



ELEMENTARY VALIANT NEWS

MEET Ms. Montes De Oca

Ms. Montes De Oca is our new middle school English teacher in 8B. She is a mother and has a daughter in kindergarten at our school. Ms. Montes De Oca is an alumni, a SG student from kindergarten to 8th grade. It was a dream to come back as a teacher and bring her daughter, too. She loves the community, environment, and values. Ms. Montes De Oca was inspired by one of our old teachers, Mrs. Enrique, who taught 3rd grade. She says Mrs. Enrique was very caring and is someone who makes you feel important. She taught Ms. Montes De Oca with balanced structure and empathy which was her very inspiration. Let's make sure Ms. Montes De Oca feels the Valiant welcome!



WELCOME Ms. Rosenberger

Ms. Rosenberger is our new 7/8th wind ensemble and high school band teacher! Growing up with music, she's played the organ since she was nine, and still loves its challenges now! "It's amazing what the brain can do, allowing you to use each of your limbs for a separate section of the organ." Although she never thought about becoming a music teacher, she's always enjoyed sharing information with others, and now, she enjoys teaching. Her favorite pieces of music are "Polovtsian Dances" by Alexander Borodin and "New World Symphony" by Dvorak, both stunning compositions! When she isn't in the "music mood", she likes to visit senior citizens to hear their stories and to comfort the sickly who are in need of joy. Let us welcome the lovely Ms. Rosenberger to SG!



MEET Ms. Whitman

Ms. Whitman is our new 4A teacher. She is from Michigan and came to California to start teaching. She has been a teacher for 3 years now. Ms. Whitman decided to start teaching to inspire kids and help them learn things that they enjoy. Her favorite part is being able to see in a child's eyes that they understand something for the first time. She loves how kind the community is and when people around her always say "good morning" to her. On her free time, Ms. Whitman enjoys hiking. She's been in hiking in the beautiful, mystical area of the Redwoods and the fascinating Fern Canyon. Let's give Ms. Whitman a warm welcome to St. Genevieve!



MEET Ms. Sugano



Ms. Sugano is our new 3A teacher. She's also an alumni of our Valiant community. She is from California and has taught for two years. Before coming to back to SG, she was a teacher at Mountain View Elementary and Sunland Elementary. After high school, she attended the

University of Irvine to get her degree. When asked what is her motivation, she says that she really loves working with children. Even while interviewing Ms. Sugano, a few of her students went up to hug and show their gratitude and love for her. Let's give the always smiling, Ms. Sugano an exuberant welcome to third grade!



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First Night School with Kevin Hines

On August 3, the guest speaker for the first 7-12 night school was Kevin Hines, a suicide prevention speaker. Kevin Hines and his brother faced parental neglect and was placed in foster care. Unfortunately, his brother, Jordache passed away at a young age from bronchitis, a condition they both had. After the death, Kevin was placed with the Hines family. On September 25, 2000, Kevin attempted suicide by jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge. In that moment, he cried out to God for help and immediately regretted his decision. Miraculously, a sea lion beneath him kept pushing him to the surface, saving his life. This experience has inspired Kevin to share a message of hope and encourage others to seek help when they are in mental or physical pain. Thank you sharing your story with us.



New Season for Chess Club

Chess Club started last week! Our chess team, led by Mr. John and Mr. Sean, have already won the championship three years in a row. Chess Club consists of students from kindergarten all the way to 8th grade. It's been so much fun for them. They've learned so much and many enjoy the competitiveness and intensity of the game.



"I like the competitive aspect of chess especially as a competitive person." - 7th Grader Liam Nolasco who has been playing since 1st grade.

"My favorite part of chess is knocking pieces of the board." - Kindergartener Erza Collera

"My favorite part of chess is winning prizes." - Kindergartener Ava Dilay

Hey Look! It's Our Awesome Kindergarteners!

From their ABC's to their 123's, our little Valiants are learning it all. The kindergarten students have been doing and learning so much in their classrooms from their teachers, Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. De La Cruz. They have been learning the alphabet, reading short stories, working on their colors and shapes, practicing listening skills, understanding main characters, how to compare and contrast, and learning rhyming words. In math, they are learning about their shapes. In religion, they are learning about their pillars of character, being peacemakers, and living like Jesus, our Savior. As the newest students, let's make sure our kindergartners are feeling welcomed into the SG family. Keep up that hard work and have lots of fun learning!

