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Welcome to 2009-2010!

We're excited to be beginning CCA's sixth year of operation! Despite many challenges, not the least of which is the serious budget crisis, we have had a successful school year opening and are hopeful about the future. Part of that hopeful future comes from recognizing our already stellar past. Just a few things you may want to know about CCA...

CCA By the Numbers:

- 1** athletic team that made state championship level
- 1** CIF championship
- 4** athletics league championships
- 17** Envision productions last year
- 19** National Merit scholarship semifinalists in 2008-2009
- 21** percent of our students go to community college or trade schools
- 33** percent of our schoolwide student population participated in AP testing
- 75** percent of our students go directly to a 4-year university/college
- 80** teachers make up our incredible teaching staff
- 83** percent of AP exams that earned passing scores
- 96** percent of our students continue their education after graduation
- 98** percent of our students pass the English portion of the CAHSEE on their first try
- 156** students taking the PLAN test on November 10
- 868** Our 2009 API, up 25 points from the year before!
- 1255** PSAT tests administered on October 14
- 1813** number of students enrolled for 2009-2010

Welcome to New Raven Staff Members:

CCA is excited to welcome quite a few new Ravens on campus in addition to our new Freshman class. If you happen to run into one of these folks, make sure to make them feel part of CCA team and community.



Paula Furgerson: Special Education Specialist, Dorothy Kowalski: School Psychologist, Rebecca Pierce: ROP Stagehand Technology Teacher, Ed Gerstin: Chemistry and Biology teacher, Laura McKay: Digital Photography teacher, Lauren May: English teacher, Kristen Pina: Counselor, Tyler LaSalle: Special Education Specialist, Chedly Benattia: AP Government, Government, US History teacher, Chris Tallman: AP US History, World History teacher, Jackie Bergeron: Sculpture, AP Studio Art 3D, Drawing & Design Teacher, Don Quinn: Japanese teacher, Lucas Duchene: AP World History teacher, Terri Glusser: Media Center technician

Dollars for Scholars Update!

CCA Directories will be handed out to students at school the week of October 26th. If you paid for a directory and do not receive one, please contact Linda Brenner at lgbrenner@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a CCA Directory! Your purchase will help fund a scholarship for a CCA student

continuing their education beyond high school. Last year CCA Dollars for Scholars awarded 56 scholarships to CCA seniors totaling \$35,000. In order to offer the same number of scholarships this year, additional donations to Dollars for Scholars are greatly needed and appreciated.

DFS Scholarship funds are

raised through proceeds from the sale of the CCA Directories and donations from local businesses, foundations, community organizations and individuals. If you are interested in establishing a scholarship in your name, the name of your business or as a memorial, please contact Laurie Doyle at ldoyle411@san.rr.com.

Principal's Corner

As many of you are well aware, our community recently suffered a terrible loss due to an alcohol-related traffic accident. This event has brought to the forefront questions and concerns about teenage drinking and drug abuse. The two questions I most often hear are, "What is the school doing to help prevent this?" and "Where and when do these things happen?" The answer to both questions is somewhat surprising.

Public education has for many years now built into the curriculum, starting in elementary school, information about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. At the high school level it is a significant part of our required health curriculum. In addition, there are many activities that CCA participates in to help build and maintain awareness; activities such as Red Ribbon Week (which is coming up in December.) However, despite being well aware of the dangers inher-

ent in certain choices, students are still susceptible to making bad choices.

The question of where and when has an interesting answer. I frequently ask students this very question and the answer I most often get is "on the weekends with my friends." In regard to dances and school related activities students tell me they usually don't drink at or before these events because they know they will be breathalyzed and watched closely. According to students, those that plan to drink do so on Limo Party Busses after the dance or at parties after the dance. CCA recently participated in the UCSD sponsored Healthy Kids Survey and the survey asked "have you had a drink(s) at another student's house with their parents' knowledge?" 32% of CCA students answered in the affirmative.

I will be the first to state that the CCA campus and the CCA school activities are not immune to these problems. Unfortunately, we have our share.

