



CCA Newsletter

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Are we ready? It's school selection time!

Believe it or not, the time has come to start preparing for the 2011-12 school year! This time is especially important for incoming 9th grade students to decide what high school they would like to attend. For current Canyon Crest Academy students, it is a time to begin thinking about courses for the next school year.

Early participation in the high school and course selection processes will allow Canyon Crest Academy to develop a student-centered class schedule that is as driven by student demand as possible. For those of you who are new to the process or for those who need a "refresher," here is some important information:

For incoming 9th grade students: By the time this newsletter is available, the high school selection window will already be open on the [San Dieguito Union High School District \(SDUHSD\) web-site](#). Now is the time to attend Choices Night at the different high schools to learn more about their programs. **Canyon Crest Academy's Choices Night is January 12**, at 6:30pm. A [schedule](#) of the different sessions that you and your student can attend is available on our website.

The deadline to select a high school online is Monday, February 7 at 4:00pm. Keep in mind that your student must participate in the high school selection process to be able to participate in the lottery for Canyon Crest Academy. The lottery results will be released in early March. Students who are selected via the lottery to attend Canyon Crest Academy in the Fall will receive information regarding **mandatory** enrollment materials, course selection meetings and more. **The deadline to complete enrollment at Canyon Crest Academy is Friday, April 1, 2011.**

For students currently attending Canyon Crest Academy in grades 9 through 11: High School Selection - Good news! If your student plans to return to Canyon Crest Academy for 2011-2012, he/she does not have to go through the high school selection process. Students only need to access the site and select a high school if they (as a current high school student) would like to change from one SDUHSD high school to another.

Course Selection - **It is crucial for your student to participate in the online course selection process.** Counselors will present information about course selection in early February.

The Aeries online window to select your courses for 2011-2012 will be open February 16 through March 3. After selecting courses online in Aeries, it is mandatory that students also submit a Course Selection Contract signed by a parent/guardian. Further information about how to use the online site, select courses and deadlines will be available through the Counseling office.

For both current and incoming students: We encourage you and your student to visit the [CCA Counseling Website](#) to learn more about the course selection process, as well as to view graduation requirements, scheduling advice, grade-level calendars, course profiles, and more. Each [Course Profile](#) provides information regarding class workload, content, recommended pre-requisites and expectations. A quick reference elective catalog is also included in this issue for your convenience. Going through these descriptions online, talking to teachers, and learning as much as you can about the course *before* the first day of class will help in making thoughtful, informed decisions. It also allows us to develop a master schedule where student needs are met. Carefully consider level of courses, sequence of courses, and how they fit into your student's overall 4-year plan before selecting. A great resource is the interactive academic plan builder in Naviance. If you or your student has not tried it yet, [log in to Naviance](#) as soon as possible!

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Envision Instrumental & Vocal News



North Guard 1
Pictured: **Hunter Peterson, Kush Rawal, Alex Mueller.**
Photographer: **Jason Segal**

Envision Music Student Honored by the Grammy Foundation

The Envision Vocal and Instrumental Music programs are Semi-Finalists in the Grammy Signature Schools competition. This award is given to 130 schools in the nation and celebrates excellence in Music Education. Canyon Crest Academy has submitted a package of information and student recordings. Our programs will find out soon if they will move forward in the competition. Award recipients receive a donation to the school music program and national recognition as a Grammy Signature School. It is an honor to make it this far. Canyon Crest Academy earned the elite distinction of being a Semi-Finalist in 2008 as well.

Envision Music Performs in Inaugural Overseas Tour

Anne Whattoff and **Amy Villanova** will be taking 45 Choir,

Orchestra and Band students and their family members on their first international tour. The group will be heading to China over Spring Break. They will tour Shanghai, Xi'An and Beijing with opportunities to perform in each city, and even have a performance at the Great Wall of China. Students will get to interact with Chinese students and attend many cultural arts performances while they travel. The Envision Music program has previously traveled to perform in Festivals in Chicago, IL, Reno, Nevada, and performed at the 2009 Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents of 8th grade students,

This is the time of year where parents of 8th grade students are faced with the difficult task of choosing which high school their child should attend. Below are some common questions I get asked most frequently.

