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It's that time of year...

...to ASSESS where we have been!"

It's ASSESSMENT season! Mid-terms, AP exams, CAHSEE make-ups, and STAR exams – all happen in the next 4 to 6 weeks. It's a time of year that is hectic, full of changing bell schedules, and lots and lots of number two pencils. But it does also have meaning.

The importance of AP and CAHSEE testing is easy – graduation requirement and college admissions and competitive eligibility. The importance of STAR testing is more of an impenetrable sort of concept.

The STAR Test is a series of exams that measure how well students have acquired the knowledge and skills identified in the California Content Standards. The Content Standards describe what students at each grade level should know or skills they should be able to demonstrate. The STAR series measures this in the areas of English-language arts,

mathematics, history-social science, and science; determining whether the students in grade 9 through 11 are 'proficient' in these content areas. Students receive scores ranking them at levels of Advanced, Proficient, Basic, Below Basic or Far Below Basic. (Proficient or Advanced being indicators of grade level proficiency.)

Teachers, counselors and administrators use the STAR scores on an almost daily basis: to guide instruction and make decisions regarding next steps for students, to help make recommendations for interventions for struggling students or recommendations regarding course selections, and to qualify students for special programs on campus, to name only a few uses.

The STAR results are also THE major factor in determining a school's Academic Performance Index (API) score. The state plugs these results into a formula, which also includes students' performance on the CAHSEE, participa-

tion rate, graduation rate and other data - that determines the number that is assigned to the school. This number is the school's API. The state has established a goal for all schools to earn an API over 800. CCA's API last year was 843, one of the highest in the county! Our goal is to not only improve that score as evidence of our continual commitment to growth and improvement, but also to be the most outstanding school in the district, if not the county.

What's the role of your student? Encourage them to understand that the exam results do impact the day-to-day organization of classrooms as well as how we as a school are perceived. Make sure students are rested, have had a healthy breakfast, and are on time for testing. And most of all encourage students to do their best!

For more information, visit www.sduhsd.net/cc/academics/testing

See page 8 of this newsletter for the complete STAR testing calen-

educate, inform and entertain CCA's student body, while updating parents and the community about CCA through students' perspectives.

The journalists on *Pulse's* staff strive to succeed and are exceedingly motivated individuals. Past year's staff now walk the campuses of Northwestern University, American University and Cal Poly SLO. As former Editor-in-Chief **Jessica Schiffman** states, *Pulse* is a great way to get a grasp on journalism: "Through working on *Pulse*, I developed a new set of leadership, planning and organizational skills. It was a great introduction to a field I now plan on pursuing professionally."

Pulse Magazine



A dedicated group of 26 young journalists help flood the pages of *Pulse Magazine* with sophisticated stories, meticulous layouts, creative pictures and professional advertisements. *Pulse Magazine*, the student-run and self-funded magazine of CCA, has one mission: to

Pulse layout Editors Rebecca Sicile-Kira (left), Kait Bell (center) working on layout, while Copy Editor Austin Evans (right) edits a story about a CCA Envision Teacher.

Photo credit: Daniel Metz

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CCA Envision Film makes the big screen!



Mr. Raines teaches Cinema

Photo credit: Destin Cretton

The Envision Cinema department is leading the nation in top-notch video/film programs. New Envision Cinema Coordinator **Mark Raines** was the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) 2008 National Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher. **Raines** was a featured speaker at the December 2008 ACTE national conference in Charlotte, NC and spotlighted in a recent article in the March 2009 *Tech-*

niques magazine, a national career and technical publication. In addition, Cinema Teaching Artist **Destin Cretton** and his film "Short Term 12" recently won Best Short Film at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival. **Cretton's** film was also featured at the 2009 Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival in France.

This year, students in the Cinema program day classes, taught by **Raines** and D/FA Teacher **Justin Moodie**, are creating professional works in a variety of

genres, including commercials, public service announcements, music videos, news stories, experimental films, movie remakes, and short films. The Cinema Conservatory filmmakers created five short films in the fall semester, and have just started production on six more short films. Envision Cinema has a school-wide film festival this April 25th at 4pm, immediately following the annual Envision Visual Arts event, 1-4pm. If you would like more information about Envision Cinema, please contact mark.raines@sduhsd.net.

