



The Lion's Roar



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Mandatory Workshop

ORIENTATION WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 09/08/12

Tuesday, Sept. 4, begins the first week of school this year. With one week under our collective belts, APS families will be ready for our

Mandatory Orientation Workshop

Saturday, Sept 8
8:45 am

Orientation begins with a complimentary breakfast served at 8:45 a.m.

Let us encourage both parents to attend (especially Dads). Unfortunately, **Children, may not attend** (even nursing babies, sorry...this is a workshop, with emphasis on the word *work*).

What to Bring:

- **Questions**
- **Survival Guide**
- **APS Calendar**, or any month-at-a-glance calendar.
- **Coupons, SASEs**, pen and paper.
- **E-mail address**, work phone number, etc. to update the APS database.
- **Outstanding paperwork** needed to complete enrollment (and late fee).
- **Food and drink to share**
- **A BIG SMILE**

There are a number of reasons to attend Orientation; the simplest is that it is **MANDATORY** for APS families.



*You shall know the truth and
the truth shall set you free*

Besides that, we expect to:

- MEET** other families with children the same age as your own.
- DISCUSS** the APS Survival Guide, Resources and Special Events available to APS.
- REVIEW** Info needed to complete enrollment, make photo day appointments, etc.

We would especially **encourage APS-Dads to attend** Orientation. We have a very high percentage of supportive Dads, but MORE is BETTER.

We are doing everything we can to shorten the meeting. So Dads, come and help us out. It won't take much time and you may even learn how you can **encourage your wife and kids** throughout the coming school year.

REGARDING FORMS:

**ALL ENROLLMENT
RELATED FORMS
SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY
APS BEFORE July 31.**

Forms that are turned in after a deadline are subject to a **late fee of \$10 per week, per form.**

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June Promotion Celebration

PROMOTION CELEBRATION JUNE 08, 2012

Our 21st Promotion Celebration was held in the San Fernando Valley at the beautiful sanctuary and campus of **Shepherd of the Hills Church**.

In support of church youth camps and graduations held by other schools, we continue to schedule our June Promotion on the third Friday in June, regardless of the end of school date.

**Each year, the APS
June Promotion
Celebration is held on
the third Friday in June.**

This year we also continued our traditional

Class Banner Processional.

Every year (since 2002), the current senior class chooses a Biblical verse, theme and motto. They then design a class banner reflecting their choice.

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The **Banner Processional** was the vision of APS-Dad and Board member Tom O'Donoghue. Tom even built the poles and stands used to display the banners on stage! This is exactly what we mean when we say, *"If you want it to happen, make it happen."* This year, the banners were carried by:

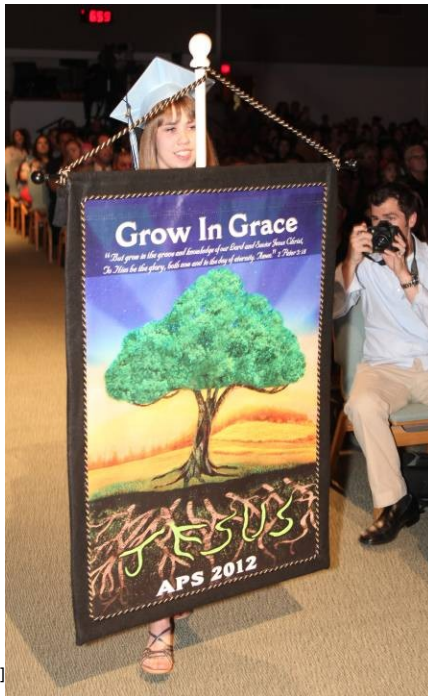
- 2006..... Karson Gibson (grade 11)
- 2007..... Chris Kechoom (grade 11)
- 2008..... Derek Todd (grade 11)
- 2009..... Gio Bonaventura (grade 10)
- 2010..... Justice Mena (grade 9)
- 2011..... Joshua Mena (grade 11)
- 2012..... Melissa Henri (grade 12)

The students marched in carrying their banners to the anthem: "Do You Hear The People Sing" from *Les Miserable*.

APS families might be interested to learn that this song and quite a few equally wonderful Broadway show tunes can be heard on Alumni APS-Dad **Steve Amerson's** "Front Row Center" and *Front Row Center II*, CDs.

Visit www.steveamerson.com for details.

