets math and English learning for all grades K-12. The math problems have a wide variety of question types, from word problems to interactive graphing.

Congratulations to Mr. Rawson's 2015-2016 Algebra I Honors class: Matt Bassetti '20, Jack Busch '20, Edwin Espinola '19, Sean Fanoie '20, Grant

Gatanaga '19, Dane Golden '20, Christian Gomez '19, Diego Guajardo '19, Aidan Lafferty '20, Jack Lanini '19, Henry McKelvie '20, Danny Munoz '20, Isaac Paulo '20, Joseph Piini '20, Wade Rianda '20, Carl Richardson, Steven Said '20, Jacob Serrano '20, Prabhjot Singh '20, Phil Sites '20, Luke Song '20, Jake Strachan '20, AJ Suniga '20, Kyle Sutherland '20, Tyler Whitehead '20, Ben Wood '20, Hudson Wood '20. ●

High School Graduation Awards

Nicholas Ottone	Monsignor Thomas J. Earley Gold Medal for Scholastic Proficiency Valedictorian
Gabriel Rianda	Monsignor Thomas J. Earley Gold Medal for Scholastic Proficiency Salutatorian
Nicholas Denny	Palma Gold Medal in Theology
Mark Beach	Palma Gold Medal in English
Nicholas Ottone	Palma Gold Medal in Social Studies
Mark Beach	Palma Gold Medal in Mathematics
Jacob Gomez	Palma Gold Medal in Foreign Language
Tristin Rammel	Palma Gold Medal in Science
Rafael Paniagua	Palma Gold Medal in Fine Arts
Nicholas Ottone	Palma Gold Medal in Music
Gabriel Rianda	Palma Gold Medal in Computer Science
Mark Beach	Palma Loyalty Award
Zachary Barry	Principal's Leadership Award
Liam McMillin	Palma Leadership Award
Nicholas Ottone	Monroe Award for Proficiency in Mathematics
Nicholas Ottone	Brother Martin D. Cunningham Award for Excellence in English
Mark Beach	Brother Frank Luke Dalton Memorial Award for Excellence in Social Studies and Service
Liam McMillin	W.H. "Hank" Muller Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award
Matthew Gastello	Brother M.L. Crumlish Athlete of the Year Award


Junior High School Graduation Awards

Jack Busch	Monsignor Thomas J. Earley Award for Religious Studies
Hudson Wood	English Award
Wade Rianda	Mathematics Award
Hudson Wood	Music Award
Steven Said	Literature Award
Joseph Piini	Social Studies Award
Isaac Paulo	Science Award
Steven Said	Foreign Language Award
Steven Said	Fine Arts Award
Steven Said	The Gerald D. Flowers Golden Chieftain Scholarship Award for Service
Carl Richardson	Brother Charles McManus Award for Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship, and Sportsmanship
Joseph Piini	Palma Investors Club Scholarship
Aidan Lafferty	Father Vic Farrell Memorial Scholarship

College Bound

The students in the graduating class of 2016 will be attending some of the finest universities in the country. We are proud to announce the colleges in which our graduates are enrolled this fall.





*"It's rewarding to see
a student accepted at
a college for which he
has worked so hard."*

Scholarship Application Deadline

Marquette University scholarships has a new deadline of applications to the fall 2016 freshman class. This deadline is to award scholarships in early-March.

Dr. J. J. O'Connell's Innovation Fund

Dr. J. J. O'Connell's inaugural address in September 2014, the fund is similar to a venture capital fund, providing seed money and staff to explore entrepreneurial ventures. The fund originally designated \$2 million for the fund, and will add an additional \$2 million. Awards for fall 2016 are now being accepted.



Imagine Brown

Located in a historic building, the Brown University campus is a beautiful blend of old and new. Brown is a leading university in the field of liberal arts and sciences, and is known for its commitment to social justice and environmental sustainability. Brown is a member of the Ivy League and is ranked among the top universities in the world. Brown is a great place to study and live, and is a great place to start your career.



Guidance Counselors: Keeping the Focus On the Future

More often than not, Palma School is synonymous with long hours — for both students and faculty. It follows, then, that the Guidance Department would be no exception. Under the able sway of Mrs. Irina Short, guidance counselors work diligently to ensure students receive the information they need to give them the best chance of being admitted to the college of their choosing or find the most prudent path to the career they envision.

The process starts during a Chieftain's freshman year. Students are encouraged to think about careers and colleges while still getting oriented to life in high school. Their future starts to take shape with the help of technology. Using Naviance software, each student creates an account. This account is continually updated by the student during his tenure at Palma to create a "resume" of his high school accomplishments. Each account is frequently reviewed by Mrs. Short and Mr. Phil Giammanco to be sure they are kept up-to-date and to offer advice when appropriate.

Using Naviance has a myriad of advantages

When updated assiduously, Naviance bridges the memory gap students often have when they reach their senior year. It also allows the counselors to see where a student is lacking activity so they are able to respond while there is still time to do so. For students who have a target university in mind, Naviance allows counselors to offer suggestions that would be helpful for reaching their goal.

In addition to meeting with each student on a monthly basis, counselors speak with college admissions directors and attend seminars and workshops so their knowledge of what colleges and universities are seeking in their students is always current. Their experience provides insight to recognize and respond to trends in undergraduate admissions.