ASB Activities What's happening around campus

Senior passports are on sale in the Finance Office currently for \$90 w/ ASB and \$100 w/out. Prices will increase 4/4 to \$115 and \$130 through 5/1.

Ravens, look forward to the one and only PROM of 2009 on May 23rd! It is from 7-11 pm at the gorgeous U.S. Grant in Downtown San Diego. Seniors and Juniors be ready to purchase your tickets early on May 4th at the Finance Office as prices increase each week. If you want to bring a guest, please do and make sure to turn in your guest passes by Wednesday, May 20th! Keep an eye out for ticket prices!

Would you like to leave a lasting mark on the CCA Campus? Would you like to be able to come back 40 years from now and see the mark you left? CCA ASB is now working on a fundraising project that would allow you to do so. They're called "Legacy

Bricks." For \$75.00, you can leave a permanent impression on the CCA Campus. It's a custom engraved "Legacy Brick" with 3 lines of engraved text with 16 characters per line. Say whatever you want. It's all for a good cause, to help support CCA ASB in a time of budget crisis. They will be cemented into place around the CCA campus and your message will stay with the school for a lifetime. If you have any questions, or are interested, please E-mail Cca.Asb.Fundraising@gmail.com.

Red and Black day will continue for the rest of the year but there are 2 days that will be bigger than the rest they are April 24th and May 22nd. May 22nd is also the 3rd annual CCA pep rally. Leading up to this day is spirit week where we will have many activities and fun games. Monday, May 18th is Sports Day, Tuesday is Career Day, Wednesday is Celebrity Day, Thursday is Class Color Day, and Friday,

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Principal's Corner



Principal Mr. Brian Köhn

Photo credit: Natalie Wentworth and Austin Fields

Have you ever wondered what the CCA staff does on all of those late start Wednesdays? The majority of that time is spent analyzing STAR data and determining our strengths and weaknesses in regards to instruction and student achievement. Once we have done this work, we then create our academic achievement goals for the year and adjust classroom instruction to meet them.

We also spend time looking at

individual student scores and determining which classes are appropriate for a particular student or group of students. In addition, we use this data to help us design our special academic intervention classes and then to help us place students in the appropriate classes. Eventually, we determine what worked and what didn't work by looking at changes in the next round of STAR data. STAR data is by no means the only

information we use to do this work, but it is without question a major piece of the picture.

Hopefully I have clearly illustrated how your child's classroom experience is profoundly impacted by STAR data. The better the data we have, the better instruction we can provide your child. So please help us help your child by encouraging them to eat a good breakfast, arriving at school on time, and doing their best on each exam.

Pulse Magazine...continued from front page

Pulse has presented an array of topics to Canyon Crest students and the community. Heavier articles, such as an investigative piece about teen pregnancy centers, a story about many of the prevalent religions at CCA and an article concerning the California budget cuts, are placed in *Pulse Magazine*. Lighter stories, such as simple recipe suggestions, student bands at CCA and free things to do in San Diego, may also be found in the magazine. Through *Pulse*, we also hope to make students aware about classes, college and events by running a feature about colleges all across the nation (called "College Corner") and the CCA events calendar.

Any Raven can join the class ('Advanced Journalism') after completing the prerequisite course of 'Introduction to Journalism'. The class uses top-notch programs such as Adobe Indesign CS3 and Adobe Photoshop CS3, and sends the magazine to our publisher in PDF format.

At *Pulse*, we realize the abundant need

for students, parents and the community to interact and involve one another. *Pulse* supports both the community and local businesses through our advertising opportunities; Wells Fargo, The Fish Market, Del Mar Swirls and Elite Test Preparation

are just some of the businesses that have supported *Pulse* through advertisements. The 600 copies of *Pulse* printed for each issue circulate among our 1800 students and their households and communities, including most of Northern San Diego. Advertisements lay as the most effective means of funding for *Pulse*, but we have also had numerous fundraisers at local restaurants and held spots at Kobey's Swap Meet to raise money for the magazine.

