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# CHALLENGE SCHOOL



## This Week's News

December 20, 2019

### Message from the Principal



It's hard to believe that we've already reached the midpoint of our school year! As we roll into winter break, I want to take a moment to express my deepest thanks to each of you for supporting Challenge School and for being part of our school community. Please take the time to relax, recharge your batteries, and simply enjoy your time with one another. I know that our staff here will be doing the same. We will look forward to having our students return on January 7.

Our students have continued to excel in so many things that make Challenge so unique. Special thanks go out to Mr. Smith, Ms. Blythe, and Mr. De La Cruz for their hard work in producing Hairspray Jr. as our fall musical. We are grateful for the small army of parents that helped with sets, costumes, meal support and handling all of the last minute things that pop up during dress rehearsals and show week! This collective effort let our students shine in the spotlight and dazzle us with their talents. While our cast and crew was preparing for the musical, our Student Council put on the fall dance with a fun 80's twist! Students have also completed projects for the Science Fair, competed in the Spelling Bee and the Rich Morrow Math Challenge, and even our kindergarteners performed in The Little Red Hen. We look forward to all of the excitement and activities yet to come in 2020.

Wishing you all of the best during this winter season,

Mr. Strohfus

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## Intent to Return



We are in the midst of the application season for the 2020-2021 school year. Due to the hard work of the staff and your commitment to the school, our positive reputation remains strong. We would like to ask for your assistance in this planning process. Please fill out this online form by or before **Sunday, January 5, 2020** to indicate your family's commitment to attend Challenge for the 2020-2021 school year.

<https://forms.gle/gZj5MC7nKpYnQmAb9>

## Speech & Debate



It's time to sign up for Spring 2020 Speech and Debate. For more information, please click [here](#).

## Yearbook Ordering Information



Don't miss out on the memories! Order your yearbook before prices change in January. Click [here](#) for details.

## Wolf Drive Launches February 1!



The Wolf Drive will launch February 1st. We are looking for

\*item donations like vacation homes, sporting events, concert tickets, movie passes, and services

\*experience donations like hosting a backyard barbeque for 10 Challenge couples, cooking class for 10 people, casino night with 20 Challenge families, etc.

\*help soliciting donations from local businesses and organizations. This can be done over email, on the phone, and/or in person.

If you are able to donate any of the above item or time, please email Challenge Wolf Drive Committee [challengewolfdrive@gmail.com](mailto:challengewolfdrive@gmail.com). Deadline for donations is January 15.

## Upcoming Events

**Winter Break  
No School  
December 23-January 6  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
Classes resume on  
Tuesday, January 7**

**December 31  
Volunteer of the Year  
Nominations due  
Click [here](#)**

**January 7  
TSA Meeting  
3:00-4:30  
Beattie Homework Help  
3:00-4:00  
Student Senate  
3:00-4:00**

**January 8  
Chess Club  
3:00-4:00**

**January 10  
PACK Assembly  
2:25-2:55**

**February 1  
Wolf Drive Launch!**

**February 11  
AAC and PASS Meetings**

**February 21  
Family Bingo Night  
7:00pm**

**March 6  
Family Cultural Night  
6:00-8:00pm**

Our new School Counselor, Ms. Emily Thomas, has put together a wonderful document full of information regarding upcoming CCSD High School Welcome Nights including CTE information. See all the details [<here>](#). **Please check this page often as it is updated as new information becomes available.**



A new club opportunity for 2020 dedicated to 6th-8th grade girls interested in the STEM field. Please click [here](#) to see the flier.

To sign up to drive, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4aa9ab2ea7f58-stem>



Please remember to keep clipping and scanning receipts to collect box tops! This is a great way to support Challenge.

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## Nominate the Challenge School Exceptional Volunteer of the Year

Please go to [this link](#) to nominate someone whom you think has shown exceptional dedication to our school during 2019. Deadline for submissions is 12/31/19. Please email [PTCOChallenge@gmail.com](mailto:PTCOChallenge@gmail.com) with any questions.



Thanks for coming out to the [AAC](#) and [PASS](#) meetings earlier this month. Save the date for the next meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

See all of What's Happening [<here>](#) and check the [Facebook Page](#) for updates

**PTCO needs help filling  
volunteer spots. Click  
[here](#) for details**

**Smoky Hill HS Mini Cheer Clinic**  
Please see the flier [here](#)

**For a calendar of all PIN Meeting dates, please click [here](#)**

## PIN Meetings



PIN's mission is to provide informative local and national speakers on topics relevant to current parenting and youth-related issues and to provide a forum for parents to connect and create a caring community. You are invited to attend the next meeting Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at Cherry Creek Options School from 6:30-8:15pm. Overwhelmed? Stressed out? How to make stress work for you. More details [here](#).

## Volunteer Hours



Would you like to log your volunteer hours? Click [here](#) to log your volunteer hours now. Thank you for your volunteer time!

## Lost & Found



Please remember to label your child(ren)'s items! Items are periodically donated throughout the year. If names are in the items, they will remain in the Lost & Found until year end. PLEASE remind your students to check the Lost & Found for their items!

## Leaders of the PACK



Week of December 13

Ayaanesh Aggarwal	Kai Gordon	Gynelia Nyakundi
Tusia Baklazec	Seyenna Habte	Dennis Kaplan
Mimi Onuorah	Lucas Radosevich	Nubia Abatemam
Ikran Abdullahi	Henry Blue	James Boberschmidt
Avery Chen	William Chu	Anika Dande
Sophia Diemert	Lexi Dorow	Syd Drake
Iman Ekiko	Lucy Figuero Otrera	Debbie Gab-Ojukwa
Audrey Georges	Ivan Han	Evangeline Jacobs
Madison Kessler	Milo Kirsten	Thaanui Kumar

Tharun Kumar	Abby Meier	Niko Messenger
Bile Mohammed	Amber Namugenyi	Ema Obot
Eli Olsen	Kamsi Onuorah	Angelina Phan
Peter Rasmussen	Liana Rieth	Anderson Romont
Quinn Romont	Theo Shelburn	Salma Sibriye
Connor Sidingar	Khrystos Stone	Kateari Weber
Ani Yeremyan	Carla Yindaya	Tucker Blue
Sienna Cunningham	Jay Deshpande	Levi Goncharov
Kiran Herz	Jaiden Hwang	Tais Ioris
Pravinh Jaime	Saahithi Kasa	Om Khurana
Krit Krishna	Kaitlyn Lawson	Elizabeth Liu
Bashiir Mohamed	Sienna Moore	Ersel Serdar
Amelia Shelburn	Saadaq Sibriye	Saachi Tekriwal
Enkh Turtogtokh	Sam Abatemam	Feben Araia
Benjapon Frankel	Ryan Gonzagowski	Rithvik Ijju
Binderiya Lkhagvatseren	Robert Mackean	Evan Pacic
Sreeja Tiruchunapally	Kahari Wilbon-Williams	

## Feedback

We hope that you are getting all of the information that you need from this update. If you have ideas on how we could better keep you informed, please email [dbustamante@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:dbustamante@cherrycreekschools.org).