



# CSI PTO HOWLER

NOVEMBER 3, 2020

The PTO Board is working tirelessly on community opportunities; focused on **APPRECIATION**. We will be coming weeks. In the meantime, sit reminders and a great Staff this community!



on some exciting new events and on the theme of **GRATITUDE** and sharing some great information in the back, relax, and read on for some quick Spotlight. We are so very thankful for

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **New! Music Enrichment Program**
  - CSI PTO is very fortunate to be able to offer an on-demand, weekly music appreciation program for our students.
  - Professional musician, **Justin Imamura**, will be exposing students to a wide-variety of topics, building their foundation to appreciate and recognize different styles of music. Justin has played the drums for over 20 years and performed in a variety of bands. His group was featured on “America’s Got Talent” and “American Idol.” He brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the program.
  - Each Monday, beginning this week, updated content provided by Justin will be available on [csipto.com/music](https://csipto.com/music) Please take a moment to review [this overview video](#) and complete [this survey](#)\*.
  - *\*This survey is for PTO use only and your responses will remain completely confidential.*
- **Dining Out - Chipotle - Tuesday, November 17th; 4pm - 8pm**
  - Show your support for CSI PTO for the first Dining Out opportunity of the year.
  - **Chipotle - 1645 Saratoga Ave, Ste 10; San Jose.**
  - Just bring in the attached flyer, show it on your smartphone, or tell the cashier your supporting CSI PTO and 33% of the proceeds will be donated!
  - New! Order Online for Pickup. Use code **VHH2JC2** before checkout in the ‘promo’ field. All orders placed on [Chipotle.com](https://chipotle.com) or through the Chipotle app, using this code will be counted towards the fundraiser
- **E-Waste Not, Want Not! - And Help Raise Funds for the CSI PTO**
  - ANYone, from ANYwhere, can bring in their e-waste to this event and help raise money for the CSI PTO.
  - **November 21st 2020; between 9am-3pm**
  - Campbell United Church of Christ: 300 Campbell Ave, Campbell 95008

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT - MS. JENNIFER PHILLIPS



**5th Grade, First Year at CSI**

**Ms. Phillips, would you please share some things about yourself with us?**

I am verbose (I love to talk)! However, I am also intuitive, so I know when it's time to be quiet!

I am an ambivert (equal parts extroverted, and introverted, but no one ever believes the introverted part)!

I just absolutely love people! Talking to people I know and don't know is one of my favorite pastimes. I feel we are all interconnected so I love to share and find commonalities.

I love music and singing. I excelled in music as a child and was first chair French horn, all throughout my middle and high school years. As a freshman, I was the only one promoted to the symphonic band which mostly consisted of juniors and seniors.

I LOVE sports: Specifically, the Golden State Warriors, and the 49ers. I also love to "talk" sports!

I love fitness, and was quite fit prior to Covid, but I'm finding my way back, now that the gyms are re-opened.

I am a person of faith, and God is at the center of my life, and is what I most identify with.

Monterey, and Capitola are my happy places; I go there nearly every chance I get. Eating at the Fish Hopper restaurant in Monterey, is a true joy!

**Please tell us why you became a teacher and what keeps you motivated.**

I've known I wanted to be a teacher since I was in second grade and made it my life's goal. For me, teaching has been my soulmate as far as careers go; it's what I feel that I am meant to do. I enjoy it so much that if money were no object, I know that this is what I would still want to do; I'd do it for free. Learning, and inspiring others to learn, excites me. Connecting with the students, and seeing their faces light up when they learn a new concept. That's "everything!"

My proudest moment is when I won teacher of the year, and when I was a finalist for state teacher of the year. Both of those are things that I could have never imagined, and yet if felt like a dream come true.

What drew me to CSI was something so simple. I read that the school was built around “empathy” as a core principle. The rest is history.

I love ALL kids, but boy oh boy do I feel blessed with the kids who are in my class. They are such a wonderful group of students, and I feel so blessed to be their teacher. Their parents are equally amazing and supportive. I’m so happy to be a part of the CSI family!

### **What is an interesting fact about yourself?**

I have 11 siblings! What’s possibly even more interesting is that we are all very close. We are from the state of Michigan, but are spread out all over the country now. We get together as often as possible for holidays, and summers in Michigan. We grew up dirt poor financially speaking, but very rich in the things that matter (love, kindness, empathy, morals, etc). I am the baby from my parents marriage, but have two half siblings that I love and adore.

## OTHER NEWS

### **Book Fair Recap**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Book Fair, especially the volunteers who made it happen!

- Orders are taking about two weeks for delivery. If you have any questions or concerns about your order, please contact [csipto.bookfair@gmail.com](mailto:csipto.bookfair@gmail.com)
- If you purchased books from a staff wishlist, you can hand them to the teacher when you pick up class materials or books can be dropped off at the Welcome Center.

## NEW PROGRAMS

We’re currently developing some great new programs such as the **CSI Buddy Program**, the **Library Program**, and the **“Makers Kits” Enrichment Program**. We’re looking for some volunteers to help build out these opportunities.

- If interested in learning more or helping out, please reach out to [csipto.programs@gmail.com](mailto:csipto.programs@gmail.com).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The PTO is actively seeking a volunteer to fill the following roles/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](mailto: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](mailto:csipto.vp@gmail.com).

## FUNDRAISING

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