



COUGAR BULLETIN

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News & Updates



AUCTION NEWS

What an event we had! It promised to be a fun evening and it certainly turned out that way! Lots of fresh crab, plenty of laughter and lots of bidding. Due to your generosity, we raised around **\$46,000**, a figure that exceeded our expectations! Sammy the hamster found a new home with the Burke family, Mr Gartside was so popular that we sold him twice, with the trip to Maui, the Jegers home in Tahoe and the Italian Dinner. A huge "thank you" to all the donors, sponsors, guests, volunteers and student helpers. It took each one of you to make the event such a success. See the attached sheet for individual names.

We still have a few auction items left :

Mr. Van Soelen's Basketball 101 clinic. It will be held here on campus on Saturday April 17 from 9am-12pm. 7 Spaces left at \$75 per space

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

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

Season Ticket to Town Hall Kids Theatre Valid for 4 shows in the 2010-2011 year. Bidding starts at \$20. Bidding closes on Tuesday morning at 10am. Please email me your bids.

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.

Work Day This Saturday ~ 8:30-12:30

Limo Lunch - March 16th, 2010

Finally we have a date for the limo lunch. On March 16th starting at 11:30 we will take the students that earned a limo lunch in the cookie dough/magazine fundraiser, to Burger King!. Specific details will be emailed shortly. Congratulations again to the students who earned the lunch: *Aaron Chow, Alex Porto, Ashlyn Norris, Ben Walters, Evan Fischel, Grant Fogle, Jade Lobo, Sarah Moussa, James Tompkins, Jennifer Rodrigues, Leah Esakson, Makala Harris, Mikelle Van Buskirk, Molly Adams, Robin Wells, Sarah Wong, Victorian Marroquin.*

If your name is not on this list and you think it should be or vice versa, please Ann Lobo know asap.

Calendar

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

MAR. 19 - No School. - Teacher in Service

APR. 2 - End of Third Quarter

APR. 2 - No School - Good Friday

APR 5-9 - Easter Break

Elementary News: Elementary Students Celebrate Read Across America Day Tuesday, March 2 was the official "Read Across America Day" and the elementary students celebrated reading in a special way. Students were asked to bring a book to read as well as their favorite stuffed animal and each class was assigned 30 minutes of time to go to the music room to read on the rug. During the scheduled time periods, we had special guest readers who came in and read a favorite picture book to their assigned group of students. The first graders celebrated even more by wearing their pajamas for the day - what an exciting day it was for them! We also enlisted the 5th graders to each read a book to one of the kindergarteners and it was fun to see them sit in groups all around the room reading together.

Middle School: Howdy Partners! We had a rootin' tootin' good time at Western Day today. We enjoyed games, had a great chili cook off and everyone dressed awesome! Thanks for all the chili and the fun. Yee haw!

All families through 8th grade are invited to attend our Middle School Science Fair Family Night. Join us in the MPR and Cafe on Tuesday, March 30 anytime between 5:00 and 7:15! Middle School Leadership will provide a taco bar dinner available for \$5 a person and you can view all the 6th, 7th and 8th grade science projects. Dinner will be available from 5:00-6:30. Awards will be given at 7:00. Please consider joining us for this evening of fun. Proceeds from dinner will go toward our bus to Hume Lake.

The Lady Cougars winning streak came to an end in heartbreaking fashion on Tuesday as they lost to WCCA, 18-25, 25-13, 15-17. The Cougars jumped to an 8-0 lead in the first game behind Ashlyn Norris' serving. Shortly afterwards, though, the team fell apart and lost game one. In game two however the Cougars rallied for an easy victory. Lauren Esakson and Destiny Gaitan each had 3 kills in the second game. The exciting 3rd game went back and forth before two questionable officiating calls put the game out of reach. In the match, Ashlyn Norris accounted for an incredible 21 service points. Lauren Esakson had 6 kills overall and Destiny Gaitan had 4. Andrea Bermudez had 3 kills and 2 aces and Cati Krutilla continued her solid all around play. The loss dropped the Cougars' record to 4-4 with a critical match coming up Thursday versus Tabernacle."

High School News

High School Athletics:

The girl's soccer team and boy's volleyball team were both victorious this week. The soccer team defeated St Elizabeth on the road 3-0. They are back in action at home on Thursday vs San Marin. The volleyball team defeated Redwood Christian 3-2. The Cougars were led by David Yoeono's 14 kills and Peter Santoro's 8 assists. The win improves the team's record to 2-1.

Lady Cougars Advance to Division VI Semifinals

The Lady Cougars basketball team has advanced to the Division VI semifinal round with a 47-28 victory over the California School for the Deaf on Saturday. The Lady Cougars played a strong second half and now have advanced to the North Coast Section Final Four. The Lady Cougars will now take on Potter Valley, the #7 seed, who was victorious over #2 Ferndale on Saturday. The semifinal game will be played at Potter Valley High School on Wednesday, March 3 at 7:30pm. Admission will be \$9 for adults and \$6 for students. Come out and support the Lady Cougars and their march towards the championship!



