



Parent Newsletter

Four National Merit Semi-Finalists

The College Board announced that four CCS seniors, **Bryant Lee, Michaela Ching, Vickie Chen, and Steven Leong**, are **National Merit Semi-Finalists** for 2009. A total of eleven CCS students were under consideration for this prestigious honor, having scored in the top 5% on the PSAT exam last October. The semi-finalists will go on in the competition to earn a coveted National Merit Scholarship in a process that began with over 1.1 million college-bound high schoolers.

The four seniors represent the largest number of qualifiers in the schools' history. Last year's three Semi-Finalists was the previous high, with Daniel Fong going on to become a National Merit Finalist, Isaiah Kang receiving a National Merit Scholarship to attend UC Berkeley, and Zack Koenen declining a National Merit Scholarship as a condition for his admission to West Point.



Semi-Finalists (L to R) Bryant Lee, Michaela Ching, Vickie Chen, and Steven Leong

Annual Luau Tickets Now Available

The Annual Luau and Silent Auction is the biggest event in the school year, and tickets are now on sale. A crowd of over 600 friends and supporters of the school are anticipated and there will be over 100 auction items. There will also be plenty of student performances and plenty of fun activities, food, and fellowship for a great night.

Contact the school office or Debbie Leong (debbieleong@ccs-rams.org) to purchase tickets or make a donation towards the luau. Forms and more information can be obtained from the school web site, including a slide show of last year's event. Tickets sell out every year, so don't delay and purchase yours now!

CCS staff added a lot of music, fun, and inspiration to last year's Luau festivities.



Set Your Calendars for the PTF Picnic

The San Leandro Parent-Teacher Fellowship will be sponsoring an all school picnic on Saturday, September 27, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This fun-filled event is open to everyone in the school: students, parents, friends, staff. In order to insure there is enough food for lunch, there is a registration form and \$3.00 fee that must be turned in by September 25.

Over 500 members of the CCS Community attended the picnic last year despite rain and overcast skies in the morning. Everyone had a great time of fun, food, and fellowship as we kicked

off the school year together. This year's picnic will have a sports theme and will feature bounce houses, games, and fun activities for everyone.

Calendar of Events

Friday, September 26

- AL PTF BBQ & Social

Saturday, September 27

- SL PTF Picnic

October 6-7 - NO SCHOOL

- Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 15-20

- 8th Grade Three-Canyons Trip

Saturday, October 18

- 10th-11th Grade PSAT Exam

October 21-24

- 6th Grade Wolf Mountain Trip

Saturday, October 25

- Annual Luau & Silent Auction

Friday, October 31-NO SCHOOL

- First Quarter Break

Sunday, November 2

- Daylight Saving Time Ends

Monday, November 3-NO SCHOOL

- Staff in-service day

Monday, November 10-NO SCHOOL

- Veteran's Day

Spirit Week 2008



The high schoolers celebrated Spirit Week by creating class posters, decorating the campus, and wearing red and gold.

Good Job!

The **Asian Cultural Organization** raised over \$1100 to support China's earthquake relief efforts. The donations were sent to Sichuan Province through the Red Cross. The ACO also raises funds to support the education of two students in rural south China.

Washington Mutual Bank customers who designated CCS as their school raised \$168.50 in 2007 through the WaMoola for Schools program. If you bank through Washington Mutual, be sure to designate CCS as your school.

One-hundred twenty-two elementary students completed all six months of the Book-It Program, sponsored by Pizza Hut.

CCS students again scored in the top 10% nationally on the Stanford-10 exam administered last April. CCS students also scored in the top 10% on the Math portion of the SAT Reasoning test.



The girl's volleyball team readies to receive service in a 3-1 win over Alma Heights Christian.

CCS to Host Chinese Delegations

An official delegation from JiangSu Province, including the mayor of JiangYin, four government officials, and seven business representatives, will visit Chinese Christian Schools on October 1. After visiting the school, having lunch, and observing student performances, the delegation and a group of students will participate in a flag raising ceremony at Alameda City Hall.

In January, two student delegations will visit Chinese Christian Schools for several days. The first group of students will be from the Beijing ZhongDe school, with whom we have had an ex-

change for four years now. The second group will be of high school students from throughout China who will be visiting various cities.

Both student groups will most likely involve a student home stay component, so keep that in mind when plans are finalized and host families are requested. The home stays have always been a highlight for both students and the host families.



Jeremy Kwon gets past a defender to attack the goal in a recent 3-0 victory over Emery High.