



ACACIAWOOD PREPARATORY

EAGLE FLYER

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Join us to recap Septembers activities, athletic events, and get to know members of our community...

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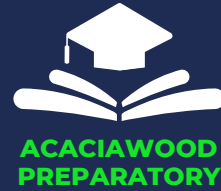


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OAK GLEN RETREAT

By: Vincent Chiang and Silvia Aramburo



The annual high school Oak Glen retreat took place on September 10-11. Students participated in various bonding activities. Teams were split up by grade and competed for championship titles and class pride! Activities included volleyball, basketball, ping pong and chess. Intense volleyball matches ensued where the super sophomores went undefeated, granting them the title of volleyball champions! Sophomores also dominated the chess category. The seniors came and conquered in basketball, going undefeated. Freshmen brought their A-game with fast-paced ping pong games.

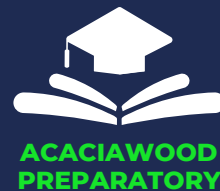


Lastly a surprise tie-breaking category was created in which each grade had to present three ways to help the community. Once again sophomores were declared victorious. They were rewarded with a Chic-Fil-A lunch. This trip was a great bonding experience and way to kick off the new year!



SONIC SPEED

By: Emmanuel Quinones and Daniel Nicasio



AcaciaWood's cross country program commenced its third season on September 13th by traveling to Catalina Island for the first meet of the year. The boys ran up the winding dirt trails of Avalon's hills accompanied by a spectacular view of the island.

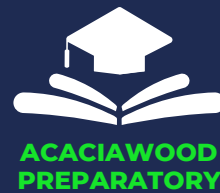
Shout-outs go to Daniel (D Swizzle) Sims who set a new school record at 20 minutes and 56 seconds! Following him was Samuel (Queue) Quinones at 21 minutes and 56 seconds and Sherlock (The Detective) Li just a second after.



The rest of the team, Daniel Nicasio, Cyrus Lee, Issak Villanueva, Emmanuel Quinones, and Paul Lee flew through the finish line with impressive times. Placing 7th out of 12 schools, we are proud to see such improvement and know that the team will continue to push past their limits to climb the rankings.

FULL SWING

By: Sarah Bolton, Rebekah Rosario, Esther Jou



The girls volleyball season is now in full swing. To date our Lady Eagles have a record of 15-9, led by starters Sarah Bolton, Rebekah Rosario, Carissa Kuan, Alethea Fong, Silvia Aramburo and Lianna Alvarez-Sager.

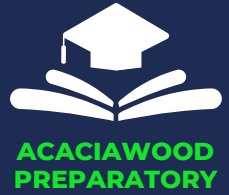


The Eagles are currently 6-0 in league and finished 2nd in the prestigious Orangewood Tournament beating D7 Bishop Conaty-Loretto, former state champion Orangewood Academy and others before falling to D4 Aquinas High School. The Eagles tied for 2nd in their pool in the Big Bear tourney, losing to #6 ranked Faith Baptist by 2 points.

A full tentative game schedule is on the bulletin board in the breezeway. Support our lady eagles and bring your school spirit!

ELEMENTS OF ELEMENTARY

By: Arwen Dy Buco, Camila May, and Sleun Kim



Elementary school is a fundamental part of children's development character, creativity, and education-wise. Our incredible elementary staff carries out exciting activities that ignite a love of learning and creating in our young eagles while teaching them to be high in standard and strong in character. Let's take a look at what our elementary schoolers have been learning this year!

First Grade Adventures

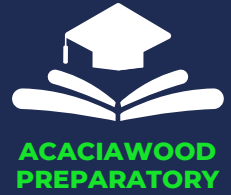
Ms. Chao kicked off the year with the project "Keys to First Grade." In this activity students learned about classroom routines by completing various skill-specific tasks. The students have been able to expand their knowledge regarding



nature by growing plants outside their classroom as well as embarking on nature walks. These adventures taught them to use four of their senses: sight, touch, hearing, and smell while spotting creatures and other organisms. Such opportunities have inspired our first graders to explore artistic and authentic aspects of life, making their first few months of elementary school unforgettable!

