



The Beak



From The Raven's Beak

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www.civacharterschool.org
7:45-2:45

Vision

To inspire each student to understand and pursue their unique potential.

Mission

To develop young people of character who acquire three essential qualities of the educated individual, citizen and worker. (See student handbook for entire mission statement)

TUTORING SERVICES AVAILABLE:

Ms. Burwell AND Mr. Benson are available for tutoring in math on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:00 to 4:00. Remember Tutoring on days that start with T!

STUDENT PARLIAMENT students are offering tutoring Monday's after school as well. Bring your assignments to Mr. Zimmerman's classroom @ 3-4:30pm. These opportunities are available for any student at CIVA!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec 7 & 8	MAP testing 9-10 grades
Dec 13-16	Finals ½ days T-F release at noon
Jan 2 & 3 rd	No School
Jan 5	All students return
Dec 19 -Jan 4	Winter Break-school closed
Jan 16	Martin Luther King Jr./School closed
Jan 18	Information Night (New students – 7pm)
Feb 15	Information Night (New students – 7pm)
Feb 16	CSAC Mtg 6pm CIVA Tribute 7pm
Feb 20	Presidents day/School closed
Mar 5-9	TCAP testing ½ days, release at noon
Mar 22	CSAC Mtg 6pm
Mar 22-24	Play- West Side Story 7pm
Mar 26-30	Spring Break –School closed
April 11	Information Night (New students – 7pm)
May 20	Senior Last Day – Retreat

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CIVA BOOSTER CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Thank you for sharing your information for Volunteer and Booster Club opportunities. You will receive emails from civabc@gmail.com or CIVA staff when such opportunities arise. I promise we will respect your inbox and not bombard you with emails. At any time, you can request to be removed from this mailing list. Your information will also not be shared or sold to anyone outside of CIVA.

Knowledge Bowl competition dates:

Mon. 12/05	@ FVS
Mon. 1/9	@ CSS
Mon. 2/06	@ Vanguard
Mon. 2/27	Knowledge Bowl @ Elbert
April	State Tournament



Are you 15-18 years old? Do you have a 2.8 average or better? Do you aspire to learn about other cultures?

Questions? Email scholarships@cetusa.org

Ready to Apply?

www.cetusa.org/public/offers/outbound-programs/for/scholarship.

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Seniors Corner:

We are gearing up for graduation already. We will be ordering cap/gown and announcements from Jostens' when we get back from break. You don't have to pay for all of the order now, just turn in order, and put deposit down, and pay over the next few months.

All graduating seniors MUST purchase the cap/gown/diploma/cover for \$50 to participate in graduation. Contact Joe @ Jostens for more information.

ALL seniors need 1 baby picture, 1 childhood and 1 senior picture for the slide show at graduation. Please turn them into the office as soon as possible.

Need Parent Help: We need a parent to scan all pictures and create the slide show. If you are interested in helping out with this please contact Ms. Voss @ 633-1306 x 123.

Remember: For every college application send in and every acceptance letter is another chance to enter your name in the Going to College Prize package, raffle to win a laptop and supplies to go to college with.



**The Founder's Scholarship Program
Academic Year 2012-2013**

CETUSA is proud to announce the offering of 5 Academic Program scholarships to American High School students interested in studying in Germany for the 2012-13 school year. The Founder's scholarships are awarded based on a comprehensive evaluation process. A selection committee of highly credentialed community members from across the country will review all applications and select 5 scholarship recipients.

Scholarship Application Deadline: December 1, 2011

Applicant should submit the following:

1. Founder's Scholarship Application Form;
2. Two Essays as described in the Application Form;
3. Recent High School Transcripts;
4. Two Letters of Recommendation from qualified school personnel explaining why student would be a good candidate for selection and ambassador for the U.S.;
5. CETUSA Outbound Academic Year Program Application.