At right, APS senior Melissa Henri carries the Class of 2012 banner which she designed.



Dear Mr. and Mrs. Grant,

On behalf of the entire Henri family, I want to express my deepest appreciation for all that APS has meant to us during our twelve years of home schooling. When I reflect back upon graduation night, there are so many words that fill my mind; Surreal, Shocking, Memorable, Indebted. There is truly no way to relate how blessed and humbled I feel upon begin selected by APS board members and other family-based educators to be the beneficiary of such a generous award. Because of your stance for excellence in all areas of life, APS has produced so many accomplished students of which I still feel so underserving to be selected over any of my wonderful classmates.

Reflecting back on your own experience, I know you understand that the expenses families face when preparing to send their children to college are rising to unmanageable heights, and Christian colleges are certainly no exception. Therefore, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for providing this opportunity to begin my college career at a college where I will continue to "...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ..." (2 Peter 3:18) From a daughter's prospective, I feel as though I have finally been granted an opportunity to ease the financial strain my family will encounter during my college journey. I also want to thank you for exerting the extra effort to contact The Master's College in order to secure my Ministry Matching Grant. Attending Master's is such a dream for me and my family because we value an education that is firmly grounded in God's Word.

As I close, I must thank you for your faithfulness to the mission of providing so many families with the opportunity to be involved in their own children's education. My life has truly been enriched by allowing my parents to teach me about God and the world around me and to love me throughout the entire experience. Looking back on my education up to this point, I realize that establishing a school that acknowledges and submits to the lordship of Christ takes immense devotion, sacrifice and love. Your dedication and kindness shines brightly in all that you do. I will be sure to share with you the adventures the Lord has for me on my college journey!

With much love and appreciation,

Melissa C. Henri

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Missing and incomplete forms will accrue late fees at the rate of \$10 per form, per week, beginning July 31.

Why would APS charge late fees?

One of the biggest time-consumers for APS is paperwork that is late or poorly done. Every time something is due, APS office workers must check who is on time and who is late or incomplete.

They must then make a list of the late families and contact them. Then, they must re-check late incoming paperwork, make another contact list, re-contact those who are still late, etc. The solution: A late fee.

If you can believe it, APS will process over 2000 forms this summer. Grade sheets need to be entered into CUMS with course titles, units and grades verified against the Educational Expectations filed last Sept.

Lesson Plans and Educational Expectations for the new school year must be reviewed and new CUMS created. Other forms, like immunization / health forms, required by the state of California, need to be checked and rechecked.

All this so that everything for the new school year will be in place by Orientation.

Obviously, this all takes a great deal of time. The July 31 deadline gives APS only five weeks to complete the job.

Just answering the e-mail could take five weeks!

Families who miss the deadline or who have missing or incomplete forms will be contacted by APS and charged a late fee.

Families who have forms that need to be redone will be likewise contacted and charged a late fee.

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Orientation Facility Services: ORIENTATION - USA - BREAKFAST:

"Many hands make light work."

Next to Promotion, Orientation is our BIGGEST event.

As with all APS events, all parents are invited to help make this important Workshop enjoyable and helpful. Please start the new school year right by offering YOUR HELP!

ALL FAMILIES SHOULD CHECK AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING I will be happy to:

- I can help any way you need.
I can help set-up tables and chairs Fri. p.m. (especially Seniors)
I can be a kitchen helper at 8:00 a.m. and after 12 p.m.
I can help clean up tables and chairs Sat. after 12 p.m.
I can bring paper goods.
I can bring food, drinks and/or ice.

Parent's Name Total number to help

Phone: E-Mail: @.

Seniors are invited to help

Mail Coupon NOW to: Tracy Nicks 10135 Odessa Ave North Hills CA 91343 (no SASE! - confirmation will be via e-mail)



Share the Work.

Pulling together, we can make Orientation a success. Please send in this coupon by July 31.

APS Seniors will be at Orientation to help serve



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IT IS TIME FOR SCHOOL!**MANDATORY ORIENTATION WORKSHOP****Date:** Sat., 09/08/2012

Map on back

Time: 8:45 AM to Noon

Please come early

Location: Grace Baptist Church

22833 Copper Hill Drive, Saugus

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Orientation Workshop. Please, let us encourage both parents to attend, especially Dads. However, **children may not attend.** (APS Seniors are asked to come and help)

Special Note to DADs: We would strongly encourage DADs to join their wife at Orientation. In so doing you will better understand the upcoming school year and be better equipped to help your wife and children.

