

CRESCENT VIEW CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS



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Crescent View Volunteers

Teachers, staff members and students gave up a few precious hours of their busy schedules on two Saturdays in a row. On May 2nd and May 9th Crescent View volunteered a total of 10 1/2 hours at the Central Valley Book Bank located at 4949 E. Kings Canyon, Suite #109. The volunteers were the following: Mrs. Reyna (CVCHS- Teacher), Mrs. Gill (CVWEST-Teacher), Angelica Medina (CVWEST- Front Desk Staff), Jessica Ochoa (CVCHS Student), and Stephanie Godoy (CVCHS Student). The volunteers packaged and boxed 1,500 books for Pyle Elementary School and 1,136 books for Homan Elementary School for a grand total of 2,636 books. Wow! That is awesome. Stephanie Godoy was also able to use her volunteer hours for her Senior Project. Jessica Ochoa said, "It felt good doing something useful." Overall it was a great experience!

The Central Valley Book Bank has generously donated over 200 books to the Crescent View Book Club. Crescent View was happy to return the favor by donating volunteer hours. Kevin Burris is the Book Bank Coordinator and he said, "The vision of the Central Valley Book Bank (CVBB) is that every child in the Central Valley will have access to an adequate supply of age appropriate books to help them become proficient readers. CVBB provides free and low cost children's books to schools and nonprofit organizations servicing low income and disadvantaged populations. Their mission is to act as a resource for programs dedicated to developing a desire to read and improving reading skills while enhancing classroom and home libraries." Thank you Crescent View Volunteers for all your hard work!



Five Movies You Need to Watch this Summer



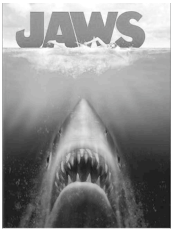
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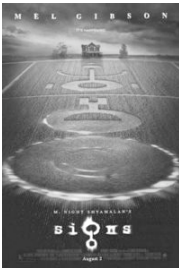
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Summer nights are perfect for popping some corn and watching a great flick. But what to watch? Lucky for you, Mr. Debbas is here to answer that question. Many of you know that I am an actor in my spare time. I studied acting and film in college, so you should take my advice. It's rock solid. I guarantee that you will love these movies. So, your assignment for the summer? Watch these movies! I wanted to make this assignment cheap, so I excluded any new movies in the theaters. These movies are all available to rent. Here are the five movies you need to watch this summer:



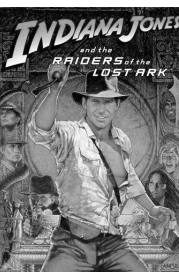
1. **Jaws:** This classic movie from Steven Spielberg tells the horrifying story of a great white shark that terrorizes the small beach town of Amity Island. This movie is regarded as one of the most suspenseful movies of all time. You all know the music...Ba-dum...Ba-dum...Ba-dum..Ba-dum.Ba-dum.Ba-dum Ba-dumBa-dum...scary! When this movie was released in the theaters, beach attendance across the country fell by 60% I recommend watching this movie next to the beach if you can, or at least by a pool. You'll never be able to get into a big body of water without thinking of this movie! (PG-13)



2. **Signs:** This movie is cut from the same cloth as Jaws. It manages to be very suspenseful and scary without being violent or graphic. In this film, director M. Night Shyamalan spins a spooky tale of alien invasion. This isn't just a scary movie though. There is deeper meaning in this film as Mel Gibson's character struggles with his belief in God. The movie is set in a small agricultural town, similar to small towns of the Central Valley! Watch this movie outside at night time. Just don't wander off into the dark... (PG-13)



3. **Back to the Future:** Have you ever wanted to go back in time? We all have! This brilliant movie tells the tale of Marty McFly and his adventure as he accidentally gets sent back 30 years into the past. McFly (played by Michael J. Fox) is a very enjoyable character, and this movie is a great example of simple plot and great story telling. Marty has to figure out how to get back to the present, all while dealing with the fact that his mom (as a young girl) is falling in love with him instead of his dad. He has to help his dad win back his mom or he might never be born. Crazy! I can guarantee that you will love this movie. There are two sequels that are also very good. Watch all three! (PG)