For the future, *Pulse Magazine* hopes to continue as one of the excellent student groups at CCA. This way, students can learn about their peers and the community can learn about Canyon Crest. Some ways to support the program are to buy an advertisement in *Pulse*, encourage students to attend *Pulse* fundraisers or speaking with the surrounding communities to increase awareness about *Pulse*. Please contact *Pulse Magazine* for any questions or comments or for advertising opportunities at editors.pulse@gmail.com, or by calling our Advisor, **Christopher Black**, at (858) 350-0253 x4192.



Pulse Brainstorming Session; Editor-in-Chief Danielle Ross (center) discusses story ideas with pulse writers (from left to right) Chelsea McGuerty, Dana Rutherford, Maia Ferdman, Pooja Magavi, Casey Edgarian and Kait Bell.

Photo credit: Daniel Metz

Athletics

Student Physicals

It will be the responsibility of each athlete to obtain his/her physical from their own doctor. Fall athletes will be most impacted by this. Please make your appointments now for the 2009-2010 school year. Remember that all new physicals need to be done AFTER June 1st, 2009 to be valid for the 2009-2010 school year. The CCA

athletic packet can be downloaded off the athletic website.

Fall Athletic Packets 2009-2010 Deadlines

Fall athletic packets are due no later than Wednesday August 5th, 2009. Please remember we will need each students' most recent report card (June 09) and updated physical turned in with the packet. The athletic packet will not be cleared or processed if it is not turned in complete.

Fall Clearance Cards will be available for pick up in CCA Athletic Office located in the Administration building on August 10th & 11th from 8:00am-12:00 noon. Please keep in mind fall sports begin Wednesday, August 12th prior to the beginning of the academic school year. Please plan accordingly to meet the above deadlines, dates and Clearance Card pick up times.

Please note: All CCA fall tryout times and dates will be available on CCA athletic website on Friday, July 31st, 2009.

CCA Senior Art Show

On March 6th, the senior members of the Digital Fine Art Conservatory program at Canyon Crest Academy held the second Annual Senior Art Show exhibition. This year the show was at the Artist Space Gallery in Del Mar.

Through the month of March, all 15 seniors were allotted a space to exhibit and/or sell his or her artwork. This included an accumulation of art from the last three years as well as some of the more recent pieces they have

created. This show marked the largest CCA student art exhibit off campus to date!

Katie Grassles' artwork

Photo credit: Julie Rais



Prom Tips for Parents

The Prom is scheduled this year for Saturday, May 23, at the US Grant in San Diego Gaslamp. We've had years of smooth and successful dances, making a fun and safe environment for students to celebrate their achievements for the year. For moms and dads, this is a time to exercise the "trust but verify" approach to parenting to help us host another safe year's dance:

You can and should trust your teens, but you must still ask questions to verify their plans for the night.

Here are some pointers for parent to reduce – and hopefully eliminate – alcohol/drug use and bad decisions:

Allow no more than eight teens in a limo. Limiting the number increases your chances of knowing each student and his or her parents, and putting your kids in a comfortable situation because they are with friends, rather than strangers. Limo busses are not a good idea. Please be aware that students often decide to stay on the bus and not disembark at the prom, leaving them for several hours without supervision. Please also take the time to check the contract with the limo company to determine who bears liability.

Limit the group to good friends and acquaintances. Students are not allowed to attend unless they've completed a guess pass application that has been approved. Guess pass applications and information can be found on the CCA website.

Inspect the limo before you let your kids get inside. Many limos come fully stocked with alcohol. Do not allow students who have not bought a ticket to ride in the limo.

Do not have alcohol present at the pre-dance event. This means no alcohol for parents and guests as well. This is simply modeling good behavior. Remember, the evening belongs to the kids.

