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SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS

# THE 2022 SEASON 2023



# WELCOME



Welcome to another exceptional presentation by the Santa Margarita Catholic High School Performing Arts Department! Performing arts inspire and unify us in a fashion that embodies the God-given talent of our students, faculty and staff. Together, our passionate, dedicated and talented performing arts team foster love, enthusiasm and respect for the arts. These unique attributes in turn provide the foundation of a unique and memorable experience for which you are about to witness.

*"Artistic talent is a gift from God and whoever discovers it in himself has a certain obligation: to know that he cannot waste this talent, but must develop it." Pope John Paul II*

Bravo to all our generous patrons and benefactors for the countless ways in which they enhance our performing arts programs by way of time, talent, and treasure. To our Eagle parents and families, thank you for entrusting SMCHS with your most precious gift – your children. We are honored to partner with you in their education and look forward to your continued involvement and support.

I invite you now to sit back and enjoy tonight's outstanding display of genius! May we all continue to be inspired by the outpouring of dedication and talent provided by our Performing Arts department.

All Good Things,  
J. Andrew Sulick '91, President

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Welcome! I hope you are ready for another fantastic performance by one of our very talented performing arts programs! Thank you for attending and supporting the arts at SMCHS. The students enrolled in the SMCHS performing arts program are quite talented young men and women, and we are blessed that they are on the Eagle stage. Our students are guided and mentored by a premier group of dedicated and talented faculty. As principal, I am immensely proud of the young men and women and their teachers and leaders. The arts are an integral part of a high school student's life and every student can benefit from their participation in many academic and social/emotional ways. Whether in instrumental music, choir, dance, drama, steel drums, tech crew, or Comedy Sportz, the opportunities create balance in their school experience. Our

Lord, through the love of Christ, has greatly blessed us with a faculty and staff who teach, inspire, and lead these young men and women. Often, they are helping many of them prepare for a career in the arts.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, our patroness, stated:

*"But above all preserve peace of heart. This is more valuable than any treasure."*

These students are utilizing their extraordinary treasures to provide all of us peace of heart, and we celebrate them and their courage to share them with us. In every performance, the SMCHS Performing Arts Department lives the charism of our school, Caritas Christi, the love of Christ. It is with gratitude to our gracious God for the great gift of these students and educators and for you, the wonderful supporters of the program who join us today.

Caritas Christi,  
Cheri L. Wood, Principal

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On behalf of the Performing Arts Department, I would like to thank you for choosing Santa Margarita Catholic High School, and for supporting the performing arts. Your children are a gift; they are the heart and soul of the performance you are about to experience. Thank you for being here to witness and support the extraordinary efforts of these incredibly dedicated and talented people. Every live performance needs an audience and we are extremely grateful for your presence.

SMCHS is proud to be the premiere Catholic high school in South Orange County. This year we are proud to introduce the Talon Academy of Performing Arts (TAPA): an after-school conservatory designed to give students preprofessional training in a thoroughly developed scope and sequence of performing arts courses. TAPA classes appear on student transcripts, and students receive Fine Arts credit as well as a special designation at commencement. More information about TAPA can be found within this media guide, or by visiting smhs.org and clicking on "TAPA" from the dropdown menu of the "Arts" tab. Once again, SMCHS is proving to be commensurate with the finest arts education institutions offered in South Orange County, and this year will be no exception.

Moving forward, we are extremely proud to present the 2022-2023 season. This season will surely demonstrate our love and appreciation for the artistry, talent, and excellence that is customary for SMCHS Performing Arts. It is this sense of pride, accomplishment, excellence, and community support for continued growth that inspired the creation of this media guide. Thank you to our sponsors for their generous donations. Your gift has a direct impact on the entire Performing Arts Department. Thanks to your partnership we are able to provide students with opportunities they would not have otherwise. The possibilities are abundant. No matter what you give, the application of your gift goes directly into student learning experiences.

Sponsorships will be printed each year and I encourage you to be a part of the growth of SMCHS Performing Arts. Your support and commitment have helped our program evolve to this level of excellence. I look forward to this ongoing partnership. The real benefactors are the young performers who bring their talents to the stage for our student body, our school parents, and the entire community. So whether you are passionate about dance, choir, theatre, steel drums, guitar, orchestra, band, eagle regiment, color guard, improv, or jazz band – Thank you for your partnership in valuing and supporting Performing Arts.