Which is the best high school? The real question should be; which is the best fit for my child? All the high schools in this district are excellent, yet they have distinctive personalities. Taking advantage of *Choices Night* at each school site is an excellent way to get to know the different school cultures which will ultimately help you decide which school is the best fit for your child. I would also recommend taking advantage of school tours, scheduled sessions where the Principals meet with the parents such as *Coffee with Kohn*, and simply asking friends and neighbors who have experience with a particular school. School websites will give you the schedules for tours and Principal meetings.

What makes Canyon Crest Academy different from traditional high schools? Canyon Crest Academy has a 4x4 schedule which means a student can take 8 courses over the course of a year (4 in the fall and 4 in the spring) earning 80 credits over the course of a school year rather than 6 classes and 60 credits earned on a traditional high school schedule over the course of a year. Also unique to Canyon Crest Academy are the internationally recognized, highly successful specialized arts program—*Envision*, the specialized science research program—*Quest*, and the small business management program built around the student coffee shop known as *the Nest*. Canyon Crest Academy has the same AP, Honors, and College Preparation courses as all the other high schools in the district.

What are the class sizes? Classes are staffed at the same teacher to student ratio as all the other schools in the district.



Our fearless leader, Principal **Mr. Brian Köhn**
Photographer: **Elise Davies**

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ASB Activities

What's happening around campus

Winter Formal 2011, "A Night In Tuscany"

The Formal will be on February 5 from 7pm to 10pm at the Rancho Bernardo Inn. Tickets are on sale now! Please purchase your tickets in advance; there will be no ticket sales at the door. Corsages and Boutonnieres for Winter Formal are on sale at lunch until January 28. All Corsages and Boutonnieres will be made by La Jolla Village Florists. Pick up will be the day before Formal, on Friday, February 4. Stop by the table at lunch to check out prices and selection. Guest tickets are \$70 (guest pass form available for download from the ASB website).

Winter Formal Ticket Prices

1/10-1/14: \$50 w/ASB card, \$55 w/o
 1/18-1/21: \$55 w/ASB card, \$60 w/o
 1/24-1/28: \$60 w/ASB card, \$65 w/o
 2/2-2/4: \$60 w/ASB card, \$65 w/o

Upcoming Events

- Senior laser tag is Thursday January 13, 8:15PM to 10:00PM at Ultrazone laser tag. Tickets are on sale in the ASB finance office \$14 with ASB card, \$17 without.
- Senior passports will be going on sale in February, they will start at \$100 with an ASB card and \$110 without. This will cover all of the senior activi-

ties for the last week of school aka Senior Week. Please check out all the passport information in the ASB website:

- In the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" Canyon Crest Academy students will be given the opportunity to see their dreams take flight.
- Clash of the winter sports will be on



Cameron Fulston takes a spin at the Wheel of Fortune Winter Formal kick off promotion event. Fulston was the sole winner of a formal ticket!

Wednesday, January 19 at lunch in the lower quad! The winter sports teams will compete to find out which team is the most dominant.

- This week is the Teddy Bear Drive supporting Rady Children's Hospital, this drive will last until Friday, January 14.
- Winter Wii-lympics will be held during lunch January 12 through 14. 6 Canyon Crest Academy students will compete to win the gold medal playing games on the Wii.

Event Recaps

- In December 2010 at lunch, Canyon Crest Academy students competed in a Gingerbread Cookie Decorating Contest. Our winner, **Claire Worsley**, won a free ticket to Winter Formal!
- We also had Ugly Sweater Day where we encouraged students to wear their ugliest tackiest holiday sweaters.

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Claire Worsley with her winning gingerbread design.

Athletics

Spring athletic packets will be due no later than Thursday, February 10. Please remember we will need a copy of your most recent progress report (2nd Quarter grades) and an updated physical turned in with the packet. If you have already turned in a completed fall/winter athletic packet, you are only required to submit a copy of your Canyon Crest Academy grades 2nd Quarter grades to Mrs. Candia in the athletic office by the spring packet deadline.

The athletic packet will not be cleared or processed if it is not complete when turned in. Spring Clear-

ance Cards will be available for pick up in Canyon Crest Academy Athletic Office located in the Administration building on February 16 & 17 from 7:30 am to 3:45 pm, before school, during lunch and after school.

Please keep in mind that spring sports begin Saturday, February 19. Plan accordingly relative to the above deadlines, dates and Clearance Card pick up times. Please note: All Canyon Crest Academy spring tryout times and dates will be available on Canyon Crest Academy athletic website on Monday, February 7.