Require a written itinerary for your group. Where they are dining, when they will get to the dance, when they will be picked up, where they are going after the dance, and where and when they will be dropped off at the end of the evening. Be aware of what is happening after the event. If students are participating in after-dance events, know what the plans are, where the students will be and who will be present to supervise.

Meet with the limo driver, students and parents at the pick-up spot. Make sure all students and parents are present as you explain your expectations. Make certain the

driver has the written itinerary, and make it clear that you expect the itinerary to be followed. The driver is working for you, not for the students. Do not give the driver the final payment until you meet at the end of the evening.

Do not allow "just driving around" in the limo. Nothing is accomplished by this, and it tends to be the time when trouble is most likely to occur.

If your teen is not the one organizing the limo, contact the family of the one who is. Speak with those parents and make sure that you are comfortable with the rules they expect to be followed before agreeing to allow your student to travel with that group.

Be aware that we will be randomly testing students at the door with a breathalyzer. Any teens showing signs of alcohol consumption will be excluded from the dance, and a parent or guardian will be called to take them home. School consequences for this infraction of our Discipline Code include suspension and expulsion.

Make sure you talk to your teens when they come home after the dance. Spend some time talking about the evening and making sure they came home safe, sound and sober.

We thank you in advance for your support to help us have a successful and SAFE event!

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May 22nd is Red and Black Day.

Mother's Day Gift: Are you looking for the perfect gift for the hard-to-buy-for mother? CCA ASB is selling spa packages for \$65 (\$15 goes back to CCA ASB). The spa package can be used at multiple locations in Southern California. Email Erica.williams@sduhsd.net for more information.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Pasta for Pennies drive! Overall, CCA donated \$3,556.48 to the Leukemia

and Lymphoma Society! Way to go Ravens!

Canyon Crest's final blood drive will be on April 15th. Sign ups for donating blood will be March 23rd- April 1st at a table at lunch. If you are interested in donating and are not a student, please email Erica.williams@sduhsd.net

Also, Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-9. Be sure to show your teacher that you appreciate all that they have done! There will be tables set up that week during lunch to write your teacher a special note.

STAR tests are coming up (April 27th-

May 1st)...be sure to come to school every day! Each day of STAR testing, ASB will provide complimentary nutritional snacks in the morning, lunchtime events, and a daily raffle. Raffle prizes include gift cards, tickets to Knott's Berry Farm and Disneyland, and even an Ipod touch! (Ipod touch raffle tickets are only available to students who were on time and attended every day of STAR testing). Students must be in attendance and on time to be eligible for the daily raffle.

Easy way to help CCA's Library Media Center!

Now, when you order from Amazon, you can donate to the library too! Go to the ASB website (www.ccaasb.com) and scroll down to the special Amazon search box. Use this search box to access products at Amazon.com. When you order from Amazon through this search box 4% of your purchase will be donated to the Library Media Center. Help out the LMC and use this search when you buy from Amazon.

Envision Arts News

CCA bands are "Superior". The Symphonic Band earned a Superior rating at the El Camino HS SCSBOA Band Festival on Thursday, March 12. The band participates in this festival yearly as it always draws some of the best adjudicators in Southern California. The students received constructive comments and an overall Superior Rating. This was their first year entering class A, the most advanced.

The Jazz Band and Jazz Combos participated in the CMEA Jazz Festival on Saturday, March 14 and also received Superior Ratings for the Big Band and two of the Jazz Combos. One combo was awarded an Excellent rating. Recording artist, **Gilbert Castellanos**, and other members of the jazz community critiqued

the students.

CCA's Envision program is getting national attention. Faculty from Harvard and the Principals' Center National Advisory Board paid a visit to CCA to tour our facilities, and they had the opportunity to visit the Conservatory programs. The group was most impressed with the real-world opportunities provided, including auditions, "pitching a story" in the filmmaking process, collaboration, guest artists, integrated projects, among others.