Sincerely,  
Francisco Calvo,  
Executive Director of Performing Arts, Performing Arts Department Coordinator



**SMCHS PERFORMING ARTS**

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## PROGRAMS

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## SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Santa Margarita Catholic High School offers a college-preparatory education emphasizing the formation of the entire person. SMCHS strives to develop students who are people of faith, skilled lifelong learners, healthy individuals and involved citizens of our world. Students are empowered to grow spiritually, intellectually, socially and morally.

## CREDITS

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# DIRECTORS



## **FRANCISCO CALVO** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PERFORMING ARTS, PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT COORDINATOR

Mr. Francisco Calvo is highly respected in Southern California as a conductor, pianist, composer/arranger, and musicologist. As a musicologist Mr. Calvo has taught at the community college, and university levels, and has contributed to Grove Music Online through Oxford Music. The Cole Conservatory named Mr. Calvo Outstanding Music Historian for his achievements in musicology in 2007. As a conductor, his choirs and orchestras have received critical acclaim in the U. S. and abroad. As a composer/arranger, Mr. Calvo has worked on Hollywood films, and his original compositions are frequently commissioned by local school districts. He is published through Warming Sun Music and J.W. Pepper & Sons, a member of the American Musicological Society, and was one of six people in the U.S. to receive the Society's 2009-2010 Eileen Southern Award. Mr. Calvo is also a member of the American Choral Directors Association. Mr. Calvo began teaching at SMCHS in 2002 and now serves as the Executive Director of Performing Arts and Performing Arts Department Coordinator. Summer of 2019, Mr. Calvo took the choral program to Netherlands and Belgium. Mr. Calvo also teaches Intro. to Music History, and World Cultures of Music at Chapman University.



## **W. CHRIS WINN** DIRECTOR OF VOCAL MUSIC

Mr. Winn finds great joy in teaching music! He has held positions as elementary classroom music teacher, high school, college choir director, and church music director. This will be his ninth year in the Performing Arts Department at Santa Margarita Catholic High School playing for or directing multiple choirs. He has performed for numerous professional and regional theatre productions, including eleven musical theatre productions at SMCHS. He is also Director of Music at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fullerton. He has played extensively as soloist, with symphonies and as director of musical ensembles. Mr. Winn has written many choral, solo, and chamber compositions. Mr. Winn earned a Bachelor of Music in Education and Organ Performance from Pacific Union College and a Master of Education, from Concordia University Portland.



## **RUBEN PUEBLA** DIRECTOR OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, VOCAL MUSIC FACULTY

Mr. Ruben Puebla is a low brass musician and educator in the Orange County Area and is in his 2nd year at SMCHS. A local of southern Orange County, Mr. Puebla has been a consistent education presence in the area for over 15 years. He has worked with Mission Viejo High School, Laguna Hills High School, Trabuco Hills High School, La Quinta High School, Rancho Santa Margarita Intermediate, La Paz Intermediate, Los Alisos Intermediate, and Serrano Intermediate, all while keeping an active private teaching studio. At SMCHS, Mr. Puebla teaches both orchestras, the Wind Ensemble, Concert Choir, Eagle Rock Band, and the Eagle Regiment Marching Band. On top of teaching, Mr. Puebla also maintains an active presence as a performing musician in Southern California, playing regularly with the Orange County Wind Symphony and the Orange County Brass Ensemble. He has also held principal positions with La Mirada Symphony, Dana Point Symphony, Symphony Irvine, and the Santa Monica Symphony. Currently, Mr. Puebla can be heard on the soundtrack of Netflix original "Koala City," due to release later this year. Mr. Puebla holds a Bachelors and Masters of Tuba Performance, both from California State University, Long Beach