"We are advocates for students in and out of the classroom," Mrs. Short explained. "The counselors at Palma assist students in determining college preferences that are the best fit for them. In a case when a student has a particular school in mind, we work hard to keep them on task to best meet the criteria they use when admitting students. We can't guarantee their admittance of choice, only their best shot at it."

As happens with most high school students, fatigue can set in while working toward their goals. This is when the counselors assume the role of cheerleaders; working to motivate students and remind them to be confident in their decisions when students second guess themselves.

Academic reinforcement

There's more to counseling than college, however, as some students find themselves struggling to keep up. Counselors are tasked with identifying patterns in performance and are available to offer help when needed.

"It's our mission to make sure each student succeeds," said Mrs. Short.

To address the needs of grappling students, the Resource Program, under the auspices of Mr. Arnold Maas, was designed to promote study skills. This class meets once a day and teaches students how to learn more effectively in Palma's rigorous academic setting. The program includes instruction on note-taking, organizational skills and test-taking strategies. Providing this support gives students the skills and confidence to take full advantage of the unique offerings at Palma.

The other side of counseling

Counseling also includes identifying the signs of a troubled teen. Mrs. Short and Mr. Willie Beesley utilize their educations and backgrounds to counsel students who exhibit behaviors associated with anxiety or stress. Students are encouraged to speak with a counselor whenever they are experiencing difficulty in school or in their lives.

Strict confidentiality is always observed except in cases when it is deemed that the student is putting himself or others in danger. The counselors maintain communications with parents and offer advice that will help Chieftains at home as well as on campus.

All of Palma's counselors have experience teaching at Palma so they are well acquainted with the classroom environment and pressures the students feel in this competitive atmosphere. Students are assured to find a sympathetic ear, kind heart and understanding connection when speaking with a counselor about life.

Putting it all together

With so many facets to the Palma experience: rigorous academics, competitive sports, dynamic personal growth through service, humbling self-reflection in Chapel, a supportive parent community, and a wide range of extra-curricular clubs and activities, it's necessary to have a comprehensive guidance department to provide the resources to put it all into context. Through the expertise of Palma's guidance counselors, students remain centered and have a secondary school resume that translates into success at the next level.

"It's rewarding to see a student accepted at a college for which he has worked so hard," remarked Mrs. Short.

"Sometimes it's a 24-hour-a-day job," added Mr. Giammanco. "But it has 24-hour-a-day rewards."

The Guidance Department is located alongside the Admissions Office. To visit Mr. Giammanco or Mrs. Short, just follow the hallway lined with college brochures and viewbooks. Like most hallways at Palma, it leads to a better tomorrow. ●



Irina Short



Phil Giammanco



Willie Beesley



Arnold Maas

"...letting loose, and ultimately harnessing, one's emotions is the key to both personal and professional success."



Willie Beesley '86: At the *CORE* of Palma School

If you look up “kind gentleman” in the dictionary, you just might find Willie Beesley’s photograph. Mr. Beesley’s persona and easy demeanor are that of an unassuming, warmhearted, faith-filled man who gets misty-eyed when talking about his calling to teach — and his gratitude for being at a school as special as Palma. When you see the stops he made on the road to what made Willie Beesley the beloved instructor he is today, his place at Palma, and the need for him to be here, become obvious.

Mr. Beesley was born and raised in Monterey, alongside his three siblings. He is an alum of Palma High School, graduating in 1986.

Having an affinity for music and performance, Mr. Beesley auditioned for, and was accepted into, the traveling singing group *Up With People*; the straight-laced, positive-outlook counter balance to the rock and roll, free love movement of the 1960s. They continue today to offer an opportunity for young people to “travel, perform, and impact.”

After touring for a full year, a Christian Brother pointed Mr. Beesley toward Washington state and an open counseling position at the Morning Star Boys’ Ranch. He discovered a calling working with troubled and neglected youth and his life’s ambition took a formative turn.

“That’s where I learned how to ride a bull,” Mr. Beesley softly remarks with a mischievous half smile, offering the remnants of a broken wrist as proof.

During his time in Washington, he attended Gonzaga University and earned a degree in Special Education. Graduation opened the door for another change. His experiences, education and a curiosity about his family history compelled him to move to Ireland where he volunteered in a L’Arche house in Cork, a community for people with and without intellectual disabilities. This branch of L’Arche had been established in that city just two years prior.

According to their website, “L’Arche fosters an environment to celebrate the unique value of each and every person in those communities and recognizes our need of one another. It is a community of participation; everyone, new or old, core member or assistant has their part to play according to their own gifts. The basic requirement is an openness of heart to relationship and a willingness to serve and get involved in the day to day life of the community. Central to all who live in L’Arche is the relationship with the person with a disability. We believe that this relationship is mutually transformative, a sign of hope and a powerful witness in our world.”

Mr. Beesley found the work so fulfilling that he extended his term for another year. The transformational repercussions of L’Arche had a profound effect on Mr. Beesley, leading him to accept a volunteer counseling position at the L’Arche house in Tacoma, Washington upon his return to the US. He took a formal job teaching special education pre-K at a school on Camano Island in the Puget Sound area.

