



# Parent Newsletter

## Accreditation Renewed for 6 Years

The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) formally presented CCS with its accreditation renewal certificate on October 11 during the ACSI Annual Convention in Sacramento before thousands of Christian educators. CCS received the maximum term of accreditation, six years, after preparing a self-study last year and hosting a visiting team for several days.

CCS also received its fourth ACSI Exemplary School Program Award at the Annual Convention. This national award was bestowed upon the school for providing graduate-level professional development to teachers in conjunction with Biola University. A program description was included in the most recent issue of *Christian School Educator* and distributed to all ACSI schools and teachers attending ACSI conferences across the country.



Mr. Hom (center) receives the ACSI accreditation plaque from ACSI Assistant Regional Director, Dale Phillips (right) and ACSI National Board Member, Bruce Johnson (left).

## Parents and Students Demonstrate their Support



San Leandro students challenge the obstacle course.

The Parent-Teacher Fellowships at both campuses got off to exciting starts for the new school year as staff, parents and students came out in record numbers to show their support for the school and one another. The first social in Alameda saw over 200 teachers, parents and students enjoy a wonderful BBQ dinner prepared by the PTF council. The Alameda campus community got to meet and know one other and hear about what to expect for the coming year.

The following day in San Leandro, over 500 attended a western-themed picnic lunch. Although there was light rain in the morning, everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship as

students (and some parents and staff) enjoyed the inflatable play structures.

Stay tuned for the next PTF get together and we look to forge stronger bonds as a school community for the benefit of our children.

## Calendar of Events

### October 17-22

- 8th Grade 3 Canyons Trip

### October 23-26

- 6th Grade Wolf Mountain Trip

### Saturday, October 27

- Annual Luau & Silent Auction

### October 29 - November 2

- CCS-SL Library Book Fair

### Friday, November 2

- CCS-SL picture re-take day

### Sunday, November 4

- Daylight Saving Time ends

### Thursday, November 8

- End of 1st Quarter

### November 9-12

- Quarter Break

### November 22-23

- No School-Thanksgiving Break



Alameda parents and staff enjoy an ice-breaker

# CCS Forming More Relationship with Schools in China

Last month, Chinese Christian Schools hosted a delegation of seven educators from Dalian Education University. The group learned of our school from another delegation of Chinese educators that visited the school in 2000. They came for an afternoon to learn about private education in America and how we provide professional training and development for our teachers.

The educators had the opportunity to visit classrooms and were very impressed with the Chinese culture and Chinese language classes.

The following week, the school received a visit from one of the directors of International Schools of China. They currently operate six schools in China with over 1200 students and are interested in establishing student and teacher exchange programs. It is hoped that a teacher exchange program can be established as early as this school year along with another student trip to China.

## CCS Affinity Travel Site Established

If you are one of the growing thousands who make travel arrangements on line, you can now do so and benefit CCS! The school now has its own travel website at

[www.ytbtravel.com/ccstravelers](http://www.ytbtravel.com/ccstravelers)

If you go to that website, you'll see a travel service booking engine that is essentially the same as Travelocity®, except if you book through the CCS site, the school will receive a percentage of the commissions. There is no obligation to purchase so if you can find a better price on another site, you are welcome to do so. However, since the site uses the same search engine as Travelocity®, your prices should be very competitive.

## Correction

In last month's newsletter, senior **Tiffany Cheung** was listed as having won a 2nd prize at the Alameda County Fair. She actually won two 1st place awards and her brother, **Eugene**, also won a 1st place award but his name was not included. We apologize for the omissions and congratulate both.



Mr. Hom (2nd row, center) and Pastor Antonious (2nd row, 2nd from right) with the seven visiting Chinese educators.

## CCS is More than Academics



A crowd watches Miss Christine Au's Music class play the handbells between services during "CCS Sunday" at Bay Area Chinese Bible Church



As their classmates watch on, the freshmen and sophomores play broom ice hockey during the high school All-Dayer.