## **AMANDA DUNCAN** DIRECTOR OF PERCUSSION

Ms. Amanda Duncan is a multi-faceted percussionist and music educator based in Southern California. She has taught music since 2004 to people of all ages and abilities, and is the Director of Percussion at Santa Margarita Catholic High School, where she teaches Steel Drums, Percussion, AP Music Theory, and is also the Instrumental Music instructor for the TAPA Conservatory. Additionally, she teaches through The Den Collective, an online music lesson platform and community, and is the Percussion Instructor at Orange Coast College. As a performer, Ms. Duncan plays drums and percussion with a wide variety of groups throughout Los Angeles and Orange County. She frequently performs and records with Tracy Thornton and Pan Rocks, drums and keyboards with her band Three Forks Junction, local musical theatre companies, online virtual steel band projects, and has shared the stage and recording studio with artists ranging from Mike Portnoy, Stephen Perkins, and Billy Sheehan to Liam Teague, Martin Chalifour, and Michael Giacchino. Ms. Duncan also serves as Chair of the Communication and Outreach Committee for the National Society of Steel Band Educators, and worked as music supervisor for the short documentary "The Jill of the Trade" produced by Xplore the World Productions. She's been interviewed by the Trinidad Guardian, When Steel Talks, the podcasts "Strike Up" and "Concert Honesty," and featured on Pan Magazine's social media accounts. Passionate about the steel pan and music of the West African diaspora, Ms. Duncan performed with the PCS Nitrogen Silver Stars Steel Orchestra in the 2016 Panorama finals competition in Trinidad, visited the Mangrove Steelband in London, UK in 2019, and has also twice studied samba drumming and Brazilian culture in Rio de Janeiro and Salvador, Bahia. Ms. Duncan received her Bachelors and Masters degrees in Percussion Performance from the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at CSULB and Northern Illinois University, respectively.



## **DAVID TEHERO** TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Mr. David Tehero comes to us with 13 years of experience working in the industry. He has worked for a multitude of theatre companies such as 3DT, Musical Theatre West, and Staged Cinema Productions to name a few. With a portfolio of live shows, musicals, and trade shows he brings a new perspective to our ever-evolving artform. This is not his first appearance here at SMCHS. He has been invited as Master Carpenter since Fall 2019 and is proud to accept the mantle of Technical Director in our TAPA program.



## **ANNETTE MELOSINI** PERFORMING ARTS MANAGER

Mrs. Annette Melosini holds a BA in Economics and Psychology with a minor in Business Administration from UC Irvine. Employed at SMCHS for over 10 years, she found her second family in the Performing Arts department. As manager, she is responsible for coordinating the logistics of the performing arts events and managing other departmental support programs. As an avid lover and patron of music, theatre, and dance - Mrs. Melosini combines her appreciation for the arts with a passion for hospitality and support for the patron experience. Additionally, she loves collaborating with artistic directors, faculty, and staff to make the student experience in Performing Arts at Santa Margarita truly one-of-a-kind.

# DIRECTORS



## **AMY LUSKEY-BARTH** TALON THEATRE PRODUCER AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Amy Luskey-Barth holds a Masters in Pastoral Counseling from Trinity College of Graduate Studies and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drama from USC. A veteran theatre director and teacher whose career spans over thirty years in educational theatre, Amy founded Tri-School Theatre for Servite, Connelly, and Rosary High Schools and served as Producing Artistic Director from 1989-2004. Since 2010, Amy has served as Artistic Director of Talon Theatre at Santa Margarita Catholic High School. She is sponsor of Thespian Troupe #5524 and has taken students to the California State Thespian Festival, the International Thespian Festival, the California Youth in

Theatre Day in Sacramento and the International School Theatre Association ISTA festival in Terezin, Czech Republic and Atlanta, Georgia at the Center for Civil and Human Rights. Amy is director of Project Speak UP! and Executive Director of Theatre on Purpose.

Amy's productions have garnered multiple M.A.C.Y. and CAPPRIES awards over the years. Amy served three years as the California State Advocate for the Arts for the Educational Theatre Association and is currently a member of the California State Board of the International Thespian Society. She was the recipient of the University of Notre Dame Great Teacher Award in 1996 and was named one of the top twenty-five teachers in Orange County by Parenting OC Magazine for 2015. She developed the Playworks Program for emerging young playwrights for the California State Thespians. She has taught memoir writing for the North Orange County Community College District Continuing Education Program and Cuesta College Community Programs. Amy has mentored and coached students for some of the premier college theatre programs and conservatories around the country. Her students have attended NYU, University of Michigan, University of Southern California, UCLA, DePaul, Chapman, Marymount Manhattan, UCI, The Atlantic Theatre Company, University of Redlands, Boston Conservatory, and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts.



## **CASEY GARRITANO** THEATRE TEACHER AND CHOREOGRAPHER

As a former member of Actors Equity, Mr. Casey Garritano has performed in professional regional theaters and touring companies since the age of 12. He started his teaching career at Orange County School of the Arts in 2004 after receiving his Bachelor of Arts in Theatre from UCLA with an emphasis in Musical Theatre. He has been working at SMCHS since 2014 and is currently serving as a full-time theatre arts teacher, dance instructor for the school's TAPA Conservatory, Cappies critics advisor and ComedySportz coach.