His thoughts of putting down roots around Tacoma derailed in 1998 when he received a phone call from childhood friend, former classmate and current Palma instructor and coach Jeff Carnazzo ‘85. Mr. Carnazzo told Mr. Beesley about an opening at Palma for a world religions teacher and knew Willie would be perfect for the job. Mr. Carnazzo persuaded Mr. Beesley to inquire further and soon he was packing up to return to Salinas.

“I feel really blessed to be back here at Palma,” Mr. Beesley admitted. “Education, especially the one you get here at Palma, is empowerment. With a solid education and foundation, you are able to do what you want.”

For nearly two decades, Mr. Beesley has been an impactful, positive influence on the young men who grace the classrooms of his alma mater. His personal and professional approach connect with the boys in his charge, many of whom profess to want to be like Mr. Beesley when they are older.

The many sides of Willie Beesley

Around 2008, Mr. Beesley was one of the architects of Palma’s CORE leadership program. CORE was devised to welcome new students to Palma, provide a method of peer-to-peer orientation and give the new classmates instant friends, advisors, mentors and a sense of belonging. CORE continues as a vital program on campus — vital for both the new students and their CORE leaders. It grounds new Chieftains and opens their eyes, right from the start, to all the opportunities available to them.

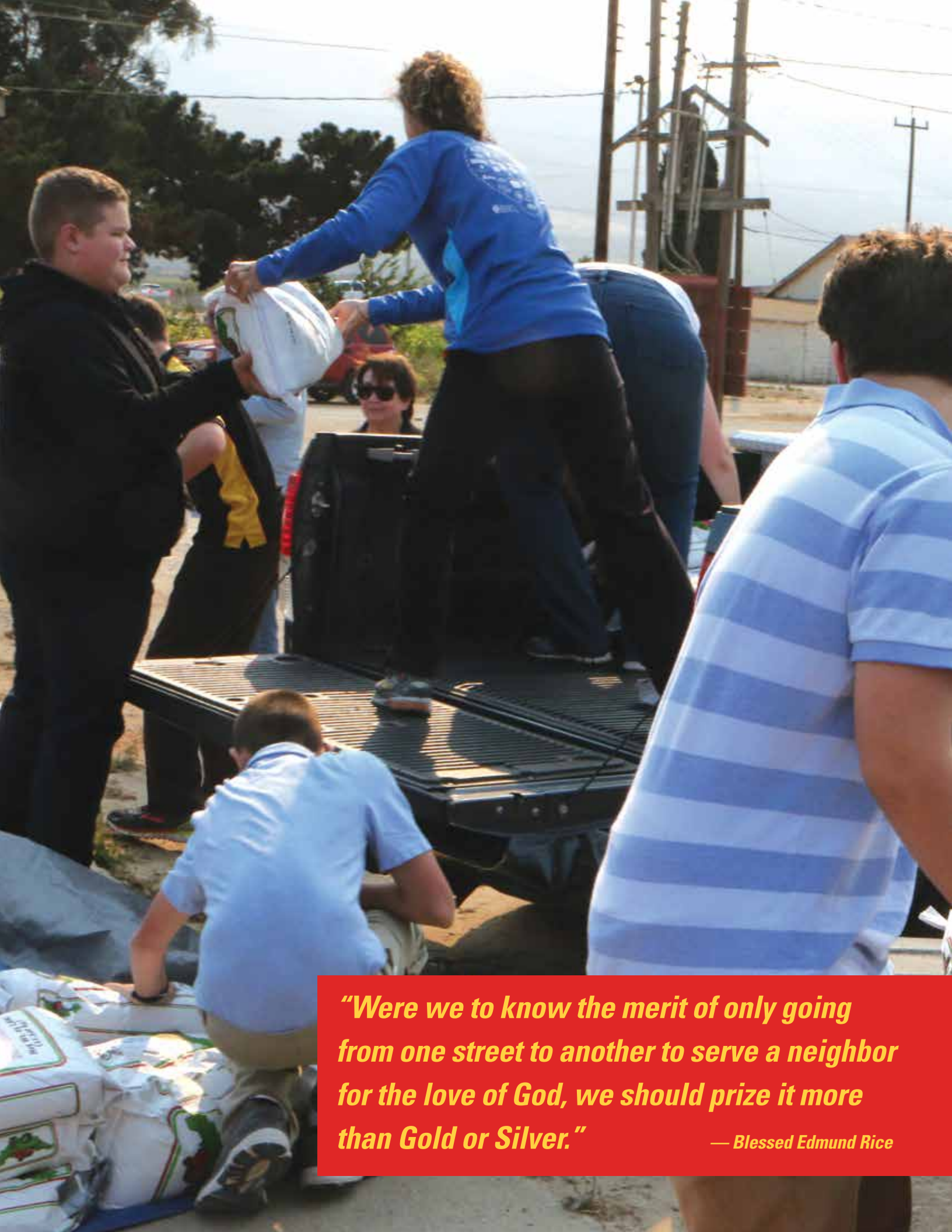


Addressing new students with CORE leaders.

