

The Van Ness Voice

November 2024

I would like to thank my Advisory families for their support, kind words, and thoughtful gifts for my wedding last month. As promised, here are some pictures from our special day!



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Note: My email address will remain the same, even though my name has changed

CSA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

- **Math:** The instructional learning targets of the CSA middle school math curriculum focus on developing students' proficiency in key mathematical areas such as ratios, geometry, algebraic expressions, and statistics, while fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and real-world application skills. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for high school math and beyond by encouraging a deep understanding of mathematical concepts.
 - This month, students will be exploring concepts of expressions (Applied Math), angles and triangles (Intro to Integrated), linear fun

- **Science: (Pods B & C):**

This month, students take on the role of geohazards engineering interns to tackle the challenge of designing ways to protect people from natural disasters. Students will use historical data on earthquakes to create an effective tsunami warning system. Throughout the project, students test and refine their designs. In the final phase, they will present a written proposal - including evidence and reasoning for their chosen sensor types - justifying why their design is the best solution.

- **Literature:**

Our Term 1 novel study takes us on a journey through The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera. As we follow Petra's story of survival, memory, and hope, we'll explore how storytelling preserves culture and connects generations. Students will reflect on their own experiences and consider the stories that shape who they are and where they come from.

Please ensure your student has selected their biography of an important historical figure who represents the character traits that CSAMS upholds: Respect, Responsibility, Work Ethic, Kindness, Getting Along, and Optimism.

- Sept. 22 – Dec. 5: Independent reading and research (biography + articles).
- Dec. 8 – 11: Complete final projects in class.
- Dec. 11: Final projects due.
- Dec. 12: Gallery Walk presentations.

- **Advisory**

In Term 1, students will focus on building self-awareness, responsibility, and empathy. They will reflect on their personal strengths, emotions, and mindsets –recognizing where they show growth and where they may feel stuck. Lessons will emphasize how a growth mindset connects to self-respect, how better choices lead to better lives, and how responsibility and respect work together. Students will also learn strategies for managing emotions like anxiety, practice optimism, and explore how kindness, inclusion, and empathy strengthen friendships and school community. Through discussions, examples, and real-life scenarios, students will develop the skills to make respectful choices, handle conflicts constructively, and positively impact both their own lives and the lives of others.

Adopt-A-Family

The CSAMS Student Government is hosting the Adopt-a-Family Food Drive during the week of November 18th to collect items to provide a Thanksgiving meal for families within the CSA community. Each advisory will collect donations for a basket of food items during the week of November 17th. The baskets will be assembled and distributed on Friday, November 21st. Suggested items for donations include boxes of mashed potatoes, jars of gravy, canned vegetables, cans of soup, boxes of muffin mix, boxed dessert mixes, macaroni and cheese, pasta sauce, canned tuna, and stuffing. We are also requesting a **TURKEY** or gift card/money to purchase one. Let's work together to ensure every CSA family is fed on Thanksgiving!

POWERSCHOOL and CSA District Annual Student Forms

Remember you can check your child's progress on PowerSchool at any time at <https://csadistrict.powerschool.com/public/>.

All CSA District annual student forms can be accessed and completed electronically through your student's PowerSchool account. Under the PowerSchool Parent Portal, you can update emergency contact information and complete all annual forms. If you need help or support with accessing your PowerSchool account, please let me know.

Charyl Stockwell Academy at the Jane Tasch Theater

PRODUCTION OF



Book by Karey Kirkpatrick & John O'Farrell

Music & Lyrics by Wayne Kirkpatrick & Karey Kirkpatrick

Conceived by Karey Kirkpatrick & Wayne Kirkpatrick

November 21 – Opening, 7:00 PM Directed by Dina Barnaby
November 22– Matinee 12:00 PM Choreographed by Grace Meinke
November 22 – Evening 7:00 PM Musical Director Clare McCloskey
November 23 – Final Show, 4:00 PM Assistant Director Lauren VanNess

For tickets and info visit us at
<https://cspamusic.seatyourself.biz>

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