Please come early. Orientation will begin with a **Complimentary, Breakfast Burrito Breakfast at 8:45 a.m.**

The business part of Orientation will also begin at **8:45 a.m. in "F" building (Modular Building)**

There are a number of reasons to attend Orientation; the simplest is that it is mandatory for APS families.

1ST QUARTER BEGINS Tues., 09/04/2011; **ENDS** Fri., 11/09/2012

By the time Orientation is held, you should have completed the first week of school.

YOUR FIRST WEEK'S LESSON PLANS will have been reviewed and will be in your APS mailbox.

We ask that, for the remainder of the year, you mail your lesson plans and attendance sheet to a pre-selected **Happy Helper** who will review them and offer suggestions. The name and address of your **Happy Helper** will be provided at Orientation. Your **Happy Helper** must have enough time to review your plans and attendance sheet and return them to your APS mailbox at each Workshop.

Please mail your completed Lesson Plans and attendance sheet no later than 2 weeks prior to the end of each academic quarter. As with all deadlines, the \$10 per week, per form, late fee applies.

What to bring to Orientation:

- Questions.
- Calendar.
- A Big Smile.
- Your Survival Guide.
- Pictures for Yearbook.
- Paper and pen for notes.
- E-mail address, work phone, etc.
- Coupons and Self Addressed Stamped Envelopes.
- General Mills box tops.
- Any outstanding paperwork needed to complete enrollment (and your late fee).

Complimentary

**"Breakfast
Burritos"**

**will be served,
prepared by
GBC Kitchen
Ministry Team**

**Orientation**

**8:45 a.m.
Sat 09/08**



**Grace Baptist Church
"F" building
(F Modular Building)**

What NOT to bring to Orientation:

- **Children** (except Seniors who are helping)

Can you help with Orientation set-up or clean-up? Please send in the appropriate coupon. (see pg 3)

Seniors, please be prepared to help set-up Friday P.M. and at Orientation itself.

(Check with Sr. Class Mom Kaye Gibson for details about Friday set-up and serving at Orientation)

ATTENTION FRIENDLY FAMILIES:

If you are a designated **Friendly Family**, please call your new family and invite them to sit with you at Orientation.

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Thank You To APS

Apple Award Winners

Seniors at Orientation

APS FAMILY NEWS



APS-Mom Liz Bonaventura presented Richard and Cindee on stage with flowers, cards and gifts from the APS "PTA" at the June Promotion Celebration

Thank You from the Grants

Richard and I are extremely **THANKFUL** for the delightfully generous gift from the **APS "PTA"** as well as the numerous cards and individual gifts delivered to our home!

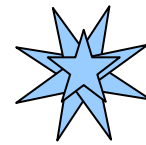
The thoughtful words in the cards, the amazingly beautiful flowers (great job Ginger Mather) and your extravagant gifts are a huge encouragement
It is **YOUR KINDNESS, YOUR SERVANT HEARTS, YOUR HELPING HANDS** and **YOUR GENEROUS SPIRIT** that keeps Richard and I going.

All the wonderful things that happen in APS happen because godly parents sacrifice time, effort and resources to make them happen.
THANK YOU!

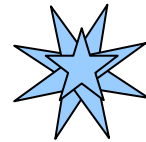
**APS
HAS THE BEST FAMILIES IN
TOWN**

Love, *Cindee and Richard*

Congratulations to the
1st Quarter
APS
Apple Award Winner
Donna Henri



Congratulations to the
2nd Quarter
APS
Apple Award Winner
Vaughna Colaco



Congratulations to the
3rd Quarter
APS
Apple Award Winner

Deanna Meadows

ORIENTATION WILL BE HELD AT Grace Baptist Church

One parent from each family must attend the 8:45 a.m. Orientation.

The **senior class** will be joining parents at Orientation to help serve breakfast and to have their first **Class of 2013** gathering of the new school year. Group photos of the senior class will be taken for Yearbook. We hope that 100% of the **Class of 2013** will be present.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE TURNED IN TO COMPLETE ENROLLMENT?

**THE FOLLOWING ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL FAMILIES.
FRIENDLY FAMILIES SHOULD CONTACT THEIR NEW FAMILIES
TO MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND THIS.**

REQUIRED FORMS

ALL enrollment-related paperwork must be **AT THE APS OFFICE** by July 31.