My point is simply we all need to take responsibility for protecting our youth.

Please help us protect your kids.

1. Be insistent they observe curfew laws.
2. Please keep track of where they are and what they are doing.
3. Check in with them when they get home.
4. Remember, the word "party" in high school student lingo very often means drinking.

Every day I am inspired by these amazing young people. I promise you they will make great contributions to our community and to our country. We need to stand by each and every one of them to make sure that their dreams and ours are realized.



Principal Mr. Brian Köhn

Photo credit: Natalie Wentworth and Austin Fields

What's happening around campus

ASB Activities

Important Upcoming ASB Events:

*Get ready for Raven Idol from November 16th-20th!!!

Look forward to some great fundraisers coming up in the next couple months! Would you like to see a fundraiser at a specific restaurant?

Email Becca Golden at [RLG1616@yahoo.com!](mailto:RLG1616@yahoo.com)

Right: The essence of democracy is valiantly kept alive by this table of ASB ladies, asking the student body to vote for the Teacher Homecoming King and Queen contest during lunch.



Thank you to all the **Donut-Relay Contest** contestants! Congratulations to the juniors who represented their class and won!

CCA Students participated in a fiercely competitive **Guitar Hero contest** during the week of September 14th - 18th. **Right-** Leon Zhou, senior.



ROP Stagehand Technician class is finishing up a class design project for a theoretical production of *The Trial of Dedan Kimathi*, a fictional take on the true story of Kenya's fight for independence. The week of October 19th we'll be going on a field trip with the Acting I class to the Old Globe Theatre to see *Sammy*, a musical about the life of Sammy Davis Jr. Soon we'll be starting construction and lighting for a Western-style version of Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors*, the first show of Envision Theatre's 2009-2010 season, which opens November 13 in the Proscenium Theatre.

Athletics

Winter Athletic Packet Deadlines

Winter athletic packets will be due no later than **Friday November 6th, 2009**. Please remember we will need a copy of your student's most recent progress report (10/09) and an updated physical turned in with the packet. If you have already turned in a com-

pleted fall athletic packet, only submit a copy of your student (s) updated CCA grades (10/09 progress report) to Mrs. Candia in the athletic office by 11/06/09. The athletic packet will not be cleared or processed if it is not turned in complete. Winter Clearance Cards will be available for pick up in CCA Athletic Office located in the Administration building on **November 12th & 13th from 7:30- 4:00pm before school, during lunch, and after school.**

Please keep in mind winter sports begin **Saturday November 14th, 2009**. Please plan accordingly to the above deadlines, dates, and Clearance Card pick up times. Please note: All CCA winter tryout times and dates will be available on CCA athletic website on **Friday November 6th**. We look forward to a great winter season!

CCA Athletic Department

Passionate about Science?

Does your student have a passion for science? Do you? Check out the link for the QUEST program on the CCA homepage.

There are spots available in the spring Research Methods course which is open to Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors. For more information, contact teacher Rachel MacManus.

Right: The cross country team running the stairs at Qualcomm Stadium Friday October 2. They all made it around the entire stadium and back on the view level.

Photo by Cross Country Coach and Mathematics Teacher Chuck Hayden



Envision News

Festival of the Arts

Mark your calendars! The second annual Envision Festival of the Arts is just around the corner. The CCA Arts Complex will be brimming with artists, musicians, actors, dancers and cinematographers on December 12. Please join us for this artistic open house filled with performances, screenings and art shows. Numerous vendors will also be on site to kick off your holiday shopping. Tickets are available now at <http://www.cca-envision.org/main/tickets.html>, or at the door. If you are interested in more information or for volunteer opportunities, please contact Amy Villanova.

