



Parent Newsletter

CCS Wins 3rd Exemplary School Program Award

The Association for Christian Schools International (ACSI) announced it will present CCS with an unprecedented third Exemplary School Program Award at its teacher's convention this October. In the five year history of this award, CCS is the only school in the nation to win this award more than once.

ACSI selected the school's program of educational outings and trips as a model for other schools to follow. In its program submission, the program was described as unique because the school plans and organizes the trips in house. Not only does this insure that the trips are conducted from a Christian perspective, it allows the school to invite and encourage parent participation and tailor the spiritual and social emphasis of each trip to match the particular needs of that class.

As anyone who has attended one of the schools' trips in grades 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, or 12th can tell you, they highlight the learning experience at CCS for academic, social, and spiritual reasons. It is the extra personal touches that the school adds to each trip, rather than leaving everything to a travel agency, that makes the trips special and worthy of national recognition.



CCS students and parents at Bryce Canyon's Narrows River Walk. CCS class trips were recognized as a national model through ACSI's Exemplary School Program Award.

CCS Congratulates 22 AP Scholars

Twenty-two of the 95 students taking AP Exams last May were named AP Scholars for passing three or more exams. Moreover, four were named AP Scholars with Honor for passing 4 exams with an average score of 3.25, and five were named AP Scholars with Distinction for passing five or more exams with an average score of 3.5.
AP Scholars: Sarah Abbett, Daniel Carlson, Lawrence Dang, Brian Jew,

Geneva Kung, Alyssa Lee, Rena Lee, Helena Wong, Karina How, Michael Huang, Andrew Ong, Ryan Wong, Frank Zheng.

With Honor: Mimy Poon, Jesse Chou, Gary Lin, Katie Wu.

With Distinction: Stephen Auyeung, Carlton Chan, Jimmy Law, Deborah Wong, Joshua Yue.

School Geography Bee Champions



School Champions Simon Zhang (2nd place) Anthony Chu (1st place), and Kristy Tse (3rd place).

Enduring intense pressure, 11 middle school students emerged as class champions in the annual Geography Bee, then competed to become school champion. After another round of competition, Anthony Chu was school champion, Simon Zhang was runner up, and Kristy Tse came in 3rd. The other class champions this year were: Eileen Peng, Olivia Lim, Timothy Liu, Michael Yuen, Winnie Wu, Wei-Gen Lee, Genesis Sanchez, and Clement Tan.

Calendar of Events

January 27-30

- NO SCHOOL - semester break

Friday, January 27

- ACSI Spelling Bees

Thursday, February 2

- College Night

Saturday, February 11

- SF Chinese New Year's Parade

Friday, February 24

- NO SCHOOL - Staff Work Day

Monday February 20

- NO SCHOOL - President's Day

February 21-25

- SL Scholastic Book Fair

Saturday, February 25

- OPEN HOUSES: 9:30-11:30AM Alameda; 1-4PM San Leandro

February 27 - March 3

- AL Scholastic Book Fair

Spelling Winners Prepare for District Bee

CCS will send 58 entrants to compete in the ACSI District Spelling Bees this coming Friday, January 27. However, the school's spelling champion, **Jessica Ho**, will proceed to the San Francisco Chronicle Spelling Bee.

Thirty 1st through 4th graders will compete against six other schools at the San Leandro campus while twenty-eight 5th through 8th graders will travel to San Jose to compete. CCS is hoping to continue its streak of excellent showings at ACSI's district spelling bees.

Our participants will be:

1st grade: Ryan La, Callista Lu, Tiffany Chu, Ethan Kwong, Andrew Hong, Michael Hwang, Andrew Wan, Stanley Lam.

2nd grade: Garrett Chu, Timothy Fong, Joyce Lee, Amy Xie, Jordan Co-

rona, Kevin Chen.

3rd grade: Brittany To, Wesley Loo, Martin Ng, Kerstan Thio, Allison Pang, Christina Tian.

4th Grade: Vania Chau, Kody Cheung, Hannah Fong, Victoria Ng, Joey Gu, Andy Cao, Elena Hancock, Brandon Leung.

5th Grade: Anthony Chan, Nathan Fan, Justin Tan, Robert Chu, Jeanette Chiu, Galen Lam.

6th Grade: Jacob Donida, Kristy Tse, Sally Zhang, Eric Zheng, Olivia Lim, Arielle Thio, Eric Chun, Ian Wang.

7th Grade: Simon Ho, Winnie Wu, Shirley Beh, Albert Chang, Tracey Tong, Florence Yu, Melissa How, Kelly Law, Michael Yuen.

8th Grade: Calvin Fong, Clement Tan, Lindsay Chan, Kristina Chang, Athena Godfrey, Jennifer Sy.

Winter Season Begins



Center Yaluen Yu puts up a jump shot over Berean Christian's tough defense.

8th & 9th Graders Conquer the ACT

This past fall, as the 10th and 11th graders took their PSAT exams, the 8th and 9th graders took the ACT exam as part of a norming study by the publisher. This gave students a free opportunity to see where they ranked against other students nationally on an established test. It also gave students the opportunity to assess their strengths and weaknesses before taking the crucial college admissions tests.

The results of the study confirmed that CCS students generally score well above average. However, what is most significant is that the overwhelming majority of students do extremely well, and it isn't a few very strong students who pull up the average for the rest of

the class.

The ACT is a college admissions test that is used nationally, but is more popular on the East Coast. On the West Coast, most students take

the SAT-I exam. CCS students are encouraged to take both exams to increase their chances of scoring well since each test emphasizes different aspects of college potential.

Percent of Students Scoring in each Quartile

National Quartile	English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
	8th	9th	8th	9th	8th	9th	8th	9th	8th	9th
75-100%	54%	64%	94%	74%	56%	67%	74%	67%	69%	75%
50-74%	34%	25%	0%	23%	29%	18%	12%	21%	25%	15%
25-49%	9%	10%	6%	3%	12%	10%	12%	3%	6%	7%
1-24%	3%	2%	0%	0%	3%	5%	1%	8%	0%	3%
Avg Score Natl/CCS	13.9/17.4	14.9/19.0	14.4/19.4	15.4/20.5	13.9/16.5	14.9/19.2	15.9/18.5	16.6/19.6	14.7/18.1	15.6/19.7



Happy New Year from the Staff of CCS!

The CCS staff and Board of Governors gathered for a Christmas dinner on December 10. The staff gave thanks for the opportunity to serve and minister together. Representatives from ACSI's Urban School Services challenged the school to remember its special blessing and responsibility as a "national school." Each staff member received a CCS baseball cap and backpack to thank them for their faithful service this year.