

Weekly Eagle News – Middle School

Hello Middle School Community,

"It only takes a spark to get a fire going..." sang a quartet of 6th grade boys at the 1989 Regional Fine Arts Festival. This group from Escondido's Calvin Christian School performed the song "Pass it On" to rave reviews from the judge, earning the highest rating of "Superior". As a prepubescent alto in that legendary singing group, I still remember the joy and exultation I felt receiving that illustrious blue ribbon!

Thirty-five years later, the Fine Arts Festival is still going strong with the same four Southern California Christian Schools sending students to the Regional Festival. I believe events like this festival provide our students with an invaluable opportunity to prepare music, speeches, writing, and art and then receive constructive feedback from expert judges. As a past performer at the Fine Arts Festival, I take special joy in watching our students perform at a high level and earn the opportunity to move on to the Regional Festival on February 29.

In order to prepare our campus to host our local Fine Arts Festival, Friday (2/9) will be a noon dismissal. Students not picked up by 12:15 PM will eat lunch outside (hot lunch will be available) and then check in to extended care in room 411. This also applies to students performing.

If your student is performing, please review this important information:

- Check the [Fine Arts Festival schedule](#) for your child's performance time.
- Make sure your child is back at school (if they are going home) at least 30 minutes before their performing time. All performers must be in the correct room at least one performance before their performing time. Also, to ensure you do not miss their performance, parents should be in the room at least one performance ahead as well.
- Check that your child has the correct clothing for the event. Everyone should be dressing to impress!
- If you are able, sign up to help volunteer at the Fine Arts Festival. We need a couple parents to help serve as door monitors and help with headquarters (tallying scores, making copies, putting names on ribbons). [FAF Volunteer Jobs](#)

Other important dates/reminders:

- Mark your Calendars! Grandparents Day is coming February 15! We are excited to host grandparents and grand-"friends" from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM where they can enjoy chapel, band, and choir performances, and interactive classroom experiences. Follow this [LINK](#) for more details.
- Thursday, February 15 – NOON Dismissal for Grandparents Day (middle school campus only); 5th Grade Middle School Experience 1-2:45pm on our campus.
- Presidents Day – February 19: NO SCHOOL
- Cornerstone Gala – March 2
- March 4 – Washington DC Trip Meeting – 7 PM in the Eagle's Nest. All travelers MUST attend (or at least one parent of students traveling on their own.
- 8th Grade Washington DC Trip – March 16-23
- Spring Break – March 22 – April 1 (Easter Monday)

Have a fantastic week,

Matt Wiers
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