

# Crescent View South Newsletter



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## Crescent View South Opens it's Doors!

New Year, new name! We start off the 2009-2010 with a big change- Crescent View is now officially Crescent View South! A lot of you have had questions about the name change. Do we have the same teachers? Yes! Do we show up to the same place at the same time? Yes! Are all my classes and books

the same? Yes! Well then, what DOES change? Well, since Crescent View South is a brand new school, you will need to fill out new enrollment papers just like you did when you first started. Why did the name change? Well, the short answer is we changed sponsoring school districts and when that

happened, we needed a new name. As most of



you have probably figured out by now, the name change will not affect your education, and we are looking forward to a great school year!

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *CAHSEE Prep for Juniors and Seniors*
- *Happy Halloween!*
- *Baseball Playoffs*
- *Mr. Lewis is a Level 3 math wizard!*
- *Where is Mr. Debbas?*



## New School Play is Going to be a Fall Classic!



If you have never seen the talented student actors of Crescent View, this is your chance! The Crescent View Theater program has been working on a very funny show, and they are ready to perform. "I predict that at least three people will pee in their pants," said

senior Victoria Blanco. She might be right. The show is about all the crazy things that can happen when two people get together for a blind date. It is a sequel to 2008's Check Please, and promises to be even better. Mr. Debbas, the Crescent View Theater teacher

says, "These students have been working very hard, and they are extremely talented. This will be our best show yet!" You will have two chances to see this show. A dress rehearsal will be open for viewing on **Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**, from **2:00-3:00** in the South Campus library. The final performance will be on **Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**, from **7:00-8:00 P.M.** in the South Campus Library. The show is free, so bring a friend, and come support the arts!

## Student Interview

Thomas Lopez, a Junior at Crescent View South, recently sat down and did an interview about the school with Mr. Debbas. Here is a small part of that interview:

### Why would you recommend CVSouth to other students?

I wanted to do this interview, because I wanted students to know about this awesome

school. Students can come here and quickly catch up on credits and graduate early. Crescent View is very highly accredited. This means that students who graduate from this school can attend the finest universities. Teachers here really care about your success as a student and as a person. I feel that this school is almost like therapy. Depression is

very serious problem with teenagers, and this school helped me overcome a period of depression. This school helps build esteem and confidence. Crescent View helped me through a dark time. It's the best school you could ask for. I wouldn't trade this school for any other school. Crescent View teaches you responsibility. (Continued on back page. See *Interview*)

## Halloween Memories

Fall is upon us, and that means Halloween is quickly approaching. It's time to plan that perfect costume. It's time to make an appointment with your dentist to fill the cavities that come with eating eight pounds of candy. We all have memories of our favorite costume. What's yours? We asked some students and teachers about their favorite Halloween costumes. Some of the answers were...

*"I will dress up as a sailor."  
-Mrs. Sternieri*

strange? Take a look:

Sophomore Matthew Frutoz: A creepy clown (My worst nightmare).

Junior, Esmeralda Sanchez: A friendly vampire (What?).

Junior, Thomas Lopez: A crying clown (Might be my new worst nightmare).

Freshman, Joanna Molina: A bumble bee.

Teacher, Mr. Debbas: Superman (That was a *costume?*).

Freshman, Travont Fields: The killer from Scream

Teacher, Mrs. Sternieri: "This year I will dress up as a sailor." (Uh...)

Teacher, Mrs. Tuel: Big Bird (Tall chick with yellow hair? Perfect!)

## What is the 64% Rule? It Affects YOU!

Are you happy with squeaking by with "D's?"

Well, let me tell ya something.

That is just stinkin' thinkin'. You should take pride in what you are able to learn, so you can impress your friends with your superior knowledge.

There is a 64% rule. And I quote: "If a student scores 64% or lower on a test, he/she may move on to the next credit (as this is a passing grade) but must attend one hour of tutorial before

the next appointment. Tutorial time may be spent as a review of course material or as a study period for the next credit."

Sure, the tutors are friendly and extremely bright, but no one wants to be **forced** to spend an entire hour with them. It is best to see them whenever you need help or have questions. Avoid the 64% rule by studying before each test.



## Juniors an Seniors Prepare for CAHSEE

It's that time of year again when the weather begins to change, the birds fly south for the winter and students get the chance to pass the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam). This November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> our 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking on the CAHSEE here at Crescent View South which means that it's time to prepare! Each teacher has excellent packets in both Math and Language to

help each student grasp the concepts and information needed to pass the CAHSEE. If you haven't received any information or helpful packets, talk to your supervising teacher. All students must pass both the Math and Language portion of the CAHSEE in order to receive a diploma. Remember that the teachers are here to help you in whatever you subject you

need; all you need to do is.....ask.



## Dress Code

To gain admittance to CVSouth, you must follow the dress code.

1. Remove all hats, caps, beanies, hoods, and bandanas



2. No gang clothing or attire is allowed. No red, no solid blues, or greens. (Ed. Code 35294.1)

3. No inappropriate clothing or

clothing that disrupts the effective functioning of the school. (Ed. Code 35294.1)

Students not in dress code will be asked to change, or to leave.

## STAR Test Results

The test scores for the STAR test are in, and many of you were stars!

6 students had an API score of 900 – 1000, so they no longer have to attend labs.

22 students had an API score of 800 – 899, so they are required to attend only 1 lab per learning period.

Over 57 students had an API score of 700 – 799, so they are required to attend only 2 labs per learning period.

Congratulations to all of the Super Stars. If you weren't a Super Star this time around, there is always next year. Study hard, work diligently, try your hardest on the STAR test, and you just may be among next year's Su-

per Stars.





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## Interview Continued:

You are responsible for completing your homework and for passing your tests. You are responsible for attending every week and for attending lab. The way that the school works seems very much like college. I think that Crescent View prepares you for college better than any other high school. The school helps you take control of your future and graduation. I was on track to be a 6 year senior, now I will graduate on time. I left for a short time, and I missed Crescent View. Other schools I have been to give you a lot of busy work just to pass the time. Teachers here help you grasp the main concept in each credit and your time is not wasted with mindless work sheets. I feel a lot less stress and pressure at this school compared to other traditional schools. This school helps people from all walks of life and all social classes. The work isn't easy, but this school prepares you and helps you in all ways to succeed.

## Where is Mr. Debbas?

I smell corn dogs. I smell fried Twinkies. I smell pig poop. Where am I? Not sure? Here are some more clues. I see cows. I see art. I see pig poop. Where am I? If you said, "Mr. Potter's garage," you'd only be half right. I'm at the Fair! Yes, the Big, Fresno Fair is here. There are rides, animals, art, food, and plenty of people. Did you know that the fair has been around since 1884 ([www.explorefresno.com](http://www.explorefresno.com))? This year, the



fair will host over 550,000 people, and generate over 70 million dollars ([www.explorefresno.com](http://www.explorefresno.com))! As always, there will be plenty of concerts to see. This year, the fair will be rocked by

Stone Temple Pilots, and crooned by Chris Isaac. You can bet that my head will be bobbing to Flo Rida. The fair is also a great place to see art by talented local artists. Don't miss the art display by Crescent View student, Blanche Hartman. There is a lot to see at the fair, and if you come, you'll see me (I'm pretty small, so you'll have to look hard). Oh, make sure to eat a fried Twinkie or two for me! The Fair starts October 7th and ends October 15th.