Canyon Crest girl's soccer team record is 7-3-1! The girl's varsity soccer team has had recent success in Otay Ranch's Mustang Tourna-

ment. The Lady Raven's took home the trophy after defeating Mission Bay and Hilltop, the 7 and 10 ranked teams in San Diego.

Senior Midfielder **Nikki Pappalardo** continues to be a dominating force in Raven's lineup. And putting points on the board on a consistent basis has been Junior Forward **Christina Scutti** and Sophomore Midfielder **Hannah Kaplan**. Also, keep an eye out for Freshman standouts **Gabby DePetro** and **Taylor Candia**.

Coach Anya Bohun-Chudymiv leads the Canyon Crest JV team to a great start this season. Canyon Crest is proud to announce it's first Girl's Freshman team.

Thank you for your support of girl's soccer program and we hope to see you at our upcoming events!

Start Smart a big success!

Canyon Crest Academy hosted its first Start Smart class in November 2010. With over 60 students and parents in attendance, the first meeting was a great success.

For those unfamiliar with the program, Start Smart is a free, California Highway Patrol (CHP) driver safety education class which targets new and future licensed teenage drivers between the age of 15–20 and as well as a parent / guardian for each student driver. The course is free and approximately two

hours in length. Students and a parent/guardian must attend together.

At the Start Smart class San Diego County Sheriff and CHP officers discuss traffic collision avoidance techniques, collision causing factors, driver / parent responsibilities, and seatbelt usage. Additionally, testimonies will be provided by officers who have investigated fatal collisions involving teens. Not only is Start Smart a fantastic program for both students

and parents to attend, beginning in 2011-12, SDUHSD policy will be changed to require students who purchase a parking pass to park on one of the districts' high school campuses complete the Start Smart course with a parent / guardian.

Students from all grades and their parent/guardian are encouraged to participate during the 2010-11 school year! CCA will offer three more Start Smart classes this year: January 24, March 22, and May 25. To find out more about Start Smart or to reserve your spot today, please send an email to CCASStartSmart@gmail.com

Envision Cinema

CCA Student Selected for USC Program

Hunter Peterson has been accepted into the 2011 Summer Program at the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts. **Peterson** will participate in the USC/Warner Brothers Producing and Directing class June 27 through August 4. USC describes the experience as an academic program that is very demanding. All classes are graded for Academic units/credits.

Haiti Documentary Selected for Film Festival

Envision Cinema's original documentary "Haitian Hope: Field Hospital" was one of three documentary short films selected to screen at the Santa Clarita Valley Film Festival in the professional category on January 7. The film was directed and produced by Canyon Crest Academy 2010 seniors **Curtis Donar** and **Faith Vasquez** as their senior project in Cinema Conservatory. Envision Cinema Coordinator **Mark Raines** shot the footage and interviews while on a mission trip to Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. **Donar** and **Vasquez** created the film from **Raines'** raw footage.

The Santa Clarita Valley Film Festival, located 20 miles north of Hollywood, California, is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization dedicated to celebrating the art of filmmaking by providing an open forum for independent filmmakers, both professionals and students. They achieve this goal through an annual competitive film festival, ongoing film education programs for youth and fiscal sponsorship for independent filmmakers. The SCV Film Festival highlights short independent films appropriate for all audiences and features a film competition for all selected works.

Promotional Postcard (right) Created by: **Faith Vasquez**



ANON(ymous), a new play by Naomi Lizuka

The award-winning Canyon Crest Academy Theater Program will perform *Anon(ymous)*, an inventive modern day adaptation of Homer's *The Odyssey* that explores ideas of immigration, identity, and home. Separated from his mother, a young refugee named Anon journeys through the United States, encountering a wide variety of people-some kind, some dangerous and cruel-as he searches for his family. From a sinister one-eyed butcher to beguiling barflies to a sweatshop, Anon must navigate through a chaotic, ever-changing landscape in this entrancing adaptation of Homer's *Odyssey*.

Our guest director is **Lisa Berger**. She holds an MFA (Directing, U. of Montana, Graduate Meisner actor intensive William Esper Studio, NYC) and is a director, teacher and actor. She currently teaches at Mira Costa College, City College, Grossmont College and a Meisner Technique class with New Village Arts.