SMCHS choreography credits include "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," "Into the Woods," "West Side Story" (MACY Award, Best Choreographer), "Godspell," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Hello Dolly" (MACY Award, Best Choreographer) and "Guys and Dolls." Mr. Garritano's other choreography credits include "Crazy for You" (OCSA), "Oklahoma!" (OCSA), "How To Eat Like A Child" (OCSA), "The Robber Bride Groom" (OCSA), "Anything Goes" (OCSA), "The Boyfriend" (OCSA), High School Musical (Wilson High School) and Bye Bye Birdie (Wilson High School). Some professional choreography credits: "The Producers" (Tibbies Center Stage) and "Swing Into Spring" (Encore Dinner Theater). Some regional performing credits include: Cosmo in "Singin' in the Rain" (Candlelight Pavilion, Performance Riverside), Will Parker in "Oklahoma!" (Welk Resort, Downey Civic Light Opera), Tommy Dijilas in "The Music Man" (Merry-Go-Round, Playhouse, NY) and Dancer in "Mozarts Idomeneo" (LA Opera).



## **DANIELLE DARWAZEH** DIRECTOR OF DANCE / EDF SONG AND DANCE TEAMS

Mrs. Danielle Darwazeh has over 25 years of experience coaching, teaching and choreographing dance. She started dancing at the age of 3 and has been professionally trained in various styles including ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, pom/song, theater, character, modern, pointe and lyrical/contemporary. Danielle is a graduate from UC Irvine and was the captain of their dance team for 3 years. She was a member of the United Spirit Association where she served as a Head Instructor and a member of their Program Development staff.

She currently judges for various event producers when she is not with her teams competing. Danielle has coached and choreographed for numerous Dance and Song teams throughout the United States including high school, college, semi-pro, and pro teams. During the past 15 years of coaching, her teams have won numerous national titles and awards including Innovative Choreography, Technical Excellence, Superior Showmanship, Best in Category, Grand Champions, & the Bronze Medal at USASF's Dance Worlds. Danielle was named Cheer Pros "Dance Coach of the Year" and has also been a finalist numerous years in a row. She loves sharing her passion for dance and her competitive spirit to motivate and push her dancers to be the best they can be. Danielle takes pride in her dancers and dedicates herself fully by investing in each of her dancers' growth and development. This is Danielle's 11th season coaching and 4th year teaching dance at SM. She is thrilled to be the new Dance Director at SMCHS overseeing both the award winning Song and Dance Teams.



## **DANIEL HUYNH** DANCE FACULTY

Mr. Daniel Huynh is a dance teacher at Santa Margarita Catholic High School, San Juan Hills High School, and Pave School of the Arts as well as a professional dancer represented by Go 2 Talent Agency. After graduating from Chapman University with a BFA in Dance Performance, Daniel went on to work with artists and companies such as J. Cole, Banks, Nike, Grace VanderWaal, Disney, and 20th Century Fox to name a few. He has also had the pleasure of working under choreographers such as NappyTabs, Mandy Moore, Jillian Meyers, Michelle Elkin, Preston Mui, Matt Peacock, Kristin Denehy, and Sienna Lyons. Mr. Huynh is excited about

