



ROUNDTABLE

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR AND FROM KNIGHTS

Knights, Villacrusis & Han, Lead Cross Country Finals

by Emmanuel Erediano for Marianas Variety



Knights Christian Villacrusis and Kern Han led the All-Schools Cross Country championship at the Saipan Vegas Resort Golf Course in Chalan Lualau last Saturday.

Northern Marianas Athletics development coordinator Elias Rangamar said the final leg had a very good turnout.

He said close to 200 school children from public and private schools raced on the golf course.

"The turnout is great. We have seen how these kids performed today on a lovely course," he said.

NMA, he said is thankful to Saipan Vegas Resort General Manager Gus Noble who accommodated them in this year's final leg.

Last year's Cross Country final was held at the LaoLao Bay Golf Course & Resort.

"We are very thankful to Mr. Gus Noble for giving us the opportunity to use this golf course. Hopefully we can work out something like again for next year's Cross Country. Every year, this event is a great for the children," he said.

Rangamar also noted how many of the Cross Country participants improved.

"Many of them started running in the Cross Country since they were in the early years of elementary. In his annual event, you can just see the improvement. And they need more exposures to athletics events like this," Rangamar added.

Villacrusis led the two-lap race, over all, in the 13-and-under, 15-and-under and 18-and-under age division.

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Knights Hand Craft Ornaments for National Christmas Tree in Washington D. C.



Mount Carmel School Sophomores (bottom right) created ornaments that will be placed on the National Christmas Tree in Washington D. C., including ornaments that feature the CNMI flag and latte stone (top left), plumerias around a latte stone (top right), and a flame tree (bottom left).

Ornaments by Mount Carmel School's student artists will dazzle President's Park (White House) in Washington, D.C. as part of the 95th annual National Christmas Tree Lighting display. The school's Sophomore Arts and Crafts students, under the direction of May Ling Colombo, created a variety of ornaments inspired by local interests, landmarks and icons of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Materials used include paper, sand, wood, seashells and clay. Paper-cutting, wood carving, hand building and painting are some of the mediums showcased in the ornaments.

"I am excited and honored to be a part of the America Celebrates display this year because I am able to share with others the culture and heritage of the CNMI," said Kalea Borja, Sophomores Arts and Crafts student. "The students put a lot of thought and hard work into their creations to ensure that they represent the islands fittingly. I am extremely proud to see their ideas become reality," added Mrs. Colombo.

The handcrafted ornaments will adorn one of 56 trees representing each U.S. state, territory and the District of Columbia from December 1, 2017 through January 1, 2018 as part of the America Celebrates display.

Presented by the National Park Service and National Park Foundation, the National Christmas Tree Lighting is one of America's oldest holiday traditions. The first lighting took place 95 years ago on Christmas Eve in 1923, when President Calvin Coolidge lit a Christmas tree in front of 3,000 spectators on the Ellipse. Since 1923, each succeeding president has carried on the tradition.

For more event information and updates, please visit www.thenationaltree.org and follow the National Christmas Tree on Twitter at @TheNationalTree. Join the conversation online using the hashtag #NCTL2017. Through a partnership with the National Park Foundation, the official charity of America's national parks, Hallmark Channel will exclusively broadcast the National Christmas Tree Lighting on December 4, 2017.

Announcements

Holiday Charity

As we do every year, this year we will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive for non-perishable food items. These items will be collected by each homeroom, presented at our school's Thanksgiving Mass, and donated to Karidat. In addition to the food drive, Student Council will be sponsoring a soup kitchen during the holidays and our honor societies will be spearheading our school's toy drive.

MCS Theatre Club presents Disney's Mulan Jr.

Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club proudly presents DISNEY'S MULAN JR on Friday, December 1, and Saturday, December 2, on the school grounds in a very special stage designed just for the show. Tickets are \$15.00 for front row premium seats, (**PREMIUM SEATS ARE SOLD OUT**) \$10.00 for preferred seats, and \$5.00 for general seating. Showtime is 7:00 pm each night. Tickets are on sale in the MCS Business Office.

In the Future

Junior Campus Clean Up

TOMORROW, Saturday, November 18

Parent Council Turkey Trot

Tuesday, November 21

Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday, November 22 at 8:00 am

Thanksgiving Feast

Wednesday, November 22 at 10:00 am

Thanksgiving Break

November 23-24

Sports Calendar

CCOPSSA Varsity Basketball

Tuesday, November 21

MCS Girls 1 v ACS (time & venue TBA)

MCS Boys v ACS (time & venue TBA)

ESLR of the Week

#3. Integrate religious themes to reinforce Catholicism and sacramental virtue of life.

Cross Country

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Han clocked in at 9:33 to win the one-lap race in the 11-and-under, seven-and-under and nine-and-under.

Taking the second place in the 11U Boys with a time of 10:15 was Imtiaz Hadim of William S. Reyes Elementary School and third place, also of WSR, Zhi Lin who clocked in at 10:26.

In the 7U Boys, Agape Christian School's Daniel Huang clocked in at 9:40 to win the first place; Saipan Community School's Landon Sperger, 10:42 for the second place and Saipan International School's Oliver McCallion, 11:43 for the third place.

In the 9U Boys, SIS' Kelley McCallion took the first place with a 10:18; SCS' Eugene So, second place with 11:06 and ACS' Yong Lim, third place with 11:09.

Parent Council Corner

1st Annual Turkey Trot Tuesday, November 21

GREAT PRIZES:

Samsung Galaxy Tablet for Most Cash Collected

Class Prizes:

1st Class: Chicken,

Spaghetti, & Pizza party

2nd Class: Spaghetti Party

3rd Class: Pizza Party



PRODUCTION OF

Disney MULAN JR.

Music and Lyrics by
Matthew Wilder and David Zippel,
Stephen Schwartz,
Jeanine Tesori and Alexa Junge

Music Adapted and Arranged and
 Additional Music and Lyrics by
Bryan Louiselle

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by
Patricia Cotter

Based on the 1998 Disney film "Mulan"
 and the story "Fa Mulan" by
Robert D. San Souci

Friday, December 1	\$15.00 for premium seats
Saturday, December 2	\$10.00 for preferred seats
7:00 p. m. each night	\$5.00 for general seating

Mount Carmel School Campus Tickets available at the MCS Business Office

**For more information, call 234-6184 or visit
www.mountcarmelsaipan.com**

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