4. **Raiders of the Lost Ark:** A hat, a whip and a pistol are all Indiana Jones needs to fight Nazis and evil. In this fantastic movie, Harrison Ford plays archeologist and adventurer Indiana Jones. Indiana fights the powers of evil as he sets out to find the powerful Ark of the Covenant before it falls into the hands of Adolph Hitler. He encounters boulders, spears, and snakes. Lots of snakes. This is the quintessential Summer movie, and I know you will love it. Be sure to also watch Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. I can't recommend the other two Indiana Jones movies because they stink. (PG)



5. **Honeymoon In Vegas:** Many of you might know Nicolas Cage as a weirdo with creepy hair. There was a time though, when he was a talented actor in a lot of funny movies. This is one of his best. This hilarious movie tells the story of a man who flies to Las Vegas to marry his fiancé, only to lose her in a shady poker game (this scene has a cameo by Fresno's own Jerry Tarkanian). Cage then does everything in his power to win back his love, including jumping out of an airplane with 30 flying Elvises. This movie is full of crazy situations and surprising comedy. Guys and girls will both like this movie. (PG-13)



There you have it. Start popping some corn.

IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL CLOSED

Summer Break - July 3 - July 10

WASC Was Here !!

Starting in the Fall of 2007, Crescent View Charter Schools conducted a comprehensive self-study for the purpose of WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation - a process that fosters excellence in education through the development of clearly defined goals and objectives.



Our schools submitted a written self-study to the WASC accrediting body. The report looks into every aspect of our schools operations and programs in an effort to assess the impact on student learning and the effectiveness in fulfilling our intended objectives and mission.

Having read the entire self-study report the WASC Visiting Committee, a team of six volunteer educators from WASC accredited schools, visited our schools in an effort to determine to what degree our schools have successfully met the goals and objectives. Over the

course of the four day visit, the committee met with staff, students, parents and volunteers.

In the end, the committee made commendations and recommendations on each of the self-study chapter reports, including commendations and recommendations for the school community. The report, along with the recommended terms of accreditation were submitted to the accrediting body of WASC who in turn reviewed the full report.

We are delighted to report that Crescent View Charter Schools was granted a full term of accreditation.

Accreditation is important to schools as it impacts students' access to colleges and universities and career opportunities in a variety of ways. The WASC self study is a powerful tool for schools to improve the quality of education and more effectively serve students.

Kudos to everyone, the Wasc Visiting Committee was very impressed with staff, students, parents and volunteers!!!



Yes, it's true! Elvis lives and Crescent View Choir students met him in March 2009. Jessica Hernandez, Sandra Mejia, and Jessica Ochoa, along with their instructor, Mrs. Parkin, enjoyed watching the King play the Pharaoh in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," presented by Clovis High School. "The set was colorful and alive,



the music was catchy, and laughs were shared by all who attended this stunning performance," said Mrs. Parkin. If you would like to meet Elvis, attend musicals, and go on totally fun field trips, join one of the elective classes. Ask your supervising teacher for more information.