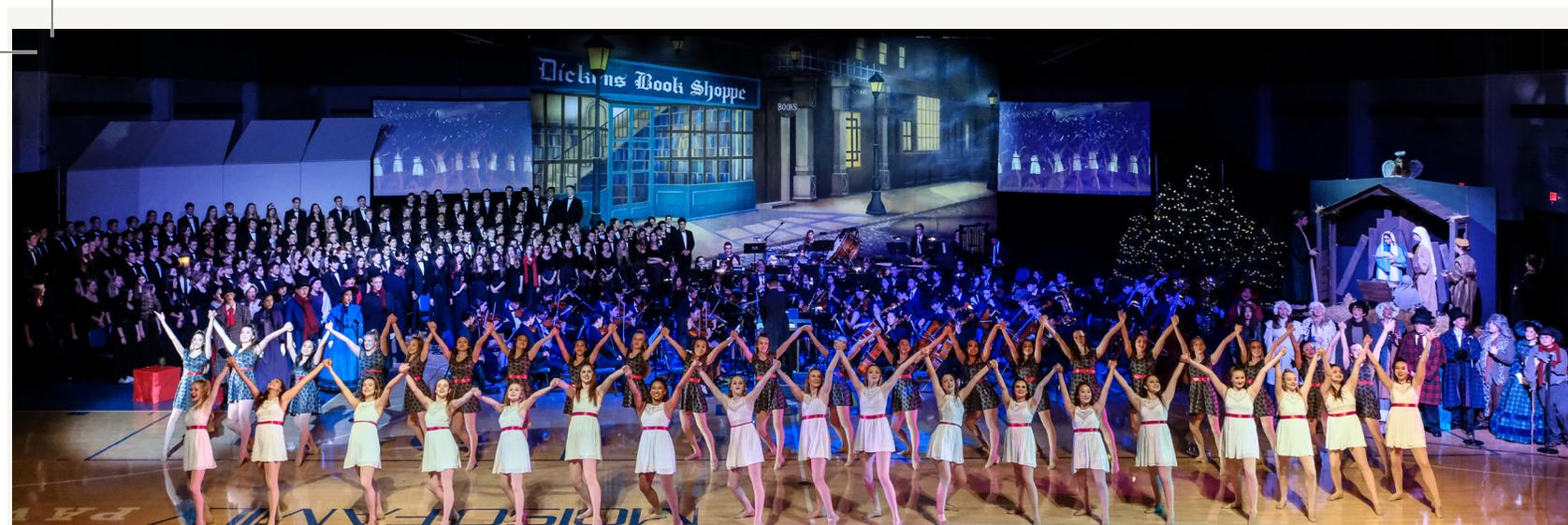
taking his dance experiences to teach the future generation of artists!



## **ABE FABELLA**, ACCOMPANIST

Mr. Abraham Fabella is a composer, pianist, and conductor living and working in Southern California. He is involved with singers in a variety of ways. Besides his involvement as the Accompanist at SMCHS, he works with opera singers, (Artistic and Music Director of Riverside Lyric Opera), community chorus singers (Raincross Master Chorale), and church choristers (All Saints' Episcopal Church, Riverside.) In addition to his performance career, he is a much sought-after vocal coach and private instructor (piano, composition and voice). Upcoming projects include a 45-minute performance at UC Riverside of the complete piano suite, Goyescas, by Spanish composer,

Enrique Granados, a workshop presentation of a new one-act opera based on the Marian apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe by Los Angeles-based composer, Dana Howell, and a full production of the holiday opera Amahl and the Night Visitors with Genesis Opera Theatre in Escondido. This is Mr. Fabella's first year at SMCHS, and he is happy to be a part of the Eagle family.



## PERFORMING ARTS MISSION

The mission of the Performing Arts Department at SMCHS is to offer the highest quality in performing arts education by engaging students in creative, thought-provoking and artistic aspects of each discipline regardless of ability and experience. Our comprehensive performing arts program allows our students to explore their creativity, celebrate the arts, grow in faith and share their talents with the community. Our charge is to produce excellent performances thereby serving the ultimate goal of creating good citizens capable of understanding, appreciating, and advocating for performing arts in society. Being active in performing arts is about joy, fun and creative expression — working together in a supportive environment to accomplish something beyond our individual ability. Your investment of time, effort and energy will produce lifelong dividends. Recruiting, maintaining and sustaining a vibrant performing arts program takes time and energy; it takes the teamwork of an entire community. Without the help of dedicated and generous volunteers our program would be severely diminished. Parents can be a vital part of the Arts Alliance — a parent support organization. Please also keep in mind that we need patrons as well as performers. Your patronage, either monetary or by the donation of your time, would be greatly appreciated. It is a privilege to have these young students as valued performers in our organization. Thank you for your support of performing arts education at SMCHS. You play an important role in everything we do. Welcome!

### CHOIR

#### Making Music Together

##### CLASSES OFFERED:

- Advanced Women's Chorus Honors
- Men's Chorus
- Concert Choir
- Chamber Singers Honors

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### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

#### Developing a Lifelong Love of Music

##### CLASSES OFFERED:

- Wind Ensemble Honors
- String Orchestra Honors
- String Orchestra
- Eagle Regiment Marching Band
- Steel Drum/Percussion Ensemble Honors
- Steel Drum/Percussion Ensemble
- Guitar 1
- Guitar 2
- AP Music Theory
- International Baccalaureate Dance (HL) 1 & 2, SL

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### TALON THEATRE

#### Theatre on Purpose

##### CLASSES OFFERED:

- Theatre 1
- Theatre 2
- Advanced Theatre Honors
- IB Theatre Higher Level (HL) 1 & 2: Two-year course, focused on Acting, Directing, Playwriting, Design
- IB Theatre Standard Level (SL) – One-year course

