



COUGAR BULLETIN

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News & Updates



Last Chance: Auction Items Available :

Mr. Van Soelen's Basketball 101 clinic. It will be held here on campus on Saturday April 17 from 9am-12pm. \$75 per child

Ms Holland's 1.5 hour Self Defense Class which will be held here on campus on a date TBD. Class is \$50 per person

Drivers Ed Class (\$50) with Driversity. Several dates and times to choose from. Check out their website at www.driversity.com. 3 Certificates left.

Season Ticket to Town Hall Kids Theatre Valid for 4 shows in the 2010-2011 year.

We are selling copies of both the CD of photos and the Live DVD of students. They are either \$12 each or \$20 for the pack.

Science Fair

The Middle School Science Fair is coming up! **All school families are invited to attend anytime between 5:00-7:15 pm on Tuesday, March 30 in the MPR.** Middle School student leadership will be hosting a taco bar dinner for \$5 a person in the cafe available until 6:30. Proceeds will go toward our Hume Lake bus. Please come to see the fabulous science and engineering work the middle schoolers have been doing!

Daylight Savings This Weekend

School News

Elementary News: Book club begins next week for 4th and 5th grade students. There is no cost for book club; please see your teacher or come to the library if you would like to sign up.

The Mysterious Benedict Society - 4th and 5th grade

Are you a gifted child looking for Special Opportunities?" This curious newspaper ad catches the eye of orphan Reynie Muldoon. After taking exams that test both mind and spirit, Reynie is selected along with 4 other contestants--Sticky Washington, a nervous child with a photographic memory; irrepressible Kate Weatherhill; and a tiny child who lives up to her name, Constance Contraire. The children soon learn they've been chosen by mysterious Mr. Benedict for an important mission: they are to infiltrate the isolated Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, from which messages of distrust and compliance are being broadcast into the minds of the world's citizens.

Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Wong



Calendar

MAR 8-12 - 6th grade to Mt. Hermon

MAR. 19 - No School - Teacher in Service

MAR. 30 - Science Fair

APR. 2 - No School - Good Friday

APR 5-9 - Easter Break

APR 19-23 - MS Hume Lake

APR 22-23 - Service Retreat

MAY 20 - Spring Concert

Middle School News:

Washington DC Planning

Planning for the 2011 Middle School Trip to Washington DC has begun. The trip will take place between April 10-15, 2011. Keep an eye out for further details and an announcement of an informational meeting soon!"

Chili Cook Off Winners

Congratulations to Western Day Chili Cook off Winners: 1st place- Michaela Hutchins, 2nd Place- Anneke Padmos, 3rd Place- Kaylee Chaffey. Congratulations also to best dressed, Lauren Esakson! Way to go, partners!

High School News:

Four CCCHS Basketball Athletes Named All BCL

Four Contra Costa Christian basketball players have been named all-league performers for the 2009-10 Bay Counties League. Leading the way for the Lady Cougars was Aileen Devlin who was named 1st Team All-League. Also included in the BCL all league selections was Katie Devlin who garnered a 2nd team selection. On the boy's side, Andrew Brown and Nikko Carias were named Honorable Mention All-Conference. Congratulations to the student athletes of Contra Costa Christian!

Lady Cougars Season Ends in D-VI Semifinals

The Lady Cougars were defeated in the semifinals of the North Coast Section Division VI basketball playoffs by Potter Valley Wednesday night by a score of 48-41. Leading at the end of each of the first three quarters, the Lady Cougars could not hold off the 4th quarter charge by the Bearcats of Potter Valley. The Bearcats increased defensive effort along with physical play limited the Lady Cougars to only four 4th quarter points. The Bearcats now advance to Saturday's Division VI championship game versus Rincon Valley Christian. The Lady Cougars end their fine season with a record of 18-8. Thank you to Coach Turpin and the Lady Cougars for a great year

Hee Haw Week

Hee-Haw Week has been a Contra Costa Christian high school tradition for years. On Monday students and teachers dressed alike for twin day. Toga Tuesday, Western Wednesday, Fairy Tale Thursday and Tacky Prom Friday were the themes for each day. Many Senior servants were auctioned off and the Chili Cook Off was a great time of food and fellowship. This evening is the last all-school dance of the year: Tacky Prom: Under the Sea. The dance is from 8-11PM at Hillside Covenant Church, 2060 Magnolia Way in Walnut Creek. If you are dressed in a Tacky Prom theme it's only \$5.00!

ACSI Senior High Musicale: Congratulations to our Sr. High Choir for their outstanding performance at the ACSI Senior High Musicale at Capital Christian Center in Sacramento, CA. These students rehearsed with over 400 students from other Christian schools in the Bay Area on Thursday and Friday, March 4th and 5th. They presented a sacred choral Concert on Friday evening under the direction of Dr. Daniel Jackson, Professor of Music at Point Loma Nazarene University. In addition to the excellent choir adjudications, a special congratulations to Alan Kim, soloist; and Meredith Allendorph and Shaneice Harris, who sang a lovely duet. What a wonderful opportunity to create and give beauty to the world through the art of choral music.