Life in Fifth Grade

The fifth-grade class has been having fun as well! Mrs. Escobar immerses her students in character-building, educational opportunities that foster fun and friendship in the classroom. She has implemented a raffle ticket system to encourage students who show academic improvement or receive 10+ stars within the week. Through these experiences fifth-graders develop perseverance and close connections while learning discipline to become willful scholars!



Musical Journeys

Mrs. Blatz has been hard at work building an engaging, educational music program. Students are constantly learning through singing songs about safety protocols and important character traits during class and in "Half Time Huddle." As their musical journey continues further into the late months of fall, AcaciaWood looks forward to seeing the kids growth and greatness!

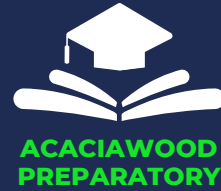


New Students

AcaciaWood would like to welcome the new elementary students! Paul Lin in first grade, Aniah Forest in second, Sabeh Ermias and Faith Kokeb in third, three fourth graders named Zoe Ng, Aryan Patel, and Timothy, and finally Dominic Luna in fifth grade. Our student body embraces these AcaciaWood Eagles and hopes they will enjoy their time here.

ALUMNI ARTICLES : MELISSA VIANA

By: Anamaria Viana, Alethea Fong



Q: What made you decide to come to Acaciawood?

A: I didn't have a choice haha. However, I did have a choice to stay which is probably one of the best decisions I made. My teachers, classmates, and other staff/faculty made my 10 years there very memorable. Though I had my fair share of struggles, I will always remember Acaciawood as a place where I experienced growth and developed a love for learning.

Q: What were some of your highlight(s) while at Acaciawood?

A: Recently, I came across pictures of my class senior year. We were cheering each other on at volleyball/basketball games. Since we didn't and don't, have a cheer squad, all we had was each other. We didn't leave our support on the court, we carried it over into our school life. I always knew my classmates would be there for me whether I needed help with homework or someone to listen to my high school woes. It really felt like we were in it together. So, I'd say my classmates were the highlight.

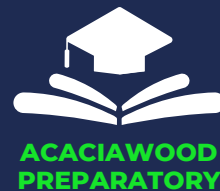


Q: What did you study after high school and what school did you attend? How was your college experience?

A: I studied Child and Adolescent development at Cal State Fullerton, but my goal was to study occupational therapy which I am doing right now at Washington University in St. Louis. College can be tough, but always worth it. It pushed me out of my comfort zone and challenged me in ways I'd never been challenged before. I chuckle now every time I remember my first semester of college. I ran away with a panic attack when I had to give my first speech in front of my class in Speech 101. I'd given a speech before, but somehow giving one in college felt big and scary. Imposter syndrome hit me like a ton of bricks. Through the support of my family and friends, I broke through. Not everyone has the same experience. To some it won't start off as this big and scary experience as it did for me. The last I will say is that I will always advocate for anyone and everyone to go to college and get a degree or maybe two. Why not? Education is power!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: SOOMIN SON

By: Karissa Lim, Lianna Alvarez-Sager



Q: How long have you been at AWP?

A: I have been in Acaciawood since 9th grade - it's been four years.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a senior thus far?

A: My favorite thing about being a senior so far is planning for the senior trip and graduation. I am excited

Q: What was it like, moving from Korea to America?

A: Moving from Korea to the U.S. was tough for the first two years due to differences in language and culture. However, getting a new type of education, experiencing new activities, and meeting new people helped me think of this experience as more of an opportunity I should cherish.

Q: What do you like to do in your spare time?

A: I like to hang out with my family, friends, and saints and I also like to spend my time with my dog



Q: What did you think of the transition from middle school to high school?

A: I believe that the transition from middle school to high school requires more responsibilities since there are more things you have to take care of such as rigorous courses, grades, clubs, sports, and activities outside of school



Thank you for reading the second edition of the Eagle Flyer! We hope to keep you updated with school events and help you get to know members of our community.

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions please contact James Kuan at mrkuan@acaciawood.org. Go Eagles!

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