CCA's Envision Theater program aims to graduate theater artists with a broad understanding of theater, a variety of technical skills, and an ability to articulate their own creative process. Ensemble work and professionalism are core values of this program that are referenced and re-visited in departmental productions, classes, and workshops. CCA's Envision is a one-of-a-kind program that en-

ables students to achieve high levels of excellence in creative endeavors by providing the latest and most advanced facilities, instruction, and guidance as a supplement to the traditional classroom foundations found in most other high schools. Envision uses guest artists to assist teaching in each of its six divisions: Digital/Fine Arts, Theater, Cinema, Dance, Vocal Music, and Instrumental Music. "We push students here to work at a professional level, and without fail, they reach and exceed it," says Envision Teacher **Michael Schwartz**.

The show runs January 14 through 22 in the Black Box Theater. Show times and tickets available at <http://www.cca-envision.org/main/tickets.html>

Counseling News...

Happy New Year from the Canyon Crest Academy Counseling Department!

Course Selection for the 2011-2012 school year is right around the corner. Information regarding course selection will be provided to current Canyon Crest Academy students and families in February, shortly after the start of the spring term. Up-to-date information including dates and deadlines will be posted on the Canyon Crest Academy Counseling website. Counselors will present 2011-2012 Course Selection procedures to all grade levels on February 14 & 15, 2011 in the Proscenium Theater, and will begin meeting with students regarding their course selections, by grade level, starting with current 11th graders in March.

PSAT results were returned to all 9th-11th grade students in their 1st period classes. If students did not receive a copy of their PSAT results, they can pick up a copy from **Kris Gotta**, Counseling Secretary in the Counseling Office.

Fall Term is coming to a close. The last day to drop a course with a W was Thursday, January 6. This

was communicated to students and families on the main page of the Canyon Crest Academy website, the school site calendar, the Counseling, College & Career Center Newsletter, and in the daily bulletin. SDUHSD Board Policy allows a student to withdraw from a course after the drop deadline, but a student will receive a W or Withdraw indicator on the transcript. Finals will be held Thursday, January 27 and Friday, January 28. See the website for the modified bell schedule.

College Night 2011 will be held at Canyon Crest Academy on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 from 6:00pm-8:30pm. College representatives from throughout the United States and Canada will present topics related to the college search process, selection and admissions, private vs. public universities, financing college, and more.

Canyon Crest Academy and TP students and parents will have the opportunity to attend up to 4 thirty-minute sessions. Attendees last year included Columbia, M.I.T., George Washington University, several UC schools including UC San Diego and Riverside, Mira Costa,

Westpoint, and many more. Information about College Night, including attendees and topics will be updated in the **Counseling, College and Career Center E-Newsletter** which is sent to families weekly through Naviance, and also posted on the Canyon Crest Academy Website.

Ninth Grade students will be visiting the College & Career Center with their English classes to review the 4-year Course Planner and the Do What You Are features in Naviance. Fall term English classes will meet in January and spring term English classes will meet in February. Should students miss the opportunity to participate; a tutorial will be posted on the Counseling website.

SENIOR NEWS:

Upcoming Financial Aid Workshops
A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) workshop will be held in Canyon Crest Academy's Proscenium Theater from 6:30pm-8:30pm on Thursday, January 13, and Wednesday, January 26, to assist senior students and families planning to file for financial aid assistance for college in Fall 2011. The FAFSA on the Web Worksheet, which allows you to

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COMING SOON from

The nest

Tumbled courageously from the Nest, an **Egg** rolls around the staff parking lot every morning selling scrumptious baked goods and our signature Lion coffee - this is the Nest's satellite coffee cart. One day, we will be recognized by the sheer **egg**-likeness of our cart, but currently, our shell is under construction. Find us (in our early stages) from 7:30 to 8:00 during your morning drop-off: parents, buy some steaming coffee; students, buy freshly-baked muffins or hot chocolate! With your support, the **Egg** will soon be a great success, providing the Canyon Crest Academy community with warmth and nourishment on the mornings we need it most.

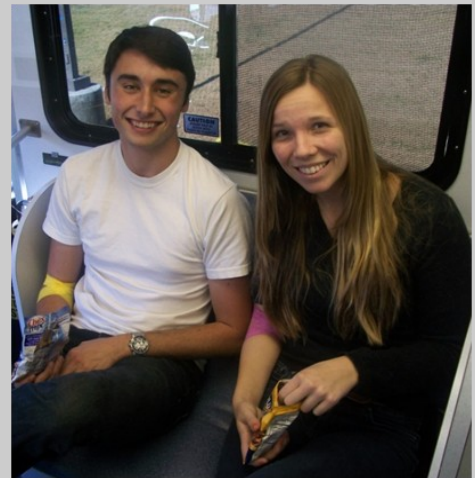
Menu and more information is available at www.ccanest.com/the-egg.html

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- Congratulations to **Annabelle Mercer**, our Raven Idol Winner! Raven Idol had a huge voter turnout as ASB tried out a new texting voting system.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Canned Food Drive this year, we raised 2,497 cans for The San Diego Food Bank!
- A big thank you to all those who attended our Canyon Crest Academy Swap Meet on Saturday, January 8.

