



Parent Newsletter

11 Earn National Merit Recognition

Eleven juniors, **Ruth Camburn, Vickie Chen, Jason Cheung, Michaela Ching, Charley Ho, Samantha Jeung, Bryant Lee, Steven Leong, Deborah Liu, Maria Ly, and Leo Yuan**, were recognized by the **National Merit Scholarship Corporation** for scoring among the top 3.3% in the nation on last October's PSAT. These students will enter the competition to become National Merit Scholars, Finalists, Semi-Finalists, and Commended students, and have the option to allow selective colleges to contact them early.

Alameda Chess Champions



CCS Alameda students with their medals and trophy for winning first place and third place in the Berkeley Chess School 2nd Annual City of Alameda Chess Championship.

CCS Visits 6 Friendship Schools

Sixteen students and adults traveled to China over Easter vacation and visited four major cities and six schools in 11 days. The group experienced a wide range of Chinese culture from affluent to humble, modern to

ancient, rural to urban. They also had the opportunity to visit a variety of schools: public, private, international, and Christian.

The group spent 5 days in Beijing, one each in Xian and Wuxi, and four in

Shanghai. They had the opportunity to formalize friendship school agreements with two schools, one as a representative of the Alameda sister school committee.

The relationships built will open the doors to foreign student enrollment and future student and teacher exchange programs. Several schools have already expressed interest in arranging visits as early as this summer for English language camps.



The CCS group on the Great Wall during their recent Friendship Schools trip inside China.

Calendar of Events

April 23-25

- 4th Grade Gold Country Trip

Friday, April 25

- ACSI Art Festival

Saturday, April 26

- CLTA Mandarin Speech Contest

Friday, May 2

- No School-Staff Appreciation

May 5-16

- AP Exams Administered

May 12-16

- 9th Grade CryBabies Program

Friday, May 16

- PTF mtg on financing education

May 21-23

- High School Final Exams

Monday, May 26

- No School - Memorial Day

Award Winners

Congratulations to **Jessica Ho** for advancing to the District level of the Lion's Club Speech Contest.

Four students were awarded prizes at this year's **Bay Area Science Fair**: **Maria Ly** - 1st Place, Lawrence Berkeley Lab award, SFBASF Memorial Award (+\$100); **Justin Tan** - 3rd place; **Gregory Hall** - 4th place, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Award (best engineering project); **Alan Cham** - 4th Place.

Nicole Chao won 3rd prize (\$1000) and **Melissa Wong** 4th Prize (\$500) in the Traditional Family Coalition Essay contest, for writing about a social issue and providing a solution.

Congratulations to **Olivia Lim** for making it into the 3rd round of the SF Chronicle Spelling Bee and outlasting more than half of the top 50 remaining spellers in the regional contest.

Congratulations to **Nancy Lai**, **Deborah Liu**, and **Michaela Ching** for their documentary on Werner von Braun that will advance to the state level History Day competition.

Mrs. Joni Carlson was selected to be honored at an Educator Recognition Reception at UC Irvine by Patrice Jang, Class of 2007, who is in the Campuswide Honors Program.

Thank you to all who contributed in the recent **food drive** at both campuses. Along with the church, we collected 11 bins of food for donation.

Caught doing good: 3rd grader **Zoe Wang** found \$5 and turned it in to the office, where it was later claimed by another very thankful student.

Congratulations to the **FIRST robotics team** for making it to the regional competition at UC Davis: Amanda Chan, Ryan Chan, Simon Chen, Emily Cheng, Jason Cheung, Michaela Ching, Edward Chow, Anthony Chu, Charley Ho, Bryant Lee, Steven Leong, Nathan Poon, David Siu, Howard Siu, Nora Szeto, Kevin Tay, Gabrielle Wee, Winnie Wu, Ashley Yam, Melissa Yam, George Yang, Gordan Yang, Etienne Yu, Florence Yu, Leo Yuan

Correction: Last month's Math Olympics winners for 3rd grade reasoning should have been listed as follows: Darren Lee-1st, Andrew Wan-2nd, Ryan La-3rd

CCS Drama Production a Hit



The CCS Theatre Group performances of "The Importance of Being Earnest" entertained audiences and pleased and impressed many, including the actors themselves. From left to right: Crystal Lam, Brandon Chan, Ruth Camburn, Benjamin Yuen, Alex Deng, Chelsea Wong, and Amanda Lim.



The high school student government was invited by the Alameda Sister City Committee to welcome the Olympic torch in San Francisco. They came prepared with Chinese and American flags and enjoyed their time together, even after the torch route was changed.



L to R: Maria Ly, Mrs. Carlson, Jeffrey Mach, and Amanda Chan at the Junior Science & Humanities Symposium



The Young Swallows Chinese Orchestra performs at the Alameda Lunar New Year Festival at Harbor Bay Landing.