Music News

The Envision Music Fall Season is underway. Both the Instrumental and Vocal Music Conservatories will showcase their talented students in their November Recital Series. The Instrumental Music students will perform on Nov. 12, and the Vocal Music students will perform on Nov. 16-18, with different performers each night. The two conservatories will join forces in December for **The Beat Goes On....**a raucous celebration of music at its most elemental level...and

some trash cans too. Tickets for all events may be purchased at <http://www.cca-envision.org/main/tickets.html>

Theatre News

The Envision Theatre department brings their latest show to Canyon Crest Academy this November. "Comedy of Errors" by William Shakespeare is directed by guest director Bernard Baldan, co-founder of the San Diego Repertory Theatre. The show is set in the border town of Diego, a Wild West outpost full of common saloon girls and not one, but two sets of identical twins. Envision Theatre Coordinator Michael Schwartz says the play is "Shakespeare meets Roy Rogers meets Blazing Saddles." Come out to support our Theatre students November 13-20, 2009 in the Proscenium Theater. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.cca-envision.org/main/tickets.html>.

Cinema News

The Envision Cinema Conservatory students are attending the San Diego Asian Film Festival Youth Day on Tues-

day, October 27th. Youth Day consists of youth-oriented film screenings like "Sounds of a New Hope," a documentary about using hip hop as a tool for community organization and social justice. The directors of each film will also be invited to participate in discussion with students. The goal is to engage students through the media arts, teaching them how to critically analyze film, raising their cultural awareness and enhancing critical thinking skills.

Envision Cinema continues to bring in local artist expertise for day classes and Conservatory instruction. This year, two guest artists are assisting Coordinator Mark Raines with instruction and guidance in the video/film industry. 2009 Sundance Winner Destin Cretton returns this year to focus on student short film production. New guest artist, Thomas O'Hara, brings to the classroom an extensive background in motion graphics and event video production. You can find out more about both artists at <http://teachers.sduhsd.net/mraines/staff.html>.



Thanks to the Foundation, our Advanced Painting students had a demo from master portraitist, Stan Prokopenko, an instructor at the Watts Atelier in Encinitas. Students will now be working on their own portraits in water-based oils.

Left: Prokopenko at work
Top Right: by MacKenzie Priest

Bottom Right: by Taylor Lawhon

Below: by Anna Solomon





Above: Artwork by Mackenzie Stone

New Procedure for Report Cards!

Dear Parents and Students,

As you are well aware, schools are looking at every option for effectively cutting costs without impacting programs. One way we've been doing that is limiting information that is going out to electronic mailings. We'll be doing the same with report cards as of the end of the First Quarter. Students will receive their report cards in class versus

via postal service delivery.

Grades will also be available on the Aeries Parent Portal. A hard copy of term grades will be mailed out via the postal service at the end of the year only. If you need an official grade report other than the report card that will be handed to students or what is available on the Aeries Parent Portal, as always, please contact the Registrar's office. Thank you for your understanding.

Counseling News...

The Counseling Department looks forward to another year of helping CCA students and parents with all their counseling and guidance needs. There have been some changes in the Counseling Department; we are happy to welcome counselor Kristin Pina (previously at La Costa Canyon High School) to our department, as well as Kris Gotta, counseling secretary (formerly at San Dieguito Academy.)

We will continue to deliver much of our communication, including important timelines and grade-level specific information through Naviance, a comprehensive database that allows students and parents to remain informed as they navigate the high school process. If you do not have a Naviance account, please register following these [Naviance Registration Instructions](#). Be sure to provide a valid e-mail address, or you will not be able to receive the weekly Counseling, College and Career Center E-Newsletter with important information and upcoming events. For assistance with Naviance, contact Darlene Bur-

ton, our College & Career Center manager at Darlene.Burton@sduhsd.net

Thinking Ahead:

High School Selection information will be released on the SDUHS district website in December. The online tool to select as an incoming 9th grader or a student switching between schools activates on January 11th.

Senior News:

12th Grade Seminars and Parent Nights were held on 9/15 and 9/16. Topics covered were transcripts, graduation status and planning for post-high school options including four-year college admissions.

If you were unable to attend or would like to review the information covered, visit the counseling website, and click on the [Presentation Index](#) link.