Please visit the ASB website for more information on upcoming events.
www.ccaasb.com

Max Killman and Natalie Allen take in some much needed nutrition after successfully donating blood at the CCA blood drive sponsored by the San Diego Blood Bank. CCA holds 4-5 blood drives a year.



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What are the advantages of the 4x4? Flexibility. Students have more elective options within the 4x4 schedule than they do on the traditional 6 period schedule, therefore, they can study a subject area more in-depth, spend more time exploring different disciplines, or as seniors take reduced schedules allowing them to take off campus college courses or participate in other activities.

How do students do on AP Tests on the 4x4? Canyon Crest Academy students have the highest AP Pass rate in the county, not to mention the highest California Standardized Tests scores in the county and a 100% pass rate on the California High School Exit Exam.

What Athletics does Canyon Crest Academy have? Canyon Crest Academy has all the CIF athletic teams you find at the other high schools in the district with the exception of football and cheerleading. Athletics has been highly successful at Canyon Crest Academy with a multitude of league championships in both girls and boys athletics.

Where do I get more information on electives, 4 year plans, college entrance requirements, etc.? For all of this and more, please visit our counseling website at Counseling: <http://teachers.sduhsd.net/ccounseling/>

High School Selection Process: http://sduhsd.net/parents_students/high-school-selection.htm

CANYON CREST ACADEMY Website: <http://www2.sduhsd.net/cc/>

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read and complete the questions before entering your information online, and the FAFSA application for the 2011-2012 school year are currently available online.

Mid-Year Reports & Transcripts

For students who applied to colleges via the **Common Application**, counselors will send Mid-Year Reports and transcripts electronically via Naviance for those colleges on your FERPA and in both your Naviance and Common Application lists only, as soon as final grades are posted. Your FERPA, Naviance and Common App. lists must match for items to be sent.

If a Mid-Year Report is **REQUIRED** for any **non-Common Application** college (not required for UC or CSU), students need to request a transcript and provide their counselor with a stamped, addressed envelope and any required forms. **Students who only applied to UC/CSU schools do not need to see their counselor regarding Mid-Year Reports and will only need to send a transcript if one is requested by a specific campus.**

Scholarships

Mrs. Burton, the College & Career Center manager, frequently posts and updates scholarship opportunities in Naviance and in the weekly Counseling, College & Career Center E-Newsletter. In order to receive the CCCC E-Newsletter, you must have a current Naviance account. If you have not yet created a Naviance account, you can do so by visiting the Canyon Crest Academy website and clicking on the Naviance icon. First time users should click on "I need to register." **Students** should enter their student ID# in the box labeled "New User." **Parents** may register by entering their student's ID # followed by a "p" (example: 123456p). For returning users who have forgotten their password, click on the "forgot your password" link to reset your account which is located on the Naviance log-in page. If you need assistance, please contact **Darlene Burton** in the College & Career Center.

Senior Check-off List: Visit the *Seniors* link under "Key Info" on the main page on the CCA website to stay informed about upcoming events and opportunities, including pertinent information about graduation. **For students graduating early**, be sure to check this page frequently for updates regarding senior week activities, ordering your cap and gown, and graduation ceremony details.

Konnichiwa!

Did you know that Canyon Crest Academy offers Japanese? Did you know that the Japanese teacher at Canyon Crest Academy teaches language and culture through songs and guitar performances? Did you know that there is a nationally recognized Japanese club on campus?