In addition to his role as teacher and CORE advisor, Mr. Beesley is an advocate of emotional intelligence. Also known as EI or EQ (emotional quotient), emotional intelligence is defined as the capacity to be aware of, control, and express one’s emotions, and to handle interpersonal relationships judiciously and empathetically. Every year, Mr. Beesley employs a technique he calls *Expression Sessions* wherein seniors share whatever is on their minds within a group of peers. Mr. Beesley’s research and training reinforce the notion that letting loose, and ultimately harnessing, one’s emotions is the key to personal and professional success.

This year, Palma School will initiate “capstone” projects. Each will be a presentation of a senior’s journey through Palma and allow him to illustrate and reflect on the growth made in his spiritual/moral life. Mr. Beesley is excited to be part of this process as well.

As an Edmund Rice Christian Brother school, Palma is tasked to model its education and campus culture around the seven Essential Elements (*which can be found on page six*). Mr. Beesley is one of those rare individuals who, through expression, manner and example, is the embodiment of all seven. His comfortable demeanor makes him approachable and students find him a trustworthy advocate after which they are inspired to model their own lives. To be present with a person like Mr. Beesley is to quickly understand the relevance of Palma’s mission, and at the same time, acquire a better definition of “kind gentleman.” ●



“Were we to know the merit of only going from one street to another to serve a neighbor for the love of God, we should prize it more than Gold or Silver.”

— Blessed Edmund Rice

Campus Ministry: Feeding Those Who Feed The World

It seems odd, almost unthinkable, that those who plant, cultivate, pick and process the food grown in abundance in the Salinas Valley need assistance to live. Such is the plight of many migrant farm workers.

Farm workers have been coming to California since 1942, when federally enacted and administered farm labor programs recruited workers from Mexico to harvest crops. The workers, most of whom came from the states of Michoacán, Oaxaca and Guanajuato, arrived with knowledge of farming and the skills required to earn a living in the US. Despite most of these programs ending by 1964, the lure of a better life continues for many who come from regions plagued by economic instability, political unrest, population growth and scant employment opportunities.

Many come because it's the only way of life they know. They are following in the footsteps of their parents and grandparents, having been raised themselves in labor camps. For them it is an inescapable but familiar way of life. Their existence is transient as they follow the growing seasons up and down the state, moving from camp to camp. The work is hard, laboring for hours in the sun, but is only seasonal so the average farm worker has little chance of affording to stay in one place. The wages are low and the undocumented workers stay in the camps because they are affordable and offer shelter to remain unnoticed.

They come for a variety of reasons, but all share the same goal — to earn enough money to support their families here and/or back in their country of origin.

Bitten Falge Farm Workers Program

Bitten Falge was an inspiration to those who knew of her and her work.

For 18 years, until her death in 2007, she drove to the Salinas Valley once a month to deliver rice and beans to farm worker families living at or below the poverty level. The program, now known as the St. Vincent de Paul Society Bitten Falge Farm Worker Program, continues to provide food, clothing and blankets on a monthly basis, along with school supplies as needed, to farm worker families living in south Monterey County.

Every month, Chieftains trek in several vans to St. Theodore's Catholic Church in Gonzales to load more than a ton of rice, beans and household items supplied by the Food Bank of Monterey County. They deliver to

families living in Camp Jimenez, a farm worker camp located just south of Soledad. The young men carry food and sundry other gifts directly into the workers' homes. Donated clothes and toys are also delivered.

"The farm worker is our brother in need," said Jim Micheletti, Palma's Director of Campus Ministries. "Chieftains, who are always willing to help, embrace this program and are awed by the conditions in which this hidden population lives...right in our own backyard. Essential Element number three compels us to stand with them in solidarity."

Since 2007, Chieftains, often accompanied by parents and siblings, have delivered food and household items to migrant worker camps, including presents at Christmas time.

What's just as important as the sustenance the Chieftains provide is their company. It's difficult to imagine the totality of love and hope their kindness brings, especially to people who live in the shadows out of necessity and fear. The outstretched Chieftain hand offers more than something to eat. It offers an invitation to share in a sacred relationship, a solidarity of spirit in Christ that is timeless, whereby fostering and invigorating a community of faith. ●



Riley Corner '18, Omar Garcia '17, Jake Ottone '18, Oliver Mirassou '17, Michael Perez '18, Isaac Escobar '16, Mark Beach '16 and Kevin Beach '19



Mark Beach '16 (standing in truck) off loads bags of food to Riley Corner '18, Michael Perez '18 and Jake Ottone '18



Omar Garcia '17 and Mark Beach '16 bring a doll house donated by Mr. Tim Martinez



Riley Corner '18, Isaac Escobar '16, Kevin Beach '19, Michael Perez '18 and Jake Ottone '18

Palma's Top Ten Men of 2016

Part of Palma's mission is to instill in its young men a passion for learning and provide a solid educational foundation on which to build. Each year we salute the seniors whose outstanding performance in the classroom exemplifies this mission. Congratulations to the following 10 seniors who had the highest grade point averages in their class and received noteworthy nods from universities across the nation. ●



Nick Ottone

University of Notre Dame
Yesburgh-Yusko Scholar
Applied Mathematics and Film



Gabe Rianda

Cornell University
Mechanical Engineering



Zach Barry

Santa Clara University
Business



Mark Beach

University of Notre Dame
Liberal Studies



Aaron Zender

UCLA
History



Andrew Grogin

Emory University
*Economics with Mathematics
Computer Science Minor*



Matthew Fusanotti

USC
Physics/Computer Science



Liam McMillin

USMA West Point
Systems Engineering



Jack Richardson

Stanford University
Economics



Gus Brigantino

University of San Diego
Computer Science

Chieftain Spring Sports

Baseball

The 2015 Palma Chieftain Varsity Baseball team is summed up in one word: family. All the boys bought in to the brotherhood that the coaching staff tried to create. Each player knew his role and executed it efficiently. 2015 was a season that the coaching staff and the boys will remember forever as it was solidified with a league title.



