



# Parent Newsletter

## World Class Performance

The ability to gracefully perform under pressure is an invaluable skill that is developed over time. At CCS, it starts not only with academic tests but with students singing, speaking, and performing in chapels and assemblies. Competitions not only test ability, but give students practice working in public and under pressure.

As students get older, they continue to develop this skill through athletics, speech contests, interscholastic competitions, drama, and other public venues. How many students can say they've performed a one minute routine before a platform of civic leaders or on international television? Our Marching Units members can, and they continue to do so every year.

### Performing in China

Middle and high school students will have the opportunity to travel to Northern China this spring to sing and perform for students at our sister schools. Every person on the 10-day trip will help share American culture through bilingual narration, songs, multimedia, and personal interaction. Information about the trip is going home now so please check for it and respond quickly. This is a great opportunity to travel and perform in another country, developing valuable performance skills and cross-cultural experience.

### Ready for Big Jump



Senior **Serena Leong** has signed a letter of intent to attend UC Berkeley next fall on a full gymnastics scholarship. A scholastic standout, Serena placed 17th overall in the floor exercise and 40th all-around at the 2011 Junior Olympic Nationals. She also captured the floor exercise title and placed 3rd in the vault at the 2011 state championships.



The Marching Units participated in the San Francisco Veteran's Day Parade



Alan Chew and Jenny Lee with our American Junior High program students in Beijing



Serena performs a dismount at a recent gymnastics competition.

### Calendar of Events

**November 24-25**

- No School - Thanksgiving Sunday, November 27
- CCS Sunday in San Leandro

**Friday, December 2**

- MS/HS Science Bowls
- In-School Spelling Bees

**December 14-16**

- High School Final Exams

**December 19 - January 2**

- No School - Christmas Vacation
- No School - MLK, Jr. Day

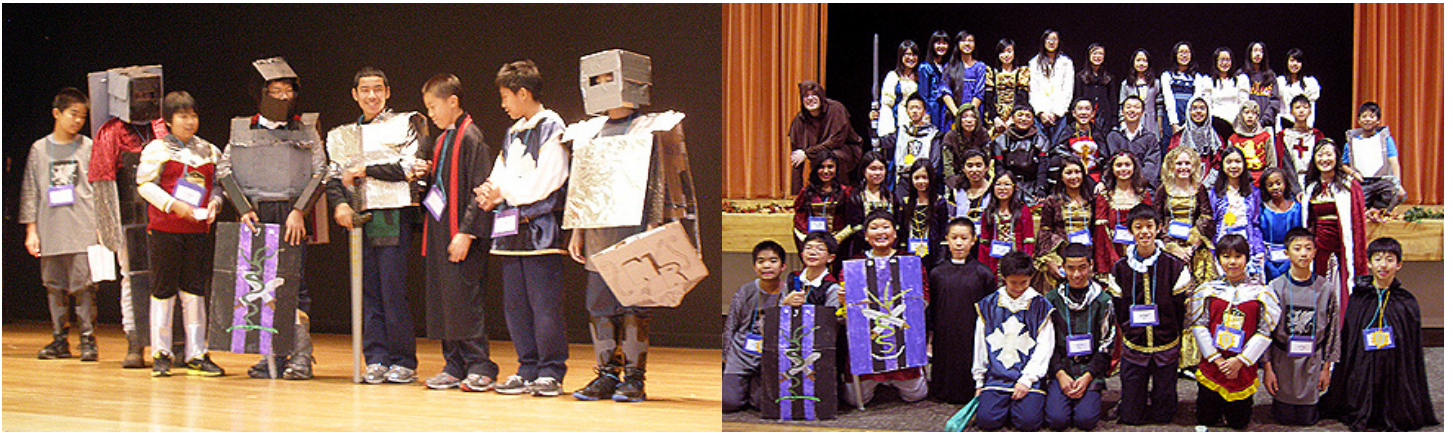
**Monday, January 23**

- No School - Teacher In-Services

**Saturday, January 28**

- Annual Crab Feed

# 7th Grade Medieval Faire



Students make costumes and assume characters for the day as they explain and re-enact life during Medieval times.



For lunch, the 7th graders enjoy eating foods harkening back to the Medieval days, including roasted chicken and pork.

## Sporting News

The **girls volleyball team** finished the season with a first place ranking in the league play-offs. They also made it to the 2nd round of the NCS championship tournament by defeating Rio Lindo Adventist Academy 3-0 in the first play-off match ever hosted by the school.

The basketball season has begun with CCS fielding boys and girls varsity and junior varsity teams and for the first time, boys and girls middle school teams. Check the sports calendar online to view the schedule and come support the teams throughout the winter season.

## Ceramics Sessions

CCS is offering two special **ceramics painting sessions** on each campus. Space is limited for the opportunity to be trained by Aran's Art Studio while decorating one of three ceramics projects. Cost is \$22 for the class and all materials. Sign up at the school office. **Alameda** dates: Nov. 29 (K-2nd) and Dec. 1 (3rd and above). **San Leandro** dates: Dec. 6 (K-2nd) and Dec. 8 (3rd and above.).



The varsity teams look forward to their first season with a true home court to defend.



The middle school boys and girls teams enjoy their inaugural season.