



Parent Newsletter

High School Achieves "Gold Standard"

Earlier this month, *U.S. News and World Report* published their list of the top public high schools in America. Those ranking in the top 100 were considered "Gold Medal" winners. As a private school, CCS was not officially included in the consideration, but using their methodology, established by analysts with School Evaluation Services, CCS high school would have ranked 46th in the nation with a "college readiness index" of 76.0.

The evaluation computation is based on the percentage of high school seniors taking AP exams and passing AP exams. The Class of 2008 had 84% taking an AP exam, and 73% passing at least one exam. The average of the two rates is taken with the passing rate counting three times more, giving the readiness index score of 76. The two other East Bay schools in the top 100 were Mission San Jose (60th, 71.5), and Piedmont High (64th, 70.1).



High schoolers compete in the finals of the CCS Science Bowl.

CCS to Host ACSI District Spelling Bees in January

For 57 students, much of Christmas vacation and the next month will be spent studying word lists as they prepare to participate in the next round of spelling bees. These students have won at their grade level and campus, so they will compete on January 19 at the ACSI

District Spelling Bee to be hosted at the San Leandro campus.

Please note that the date, location, and times of the ACSI Spelling Bee has changed as CCS decided to host the events this year so our students would not have to travel so far to compete.

8th Grader **Caleb Tan** is this year's school champion, defeating all other students this past Monday. He will represent the school at the regional competition of the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee.

Spelling Bee Champions

San Leandro

- 1st Grade** - Matthew Hong, Aubrey Tam, Kristi Tu, Daniel Xie
- 2nd Grade** - Marcus Cao, Crystal Kuang, Megan Mok, Ethan Tai
- 3rd Grade** - Jasper Chen, Justin Kok, Lawrence Lee, Rachel Tu
- 4th Grade** - Tiffany Chu, Nathan W. Leung, Callista Lu, Davin Wong
- 5th Grade** - Victor Chan, Garrett Chu, Samantha Leong, Amy Xie
- 6th Grade** - Katie Chan, Kerstan Thio, Vivian Tran, Erica Yee
- 7th Grade** - Stephanie Chan, Vania Chau, Iris Lew, Stephanie Thai
- 8th Grade** - Jasmine Chang, Michael

Cheng, Nathan Fan, Catherine Siu, Caleb Tan, Eric Yang, Carmen Zhang

Alameda

- 1st Grade** - Katie Booska, Ryan Wong, Patrick Nguyen, Celine Wong
- 2nd Grade** - Michael Hong, Sylvia Mau, Jesse Louie, Lillian Wool
- 3rd Grade** - Adrian Davis, Destin Wong, Andrew Nguyen, Kingsley Szeto
- 4th Grade** - Verena Leong, Andrew Wan
- 5th Grade** - Ijeoma Anyanwu, Kevin Chen
- 6th Grade** - Sylvia Ho, Allison Pang
- 7th Grade** - Brooke Anderson, Keith Liou
- 8th Grade** - Gloria Kim, Jasmine Liu

Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 20

- Alumni Basketball Games
- Quizbowl team/Parade Units on TV

December 22 - January 2

- No School - Christmas Vacation

Monday, January 5

- School Resumes

Friday, January 16

- No School - Teacher's Training
- ACSI Spelling Bee's @ SL campus

Monday, January 19

- No School - MLK, Jr. Holiday

Thursday, January 22

- College Night I

Thursday, January 29

- College Night II

CCS Celebrates the Christmas Season



Some of the many activities this Christmas season (clockwise from top left): The Chorale sings at the Christmas chapel; the Men's Drill Team marches through downtown Oakland in the Holiday Parade; KPIX-5 anchorman Ken Bastida shows Mrs. Fung's 6th graders how heavy a TV camera is; senior Brian Moon helps 1st grader Dylan Corona make a Christmas stocking.

Congratulations!

The Castro Valley Rigatoni's fundraiser brought over \$1000 to the Parent-Teacher Fellowship. Thank you again to everyone who participated!

The **Girls Basketball Teams** worked with volunteers from UCSF to help sort surplus medical supplies to be sent to a hospital in Iraq.

The **Boys Varsity Basketball Team** came in 3rd in a recent basketball tournament sponsored by the Athenian School.

Forty-four students qualified as **CIF Scholar Athletes** by maining a 3.5 GPA while participating in a fall sport.

CCS Science Bowl Winning Teams

Middle School Division

1st Place - Jasmine Liu, Samuel Cao, Jesse Tam, Katie Chan, Vivian Tran

2nd Place - Robert Chu, Kevin Kam, Evan Mok, Brandon In, Ariel Mak

3rd Place - Gabriel Lee, Kevin Yan, Andre Yang, Jeremy Vincentia, Peter Shui, Kevin Yu

3rd Place - Michael Cheng, May Wong, Natalie Wong, Iris Lew

High School Division

1st Place - Howard Siu, Elton Wong, Melissa Yam, Allan Kwan, Rachel Fong, Vincent Dang

2nd Place - Leo Yuan, Jordan Lee, Winnie Wu, Jennifer Truong, Matthew Chi, Janelle Ching

3rd Place - Etienne Yu, Jessica Ho, Jeremiah Wong, Albert Chang, Irene Sun, Benjamin Lee

3rd Place - Charley Ho, Samantha Jeung, Kevin So, Michael Fung, Anna Cheung, Emily Yang



L to R: Music students play handbells at the Christmas Chapel; The Middle School Girl's basketball team defeats Quarry Lane 32-16; The Alameda yearbook staff has a successful bake sale.