2016 MBL
Championship
Varsity Baseball
team

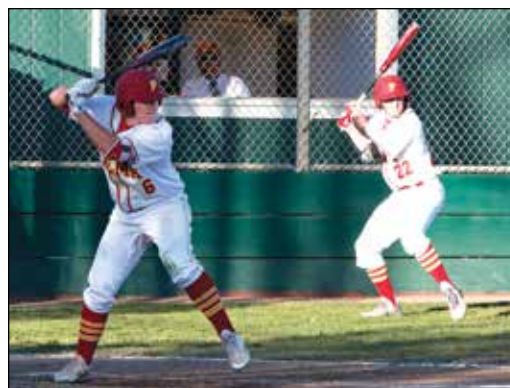


Sam Stoutenborough '18
on the mound



Business Manager George Garibay Receives Five-Star Coach Volunteer Award

Palma's George Garibay has a passion for mountain biking and helping others. Put the two together and you get the recipient of the 2016 South Conference Five-Star Coach Volunteer Award given by the NorCal High School Cycling League. Garibay has coached the mountain bike team, comprised of students from Palma and Notre Dame, since 2012 and routinely devotes hundreds of hours helping train athletes and getting them to their races. Garibay also volunteers every year at Take A Kid Mountain Biking Day sponsored by the Monterey Off Road Cycling Association. Pictured above are George (right) with children Jonathan '15 and Stephanie.



Matt Smith '16, who signed with UC Davis, stands at bat while Josh Zanger '16 waits on deck.

Golf

2016 was a unique year for the Palma Chieftain Golf team. The Varsity won our 14th consecutive League (now MBL) Championship and made our way through CCS Finals (top three teams advance) to the NorCal Finals finishing fifth again, falling short of the State Championships (top three only). However team, MBL League MVP and De La Salle Tournament Medalist Sophomore **Joey Burlison '18** advanced as an individual, capping off the finest year of scoring at Palma in the past 17 years. Fellow Sophomore and second team all-MBL **A.J. Fitzgerald '18** unfortunately lost on the second hole of sudden-death playoff for the last individual qualifying spot. The Chieftains were hit hard by the injury bug with four



Joey Burlison '18, MBL MVP and De La Salle Tournament Medalist.

starters missing matches and second team all-MBL **Hansi Hell '18** (who tied for low post season total score last year) was unable to play past the League Finals. Senior Captains **Andrew Groggin** and **Dominick Hoover** (both first team All-MBL) provided leadership and consistent excellence throughout the year. Another second team all-MBL player Junior **Blake Mitchell** returned from wrist surgery and made a meaningful contribution to our season and post season run. Also helping the Chieftains through the CCS tournament and NorCal Finals were **Jose Calderon '19** and **Michael Carrillo '18**. Additionally, **Jacob Haas '16** and twins **Richard** and **Robert Hernandez '17** earned Varsity blocks during the season. Assessing the season Coach **Clem Richardson '67** noted; "We faced a lot of adversity with all the injuries this year, but still came together to win league and qualify for the NorCal Championships for the eighth time in the past 10 years (we finished fourth the other two years). We had a great



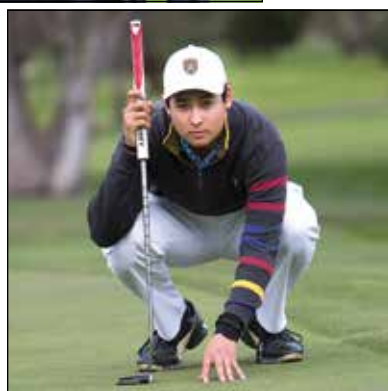
2016 MBL Championship Varsity Golf team.

year of growing individually and as a team. Our returning players give us hope for excellence again next year. We added former Palma player, PGA professional **Danny Duncan '03** to our great coaching staff. We enjoy the challenge to help Palma Golf have fun and be our best."

Our JV team also achieved success, finishing with an 8-4-1 mark. Thanks to an inspiring prayer and talk by **Jacob Haas '16**, Palma came from behind at the MBL JV Finals to win another League Crown. Five different players shot the low score for the team in various matches this season. The JV's were led by MVP **Jose Calderon '19, Michael Carrillo '18, Richard and Robert Hernandez '17, Alex Moret '19, Jacob Haas '16** along with third generation Palma family member **Carson Souza '17, Carlos Moreno '17** and **Grayson McGrew '18**. There was great improvement throughout the year and the JV's are eager to make their mark next year. The outstanding coaches helping to develop the Palma golfers are **John Oliverio '69, Dr. Kimble Cater, Kurt Dillard and Danny Duncan '03**.