Submit to: scholarships@cetusa.org (attach all of the above) or mail to:

Founder's Scholarship Program/CETUSA
903 Calle Amanecer, Suite 200
San Clemente, CA 92673

Recipient Selection/Determination: On or before February 1, 2012. Recipients will be notified by email and/or telephone.

Awards: If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, you will receive a Scholarship Award Letter. Scholarships will cover the entire program tuition, insurance, and host family placement. The student's family is responsible for airfare and incidentals/spending money while on program. If selected, students will also be required to submit additional supporting documents.

Questions?

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Think before you speak. Make sure your intention is positive and your words are sincere.



Dear Parents,

Not long ago your child experienced a special kind of “learning adventure,” an innovative teaching and learning process called Quantum Learning, through their school. Following are some refresher and support ideas to reinforce what was learned and to help you connect to their experience.

Speak with Good Purpose

The 3rd key from our 8 Keys of Excellence, which students learn in our Quantum Learning for Students learning and life skills programs, is Speak with Good Purpose. How appropriate for this time of year.

Words are powerful. They have the power to build up and break down. They can uplift and enlighten or depress and destroy. Speak with Good Purpose is a very important Key for teens and pre-teens because they discover early in life the power of words.

We teach campers that what we say is a conscious decision. We must begin by “watching” our words; we don’t have to say each thought that enters our mind. There is a choice and we must consciously decide to make it, particularly when someone makes us angry.

In addition to thinking before we speak, we explain that the idea of speaking with good purpose is to speak with positive intent. One should be honest and direct when communicating, but by speaking with positive intent, even constructive criticism can be done in a way that is not hurtful.

Speaking with good purpose is the cornerstone of all healthy relationships – within families, between friends, with neighbors, even with others at work and school. It’s a good habit we can all practice by being aware of negative thoughts that come to mind before we speak and by focusing on the intention behind our words.

How do others feel when I speak to them? How do I know?

“People have to be responsible for their thoughts, so they have to learn to control them. It may not be easy, but it can be done. We don’t have to eat everything we see, and we don’t have to say everything we think. So we begin by watching our words and speaking with good purpose only. We don’t have to say or think what we don’t wish to. We have a choice in those things, and we have to realize that and practice using that choice. There is no use condemning yourself for the thoughts and ideas and dreams that come into your mind. Just realize that you can think what you choose. You don’t have to pay attention to unkind or unwanted thoughts. If they keep coming into your head, just notice, catch yourself before they go too far, and say to yourself, ‘I don’t choose to have these thoughts, or say those kinds of words.’ Soon you can train yourself to have control over what you think and say.

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Speaking with good purpose is not about always saying good things. It is about understanding the power of our words and using them for positive reasons instead of negative reasons. We have all been hurt by words – we know they have the power to break people down or build them up. How many of you have been hurt by the words of others? How many of you have been helped, encouraged or acknowledged by the words of others?

Really effective and successful people know how to Speak with Good Purpose. Today, listen to what other people are saying and – more importantly – listen to your own thoughts and consciously choose the words you want to say. See what a difference that power of choosing your words can make for you, and for others.

Speak With Good Purpose Quotes

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

—Mother Teresa

“Profanity makes ignorance audible.”

—Unknown

“If fifty million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing.”

—Anatole France

“There is only one rule for being a good talker – learn to listen.”

—Christopher Morley

“Conversation is an exercise of the mind. Gossip is merely an exercise of the tongue.”

—Unknown

“Time and words can’t be recalled, even if it was only yesterday.”

—Estonian Proverb

“Always be a little kinder than necessary.”

—Sir James Matthew Barrie

“Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.”

—Buddha

“Kind words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. They make other people good-natured. They also produce their own image on men's souls, and a beautiful image it is.”

—Blaise Pascal

“Gratitude takes three forms: a feeling of the heart, an expression of words, and giving in return.”

—Proverb

The words we say will teach if we practice what we preach.”

—Unknown

“Don't speak unless you can improve on the silence”

—Spanish Proverb

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