Dear Parents,

I loved watching the Olympics, didn't you? We weren't the only ones watching; ratings for the Olympic telecasts topped the charts. In Canada, the U.S. / Canada hockey games were the most watched event in Canadian television history. What causes this passion in our friends to the north?

My older brother met his wife at Trinity College (Chicago area). A few years after they married, they located close to her family near Toronto, Canada, where they have lived for over 30 years. The children in the family of five boys and one girl are fiercely Canadian.

I learned, when my brother's children were young (1980's), that there was a gap between families. I represented the United States in their eyes, not just Uncle B.J. At first I was perplexed. Why such animosity? Why did I have to take the blame for everything that is bad about the United States, and why did I have to listen to the complaints over and over again? I became a little self righteous and defensive. I didn't mind Canada, in fact I loved it, so why couldn't we "all just get along!"

The attitudes haven't changed much over the years but I have grown a bit wiser. The United States has ten times the population of Canada and is a world superpower. There is a bit of big brother – little brother syndrome going on. Canada is dependent on the U.S. economy more so than the other way around. When you are in the same bed as an elephant (that's us!), you jump every time the elephant turns over...whereas the elephant doesn't even seem to know that you are there!

The simple truth is that Canada is an amazing place, the second largest country in the world (bigger than the U.S.), blessed with tremendous resources (much untouched), and a unique diverse culture. Remember, when you look at the Olympic medals count, that the Canadian performance, in light of their population, is quite impressive. Canadians have reason to be proud – and a bit resentful of the Americans next door.

It seems that Americans often buy into the myth that "bigger is better." We know different. The Bible is full of examples to prove otherwise. And our school is a perfect example to show that "bigger is NOT ALWAYS better."

I cheered for America in the Olympics, but I think I understand why the performance of the Canadian Olympians, especially the hockey teams, was so important to my Canadian relatives and friends.

BJ Huizenga
Superintendent & High School Principal

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The Volunteers

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The Student Volunteers

Meredith Allendorph, Blake Anderson, Emily Asher, Rachel Assink, Olivia Castel, Alison Chandler, Diana Cisneros, Cheyenne Collaro, Kenia Contrada, Reese Gelston, Annie Dahlke, Erin De Merritt, Rebekah Eskandani, Melissa Ferrer, Grace Fischel, Grant & Megan Freeman, Stephen Hansen, Marie Hecker, Brittney Hodges, Hannah Jegers, Kelsey Leegwater, Jasmin Lobo, Kyle Lueders, Emily Marcelino, Penni Mathews, Alyssa & Freddy Moore, Grace Moore, Katie O'Keefe, Katelynn & Olivia Moranville, Christina Niccolai, Sarah Osterman, Nicole Porep, Peter Santoro, Gabriella Sifuentes, Jason Soriano, Jose Soltero, Vu Tham, Sarah Wong, Alex Wetter, David Yoeono

The Guests

Acheampong, Albert, Adams, Anderson, Asher, Barley, Bates, Briggs, Burke, Bursey, Bustillo, Cadigan, Campagna, Campbell, Castel, Chaloner, Chillemi, Chow, Cody, Cole, Collaro, Cox, Cress, Davies, Daysh, De Haas, Dietrich, Dunnigan, Dykstra, Embody, Esakson, Evans, Faber, Farrell, Field, Fischel, Fritzberg, Freeman, Gaudenzi, Gelston, Giorgi, Greenland, Handlin, Hanley, Hatch, Haynes, Hecker, Hernandez, Higgins, Hill, Hoehn, Hoogwerf, Huizenga, Hungerford, Jackson, Jang, Jegers, Johnston, Kano, Kelly, Kendall, Kenneally, Kinsell, Koch, Lackore, Leegwater, Latz, Le Roy, Lomboy, Lompa, Lotter, Loutzenhiser, Lymangrover, Lynds, Masticelli, Monticelli, Mathews, McCoy, Meeks, Moore, Moranville, Miller, McDonagh, Moss, Norleen, Ortman, Owens, Padmos, Pantner, Park, Perry, Porep, Puterbaugh, Rezak, Rodrigues, Scannell, Shankle, Soltero, Sonaty, Szymanski, Tafoya, Tompkins, Torres, Travasos, Trombley, Turner, Turpin, Van Buskirk, Van Soelen, Van Vliet, Mudde, Vander Meulen, Veltkamp, Verrips, Vitale, Walters, Watson, Wells, Wentworth, Wetter, Wilkins, Williams, Wong, Wright, Wyatt, Zablocki