UC/CSU Application Workshops were held on Wednesday, October 14 in the Proscenium Theater. Representatives

from UC and CSU presented valuable information regarding admissions policies, trends, and walked students through the entire application. The submission deadline for both UC/CSU applications is **November 30**.

College Representative Visits

are listed in the College & Career Center and can be found listed in Naviance. Students can sign up by printing out a college visit pass through Naviance for parent and teacher signatures. Parents are welcome to attend college visits.

Letters of Recommendation- For students seeking letters of recommendation from a teacher or counselor, be sure to speak to with them in person prior to the following dates: **October 9 for early applications, and November 13 for all other applications**. We are unable to meet application deadlines for students who do not turn in their requests by the above deadlines. Student must also fill out a FERPA agreement and Brag Packet to complete their letter request, both of which can be accessed through Naviance,

Canyon Crest Academy Recognizes...

Congratulations to 19 of our seniors who have been recognized as **National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists**- a record high for CCA! The nominations are based upon the students' performance on the PSAT taken in their Junior year. The score is obtained from the total of three sections on the PSAT: the critical reading, math and writing scores. The highest score would be 240 (80+80+80=240) since each section of the PSAT ranges from 20 to 80 points. Once a student is recognized as a Semifinalist, they must fill out an extensive application, write an essay, and obtain a letter or recommendation from a teacher to be considered for scholarship money. It is a great honor to be a National Merit Semifinalist and to compete for National Merit Scholarships. Colleges are very interested in students who are National Merit Semifinalists. These are students who not only excel academically, but are involved in a variety of activities on and off campus. The Canyon Crest nominees are:

Angel, Brooke
 Ding, David
 Fleming, Cameron
 Hansen-Estruch, Christophe
 Irza, John
 Kral, Alaina
 Lo, Jacqueline
 O'Brien, Setareh
 Quintana, Anastasia

Raush, Igor
 Rose, William
 Scarano, Matthew
 Simmonds, Eric
 Trivedi, Amruta
 Voss, Matthew
 Wilkens, Alec
 Yang, Perren
 Zhou, Yichen

Congratulations to Megan Milder, Kai Kuspa, Henry Maltby, Omid Rhezai, Matt Voss, Monica Wang! These students earned 2nd place in the **UCSD Statistics Competition** in April, 2009. Go Ravens!

The **Raven Field Hockey** teams are off to a swinging start: Led by new coach Analia Carlsson, our varsity team has just completed its first full non-league schedule ever with a 5-5 record. Despite a loss to SDA in the first annual "Clash of the Academies," with a roster that includes 12 seniors, the team has proved its mettle with wins against opponents including Santana, Mission Hills, Mt. Carmel, and Madison. The Ravens lost tight early-season battles with Division I powers Westview and Rancho Bernardo, but in an especially sweet victory were able to avenge last year's first round CIF loss to La Jolla High by besting them 3-1 on CCA's home turf. The JV field hockey team has played superbly under new coach Rebecca Cathcart with only one defeat in 9 matches. As league play begins, both teams look to be in good position as serious contenders for Valley league championships, and the varsity girls are looking forward to the CIF playoffs in November!



Above: Emily Goldstein, Ashley Butler, Tommy Mulloy, Jesse Clark, and Runtao Yang at Art Walk

Left: Tyler Lampe, Bronte Kornreich, Sage Serrano at Art Walk
 Photos by Rachel Edwards and Ashley Butler



Left: Jackson Stuart videotapes Michael Villasenor for an on-camera news report in the Envision Cinema program

Ashley Butler, Tommy Mulloy, Jack (JJ) Kahn, Lindsey Osteen, Emily Goldstein and Runtao Yang won "Best Educational Team" at the mural chalking event during **Art Walk in Little Italy** on October 11th! These votes came from the crowd of people who came to view these murals that day. This is the first year that the event has offered a monetary prize, so the students won \$350! PLEASE congratulate them!