April 25th is the annual EVA, the Envision Visual Arts student art showcase. In the Library Media Center there will be over 250 pieces of student work created in the Envision day classes; and in the lobby of the Proscenium D/FA Conservatory stu-

dents will display the work they have created throughout year with guest artists. There will also be a chance to purchase student-designed Envision t-shirts. The time for EVA will be 1 to 4pm, followed directly by the CCA Student Film Festival at 4pm, presented by the Envision Cinema Conservatory program. There will be a combined ticket for both events, \$6 for students, \$12 adults.

The 2009 CCA Student Film Festival will feature CCA student short films (no longer than 5 minutes each) in the categories of Comedy, Drama, Documentary, Experimental, and Music Video. Awards will be given in each category, as well as a Best in Show Award and an Audience Choice Award. Films must be submitted by 3:15pm, April 3, 2009 to **Mark Raines**, Envision Cinema Coordinator, in room G201. For submission details and forms visit the CCA website.

Counseling News...

College Night April 15, 2009

CCA will host College Night from 6:30 – 8:35 pm. This event is intended for 11th grade students and their parents. College representatives will present topics related to the college search process, selection, admission and more. Students and parents will be able to attend up to 3 thirty-five minute sessions. This event is funded by the [CCA Foundation](#). **Please print the [event program](#) in advance. There will only be a limited number of programs available on the night of the event.**

Upcoming Drop Deadline

The [last day to drop](#) a 4th quarter class without a grading penalty on the student transcript is Friday, 4/24.

11th Grade Presentation, 4/29 at 6:30pm in theater

For 11th grade students and parents. The focus will be preparing for the college admissions process.

2009-2010 Course Selection

If you have submitted your Course Selection Contract and need to request a change, please address your request to CCACourseChanges@sduhsd.net Changes can be made to selections via this email address until May 29. After May 29th you will be able to make adjustments to your schedule (within the terms outlined in the Course selection contract) during Raven Readiness days.

Summer School

[Summer School Remediation Applications](#) are available now for students who need to repeat a required course for high school graduation. June 2 is the deadline to return the completed application to the Counseling Office.

09-10 Raven Readiness Days

For your summer planning, our 09-10 [Raven Readiness](#) days will be held on:

- 12th Grade: Tuesday, August 18
- 11th Grade: Wednesday, Aug 19
- 10th Grade: Thursday, August 20
- 9th Grade: Friday, August 21

Further details such as times, and alpha break down will be announced. Incoming 9th Grade Orientation will also be held—times and information to be announced. Don't miss this chance to be ready for the first day of school!

Seniors

College Acceptance As you receive college admission news, please make sure to update your status for each campus in Naviance.

Senior Checklist Use the "Senior Checklist" to stay informed about upcoming senior events and opportunities, including graduation. On the CCA website, click "Counseling," then "Seniors."

4/29 Mandatory Senior Exit Seminar in the Theater, 9:30 - 10:30 am.

Canyon Crest Academy Recognizes...

The National Advisory Board of The Principal's Center from Harvard University conducted a Site Visit of CAA on Feb. 18th to observe the Envision Conservatory program. The Principals' Center (TPC) at the Harvard Graduate School of Education is dedicated to the personal and professional development of school administrative officials who influence the character and quality of a school. The National Advisory Board of TPC helps identify current and future trends in education around the United States. The National Advisory Board is visiting Canyon Crest Academy because of its status as a vibrant, innovative, student-centered educational institution with a reputation for excellence in teaching and high achieving students.

Girls Varsity Basketball - Division III CIF Champions. CCA's first CIF Championship. Congratulations to Coach Terry Ryan and his 3 seniors **Meghan Brown**, **Alisha Eckberg** and **Jessica Yuan**.



CCA Girls Varsity Basketball Champions at the Division III CIF Championship

Photo credit: Staff

Members of the track team ran at the MT Carmel Invitational, and two school records fell. **Adam Rolph** broke the schools 800m with a time of 1:57.81 and Freshman **Charlotte Kuzminsky** broke the mile record (1600m) running a 5:22.34. Both times have qualified them for the Arcadia invitational in two weeks, one of the top meets in California.