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### DANCE

#### Developing Athleticism and Artistry

##### CLASSES OFFERED:

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- Intermediate Dance
- Advanced Dance
- Dance Production (in conjunction with Dance Team)
- International Baccalaureate Dance (HL) 1 & 2, SL

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# TAPA



## TALON ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

### Talon Academy of Performing Arts (TAPA)

#### MISSION

The Talon Academy of Performing Arts at Santa Margarita Catholic High School provides one of the foremost preprofessional training programs for aspiring performing artists in dance, instrumental music, vocal and theatre arts. Through experiential learning, led by an exceptional faculty who are committed to teaching and developing each student's God-given gifts, TAPA students strive for artistic excellence in a disciplined, and nurturing environment. Rooted in the charisma of Caritas Christi, TAPA students find purpose and are empowered to employ their artistic talents to make a better world.

#### ENROLLMENT

TAPA is open to all students in grades 9-12, and is not limited to SMCHS students. Public school, home school, and other private school students may enroll. Students must choose only one track from the 6 listed below. For students in grades 6-8 interested in developing musical theatre skills, we are proud to offer the Introduction to TAPA program which focuses on Triple-Threat Musical Theatre (singing, dancing, and acting).

#### ACTING

- Acting 1
- Acting 2
- Stage Movement/Dance for the Actor
- Voice and Diction

#### TRIPLE THREAT MUSICAL THEATRE

- Stage Movement/Dance for the Actor
- Musical Theatre Solo/Song as Monologue
- Group Musical
- Voice/Diction

#### TECHNICAL THEATRE & DESIGN

- Stagecraft
- Drafting Scenery/Drawing Scenery
- Production Practicum
- From Page to Stage: Putting it Together

#### VOCAL MUSIC

- Intro to Music Theory/Musicianship & Ear-training
- Piano class
- Voice class
- Applied Study (Private Lessons)

#### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

- Solo Instrumental Performance
- World/Commercial Music
- Intro to Music Theory/Musicianship & Ear-training
- Intro to MIDI/DAW
- Piano class
- Applied Study (Private Lessons)
- Practice Hour

#### DANCE

- Eagle Dance Force
  - Dance Team
  - Hip-Hop Team
  - Song Team

#### INTRO TO TAPA (6th – 8th grade only)

- Triple Threat Musical Theatre
- Movement
- Voice
- Acting

#### TAPA FACULTY/STAFF

- Francisco Javier Calvo, Executive Director of Performing Arts
- Amy Luskey-Barth, Artistic Director of Talon Theatre
- Casey Garritano, Triple Threat Musical Theatre Instructor
- Andrea Martinez, Triple-Threat Musical Theatre Instructor
- Leeza Yorke, Vocal Music Instructor
- Amanda Duncan, Instrumental Music-World/Commercial Music Instructor
- David Tehero, Technical Theatre & Design Instructor
- Abraham Fabella, Accompanist
- Brian Clemens, Accompanist and Piano Class Instructor
- Kennedy Kemmerer, Intro to TAPA Director
- Aimee Martinez, Registrar & Attendance
- Guest artists

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# WHEN STUDENTS SPEAK UP, ARE YOU LISTENING

**Speak UP!**® is an original award-winning play written and performed by students for students that gives voice to some of the most troubling issues facing young people today. The often taboo-topics of sexual assault, harassment, identity, and suicide are brought to life in a powerful 25-minute presentation that serves as a catalyst for conversation.

Speak UP! first launched as an SMCHS IB Theatre collaborative project in 2016. Written and originally performed by Raiya Browning '18, Hannah Billups '18, Hannah Loessberg '18 and Griffin Webb '18 with branding and graphics by John Luke Polson '18, the play encourages empathy, compassion, and love serving as a powerful reminder of how inextricably linked we are to one another.

- **PROJECT Speak UP!** educates and empowers young people by providing easily accessible on-ramps within the school setting to speak up about their mental and emotional health needs.
- **PROJECT Speak UP!** enables adults to see these issues and their causes through a youth lens and equips them with tools they need to listen and support them.
- **PROJECT Speak UP!** is an educational tool that includes resources, surveys, and protocols for post-performance talk backs with parents, counselors, campus ministry, faculty, staff and administration.
- **PROJECT Speak UP!** has been adopted and incorporated into the sophomore curriculum by the SMCHS Mental Health Task Force.
- **PROJECT Speak UP!** ambassadors are trained in their junior and senior year by mental health professionals.
- **PROJECT Speak UP!** is available free of charge as a tool to foster mental health services in the school setting.