Coaches Clem Richardson '67 and Dr. Kimble Cater



Blake Mitchell '17 lines up his putt.

The 2016 Junior High golf team compiled a 6-5 league record for first year coach George Gatanaga. Eight players participated and showed great improvement as they practiced and competed every week. Team scores increased with every match. Four eighth graders led by **Kevin Cortopassi, Tyler Benson, Tyler Whitehead, and Daniel Carbonel** should provide the High School golf a boost if they choose to pursue the sport. With four seventh graders, **Richard Amirsehhi, Kyler Im, Shane Olszanowski, and Daniel Penner** returning, the 2017 golf season will be even better!

Lacrosse

Palma Varsity Lacrosse is a testament to the resolve young men have when led to perform at top level. The bonds formed in the classroom were evident on the lacrosse field this season, as players' instincts and skills formed a superlative team, taking third place in the league. That standing had not been achieved in the previous three seasons Palma has had lacrosse teams.



Varsity Lacrosse takes a break from the action. In the center are Tristan Wahl '17 and Mark Beach '16.

The interest of this relatively new sport to Palma is infectious. Every year more players have been added to both Varsity and JV teams. The athletic prowess of these individuals did not surprise the coaches, parents or Palma. The athletic prowess of these men did absolutely prove Palma proud, and certainly will in 2017, and the years to come. The Palma Lacrosse program is building every year, and has only positive thoughts to the direction of the sport at Palma. With the playing and coaching experience of Vince Brigantino and Jeff Rianda, Palma lacrosse players were taught the importance of precision with plays detailed to every step, every pass, and every shot. We are honored to have these men part of the Palma community.

Accolades go to committed dominant lacrosse players who excel on the playing field and in their academic studies. Senior **Gus Brigantino**, the key attack man, was chosen as Varsity MVP, with 44 goals, 11 assists and 33 loose balls controlled, on the season. Gus has also been named All-American and first team by the league for 2016. Senior **Matthew Gastello**, the tireless midfielder, racked 29 goals, 18 assists and an amazing 114 loose balls controlled. Matthew was elected to receive All American and first team status by the league. Senior **Mark Beach** and Junior **Tristan Wahl** both received Best Offensive Player awards, exhibiting phenomenal stick skills with shots, fakes, and passes. Defensively, Aaron Burns led his long stick team, squelching repeated attacks from the formidable offenses of the Gabilan League.

The Palma Lacrosse coaches could not be more proud of each player, who



Tristan Wahl '17 shoots on goal.



Chieftain fights for the loose ball.

gave his time and full effort, every day in practice, and in every game. We wish all 12 graduating Seniors the best, as they move on to college and new endeavors. We look forward to another fabulous season for 2017!

The Palma Junior Varsity Lacrosse team began the 2016 season with amazing success. The veteran athletes rallied the new players to win the first three games, beating traditionally dominant Stevenson, Carmel, and Pacific Grove. The addition of Coach Greg Beach, the effort the players gave, and the sheer will to shoot the ball catapulted the JV team to an impressive 8-4 season record. Outstanding performances were proven to the coaching crew, as veteran Sophomores **Michael Bengard**, **Tariq Barnett** and **TJ Mendoza** led the new players to a winning season. All of the JV players at practice and games showed incredible focus and determination to win; a valuable trait in life.

The JV coaching staff's level of commitment was likewise impressive. Coach and father to Senior Lacrosse player Mark, Mr. Greg Beach began the season with the an inherent ability to coach. Coach Beach gave every player his best, every day. Though 2016 was Greg's first year coaching Lacrosse, he commanded the respect of all, early on. He and Coach Peter Prodis were determined to have a physically premium team, and a winning team.

Palma JV standouts included Sophomore **Liam Short**, awarded MVP, as his quick read of the game, stick skills, and athleticism allowed points every game. Junior **Blake Johnson** gladly threw his body into the fray, desperate for goals, and powered through the opposing defense. Blake was awarded Best Offensive Player. Sophomore **Octavio Rubio** showed speed and stealth to be awarded Best Defensive Player.

Swimming

In 2016, Palma had a small but powerful team. This was a cohesive group of young men who truly worked together as a team to bring the best out of one another. Every member of the Palma team placed in the top 10 at MBL's. That is a first for Palma.

Sam Given '17 and **Tommy Padilla '19** tied for Most Valuable Swimmer tying in most points earned in the season. There were surprising and inspirational performances numerous times throughout the season from **Armando Borrego '17** and **Evan Haro '17**. Armando became the self proclaimed "go-to distance swimmer" in the 500 free. Evan would step up and swim whatever you asked him to swim to strategically earn points for the team. Both of these swimmers lit up the pool in their races at MBL's.