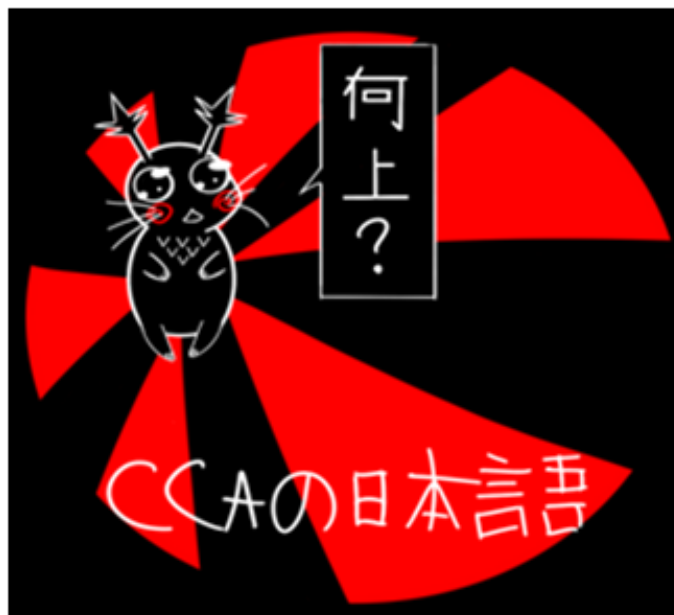
The Japanese National Honor Society (JNHS) Club here at Canyon Crest Academy promotes students to make new friends, tutors students studying Japanese and encourages cross-cultural studies such as J-pop culture and History. The JNHS Club is always open to all students! In October 2010, students worked diligently to design a JNHS banner and T-shirt. I as well as the JNHS Club look forward to meeting you at the Canyon Crest Academy Choices Night on Wednesday, January 12 at 6:30 inside the Gym.

Stop by the JNHS booth with the animated banner and say, "Knooichiwa!". You will also see us wearing cosplay (students wearing their favorite anime character costumes) and T-shirts.

Happy new year to everyone!

Sincerely,

Don Quinn, Japanese Teacher



JNHS Club Logo, designed by the club members

Canyon Crest Academy Recognizes...

- **Ms. Villanova's** talented musicians again made the short list to be considered as a semi-finalist for the 2011 Grammy Signature School award for music in the schools. We are one of 130 in the COUNTRY to make it this far. The award title is very prestigious and if selected, the department may receive grant money as well.
- In early January **Eric Mintz, Anne Charles,** and **Charlotte Kuzminsky** ran in Fresno at the State meet. **Anne** finished 11th, the number one freshman in California division 3, as well as the number one finisher for all of San Diego county. **Eric** finished 51st and **Charlotte** 71st. All ran extremely well, best times of the year, **Eric** and **Anne** also set new CCA records for a 5K race.
- For the first time, the California State Playoffs saw the CCA girls volleyball team make a run at the title. After defeating Hemet High School (Hemet) in the first round and previously undefeated Chadwick High School in the Southern California Semifinals (Palos Verdes), the Ravens met Cathedral Catholic again in the Southern California regional finals with the berth to the state finals in San Jose on the line. The Ravens took the first set, but then could not hold-off the consistently strong Don's and ended up losing the match in a close fought 4th set 25-23. Final record: 34-8 (most wins in all of San Diego). Final Ranking: **#4** in San Diego County. A year of 1st's - 1st banner for girls volleyball league title, most wins ever, first tournament championship, 1st appearance in CIF finals and state playoffs.
- Congratulations to **Chase Morrin** and **Pablo Mitre** who have been named semifinalists for the 2011 Class of the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. They were selected with 2100 students out of 71000 who applied. One of the largest corporate-sponsored, achievement-based scholarship programs of its kind in the U.S recognizes a diverse group of extraordinary high school seniors who have demonstrated academic and civic excellence in their school and communities
- The girls cross country team finished the regular season Saturday winning the league championship meet with 8 runners in the top 20. Four are 1st league team, **Anne Charles**(1st overall, individual champion), **Charlotte Kuzminsky**(3rd), **Rachel Gacksteter**(6th), **Rachael Duong** (8th), **Lena Tahir**(15th), **Andrea Frishberg** (16th), **Brianna Bockman**(18th) and **Rachel Stein** (20th), **Solenne Wachsmann**, **Bridget Eastwood**, **Taylor O'Connell**, and **Gus Lack**. On the boys side they finished third with **Eric Mintz** finishing 3rd, **Chris Gardner** (5th), **Josh Bernd** (20th), **Ned Charles**, **Bailey Johnston**, **Zack Brown**, **Nick Merchant-Wells**, **Callum Goulding**, **Michael Chen**, **Michael Carlson** and **Robby Lubenow**. The top 7 girls and boys attended the CIF championships in early January.
- In November, 2010, Eleven CCA math team members went to Harvey Mudd College to compete in the Cal Tech - Harvey Mudd Math Competition. Our A Team came in **FIRST PLACE** out of 35 teams throughout California (including the evil Torrey Pines and Bishops)! Also,

Sophomore **Thomas Swayze** also came in 2nd and Junior **Henry Maltby** came in 9th place overall!! The winning squad was **Henry Maltby, Marco Gentili, Thomas Swayze, Raymond Wu, Brandon Zheng** and **Paolo Gentili**. Our Mathletes are amazing!

