



Parent Newsletter

Students Enjoy Academic Competition

In most cases, pondering the results of a chemical reaction under time pressure with other students staring at you is akin to torture. How about spelling aloud a word with a foreign derivation you've never heard of with a table of teachers staring at you? Yet, it is that intensity and competition that makes the Science Bowls and Spelling Bees so much fun.

Every December, the school hosts its in-school competitions to prepare students for the national competitions to take place in January. Although the school has done very well in the national competitions, most students participate just for the fun of it. When asked why they participate, middle and high school students most commonly answer they like the challenge.

In the science bowl, students are divided into teams of 4 or 5 and compete against each other answering science, math, and computer science questions. Individual team members ring in to answer toss up multiple choice or short answer questions. If they are correct, the teammates may confer to answer a bonus question for more points. A match consists of two eight-minute rounds.

Spelling bee contestants literally

Correction: CCS has 59 Scholar Athletes

Five high school students were left off our list of 54 scholar athletes last month: **Ruth Camburn, Nancy Lai, Kathy Law, Maria Ly, and Garmen Quang.** Chinese Christian Schools apologizes for this omission.

This brings to 59 the number of student athletes this past season who maintained a 3.50 GPA or higher. With a total of 79 students participating in sports and a high school student body of 216 students, this level of accomplishment is outstanding. The fall season athletes were honored at a dinner on December 2.



CCS Middle School students contemplate a tough question during the Science Bowl.

stand on their own and spell words from a published list ranging into the hundreds. Invariably, the top spellers have to be challenged with words from an unpublished list before they are eliminated. In recent years, some Bees have gone almost 50 rounds and students were spelling from unpublished lists several grades above their level.

This year's Spelling Champion is **7th grader Jessica Ho.** She will advance to the SF Chronicle Spelling Bee. Top spellers who will represent CCS at the ACSI Spelling Bee are:

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 Corona, Kevin Chen.

3rd Grade: Katie Chan, Brittany To, Wesley Loo, Martin Ng, Kerstan Thio, Dylan Wong, 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.

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

Calendar of Events

December 19-30

- NO SCHOOL-Christmas

Monday, January 2

- School Resumes

Monday, January 16

- NO SCHOOL-MLK, Jr. Day

January 25-26

- Senior High Finals

Friday, January 27

- 1st-4th ACSI Spelling Bee at CCS San Leandro campus
- 5th-8th ACSI Spelling Bee in San Jose

January 27-30

- NO SCHOOL - semester break

Fall Sports Awards

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

MVP: Christopher Lee

Most Improved: Cordell Gee

Most Inspirational: Nathan Ong

Coach's Award: Victor Ho

All-League 1st Team: Victor Ho

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

MVP: Nicole Chao

Most Improved: Jenny Lam

Most Inspirational: Chelsea Wong

Coach's Award: Anita Hin

All-League 1st Team: Nicole Chao

All-League 2nd Team: Anita Hin

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

MVP: Valerie Wu

Most Improved: Joanne Si

Most Inspirational: Jessica Quen

Coach's Award: Jennifer Siu

All-League Hon Ment: Jennifer Siu

BOYS SOCCER

MVP: Danny Yang

Most Improved: Bryan Chao

Most Inspirational: Simon Lau

Coach's Award: Phuong Pham

All-League 1st Team: Danny Yang

All League 2nd Team: Phuong Pham,
David Szeto

GIRLS JV TENNIS

MVP: Queenie Lau

Most Improved: Karen Wong

Most Inspirational: Rena Lee

Coach's Award: Phuong Le

Book Fairs Bring More Library Books

Chinese Christian Schools thanks the students and parents for supporting the Library Book Fairs at both campuses. The San Leandro campus had \$9,345 in sales, earning \$2338 in credits for the library, with another \$1947 in books donated to classroom libraries. The Alameda campus had \$4,322 in sales, earning \$1,080 in library credits, with over \$1000 in books donated to classroom libraries.

In total, it is estimated that the Book Fairs will bring over 900 new books for our students to read. On behalf of the teachers and students, thank you for your generosity and keep reading over the Christmas vacation!



The Leo's Service Club after the induction ceremony of its new members. The Leo's Club is the largest club at CCS and is one of the largest chapters in Northern California.

Science Bowl Winners

HIGH SCHOOL

1st Place: Steven Leong, Michaela Ching, Charity Chin, Albert Lee, Chiffonia Lam, Geneva Kung, Kevin Chan.

2nd Place: Etienne Yu, Maria Ly, Wendy Chau, Keith Tsui, Jessica Chou, Cordell Gee, Mimy Poon, Allen Tan.

3rd Place: Bryant Lee, Anita Fung, Byron Dang, Kevin Chen, Anthony Fong, Marvin Dang, Patrice Jang.

3rd Place: Ying Ying Wong, Howard Siu, Toby Chan, Jason Long, Gina Chaoanw, Genny Hung, Dennis Lee, Daniel Carlson.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

1st Place: Eileen Peng, Jacob Donida, Seanna Vien, Arthur Lee, Hilary Ip, Shelly Lai, Emily Cheng, Howard Whang.

2nd Place: Alan Cham, Emily Wong, Eric Zheng, Ashley Yam, Solomon Wong, Steven Xiong, Jeremy Lai, Jordan Lee.

3rd Place: Cindy Chan, Vincent Dang, Brandon Choi, Justine Poon, Vania Chen, Ariane Wang, John Wang, Kermit Zhang.

3rd Place: Alyssa Houston, Deanna Thai, Elizabeth Lau, Jamie Yu, Shirley Beh, Calvin Fong, Nathan Poon, Trent Liu.

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Alameda 3rd-5th graders sing and tell about the "Seven Signs of Christmas" during their Christmas Program.