



CSI PTO HOWLER

JANUARY 7, 2021


We truly hope everyone had a safe and happy winter break. While we may not be starting this new year in person as we'd hoped, we are still starting fresh! Onward and upward! For that we say....

HUZZAH, HUZZAH, HUZZAH, AWWOOOOOOO!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



One Warm Coat®

- A HUGE thank you to this amazing wolf pack! With your generosity, the One Warm Coat drive was an enormous success. **We collected over 300 coats** for men, women, and children in our Community!
 - All of the coats collected will be distributed throughout the community this week.
- ***CANCELLED* Jan 9 - E-Waste Collection: Community Fundraiser Event**
 -  PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately, due to the extended COVID-19 restrictions our e-waste collection event has been cancelled. If you would like to safely discard your e-waste you may contact info@olmrecycling.com to inquire about a drop off location. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your support. 🙏
- **Jan 13 - General PTO Meeting @ 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom**
 - Register on csipto.com if you haven't already.
- Be sure to check out csipto.com to find the latest information and content, including:
 - **Our Music Appreciation Program**, created by professional musician, **Justin Imamura**.
 - The **Yearbook** photo submissions
 - School Event **Calendars**

CSI ANNUAL INVESTMENT CAMPAIGN: FEED THE WOLF

Due to this year's unique circumstances, we need to raise the majority of our funds through our Annual Investment Campaign. We know life is crazy, so we have made it easy to submit direct donations that will 100% DIRECTLY benefit CSI students!

If we raise \$300 per CSI family, we will surpass our goal of \$50,000!

To show our appreciation, from now until March 1st, all donor participants who submit \$300+ donations will receive a one-of-a-kind CSI Wolf Pack Car Magnet to show your school spirit.



Visit our fundraising page [here](#) for more information! Or, just donate now!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT - MRS. ANGELA DUKE



6th Grade, First Year at CSI

Mrs. Duke, would you please share a little about yourself so the Wolf Pack can get to know you?

Certainly! I am originally from Southern California and attended California State University, Northridge for my Bachelors and my teaching credential. During the credential program I met my husband and we married in 2009. My first teaching job brought me to the Bay Area in 2006 and I've loved it ever since. The thing I love to do the most is hang out with my three children and make lots of wonderful memories with them. I have a 7 year old and 5 year old twins. They keep me very busy! We love to go out in nature whenever possible, relax, and soak up the sunshine. We spent the last two years "experiencing" Northern Idaho. It was definitely a new experience for this California girl! We are definitely very happy to be back home and near our wonderful friends and family again!

What has made you the proudest during your teaching career?

I have been teaching for 14 years, this being my 8th year teaching middle school, and have had many amazing opportunities within that time. Some of my greatest accomplishments come from my passion for teaching Science and STEM education. Some of my proudest have been having Brazilian Congress members observe my technology integration, my class and I being filmed and starring in the PBS documentary “One Carbon Footprint at a Time”, where I speak about the importance of using environmental science to engage students in projects with purpose and impact, and being honored with a nomination for Science Teacher of the Year from the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

My passion for Project Based Learning and STEM is one of the many reasons I was drawn to CSI. At CSI, students are given the opportunity to learn in so many different ways, ways that teach essential skills that will not only serve them now but that will also transfer as they move on to higher grades. I’m excited for what’s to come as we expand our middle school and give our students the “CSI Experience”.

What is something CSI families would find intriguing about you?

Most people learn very quickly that I am a huge Disney fan and actually got engaged during dinner at The Blue Bayou. Our wedding was Disney themed and, if we could have afforded it, we would have had our wedding at Disneyland. We’ll shoot for the 25th anniversary. LOL! I have had the chance to visit the infamous Club 33 twice and, as many of us are, am heartbroken we cannot visit our happiest place right now. Soon Disneyland.....soon.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The PTO is actively seeking a volunteer to fill the following needs:

1. **Financial Secretary** - experience in finance - needed to assist the PTO Treasurer on an as needed basis. If interested, please reach out to the PTO Treasurer, Sara Siegrist, at csipto.treasurer@gmail.com.
2. **Fundraising Familiarity** - we are seeking someone who has experience in fundraising efforts for a non-profit organization. Specifically, a familiarity with PayPal and/or other Online Fundraising Platforms (e.g. Cheddar Up)? If you can help out, please reach out to the PTO Vice President, Shaheen Kanchwala, at csipto.vp@gmail.com.
3. **Yearbook Committee** - we are looking for some help collecting photos and planning our yearbook. We’re also seeking any suggestions/ideas for creating our unique yearbook for this unique school year. Please contact our Yearbook Chairperson, Janice Workman, at csipto.yearbook@gmail.com.
4. **Fabrication Lab Resources - STEAM Specific Grants for CSI** - we are looking for anyone who may have experience in procuring similar grants.
5. **Maker’s Kits/ Science Kits** - we are looking for volunteers who may have connections or resources that might help us create these kits.

FUNDRAISING

Check out our [ongoing fundraising campaigns](#)! You can learn more about our fundraising goals, and how the funds are allocated on csipto.com!



COMMUNITY

Private class level Facebook Groups links are directly available on:
<https://www.csipto.com/facebook-groups.html>

EVENTS CALENDAR

The current PTO Calendar can be located on the Calendar tab of the CSI PTO website:
(<https://www.csipto.com/calendar.html>) and on our Facebook PTO Events page [here](#).

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