- The CCA boys volleyball and girls tennis teams both earned the CIF All Academic Team Award for Fall Sports with the highest team GPA for their sport.
- CCA places 3rd in national math contest. CCA has some of the best high-school mathematicians in the country, as demonstrated in the 2010 Team Scramble, a national mathematics contest administered by National Assessment & Testing in November. **Coach Brian Shay** prepared students for the first major team competition of the academic year. CCA participated in National Assessment & Testing's 2010 Ciphering Time Trials in December 2010, and will compete in the Four-by-Four Competition on February 3.

(CCA Mathletes pictured below)



- CCA's award winning robotics team, the Aluminum Narwhals, is gearing up for the 2011 build season. The team's goal this year is to expand on last year's success of winning the Rookie All Star Award at the San Diego Regional Competition and successfully competing in the FIRST 2010 National Robotics Championship in Atlanta, Georgia. The Narwhals are creating a unique work environment at the school encompassing a workshop with all tools necessary to build, program, and test the robot in order that the entire project can be completed on the CCA campus.
- CCA's new FTC (FIRST Tech Challenge) team, Devolution, won the Los Angeles Regional Tournament in December 2010! Their robot performed spectacularly and the team members were model representatives of CCA. They were competing against 30 other teams from all over Southern California. It was a very exciting first place finish. They also won the PTC Design Award for most efficient, effective and creative robot. Also, with the first place finish, they qualified to go to the National Championships in St Louis, Missouri on April 27-30.
- CCA's veteran FTC team, Domo Arigato, made it to the finals and finished fourth, which is also a very notable accomplishment. The next Regional Tournament is in San Diego on Saturday, January 15. We hope that they will take home the first place trophy and also earn a trip to Nationals.

February 2011

Schedule of Events

- 2/2 Start of Spring Term
- 2/2 Campus Tour @ 3:15-meet by the flagpole
- 2/7 High School Selection Window Closes at 4pm
- 2/10 Deadline to return athletic packet
- 2/14 Course Selection Presentations for Current Students
- 2/16 Late Start
- 2/16 Spring Athletic Clearance Card Pickup
- 2/16 Back to School Night
- 2/28 Envision Open Studio

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 No School Today	1 No School Today	2 First day of Spring Term Campus Tour	3	4 Report cards available on Parent Portal	5
6	7 High School Selection Deadline	8	9	10 Athletic Packet Deadline	11	12
13	14 Course Selection Presentations for current students	15	16 Late Start Athletic Clearance Pickup BTSN	17	18 No School Today—Closed for Lincolns Birthday	19
20	21 No School Today—Closed for Washington's Birthday	22	23	24	25	26

Schedule of Events

- 2/28 through 3/4 Envision open studio
- 3/2 Late Start
- 3/4 Deadline for current students to turn in their course selection contracts
- 3/5 Dollars for Scholars Used Book/Media Sale
- 3/8 and 3/9 CAHSEE retakes for 11th and 12th
- 3/15 EAP
- 3/16 Late Start
- 3/22 Incoming Student Registration Nights
- 3/23 Late Start
- 3/23 College Night
- 3/25 Spring Dance
- 3/28 through 3/30 Incoming Student Course Selection Nights

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 Envision Open Studio	1 Envision Open Studio	2 Late Start Envision Open Studio	3 Last day to drop a class Envision Open Studio	4 Course Selection deadline for current students	5 Dollars for Scholars Media/Book Sales
6	7	8 CAHSEE Retakes	9 CAHSEE Retakes	10	11	12
13	14	15 EAP	16 Late Start	17 Progress Reports available on Parent Portal	18	19
20	21	22 Incoming Student Night	23 Late Start College Night	24	25 Spring Dance	26
27	28 Incoming Student Course Selection Night	29 Incoming Student Course Selection Night	30 Late Start Incoming Student Course Selection Night	31	1	2