Sam Given '17 was Palma's power in the 100 breast stroke and sprint freestyle races. It was fun to watch him fiercely compete. **Tommy Padilla '19** was king of the 100 backstroke and the 200 IM winning almost every dual meet matchup. Tommy placed second at MBL's in the back just being out touched at the wall by hundreds of a second. **Pedro Siguenza '19** was Palma's most versatile swimmer throughout the season. Pedro can swim any race well. He was the go-to guy in the 100 butterfly. Pedro swam every event throughout the season and earned the "Tour de Meet" towel. **David Daniels '19**, a rookie to swimming, turned out to be a solid asset to the team. He was another swimmer who could swim almost any race and was incredible at the 100 breast stroke throughout the season. **Doug Jackson '17** placed often in sprint freestyle races and earned many points in the 100 backstroke. **Diego Muñoz '16**, a loyal and committed swimmer, ended his senior year on a positive note with personal bests at MBL's. He was a solid 200 IMer for Palma. **Christian Gomez '19** proved to be an incredible sprinter and formidable opponent in those races at every meet. Christian and Sam were within a tenth of a second from the sprint CCS qualifying times.



Tommy Padilla '19



Diego Muñoz '16



Pedro Siguenza '19

This 2016 team was small, talented and committed. It was the best young talent as a unit that the school has ever had. Their key word being "Young." If Palma could field a team of 12-15 or more swimmers in 2017, this group of guys could and should take home the banner and perform well at CCS. Palma is always at a disadvantage in swimming, as there is no diving team to earn diving points. Every meet we start 13 points down. When Palma has 12-15 swimmers, with a core group of talent (like we have right now), the odds then become mathematically in their favor to win dual meets and Championships. The diving points are made up by the winning of points in swimming events. It is important to leave no open areas and field all relays (when you have no diving). We have even more talent coming to the team in 2017 and look forward to anyone with an interest in swimming to joining the fun.

From a coaching perspective of 20 plus years, this group of young men worked incredibly well together, were friends, competed at practice daily, were committed, focused on detail, supported one another, and had a lot of fun doing it. It was a pleasure to coach this group and they will be remembered as one of my favorite teams.

Tennis

The spring 2016 Palma tennis team began the year with a lot of change. There was the transition of long-time coach Alice Cory and her son Kasey Cory moving to another path. The coaching job transitioned to Greg Andersen a long-time Salinas native who played tennis for the Fresno State Bulldogs. With the loss of some top players, the Palma team needed to have all returning players step up into bigger roles. One of the main themes for the team was, "Keep getting better each day!" The team responded to the call by improving with every single practice and match played. The team scores reflected this by showing improvements in the



2016 Varsity Tennis Team

second match against conference teams. The highlight was going 2-5 against conference champions Carmel High with two matches extended into the third set.

Individually, the team was led by Senior Captain **Nicholas Ottone**. Nicholas played with a lot of courage and determination against the league's best tennis stars. Most of Nicholas's matches went to three sets. An up-and-coming star in the league is Palma's Most Valuable Player **Finian Rawson '18**. Finian won a number of key matches all year with the most exciting against the league champs Carmel. Fin came back from 1-6 in the tiebreaker to win 10-8. All teams were on the edge of their seats as Fin battled back for an epic win on Carmel's home club (CVAC). **Ben**



Senior Team Captain Nick Ottone

Snow '17, Palma's most inspirational player won a number of doubles matches with partner **Chase Kesecker '17**, Palma's most improved player. Ben and Chase also won a final epic doubles match against Carmel. Ben and Chase showed leadership for the entire team each day and led the team. The Palma team saw some up-and-comers who showed improvement each day, **Joshua Canales '17**, **Brandon Ng '17**, **Noel Calinawan '17**, **Alex Thomas '19**, **Jake Ottone '18**, **Sebastian Iriarte '16**, **Omar Garcia '17**, **Fermine Calvario '17**, **Amardeep Nahal '17** and **Dylan Volz '19**.

This coming year the Palma tennis team will have lots to build off of and may be entering into the Mission Trail League. I'm very excited for the upcoming season and look forward to a bright future for the Palma tennis program.

Track & Field

The headlines read "Palma Chieftains Track and Field Win Their Fifth Championship in a Row 135-108 over Hollister"...the story behind it was what made it special. Written off by area coaches and even local press, the underdog Chieftains put together a complete team effort and rose to win the 2016 MBL Championship. Palma scored in 14 of 16 events, with contributions from the freshman class through the senior class and only three league champions, juniors **Kevin Telford** in the 400 (50.43), **Drew Dalman '17** in the discus (151'7") and sophomore **Reno DiTullio** in the high jump (5'10"). Our relays both placed second scoring 16 points, the 4x100 (43.91) with **Jared Torculas '16**, **Vianni Fratangelo '17**, **Emilio Martinez '17** and **Kevin Telford '18**; the 4x400 (3:28.75) with **Isaiah Blanco '17**, **Zac Tamagni '16**, **Vianni Fratangelo '17** and **Kevin Telford '18**. Our throws team scored 31 points, in the shot put; **Nick Denny '16** (47'1") was second, **Stanley Smith '17** (44'7.5") third and **Drew Dalman '17** (44'7.5") fourth. **Denny** (129') and **Smith** (127'3") were fifth and sixth in the discus. Thirty points were scored in the sprints, **Vianni Fratangelo '17** was third in the 100 (11.39) and fourth in the 200 (23.18), **Emilio Martinez '17** was fourth in the 100 (11.45) and **Isaiah Blanco '17** third in the 400 (51.32). Two freshman led our distance team to 16 points; led by **Sam Lavarato '19** with a second in the 3200 (9:48.12)



Jack Fling '17



Kevin Telford '18 and Isaiah Blanco '17

and third in the 1600 (4:30.14) and **Thomas Padilla '19** with a fifth in the 3200 (10:06.27). The jumpers and vault recorded 38 points; **Jack Fling '17** was second in the high jump (5'10") and fourth in the pole vault (12'). **Clemente Villareal '16** was second in the triple jump (41'3.75") and fifth in the long jump (20'1") and **Stefano Pezzini '16** was fourth in the long jump (20'2.23"), fifth in the triple jump (39'11.25") and also brought home a fourth place finish in the 300 hurdles (42.51). An incredible team effort by a group of young men who simply believed they could achieve the goal of another title.