ACSI Honor Symphony: Congratulations to Rachel Assink, Flute, Sarah Osterman, Clarinet, and Hye Jin Lim, Violin for their outstanding performance at the ACSI Honor Symphony at Patten University in Oakland, CA. These students rehearsed all day Friday, March 5th and presented an evening Concert under the direction of Marlin Owen, Associate Professor of Orchestras at Biola University. Special congratulations and recognition to Hye Jin Lim who earned the Concertmaster position and Sarah Osterman who earned First Chair position!!!





Dear Parents,

Perhaps you read my earlier posting that laments the fact that all of our children are out of the house (two in college) and Pat and I are “empty nesters” for the first time. After this past weekend, however, I’m beginning to see the possibilities...

It was Pat’s birthday. Our plan was to spend Saturday cleaning the house and working in the yard. It is time! I arranged a restaurant reservation and had the present ready. As we sat reading the paper on Saturday morning with a cup of coffee (yes, empty nesters can do that...), we talked about the weather report, and Pat lamented that she hadn’t had her “snow fix” this year. One thing led to another and an hour later we were on our way to Yosemite! I actually got a last minute reservation at Curry Village for a tent cabin, really a wooden cabin with tent windows, and a heater, for \$60. Does that sound romantic to you? Read on. The weather on Saturday was partly cloudy but Yosemite is a magical place when light and shadow enhances the mystery. There were no crowds, parking was available, and peace was all around. As we drove through the valley, strains of a bagpipe lured us to pull over and open our windows. The fog cleared to show the piper standing in front of the Chapel, announcing a wedding that would soon take place. We had dinner at the Mountain House Room in Yosemite Lodge while watching the light of dusk paint the upper Yosemite Falls. Yosemite; mystery; serendipity; celebration; and romance. This day was a rare gift, unplanned and un-orchestrated. Could it get any better?

We were greeted by deep blue skies on Sunday morning. The rain and fog of Saturday seemed to scrub the skies and cliffs, leaving a sheen of moisture that reflected the bright sun of Sunday. We missed church – but felt like we were in a cathedral of light. We drove to the Ahwanee for Sunday brunch (yes, we had made a reservation the day before) and sat next to a window in the high ceilinged, multi-windowed, much-celebrated dining hall. The food was amazing and plentiful. Richard, Jose, and scores of others treated us like royalty. It was a birthday meal to remember! Needing to walk off the feast, we found one of the meadows still covered in snow. We put on our boots and Pat got her “fix.” Reluctant to leave paradise, we found a quiet spot near El Capitan where we sat in the sun and read novels, uninterrupted, other than the song of a few sparrows that were sensing spring.

Driving home, we felt a sense of gratitude for a great weekend. We were struck by how none of this was planned and how this wouldn’t have happened if our kids were home. We are beginning to see that there is a silver lining to empty nesting!

BJ Huizenga
Superintendent & High School Principal

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California Scholarship Federation Spring & Fall 2009

The students listed below have applied and met the standards for CSF membership based on grades earned in courses taken the spring and fall semesters of 2009. CSF is a state-wide honor roll that rewards students with high grades in challenging courses, and exists to promote and recognize high standards of scholarship, service and citizenship on the part of students in California schools. CSF membership is neither automatic nor compulsory. Students must take the initiative to apply each semester.

Congratulations to the following students:

* indicates membership for both Spring and Fall Semesters

Class of 2010

Rachel Assink*
Rhani Bigay*
Irene Cho*
Michael Deju*
Aileen Devlin*
Melissa Ferrer*
Alan Kim
Hye Jin Lim*
Alyssa Moore*
Grace Moore*
Olivia Moranville
Sarah Osterman*
Christina Pickett*
Morgan Zablocki*

Class of 2011

Meredith Allendorph
Anne Dahlke
Daniel Friesen*
Raquel Gaitan
Marie Hecker*
Dongouk Kim
Tim Myers*
Christina Niccolai
Lauren Norris*

Katherine O'Keefe*
Emily Robledo*
Ashley Saputo*
Jose Soltero*
Katherine Zablocki*

Class of 2012

Rachel Booth*
Diana Cisneros*
Kathleen Devlin*
Katleen Dugas*
Megan Freeman
Terry Kim
Bernadette Saddik*
Alexandra Saddik*
Lyanna Tompkins*
Connor Weirich*

Class of 2013

Aaron Broadbent
Erin DeMerritt
Meagan Devlin
Danie Kim
Lauren Saputo
Serena Soltero