Choir Students Meet Elvis



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Memorial Day History

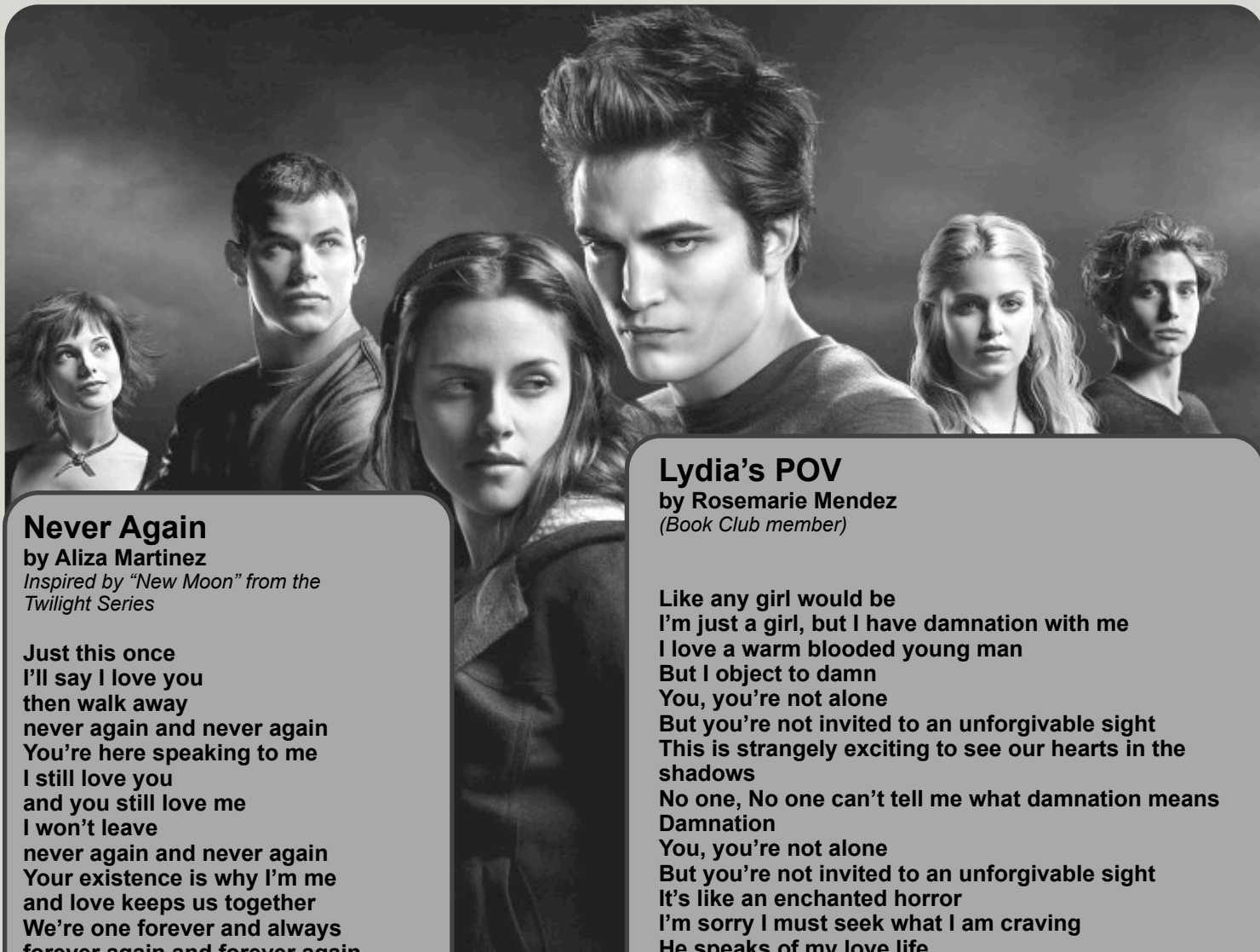
Do you know why we have Memorial Day? Many people believe that it is just a holiday that marks the beginning of summer. Everyone gets a day off from school or work. We have barbecues and might swim for the first time.

In reality, Memorial Day began May 30, 1868. The holiday was marked as a remembrance for all of the soldiers who died during the civil war. The graves of both the confederate and union soldiers were to be decorated with flowers and streamers to

acknowledge the sacrifices the soldiers made during the war.

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson changed the holiday to include all of the soldiers killed in wartime. This includes WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and anyone who has lost their life in service to their country.

So, on this Memorial Day remember it is not just another summer holiday. It is to remember all of the soldiers who have died to preserve our country.



Never Again

by Aliza Martinez

Inspired by "New Moon" from the Twilight Series

Just this once
I'll say I love you
then walk away
never again and never again
You're here speaking to me
I still love you
and you still love me
I won't leave
never again and never again
Your existence is why I'm me
and love keeps us together
We're one forever and always
forever again and forever again
We'll laugh again
We'll love again
We're better off this way
forever again and forever again

Lydia's POV

by Rosemarie Mendez

(Book Club member)

Like any girl would be
I'm just a girl, but I have damnation with me
I love a warm blooded young man
But I object to damn
You, you're not alone
But you're not invited to an unforgivable sight
This is strangely exciting to see our hearts in the shadows
No one, No one can't tell me what damnation means
Damnation
You, you're not alone
But you're not invited to an unforgivable sight
It's like an enchanted horror
I'm sorry I must seek what I am craving
He speaks of my love life
He never experienced the love from the damned
But you, you're not alone
But you're not invited to an unforgivable sight
I don't think you should come early
I live in a life filled with misery