



Parent Newsletter

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Students/Staff Show Their Spirit of Giving

If you walked the hallways of Chinese Christian Schools in November, you couldn't help but notice stacks of canned foods everywhere. They would disappear only to reappear a few days later. In all, the students of Chinese Christian Schools combined with the Bay Area Chinese Bible Church to collect 2200 pounds of canned foods for the Alameda Food Bank to distribute this Thanksgiving.

A week later, several CCS students and staff members braved the wind and cold to participate in the Alameda Midway Shelter Run/Walk to support battered and homeless women. That afternoon, the CCS Marching Units marched in the Oakland Holiday Parade through Chinatown and downtown Oakland.

And, another week later, all students in grades 8th through 12th participated in various community service projects in what has become a school Christmas tradition. This year's projects included reading to elementary students in San Leandro and Alameda, organizing care packages for local police and firemen, cleaning up around the school campus, making Christmas cards, and preparing treats for the Senior Tea ministry and for



Cambodian refugees.

The Leo's Service Club has also been busy this holiday season, helping with a food distribution at the Oakland Coliseum and singing Christmas carols at convalescent homes.

Top: Mrs. Cindy Lee works with Mai Pham and other students in her Bible class preparing care packages.

Right: Karen Wong helps Colleen Fung build a gingerbread house.



Alameda Christmas Celebration

Students at the Alameda campus hosted a very successful Christmas celebration last Thursday night. About 200 guests watched the students sing, play musical instruments, recite poems, and tell stories about Christmas. Included in the audience was Beverly

Johnson, Mayor of Alameda and councilmember Frank Mattaressa.

Although this was Alameda's first public assembly, the students were calm, poised, and relaxed. They are looking forward to their next assembly in the Spring.



Alameda fourth & fifth graders sing before a full room during the Christmas Celebration.

Calendar of Events

Friday, December 19

- Minimum School Day

December 22-January 2

- No School - Christmas Vacation

Monday, January 19

- No School - MLK, Jr. Day

Tuesday January 20

- 6-12 Assemblies on Prejudice

Saturday, January 24

- ACSI 5th-8th Spelling Bee

January 29-30

- Senior High Final Exams

Monday, February 2

- No School (SL) - semester break

- ACSI 1st-4th Spelling Bee

Tuesday, February 3

- PTF College Night - 7PM

Mahalo!

Chinese Christian Schools extends a special word of thanks to the sponsors of this year's annual luau:

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Parent Notes

- * If you have a child, sibling, or relative that is planning to apply at either campus, have them turn in their application forms as soon as possible to ensure priority consideration.
- * **Mom's In Touch** invites all parents to join with them Monday mornings from 8:45-9:30AM in Room 3 for a time of prayer for the students and staff of CCS.
- * Your old eyeglasses can be recycled to help those in need in poorer countries. Deposit them in the box outside the San Leandro school office and the LEO's service club will make sure they are put to good use.
- * Parent guides and free downloadable resources to help students succeed in school are available at the following website: www.nea.org/parents/nearesources-parents.html.

Science Takes A Front Seat

Every year just before Christmas, CCS sets a day aside for middle and high school students to display their science knowledge in the Science Bowl competition. Students in each division are divided into teams and compete by answering questions in science, math, and computer science. In high school, the top performing students are selected to be part of the school's science bowl team to compete against other schools in the Bay Area.

This year, 144 middle schoolers and 87 high schoolers competed. Special thanks to all the teachers and parent volunteers who made this event possible. The winning teams:

MS 1st - Hoi Lam Chan, Vickie Chen, Jennifer Kam, Carie Kwan, Wei-Ghan Lee, Kim Quach, Keith Tsui, Tacita Vu, Simon Zhang

MS 2nd - Toby Chan, Tracy Chow, Lily Fang, Alan Go, Samantha Ip, Jenny Lam, Evana Lee, Calvin Lien, Kevin Tay

MS 3rd - Cecilia Deng, Anita Fung, Jessica Hom, Victoria W. Kam, Nancy



Lai, Frank Li, Peter Ma, Nathan Ong, Etienne Yu

MS 3rd - Jason Cham, Gina Chaoanw, Alvin Chiu, Victor Ho, Jennifer Hwang, Madeline Lee, Andrew Nee, Ying Ying Wong, Dilys Yang

MS HM - Mingway Cai, Ruth Camburn, Emily Choi, Edward Chow, Joanne Lau, Bryant Lee, Wilson Lee, Maria Ly, Amanda Vien

HS 1st - Jennifer Siu, Heindrick So, Allen Tan, Lyndsey Wong, Joshua Yue

HS 2nd - Kevin Chan, Carlton Chan, Emily Chan, Wei-Lu Chen, Christopher Lee, Darren Lee

HS 3rd - Caroline Cao, Jennifer A. Lee, Anna Liu, Eric Wong, Richard Yee

HS 3rd - Collin Chan, Lawrence Dang, Justin Fong, Jonathan Lai, Elizabeth Lee, Mimy Poon

Student Accomplishments

- * CCS middle school held its first **Geography Bee** competition with the top student in each class competing to be school champion. This year's winner, **Eva Poon** (7A), will go on to compete in the national competition. Second place went to **Andrew Cheng** (8B) and third place to **Joshua Daguna** (7C). The other finalists were **Anthony Chu** (6A), **Bryan Lam** (6B), **Candice Lui** (6C), **Madeline Lee** (7B), **Cecilia Deng** (8A), and **Kevin Tay** (8C).
- * The boys basketball team has posted a 4-1 record in exhibition play this year, defeating Contra Costa Christian twice, North Bay Orinda Academy, and North Hills Christian. **Heindrick So** made the All Tournament Team at the 1st Annual Bently Basketball Tip-Off Tournament.

- * The much improved girls basketball team has a 2-2 record with wins over East Bay Waldorf and Contra Costa Christian.
- * **Melissa Chan** ('00) won a Deans' award and Chancellor's Award for her senior thesis at UC Santa Cruz.



Raymond Fung displays some of the gift cards he and classmates made as part of their service project.