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Soccer team for their achievements this season. **Brooke Fehrenbach** (12) and **Nikki Pappalardo** (10) were named 1st team Coastal South selections. **Sierra Thernes** (10) and **Morgan Turek** (12) were named 2nd team selections. The girls also made the CIF playoffs for the second year in a row.

The Wrestling Team took Second Place in the Coastal Conference. We had six individual league champions: 103 lbs **Aaron Baer**, 112 lbs **Daniel Gallenson**, 119 lbs **Jeffery Lorenzen**, 130 lbs **Matthew Clark**, 140 lbs **Elliott Adams**, 152 lbs **Steffen Chen**. We also had three CIF placers (Masters Qualifiers) this year: 125 lbs **Alexander Simone**- 5th, 140 lbs **Elliott Adams**- 5th, 145 lbs **Steffen Chen**- 3rd.

Congratulations to **Stephanie Sybert** and **Adriane Turner**, who participated in the San Diego Region Japanese Speech Contest held in Balboa Park on March 15. **Adriane** earned the award for Most Creative speech. **Stephanie** won 3rd place overall, earning

her the privilege to join the All-USA High School Japanese Contest, Aurora Speech Contest, to be held in May. Well done!

Congratulations to the CCA Math Team— some of the best high-school mathematicians in the country! Here are just a few of their amazing accomplishments over the past couple months: 5th-place team finish in the 2008 Ciphering Time Trials, a national mathematics contest administered by National Assessment & Testing in January (<http://www.natassessment.com>). Individual results include, in the 11th-grade division, **Leon Zhou** placed 1st and **David Ding** was 5th. **Marco Gentili** placed 19th in the 10th-grade division, while in the 9th-grade division **Raymond Wu** placed 5th and **Henry Maltby** was 17th.

1st place at the San Diego County Math Field Day, which was held on Saturday, March 14, at Cuyamaca College in El Cajon. (Beating out schools like Scripps Ranch and La Jolla High.) Notable accomplishments were:

- **Kush Rawal** and **Anthony Tokman**: 1st Place in Dual-Dig 1
- **David Ding** and **Marco Gentili**: 3rd Place in Dual Dig 2
- **Gil Tabak** and **Matthew Voss**: 1st Place in Technology Tandem
- **Gil Tabak** and **Perren Yang**: 1st Place Engineering
- **David Ding** (6th), **Henry Maltby** (5th), **Leon Zhou** (3rd) and **Marco Gentili** (2nd) in Rapid Transit
- 5th place at the Stanford Math Tournament with **Henry Maltby** placing 3rd on the General Test and **Leon Zhou** getting 2nd on the Advanced Topics Test.

More than two dozen students learning Japanese at CCA demonstrated their language and culture skills on February 21 in the third annual J-CAP (Japanese Competency and Proficiency) competition held on the campus of SDSU. Area high-school students participated in a quiz-bowl round, created original 'manga' and even learned how to use an abacus at the event sponsored by the Japan Society of San Diego-Tijuana. Canyon Crest Academy students took top honors in two of the three levels of competition. The team of **Shuang Kung**, **Ivanna Patton** and **Kole Patton** won first place for Level III, and the Level IV winners were **Annie Jia**, **James Perkins** and **Shanti Rahim**. Congratulations to all our students on a job well done!



CCA Winners at the J-CAP competition at SDSU

Photo credit: Staff

And finally, the following students, **Marco Gentili**, **Henry Maltby**, **Kush Rawal**, **Raymond Wu**, **Michelle Xie**, **David Ding**, **Tanooj Luthra**, **Igor Rausch**, **Gil Tabak**, **Matthew Voss**, **Perren Yang** and **Leon Zhou**, sat for the American Invitation Mathematics Exam on March 17th. They earned amazing scores on the American Mathematics Competition and were invited to take a three hour test, and if they do well, they get to take a 12 hour math test (crazy, eh?)!

