



# Parent Newsletter

## CCS to Open Magnet High School in Alameda

Chinese Christian Schools will soon formalize an agreement to open a new magnet high school in Alameda. This new high school will be located at 1501 Harbor Bay Parkway, in the former biomedical science building adjacent to the current K-8 Alameda campus. The school will be operated by a nonprofit organization called Chinese American Schools-Alameda, which will lease the building and oversee a foreign student service program. Chinese Christian Schools will manage the academic program with the same emphasis on academic excellence and personal character, but with some distinctives:

- ✓ The school will utilize the world-class scientific research labs in the building to establish a cutting-edge, hands-on science and technology program.
- ✓ A projected 50% of the students will be foreign and exchange students from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Korea.
- ✓ Every student will participate in service learning, including internships, professional mentoring, and a required culminating senior research project.
- ✓ Every student will be trained to be "global-minded" and proficient in at



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least two cultures and languages.

The new high school will also benefit the current high school students at the San Leandro campus. The San Leandro AP science classes will have access to the fully equipped laboratories in Alameda when they hold their lab sessions. The two high schools can merge facilities and resources for activities such as FIRST Robotics, Bay Area Science Fair, National Science Bowl, Drama, Music, etc.

A "perfect storm" of events and opportunities have made this dream a reality: a Christian benefactor is partnering with CCS to assume the financial risk; favorable lease/acquisition

terms have been secured for the facilities; the school's international reputation has grown; and the demand for this type of program has been confirmed by several schools overseas.

This coming fall, we will open the 9<sup>th</sup> grade with a maximum of 40 students. Enrollment information for current CCS 8<sup>th</sup> graders and foreign students will be available soon. Admission to this program is competitive and students must meet high entrance requirements to qualify for this special program. Following the model used by selective colleges, tuition will be higher but students may compete for a variety of scholarships. Regardless, whether a student is actually enrolled in the program or not, this new high school will benefit all of the CCS community.

## CCS Hosts Chinese Students & Educators

CCS hosted a group of students from the Beijing Chaoyang Foreign Language School who wanted to learn about school life and students in America. CCS also hosted officials from the Wanbang School in Harbin, and signed a sister school agreement. The vice-principal of another sister school, Beijing Morning Star School, spent two weeks visiting the school, observing classes and meeting with administration. The head of the Hong Kong International Christian School also visited for two days. These visits all help solidify CCS' strategic partnerships in Asia.



Top: Wanbang School sister school agreement signing; Bottom: students from Beijing visit the Alameda campus.

## Calendar of Events

### Friday, February 20

- No School - Teacher's Work Day

### Saturday, February 21

- Open Houses: 9:30 AL; 1:00 SL
- MS Regional Science Bowl

### Monday, February 23

- Re-enrollment deadline

### Friday, February 27

- HS Winter Formal

### March 5-6

- ACSI Musicale in Sacramento

### Saturday, March 7

- AL Lunar Festival

### Sunday, March 8

- Daylight Saving Time Begins

### March 19-21

- Robotics Competition

# CCS Celebrates the Year of the Ox



A lion dance was part of the Alameda PTF Social festivities.



The Marching Units in the SF Chinese New Year's Parade.



New Year's cards on display in San Leandro.



The Young Swallows play at the San Leandro Library.



Pastor Steve & Mr. and Mrs. Rick Quan at the Annual Crab Feed.



Student actors perform in the student produced drama.

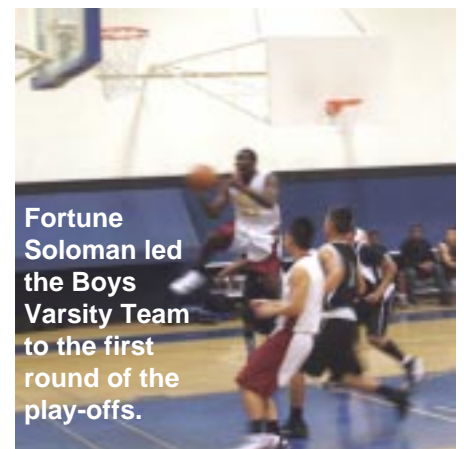
## Award Winners

The following students were this year's winners in the **CCS Science Fair**:  
**Physics**: 1st-Gregory Hall; 2nd-Michael Cheng; 3rd-Samuel Cao  
**Chemistry**: 1st-Jasmine Chang; 2nd-Alyssa Lee; 3rd-Veronica Wu  
**Engineering**: 1st-Caitlin Chow; 2nd-Nathan Kok; 3rd-Ashlee Oh  
**Environmental Science**: 1st-Liyi Straly; 2nd-Connie Mach; 3rd-Hannah Fong  
**Math**: 1st-Stephanie Thai  
**Biology**: 1st-Catherine Siu; 2nd-Willow

Chan; 3rd-Allison Poon  
**Behavioral Science**: 1st-Tiffany Lim; 2nd-Vania Lei; 3rd-Carmen Zheng

The following **club level winners** are advancing to the zone level competition in the **Lion's Club Speech Contest**: Jessica Ho, Melissa Yam, Sandra Pon, Bryant Lee, Jeremy Lai.

All four CCS semi-finalists are now **finalists** in the **2009 National Merit Scholarships**: Vickie Chen, Michaela Ching, Bryant Lee, Steven Leong.



Fortune Soloman led the Boys Varsity Team to the first round of the play-offs.