What's new at CDS?

CDS Craft Bazaar on November 16

We invite all alumni to join us in Founders' Hall at the 601 Dolores campus from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 16 for a chance to browse through wares and various creations made by our CDS community, including teachers, parents, community partners, and more. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the creative talent of CDS and perhaps even buy some goods! This event is open to the public.
Josef Cooper Changemaker Grant Application

To honor Joe, CDS has established the Joe Cooper Changemaker Award for an alum who models the change making spirit embodied by Joe throughout his life. Any CDS graduate is eligible to receive the Changemaker Award as an acknowledgment of their work to continue the legacy of action instilled in CDS students.

The purpose of the Josef Cooper Changemaking Award and Grant is:
- To honor Joe’s deep commitment to CDS and celebrate his life of changemaking for students.
- To encourage CDS students and alum to continue to notice where they can make a difference in the world and then create concrete plans to take action.
- To celebrate the roots of change-making established at CDS and manifested in our students and alumni.

Alumni can apply for the grants prior to December 1. If you are interested in applying, you can apply for the grant here.

CDS Upgrades Facilities in Response to CDS Student and Alum Initiatives

The facilities team will be upgrading the 1st-floor bathrooms to all-gender at both 333 and 601 in response to an initiative led by CDS middle schoolers towards gender-inclusive facilities. In the words of a former CDS middle school student, “This is an issue about acceptance, equality, and neutrality. Many people identify as non-binary, meaning not condoning to traditional gender roles and stereotypes in society. I don’t want to have to contemplate my gender identity every time I step into a restroom...or any place.”

Recent graduates of CDS also continue to educate and advocate for equality at CDS. We recently received this message from eight members of the Class of 2019:

We are emailing you today to talk about what is happening in the Supreme Court, where they will soon vote on whether people can be fired for being LGBTQ+. We would appreciate it if as part of the growing LGBTQ+ curriculum at CDS, humanities teachers would talk to their students as part of the current event studies. Or, we ask that you talk during the middle school assembly, and create a time to let students and teachers recognize what is happening. We encourage advisors to talk with students about the current events and offer time if the students have any questions or concerns. If you want to learn more, we recommend reading this article.

Thank you,
The Passionate Citizens
As a result of their proposal, our teachers have resolved to initiate more conversations in their advisories and look for areas in their curricula to include more LGBTQ+ education in age-appropriate ways. CDS is truly inspired by the initiatives led by our very own students and alumni for social justice and change within our community!

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College Gifts are headed to the CDS Class of 2015!

Congrats, CDS class of 2015! The CDS community looks forward to hearing about the adventures and successes you surely will achieve post high school. CDS is so honored and proud to have alumni like you. Please be on the lookout for CDS care packages headed your way as a token of our excitement for this new chapter of your journey!

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CDS Community Library & Center for Inquiry

CDS’ Community Library and Center for Inquiry will open at the Boys and Girls Club on Friday, November 15. Our Community Library and Center for Inquiry is the direct result of the generous response of our community at our annual Spring Auction, where we raised over $185,000 for this fund a need. The new space has been recently transformed by the addition of furniture and shelving units displaying hundreds of new books. The collection is being curated to represent the diverse community of the Bay Area and will include books in Spanish, books written by authors representing many perspectives, and books demonstrating students in activist roles.

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Share your stories!

We are always looking to share stories about CDS alum. By sharing what's been going on in your life, we can let
the entire CDS community know what makes us extraordinary!

Here are a few suggestions for the kind of information we're looking for:

- Do you have a job/internship?
- What classes are you taking?
- Have you been involved in a sport? What position do you play and how did your team do?
- Have you been involved in anything musical or theatrical? Any performances, productions, or events?
- Have you done any service learning projects?
- Have you received an award, been recognized, or had any special experience you would like to share?
- Have you done any traveling?
- Would you like to share something important to you that is not listed above?

Send a short 1-2 paragraph summary to advancement@cds-sf.org with some current highlights and a photo. We look forward to hearing from you.

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