April 2009

Schedule of Events

- 4/6 through 4/10 - School closed for Spring Break
- 4/15 - Late Start
- 4/15 - ASB Blood Drive
- 4/15 - College Night
- 4/17 - Report Cards to be mailed (date approximate)
- 4/22 - Late Start
- 4/25 Envision Visual Arts Showcase and Film Festival
- 4/29 - Junior Seminar Part II for students and parents
- 4/29 - Mandatory Senior Exit Seminar
- 4/27 - 5/1 - STAR testing

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 SPRING BREAK	6 SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK	7 SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK	8 SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK	9 SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK	10 SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK	11 SPRING BREAK
12	13	14	15 LATE START Blood Drive College Night	16	17 Report cards to be mailed	18
19	20	21	22 LATE START	23	24 RED and BLACK day	25 EVA Showcase and Film Fest
26	27 STAR TESTING	28 STAR TESTING	29 STAR TESTING Mandatory Senior Exit Seminar	30 STAR TESTING	-	-

Schedule of Events

- 5/1 STAR testing
- 5/1 - Deadline to purchase senior passports
- 5/4 - 5/8 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/4 - 5/15 AP Testing
- 5/12 and 5/13 - CAHSEE Make-ups
- 5/13 - Late Start
- 5/21 - Progress Reports to be mailed (date approximate)
- 5/22 - Pep Rally (alternate bell schedule)
- 5/23 - Prom
- 5/29 - Deadline to make changes to courses for 09-10 school year

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
-	-	-	-	-	1 STAR TESTING Deadline to purchase Senior Passports	2
3	4 AP testing Teacher Appreciation Week	5 AP testing Teacher Appreciation Week	6 AP testing Teacher Appreciation Week	7 AP testing Teacher Appreciation Week	8 AP testing Teacher Appreciation Week	9
10	11 AP testing	12 AP testing	13 LATE START AP testing	14 AP testing	15 AP testing	16
17	18	19	20 Deadline to purchase PROM guest passes	21 Progress Reports to be mailed	22 PEP RALLY RED and BLACK day	23 PROM
24	25 SCHOOL CLOSED FOR Memorial Day	26	27	28	29 Deadline to make changes to courses	30

STAR Schedule 2009

Students will report to period 2 classes for each block of STAR testing.

All 9th, 10th and 11th grade students will be tested.

Seniors do not report to school until the completion of STAR testing each day.

Students will not report to ZERO period from April 27 - May 1

9th grade students do not report to school until 10:25 am on April 30.[^]

9th and 11th grade students do not report to school until 10:25 am on May 1.^{^^}

Monday, April 27	Time	Minutes	Tuesday, April 28	Time	Minutes
ELA 1 (Grades 9,10,11)	8:15-9:40	85	Math 1 (Grades 9,10,11)	8:15-9:55	100
Outside Break	9:45-9:55	10	Outside Break	10:00-10:10	10
ELA 2 (Grades 9,10,11)	10:00-11:40	100	Math 2 (Grades 9,10,11)	10:15-11:55	100
LUNCH	11:45-12:15	30	LUNCH	12:00-12:30	30
Period 1	12:20-1:45	85	Period 3	12:35-1:52	77
Period 2	1:50-3:15	85	Period 4	1:57-3:15	78

Wednesday, April 29	Time	Minutes	Thursday, April 30	Time	Minutes
Science 1 (Grades 9,10,11)	8:15-9:15	60	Hist/SS 1 (Grades 10 & 11)	8:15-9:15	60
In-Class Break	9:15-9:20	5	In-Class Break	9:15-9:20	5
Science 2 (Grades 9,10,11)	9:20-10:20	60	Hist/SS 2 (Grades 10 & 11)	9:20-10:20	60
Nutrition Break	10:25-10:35	10	Nutrition Break *	10:25-10:35	10
Period 1	10:40-11:36	56	Period 1	10:40-11:36	56
LUNCH	11:41-12:11	30	LUNCH	11:41-12:11	30
Period 2	12:16-1:12	56	Period 2	12:16-1:12	56
Period 3	1:17-2:13	56	Period 3	1:17-2:13	56
Period 4	2:18-3:15	57	Period 4	2:18-3:15	57