# [Speak UP!]



Join the Speak UP! movement. For more information on project Speak UP! please contact Amy Luskey-Barth, MPC, Artistic Director of Talon Theatre at [bartha@smhs.org](mailto:bartha@smhs.org)



# SANTAMARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

## #1

Catholic high school in Orange County  
– Niche.com

## TOP RANKED

Ranked among the top 40 most influential private high schools in the U.S.  
– Academic Influence

## 17

school, college and wellness counselors

## 10 OF 4

Catholic, IB World high schools in California

## 90%

student participation in extracurricular activities

## 15:1

student-teacher ratio; average class size of 22

## 65

performing and visual arts classes

## 47,664

hours of direct service to the vulnerable with an economic impact of \$1.2 million  
\*2021-2022 school year

## 75

CIF team championships and 234 league championships

## TEN-TIME RECIPIENT

of the CIF-SS Commissioners Cup

## MICROSOFT SHOWCASE SCHOOL

nine consecutive years

## 2022-2023 SCHOOL PROFILE

### OVERVIEW

Founded in 1987 under the leadership of the Diocese of Orange, Santa Margarita Catholic High School offers a coeducational, college-preparatory education developing students who are people of faith, skilled lifelong learners, healthy individuals and involved citizens of the world. Santa Margarita provides a well-rounded educational experience known for the breadth and quality of its academic programs, innovative technology, student-centered classrooms, emphasis on service and social justice, nationally recognized athletic program, award-winning arts programs and active student body. Centered in the school's charism of Caritas Christi, the love of Christ, students are called to live out the school's core principles of compassion, humility, justice and goodness.

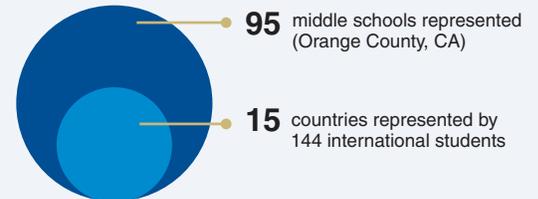
### 2022-2023 STUDENT BODY

- 58% Caucasian, 16% Asian/Pacific Islander, 10% Multiracial, 4% Hispanic/Latino  
2% Black/African American, 1% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 9% Declined to state
- 50% male, 50% female
- 30% of Santa Margarita students receive tuition assistance/scholarships
- 91% U.S. citizen, 9% non-U.S. citizen

### ENROLLMENT: 1,756



### GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION



### CURRICULUM & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

#### SCHEDULE

- School year includes: Two semesters comprised of approximately 18 weeks
- Modified Block Schedule: 75-minute periods four days a week and one all-periods day per week with 45-minute periods/classes
- All students must take seven courses per semester (9th-12th grade)

#### ACADEMIC GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

\*Each semester class is 5 credits

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| Religion           | 4 years | 40 credits         |
| English            | 4 years | 40 credits         |
| Social Studies     | 3 years | 30 credits         |
| Science            | 3 years | 30 credits         |
| Mathematics        | 3 years | 30 credits         |
| World Languages    | 2 years | 20 credits         |
| Fine Arts          | 1 year  | 10 credits         |
| Health             | ½ year  | 5 credits          |
| Physical Education | 1 year  | 10 credits         |
| Electives          | 4 years | 55 credits         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       |         | <b>270 credits</b> |

- Minimum GPA to graduate is 2.0
- First Honors: 4.0 and above (weighted)
- Second Honors: 3.5-3.99 (weighted)

#### GRADING SYSTEM

SMCHS is a non-ranking school

**A** 90-100 **C** 70-79 **F** 59 & below

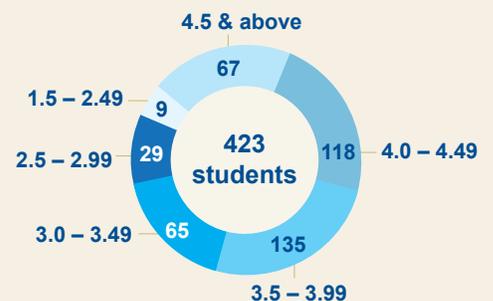
**B** 80-89 **D** 60-69

- Pluses and minuses do not affect GPA
- Honors/AP/IB receive an extra point for Cs and above
- Maximum number of credits for GPA calculation is 280
- All academic courses are counted on the transcripts with no exceptions
- Remediation is recommended for all Ds and required for all Fs
- SMCHS does not offer dual enrollment classes through online schools or community colleges. The transcript only includes courses taken at SMCHS.

