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Student Council Elections!

CAT students voted in student elections near the start of October and have elected their new student council leaders! On election day, the Leadership Class set up voting booths and had food, music, and games. After a competitive campaign that included speeches and posters, Senior student, Noah, was elected as President! Senior student, Angel, has been elected Vice-President. Sophomores, Adryan and Peter have been voted as Secretary and Treasurer respectfully. Their main platform included better access to facilities and better communication between staff and students. Ms. Vasudevan, who organized the election, has been guiding the new council in how to achieve these goals. We are looking forward to the work that they do to improve the CAT community!

Black Student Union Holiday Food Drive, 20 Days of Giving!

Each year, students in the Black Student Union assist the school and its community by leading community service efforts. In the past, students have been successful in making packed lunches for the homeless and care packages that include personal hygiene items. While we are actively fundraising (snack sales to our student body) to help meet our goal of serving at least 100 families, we need your help to make our efforts go even further! Students and families can contribute to the food drive by dropping off non-perishable goods in Ms. Keshia's office in the College Center over the next 20 days before Thanksgiving.

You can also contribute online by donating at <https://tinyurl.com/BSUholidayfooddrive>. Let's all work together to support those in need!

Check out important upcoming dates for November and December:

Nov 6-8	Quarter 1 Family Conferences (Minimum Days)
Nov 11	No School - Veteran's Day
Nov 25 - 29	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 2 - 6	Spirit Week Round 2
Dec 6	Winter Dance - 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Dec 19 - 20	Final Exams - Mandatory Attendance



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College App Day and Cash-For-College Night!



We recently held two important events that supported our Senior students in our mission to prepare students for college.

College App Day took place on Tuesday, Oct 22. Regular classes did not take place, and instead, staff supported students in completing college applications with the additional help of our College Counselor, Ms. Keshia, and college counselors from our other campuses in Oakland and Hayward. Most applications are due at the end of November and December, but many students submitted applications on this day!

Cash-For-College Night took place on the next week on Tuesday, 10/29. This event was done in partnership with June Jordan School for Equity, and one of our community partners, uAspire. During this event, students and families received direct support on completing the FAFSA

financial aid form that all incoming college students submit. This is a complicated form, and the extra support was very well received!

We are looking forward to hearing about the results of the applications submitted! Good luck Seniors!

So Many Great Events in October!

We'll finish off this month's newsletter with a report out of the many great events that have happened during October. Ask your student about these events and see what they think!

- We ended out the month with Spirit Week and the Lip Dub! The Lip Dub is a school-wide music video production that took place on Halloween!
- Seniors visited Sonoma State University (prior to the fires) to check out if the school is a place that they may want to apply. All grade levels will participate in college trips next semester!
- Advanced Placement Studio Art students visited an art studio in the Mission with Ms. Kim!
- Advanced Placement Literature students saw a production of Rime of the Ancient Mariner with Mr. Nick!
- Ms. Gerosa led students on a trip to Alcatraz Island to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day through a celebration of Indigenous activism and history.
- 9th Grade students participated in a field trip to SF MOMA to see new art installations at the museum!

That's all for this month, thank you for reading!



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