Friday, May 1	Time	Minutes
Life Science 1 (Grade 10)	8:15-9:15	60
In-Class Break	9:15-9:20	5
Life Science 2 (Grade 10)	9:20-10:20	60
Nutrition Break **	10:25-10:35	10
Period 1	10:40-11:36	56
LUNCH	11:41-12:11	30
Period 2	12:16-1:12	56
Period 3	1:17-2:13	56
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STAR tests are coming up (April 27th-May 1st)...be sure to come to school every day! Each day of STAR testing, ASB will provide complimentary nutritional snacks in the morning, lunchtime events, and a daily raffle. Raffle prizes include gift cards, tickets to Knott's Berry Farm and Disneyland, and even an Ipod touch! Students must be in attendance and on time to be eligible for the daily raffle.**

***Ipod touch raffle tickets are only available to students who were on time and attended every day of STAR testing.*



Quick Links

- [Purchase Gala tickets](#)
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President's Desk

April 2009

Some of you may have seen that I was recently quoted in Marsha Sutton's byline "Education Matters" in the Carmel Valley News/Del Mar Village Voice (March 12, 2009). I state that because of these trying economic times, donations are down, but we have seen an increase in the number of families who are giving to the CCA Foundation. We are truly grateful for this higher level of participation from our CCA parents. We value the trust you place in the Foundation to provide the best possible educational opportunities for your children. In recent months, we have seen everyone stepping up, including CCA teachers and staff, to make sure that our students continue to benefit from the programs that make CCA one of San Diego's premier high schools.

We are extremely sensitive to the stress and uncertainty of this economic downturn; it has impacted all of us. However, the Foundation will continue to forge ahead because we remain steadfast in our commitment to support our children's education.

Mark Mimnaugh, President

We Did It!

Festival of the Arts... A Great Success!!

THANK YOU to the more than 900 guests and 200 student performers who helped raise **\$10,000 for Envision the Arts at CCA** and the CCA Foundation at Festival of the Arts on Feb. 7, 2009. Special gratitude to Morgan Run Club & Resort and Jamie Schaible for organizing and supporting this event.

The Only Source of Continuous Funding

The **CCA Foundation is now the only continuous funding source** for all school expenditures that are not identified as "mission critical" by SDUHSD. We pay for:

- Assistant coaches
- Guest teaching artists
- Supplementary materials for AP classes
- Foreign language workbooks
- Technology repairs and supplies
- Pool fees for swimming and water polo
- Athletic trainer fees
- Uniform costs
- Athletic tournament fees
- Sheet music for all music classes
- Science lab supplies
- Visual arts materials
- Training for CCA counselors
- AND MUCH MORE!

Gala 2009 · April in Paris · The Grand del Mar

Canyon Crest Academy Foundation presents **Gala 2009, April in Paris, on April 24 at The Grand del Mar**; cocktails from 6:30-8:00 pm and dinner at 8:00 pm sharp. The event will feature proud CCA mom **Susan DeVincent**, KyXy Morning Show host, as Mistress of Ceremonies, music and entertainment by **The Ultratones**, and auctioneer **Dan Morris**. The Gala will include a wine cellar and silent & live auctions as well as *superb* dining, dancing *plaisir* and *beaucoup* surprises. The goal of the event is to raise funds for the programs and priorities identified by the school's principal and staff. For more information, contact Ellen Mitgang at mitgang4@yahoo.com.

The Fine Print

Become a member of the 2009-2010 Board of Directors! No experience is necessary, just an enthusiastic willingness to serve our school. Click [HERE](#) to view all Board positions. Please download this self-nomination form and mail it in. For questions, please contact Bob Nascenzi at bobnascenzi@targusinfo.com.

Canyon Crest Academy Foundation is a non-profit, parent volunteer organization dedicated to realizing CCA's educational programs and priorities through financial, volunteer, and community support. The Foundation meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 AM. Meetings are open to the public. Suggested annual contributions are a single donation of \$1,000 or \$100/month for 10 months; 25% of directed donations is allocated to the Raven Fund (Unrestricted).

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