#### CUMULATIVE ACADEMIC GPA DISTRIBUTION

Class of 2023 (after three years)

Maximum GPA possible after junior year (six semesters) is a 4.90



# NICHOLAS KRAUS SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. Nicholas Kraus (1982-2014) embodied everything good about a teacher at SMCHS. Trying to describe his impact on the community is like trying to describe a symphonic masterpiece to someone who has never heard it. His students felt a strong connection, and the SMCHS community loved and admired him. Mr. Kraus was a phenomenal musician, a master teacher, and his work ethic was paramount. Above all, Mr. Kraus was extremely humble. His selfless and kind attitude was evident in every aspect of his professional and personal life. Mr. Kraus taught in the Performing Arts Department from 2010-2014. During that time, Mr. Kraus taught various courses in music, performed regularly on campus in productions and concerts, and volunteered his time and expertise to assist with the Eagle Regiment Marching Band. In the desire to recognize talented SMCHS students with demonstrated financial need, the friends and family of Nicholas David Kraus, and the Performing Arts Department of SMCHS established the following scholarship criteria:



## REQUIREMENTS:

- Demonstrates financial need
- Junior or senior, next school year
- The recipient can be male or female
- The recipient must be enrolled in the instrumental music program
- Recipient must make every effort to be a model student at SMCHS, displaying humility, selflessness, kindness and a willingness to volunteer
- Additional consideration may be given to those who have lost a parent or family member
- Completion of the Nicholas David Kraus Memorial Scholarship Application Form

## NICHOLAS DAVID KRAUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS:

- 2014-2015 Myles Angel
- 2015-2016 Abigail Jackson and Julia Smith
- 2016-2017 Sabrina Torres and Noah Hill
- 2017-2018 Ryan Patrick
- 2018-2019 Nick Ortiz and Ryan Patrick
- 2019-2020 Nick Ortiz
- 2020-2021 Diego Dilao and Yang Lu
- 2021-2022 Diego Dilao

If you would like to contribute to this memorial scholarship, please send your tax-deductible donation payable to:

### **Santa Margarita Eagle Foundation**

Attention: Nicholas David Kraus Memorial Scholarship  
22062 Antonio Parkway  
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

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TICKETING INFORMATION AND EVENT PROGRAMS: [WWW.SMHS.ORG/TICKETS](http://WWW.SMHS.ORG/TICKETS)

**OCTOBER 5, 2022 • 7:00PM**

**Fall Steel Drums Concert**

Talon Dome

**OCTOBER 12, 2022 • 6:00PM**

**Fall Choir Concert**

San Francisco Solano Church

**OCTOBER 19, 2022 • 7:00PM**

**Fall Instrument Music &**

**Eagle Rock Band**

San Francisco Solano Parish Hall

**OCTOBER 27-30, 2022**

**The Matchmaker**

October 27-29 | 7:00pm

October 30 | 2:00pm

Talon Dome

**NOVEMBER 15, 2022 • 7:00PM**

**Dancing with the Eagles**

Talon Dome

**DECEMBER 1, 2022**

**5:30PM, 8:00PM**

**Christmas Production**

Moiso Pavilion

**FEBRUARY 27, 2023 • 7:00PM**

**Nick Kraus Memorial Scholarship Concert**

Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

Tickets: [www.scfta.org](http://www.scfta.org)

**MARCH 3, 2023 • 7:00PM**

**Talon Theatre Cares Talent Show**

Talon Dome

**MARCH 23-26, 2023 • 7:00PM**

**The Music Man**

March 23-25 | 7:00PM

March 26 | 2:00PM

Talon Dome

**MAY 3-6, 2023 • 7:00PM**

**Spring Dance Concert**

Talon Dome

**MAY 5, 2023 • 5:00PM**

**Senior Class Play**

Talon Black Box Theatre

**MAY 5, 2023 • 7:00PM**

**Cabaret**

Talon Black Box Theatre

**MAY 10, 2023 • 6:00PM & 8:00PM**

**Choir Pops Concert**

Talon Dome

**MAY 13, 2023 • 4:00PM**

**Instrumental Music & Eagle**

**Rock Band Pops Concert**

Talon Dome

**MAY 13, 2023 • 7:30PM**

**Steel Drums Pops Concert**

Talon Dome

### PROGRAMS

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