

# Donor gives to school

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Recently, Academy board member and parent Bob Cutler donated nine Macintosh computers and two monitors to the Academy's journalism program.

Cutler had extra Apple computers at his office, as some of the departments were switching from using Macs to PCs. He said the Macs did not work well with the contact management software that his department uses, so he gave them to the Academy.

"It's a private school, and it's not supported by state funds, so it needs equipment," Cutler said.

Eli Scott, information services administrator, helped to make the computers available and Gary Katz, parent of an Academy kindergartener, helped to set them up.

Three PowerMac G3s, three PowerMac G4s, 3 flat-panel iMacs, a 17" Apple CRT monitor and a 21" CRT monitor were added to the journalism room.

This addition allows more students to work on the computers simultaneously, thus allowing students to accomplish more work in each class period.

Journalism advisor Seth Dimbert experiences the effect of the donation firsthand.

"It increases the journalism lab's capacity. It's wonderful that we can have such generous parents who will donate their time, money and other goods to the school," Dimbert said.

Cutler feels that it is important for

people to make donations to schools. He feels that whenever anyone has any extra equipment, whether it's tables or computers, they should look for a non-profit organization or a school to make the donation.

Dimbert said Cutler's donation has increased the number of computers in the lab by 40 percent. These computers can mean the difference between an assignment being done in one day rather than two or three.

Senior Jill Bratt, the senior editor of the *Voice*, said, "The new computers are a much-needed resource for each journalism class. They will save us both time and chaos and I think every student and every publication will benefit."

Cutler, who is also a part of the Academy's Board of Directors, wants to start spreading the newspaper outside of the school. He is working with Rachel Hill, director of communications to make the paper more available to parents.

Dimbert thinks it is a great idea to distribute the paper to more people. The first issue was sent to the board of directors, and all issues are available online at [www.academyvoice.org](http://www.academyvoice.org).

The paper's website is also run by journalism students. Senior Matt Rissien is in charge of creating and updating the website with the Dimbert's help.

"It's a great opportunity for the students in our school to read about what's going on in the Academy. It is also a wonderful way for parents to find out what has been going on at the Academy," Rissien said.