November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Mid-terms Minimum Day Periods 1 & 2	4 Mid-terms Minimum Day Periods 3 & 4	5	6 Winter Athletic Packets Due	7
8	9	10 PLAN Testing	11	12 Instrumental Music Recital	13 Theatre: "Comedy of Errors"	14 Theatre: "Comedy of Errors"
15	16 Raven Idol Vocal Recital	17 Raven Idol Coffee w/ Kohn Vocal Recital	18 Raven Idol Late Start Day Vocal Recital	19 Raven Idol "C. of Errors" Last day to drop	20 Raven Idol "C. of Errors" Staff vs. Student	21
22	23 Fall Break No School	24 Fall Break No School	25 Fall Break No School	26 Fall Break No School	26 Fall Break No School	28

Highlights

- 11/03 Mid-Terms Minimum Day Periods 1 & 2
- 11/04 Mid-Terms Minimum Day Periods 3 & 4
- 11/06 Winter Athletic Packets Due
- 11/13 Opening Night "Comedy of Errors"
- 11/19 Last Day to Drop a Class

Highlights

- 12/04 Opening Night "Lord of the Flies"
- 12/08 10th Grade Counseling Presentations and Parent Night
- 12/12 Festival of the Arts
- 12/17 Coffee with Kohn

For more details see:
[CCA site calendar](#)

December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2 Late Start Day	3	4 Theatre: "Lord of the Flies"	5 Theatre: "Lord of the Flies"
6	7	8 10th Grade Counseling Presentations & Parent Night	9 Late Start Day	10 Theatre: "Lord of the Flies"	11 Theatre: "Lord of the Flies"	12 Festival of the Arts
13	14	15	16 Late Start Day PROS Stomp Dress/Show	17 Coffee w/ Kohn PROS Stomp Dress/Show	18	19
20	21 Winter Break No School	22 Winter Break No School	23 Winter Break No School	24 Winter Break No School	25 Winter Break No School	26
27	28 Winter Break No School	29 Winter Break No School	30 Winter Break No School	31 Winter Break No School	1 Winter Break No School	2

Tips To Be Successful In Social Science

Being a sophomore in Social Science can be quite an intimidating experience. Most students have not been in a history class since the 8th grade and have forgotten what it takes to be successful in this subject. The standards and expectations are much higher than what students experienced back in middle school. After the first day, many come home frazzled and confused. Parents wanting only the best for their child worry about how to provide support. Some will seek out the counsel of tutors, but in this economy not all people can afford this luxury. Instead, there are cheaper and more effective tools which a student can use to be successful in their social studies classes at CCA.

During freshman year, have your child start reading the world section of the newspaper. Several teachers in the Social Science department use current events in the curriculum on a daily or weekly basis and make connections to past events; the other benefit is that your child is reading. A large portion of Social Science is reading and being able to make analytical observations. Teachers in the Social Science department want their students to not only be able to say the "what," but more importantly answer the "why." With so many of the social science classes not requiring students to turn in daily homework, but rather check for understanding with daily reading quizzes, the em-

phasis in social science is reading comprehension.

The social science department understands that a majority of its students will continue pursuing their academic career in college where expectations are even higher. By creating a curriculum that is challenging, your child will be prepared for the next level. Here are some specific tips from members of the department on how to be successful in social studies:

Mr. Duchene Organizational skills are vital in an AP history course. With an immense amount of content covered in class, and at home, students need to have an organized binder with appropriate sections as well as a logical sequence. Notes need to be organized within their own section. Students must also learn and apply the skill of time management. Balancing school work, family time, extracurricular activities, and personal time will.

Ms. Dunkirk Check website daily for homework assignments, projects, course schedules, hand-outs.

Development of note-taking skills in order to be successful on daily quizzes and during lecture; knowing what is important to write down and what is not.

Self-advocating: coming in to discuss content that needs further clarification.

Mr. Gilbert "When working with second language learners and reading comprehension, it is important to focus on understanding vocabulary. A Vocabulary- Wall or notebook is a helpful tool where ELL students can use visual images and sentences to help identify key words."