Here is what needs to be turned in:

All students:

Lesson Plan Sample (1 week per student),

Educational Expectations (1 per student),

Proof of current HSLDA membership*

* All families MUST turn in current proof of HSLDA membership **regardless of renewal date.**

Throughout the year you are responsible to renew before your membership expires, but by JULY 31 we need to see that you are CURRENTLY a member.

New students: **In addition to the above, new students must turn in:**

Emergency Health Form,

State Health Forms,

Enrollment Waiver,

Transfer of Records,

Standards of Behavior and Dress

signed or initialed / dated by **all returning parents**

signed or initialed / dated by **all returning students in grades 7 - 12**

(especially **6th graders who have just promoted** into Jr High)

signed / dated by **all new parents**

signed / dated by **all new students in 7 - 12 grade**

Students in CA school for first time:

Proof of a TB test is required for all students entering a CA school for the 1st time.

California Health and Disease Prevention (CHDP) report, including a doctor's signature, is required for all students enrolling in grades K or 1 in California for the 1st time (contact APS Office for the form).

12th grade students:

High School Planning Chart completed for grades 9 – 12.

We are good, just not THAT good;

Please do NOT ask the APS office what you have already turned in.

We can't know until we are done processing all the forms, and by then the \$10 per form, per student, per week late fee will apply.

You should always keep a copy of anything you send to the APS office.

Thanks

(A 'big thank' you to **Jodi Syms** for the **HOURS** of back office help she have given – Cindee)

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eScrip is an important part of our fundraising program. We ask that every family help us make the grade in our fundraising goal.

APS Needs Your Support!

**Register for eScrip for the first time or
RENEW YOUR EXISTING eScrip account
BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS
VISIT www.eScrip.com**

Making the Grade...

We need all of our families to get straight A's in their enthusiasm to raise funds. This task will not require hours of homework but just a few minutes of your time and your grocery club card number.

- Log onto www.eScrip.com. Enter the School or Group I.D. [Advantage Preparatory Schools / 500 008 701](http://www.eScrip.com)
- You can also register your debit and credit cards.
- Shop at eScrip merchants!
- Use your eScrip registered cards for all your purchases.
- A percentage of purchases will be automatically contributed by the merchant.

That's it! It's that easy—your family shops—our school earns dollars.

**Register for eScrip for the first time or
RENEW YOUR EXISTING eScrip account
BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS
VISIT www.eScrip.com**

Questions? [Contact the APS Office](#)



Earn FREE MONEY for the APS Scholarship with the Vons, Pavilions and Safeway eScrip program. Once enrolled, up to 4% of your qualifying purchases are credited to APS every time you shop with your VonsClub Card, your Pavilions ValuePlus Card and/or your Safeway Club Card. Please visit the eScrip table before schools starts.

This program provides the funds for the APS Scholarship at no cost to you. Please register or renew your Vons / Pavilions / Safeway cards before school starts.

It's Free

It's Easy

It's Powerful



Register your VonsClub Card, Pavilions ValuePlus Card and / or your Safeway Club Card and earn FREE MONEY for the APS Scholarship. FOR NEW REGISTRATION VISIT www.escrip.com

VONS Club Card Number

Form fields for VONS Club Card Number (15 digits)

Group Name Advantage Preparatory Schools

Group ID # 3508681

Last Name

First Name

Address

Enter your info online at www.escrip.com That's all you have to do!

City

State

Zip

Email Address

Phone Number

Note: All lines required.



Will contribute 2.4% of your online purchases made through the escrip website.

Visit the eScrip website to register: WWW.escrip.com

Existing eScrip accounts MUST BE renewed before school starts: visit www.eScrip.com

put education on your shopping list

TEACHING TUESDAYS

APS ONLINE CALENDAR

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APS is thrilled to announce another year of special unit studies and just plain FUN for families with students in grades K – 6.

TEACHING TUESDAYS

Teaching Tuesdays is:

Open to APS students in grades K – 6 and preschool siblings.

Taught by Cindee Grant, Liz Bonaventura, Deanna Meadows, Lisa Nakata and YOU. This is a co-operative effort. Everyone helps.

Teaching Tuesdays meets regularly on Tuesdays at the Bonaventura home in Valencia. It provides a FUN and structured 1.5-hour learning time for students and their parents.

Topics will be presented over a three-OR four-session timeframe.

