



# CSI PTO HOWLER

JANUARY 26, 2021



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Virtual Walk-A-Thon will take place April 2 - 16.
  - **The Kick off WAT Committee Meeting will be held on Tues., Feb. 2nd @7:30pm**
  - For Zoom Mtg info, please reach out to [csipto.fundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:csipto.fundraiser@gmail.com).
  - We are looking for help creating sub-committees to help with these and MORE possible ideas:
    - Do you have ideas of how we can motivate the students?
    - Do you know of a corporate sponsor that would like to donate a tax-deductible contribution towards CSI's WAT?
- Tax Donation Receipts have been emailed for monetary donations received during 2020. If you made a monetary donation to the PTO and have not received a receipt, please email Sara Siegrist at [csipto.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:csipto.treasurer@gmail.com).
- School "tours" for prospective families will be on 1/28 and 2/9, both at 6:30pm on Zoom.
- Elections for the PTO Executive Board for the '21-22 school year will be held in March. There will be an opportunity to nominate yourself, or another parent, for any of the positions. All CSI parents and guardians are voting members of the PTO.
  - More information will be sent out as we get closer to the dates, but if you

would like more information on the positions, please check out [csipto.com](https://csipto.com).

- Be sure to check out [csipto.com](https://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. KAMI THORDARSON

### Principal

**Mrs. Thordarson, what are you grateful for and what do you enjoy doing?**

I feel very blessed in my life and am grateful for all of the many opportunities that have appeared on the path. I am most grateful for my granddaughter, Thea, who just turned one last October. She is such a joy and reminds me to look at the world through her eyes to see the wonder of it all. Since she lives in Santa Rosa, our visits are frequent and a highlight of each month.

When I'm not working, I love spending time with my husband just hanging out and working in our yard or taking a walk around the neighborhood. My son and I also venture into some baking experiments on occasion, usually involving pizza and cookies. Some of my hobbies include knitting, music, reading (sci-fi and mystery are a fave), and video games.

**We would love a peek into your professional history.**

Some of the best times in my career have been in the classroom. I taught 5th and 6th grades, both here in California and in Colorado, and I treasure those memories of learning with my students. I still hear from them on occasion as they share their life adventures. When I came out to California I discovered design thinking and that sent me down a very different path. I have enjoyed teaching adults and practicing and growing those design mindsets which led me to co-authoring two educational books with a close educational mentor and friend.

My proudest accomplishment would have to be being a part of the design and implementation team for CSI. When the opportunity came to come back into a Principal role here, it was a two second decision. I have missed students and I feel that I have the best of both worlds here, interacting and taking part in many classrooms while continuing to explore what we can do to move education on a broader scale to new places.

**What are some things CSI families would find interesting about you?**

One thing you may not know is that I was in a Drum and Bugle Corps when I was in junior high and high school. I played the fife (we were the Percussion Naut Patriots), the marimba, a little percussion, and was in the rifle corp (no shooting, just spinning). I was able to do a lot of traveling with that group: Disneyland, Canada, Europe, and a highlight: we performed on the Capitol steps on July 4th during the Bicentennial.

**Left to right: Kami's son-in-law Jordan, her daughter Lindsey, her grandbaby Thea, her son Michael, our fabulous leader, and her husband Brent.**



## FUNDRAISING

Check out our [ongoing fundraising campaigns](#)! You can 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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