Mr. Lockhart Find a place that is free from distractions. Read the chapter first without taking any kind of notes. Let it sit for a day and then go back and read it for a second time. Focus on key concepts and vocabulary words; some find it helpful to create an outline. After reading the section, can you explain what you just read? If the answer is "No," then read it again until you can explain the "what" and the "why."

Mr. Spilken Students need to increase their proficiency in regards to their academic vocabulary, this will be the key to understanding the texts and documents they are reading. A picture/illustration is an effective way for lower level or secondary language students to build their academic vocabulary.

Mr. Stiven I believe in activating all parts of the brain. So I want to read the

text (homework), write the text (note-taking either in class or at home), speak the text (in-class discussion) and do the text (through an activity or by open-note quiz).

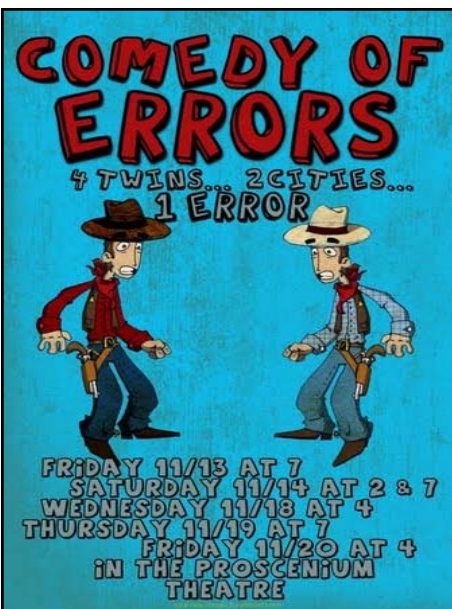
Mr. Tallman Students are encouraged with a lot of individual thought and creativity in the classroom. The most important skill for my students is to become critical thinkers. I want my students to be able to differentiate between fact and opinion, analyze and interpret collected information, draw logical conclusions and apply appropriate strategies to solve complex problems in a variety of contexts.

Mr. Unwin As far as Econ is concerned, vocabulary development is critical. Many of the terms that they learn about are new to most students. The other tip is giving students a lot of practice questions. Econ tends to be like math which requires a lot of practice.

Students participating in Club Day



Above and Below: Students participating in Club Day during an Extended Lunch on Oct. 16th. Over 90 clubs are active on the CCA campus!



Above: Image compilation and layout by Ryan Johnson

Festival of the Arts

Saturday, December 12 / 11 am - 5 pm / Students \$6, Adults \$10

Held On Campus - Canyon Crest Academy Arts Complex

<the arts at canyon crest academy>



ART & MEDIA

Art Gallery

By CCA Envision Students
studying with Jessi Matthes and
The DFA Department

Cinema Screening

Original productions by the
CCA Envision Students
of Mark Raines

MUSIC

Concert Performances

By Envision Music Students studying with
Amy Villanova and Anne Whattoff

ON STAGE

Theater Cove

Performances by the CCA Envision
Theater students of Michael Schwartz
And CCA Envision Dance students
of Rayna Stahl

Holiday Bazaar

Shopping event with incredible savings
up to 70% off your favorite
designer brands

— To Purchase Tickets Go To —

www.cca-envision.org/main/tickets.html



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2010 GRADUATION CEREMONY ORCHID LEIS

Honor your graduating senior son or daughter by ordering a beautiful orchid lei! This is not mandatory but is a wonderful personal accolade for both male and female graduates.

CCA Dollars for Scholars works with a local grower to provide these leis which will be delivered to Seniors on Graduation Day at check-in just prior to the ceremony.

Orchid leis are \$20 each. The proceeds help fund Dollars for Scholars Scholarships! Don't be left out on Graduation day, order it now and check it off your to do list. You can bring to school and put in box at front office marked "Lei Orders" or mail to address below!

**Questions—please contact Laurie Doyle at:
LDoyle411@san.rr.com**

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Email address: _____

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