The JV team was a little thin due to so many helping at the varsity level. The team finished fifth in league but had great efforts from individuals and relays. In the high jump **Colby Caudill '19** placed second (5'4") and **Kyle Espinas '18** fourth (5'2"). **Zack Taylor '18** was third in the 65HH (10.53). In the long jump **Andrew Rivera '19** was third (17'6"), **Kyle Espinas '18** fifth (17'4") and **Zack Taylor '19** fifth (17'4"). The 4x400 relay with **Sean Gonzales '19**, **Sam Lathos '19**, **Luke Martinez '19** and **Matthew Morales '19** placed sixth. These young men and many others will be an integral part of our run for a sixth title in a row.



Michael Perez '18 and Caspar Sylvania '19

2016 track season for our Junior High School program was full of great team effort along with outstanding individual performances. Even though the junior high track meets are not scored by team points, our Chieftains were one of the top teams in the area.

This past track season was supposed to be a "rebuilding" year for us. Fortunately, our Chieftains won some of the track and field events throughout the whole season. With most of our top seventh grade athletes returning for this upcoming season as eighth graders now, we will definitely again be one of the strongest track programs for which to watch out.



Matthew Fusanotti '16, Ben Bustoz '16 and Duy Luu '18

Volleyball

Coming off two championship seasons, the Chieftains were ready to find more glory out on the court, and drop another champion's banner. The fight, and desire to win was in the Chieftains all season, but from the outset, it was clear this year was not going to be as easy. Starting the season with only a couple of wins, success was measured on improvement. The senior leadership held the team together, asking the underclassmen of the team to improve, finish strong, and fight each battle in their last season of play. This work ethic and pride led the team to win four of their last five games in the second round of league play, finishing 5-9 overall.

This improvement and fight was lead by the efforts of the League's defensive player of the year **Ben Bustoz '16**, and fellow captains, middle blocker **Alex Serrano '16** and outside hitter **Matthew Fusanotti '16**. Finding huge success at outside hitter, **Nate Leavitt '18** became a powerful force, finding the all league team for his efforts. Freshman libero **Matthew Morasca** and sophomores **Cody Laycock** and **Tomas Kinion** will work with Nate and setter **Leo Lagrimas '17** to use this year's experience to put themselves in another championship race next year.



Nate Leavitt '18



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Br. Patrick D. Dunne C.F.C.
President



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2015-2016

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The President's Circle, established in 2008, gives special recognition to those Palma supporters who have made gifts of \$1,000 or more during the preceding fiscal year. Many families, alumni and friends choose to continue their membership in the President's Circle year after year in recognition of the superior achievements of the school. We salute the following members of the pace-setting group and hope that the power of their example will serve to encourage others to consider investing in Palma School.

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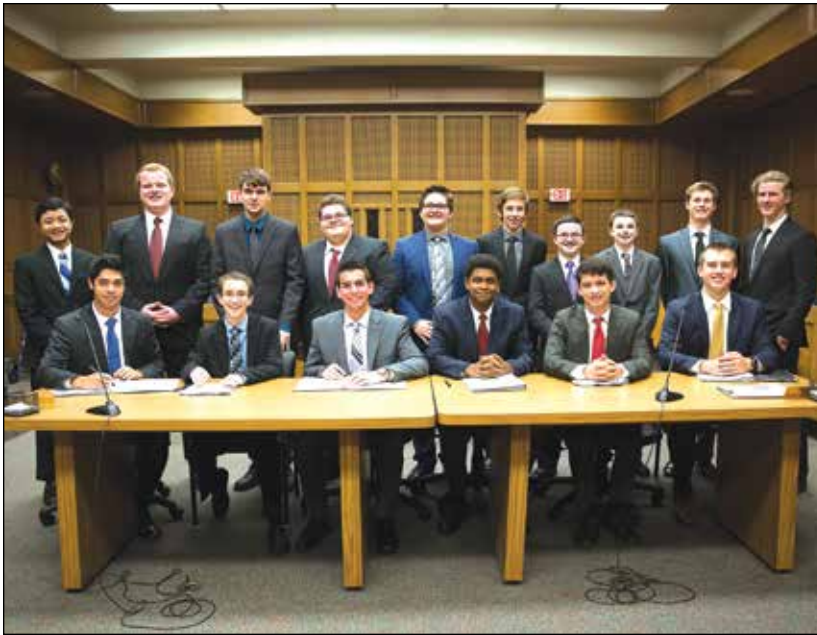
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