



Parent Newsletter

CCS Receives 3rd Exemplary School Program Award

Within hours of receiving their 3rd Exemplary School Program Award, Chinese Christian Schools saw 59 students and chaperones off at Oakland International Airport for a five-day excursion to the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Zion Canyon. Soon, an even larger group of sixth graders will board two buses and head for several days of outdoor education at Wolf Mountain. It is all part of the "Education through Experience" program that received accolades from the Association of Christian Schools International.

While school trips are nothing new in education, what made the program at CCS notable is the "personal touch." The trips are planned by the school with teachers and parents going along as chaperones to oversee each trip. This allows the trip to be customized to fit the academic, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of each class. It also ensures that each trip is a special teaching and bonding experience that will be remembered for many years.



Along with student trips in grades fourth, sixth, eighth, tenth, and twelfth, students trips are part of several extra-curricular activities such as the chorale, marching units, and track team. Other student trips include the Southern California College Tour and last year's student trip to China.

The "Education Through Experience" program is a very popular and successful one and the school plans to build, expand, and continually improve upon it each year.

CCS Luau Will Envision the Future

Over 600 friends and supporters of Chinese Christian Schools will fill Centennial Hall in Hayward on the evening of Saturday, October 28, for the annual Luau and Silent Auction. This year's program is entitled, "Haili Mae Wale," meaning "Envision the Future." For a few short hours, that is what attendees will be able to do.

The program will feature student presentations and the schools' new promotional video, produced by CCS graduates who are now studying film in college. There will also be exciting information about the future development of the Alameda campus.

The silent auction portion of the program promises to be one of the best ever, with the grand prize being two roundtrip tickets anywhere Southwest Airlines flies. Other premium items include the four-day use of a LR3 Land Rover from British Motors, an iPod Nano, a Callaway Big Bertha Driver, private flying lessons, Omaha Steaks, and numerous gift baskets.

CCS Hosts "No Excuses" Task Group

Chinese Christian Schools hosted the "No Excuses" task group from ACSI's Urban School Services last week. Featuring guests from Colorado Springs, San Antonio, and Philadelphia, the task group visited both campuses and spoke with administrators and teachers in an effort to learn how CCS assimilates students who enter the school with academic challenges.



Debbie Leong and Jenny Lee (3rd & 4th from left) meet with the "No Excuses" task group in Alameda

The task group's work will initially be used to assist Christian schools in Washington, D.C. The lessons learned there will be used to produce a guide-

book to support educators faced with the same circumstances. This week, two CCS administrators are visiting schools in the Philadelphia area to continue the task group's research.

Calendar of Events

October 20-25

- 8th Grade Three Canyons Trip
- Saturday, October 21**

- PSAT administered (10th/11th)

October 24-27

- 6th Grade Wolf Mountain Trip
- Saturday, October 28**

- Annual Luau & Silent Auction
- Sunday, October 29**

- Daylight Savings Time ends

October 30-November 3

- Inspirational Book Fair (SL)

Friday, November 10

- No School - Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 15

- Take Your Parent to Lunch(AL)

Saturday, November 18

- Fall Sports Dinner

November 23-24

- No School - Thanksgiving

CCS Students Shine

The **National Merit Scholarship Program** announced that seniors **Cordell Gee** and **Allen Tan** are commended students for their performance on the PSAT last fall. Both scored among the top 5% nationally among the 1.4 million students who took the exam, earning them this award for exceptional academic promise.

CCS came in 3rd place in the **Alameda County Fair Education Department Sweepstakes Award**. CCS was the only private school to earn a prize, with the other top schools all being public high schools more than 10 times larger. To earn the 3rd place award, CCS students earned two Best of Show awards, five Best of Class, and 27 Judge's Favorite awards, to go along with 41 first place and 10 second place awards. Special recognition was given to Mr. Lanny Lee and Mr. Carey Fong, their Art teachers.

Caught Doing Good: Hilary Ip found a large sum of money and turned it in to the school office.

Junior **David Unsworth** spent two months in Siberia by special invitation of an elite Russian military club. David was recently featured in a front page article in the San Leandro Times.

Nathan Poon also had an exciting summer as part of the robotics program at UC Berkeley.

Ninety students were recognized by the City of San Leandro for completing the Summer Reading program at the San Leandro Public Library.

Calendar Changes

Chinese Christian Schools has been selected to receive a grant in order to provide teacher's training in reading comprehension. In order to host the training and accommodate our accreditation visit, the following changes are being made to our school calendar:

Wednesday, February 28, is now a minimum day;

Friday, March 9, is no longer a minimum day;

Monday, March 26, there is no school due to teacher's training;

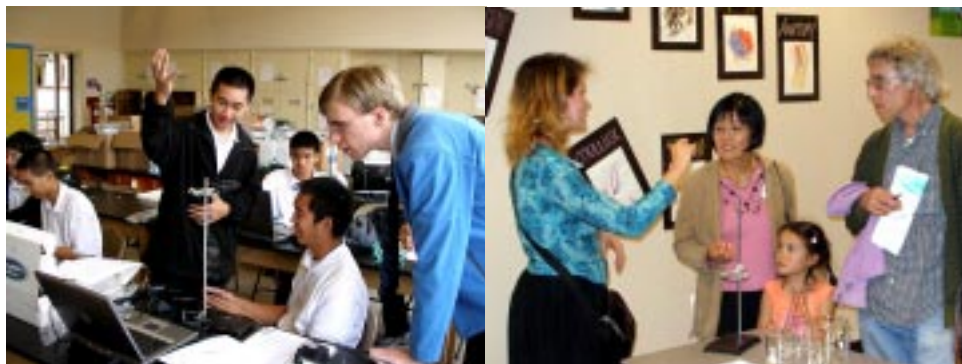
Tuesday, March 27, is a minimum day due to teacher's training.



Alameda PTF Council members serve dinner at the first social. The next event is "Take Your Parent to Lunch" on November 15. Stay tuned for more information about the next San Leandro PTF meeting.



The Boys Soccer Team is advancing to the play-offs through aggressive play at their opponent's goal. A dinner to honor all fall sports athletes will be held on November 18. Contact any athlete or the school office for tickets to attend and show your support.



Both campuses improved their science labs. LEFT: The new mobile computer lab is used to conduct computer-based labs in AP Physics. RIGHT: Mrs. Young shows an interested family the new lab glassware and science equipment in Alameda.



San Leandro Councilwoman Joyce Starosciak, a CCS parent, speaks to the AP Government class about what it is like to be in politics and how they can become involved.