Space is limited. See coupon on next page and mail it in quickly!

APS has another FREE resource for all APS families:

The APS ONLINE CALENDAR.

Details of all scheduled APS events are available online with instant real-time updates. The master calendar is now available on the APS website, too.

Click any event name for details. Planning of family outings and APS Special Events will be easier and date conflicts can be avoided. Check the calendar before planning family outings so you don't miss anything.

To request FREE access to the APS Online Calendar just ask the APS office via e-mail.

Templates used to schedule APS Special Events are available in the FORMS section of the APS Website.

To schedule an event check prospective dates on the Master Calendar, complete the template and e-mail it to the APS office.

Today							September 2011							Print	Refresh	Day	Week	Month	4 Days	Agenda																		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun																	
28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2	3	CO-OP Registration New Families																															
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Click any event name for details

TEACHING TUESDAYS

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See Dates below.

Time:
10:00a – 11:30a

Cost for each Unit is \$7 per child regardless of age.

Location:
The home of Liz and Tony Bonaventura - Valencia

Open to Pre-K – 6th grade

American Heroes
Sep 11, 18, 25

Animals
Oct 2, 9, 16, 23

Thanksgiving
Oct 30, Nov 6, 13

Christmas Around the World
Nov 27, Dec 4, 11

Westward Ho
Jan 8, 15, 22, 29

US Presidents
Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

Living Wax Museum Report Prep
Mar 5, 12, 19, Apr 2

Earth Sciences
Apr 9, 16, 23, 30

APS is thrilled to again offer a **Great resource** for families with students in grades Pre-K – 6.

TEACHING TUESDAYS

Open to APS students in grades K – 6 and Pre-K siblings.

Taught by Cindee Grant, Liz Bonaventura, Deanna Meadows, Lisa Nakata and YOU.

Registration by coupon is required. Space is limited.

Teaching Tuesdays meets regularly on Tuesdays at the **Bonaventura** home in Valencia. It provides a FUN and structured 1.5-hour learning time for students and their parents. Unit topics will be presented over a three or four-session timeframe.

Cost = \$7 per child for each unit

This year the unit topics are:

- **American Heroes**
- **Animals**
- **Thanksgiving**
- **Christmas Around The World**
- **Westward Ho**
- **U.S. Presidents**
- **Living Wax Museum Report Prep**
- **Earth Sciences**

American Heroes

FUN stories about real American heroes.

Teaching Tuesday coupon must be received **by 08/01/12**

Animals

Age-appropriate exploration of safari animals, frogs, sharks and whales. Coupon must be received **by 09/18/12**

Thanksgiving

Explore Pilgrims, Squanto and this special American holiday. Coupon must be received **by 10/16/12**

Christmas Around The World

Explore how Christmas is celebrated in different countries. Coupon must be received **by 11/13/12**

Westward Ho

Explore Cowboys, Native Americans & the settling of the West. Coupon must be received **by 12/11/12**

US Presidents

Presents a history of select US Presidents. Coupon must be received **by 01/22/13**

Living Wax Museum Report Prep

Students prepare oral reports delivered in a fun, dress-up, 'first-person' presentation.

Coupon must be received **by 02/19/13**

Earth Sciences

Explores Volcanoes, Earthquakes, Water and Weather. Coupon must be received **by 03/19/13**

TEACHING TUESDAYS

Please use a separate coupon for each Unit.

Mark the Unit you plan to attend.

Make a separate check & SASE for each unit.

If you are attending all eight units please send 8 coupons, 8 SASEs and 8 checks **This year PE will be held AFTER T.T.**

Registration for PE is by separate coupon.

See Page 20 for K-6 PE coupon.

A **NEW music station** has been added to T.T. Students will learn to play a simple instrument called a 'recorder'.

Each child will need a 'recorder', which can be purchased through APS (**by 08/01/12 with this coupon**) or independently.

The group price through APS is \$5 per recorder, tax & shipping included (order below).

Attending Parent/s Name _____

Email _____@_____.

Total Pre-K - 6 to Attend _____ x \$7 = _____

Total # of recorders _____ x \$5 = _____

(Recorder order must be received by 08/01/12)

Phone # _____ Amt Paid \$ _____

Make checks payable to APS

Child Name _____ Grade/Age _____

Child Name _____ Grade/Age _____

Child Name _____ Grade/Age _____

Child Name _____ Grade/Age _____

My child(ren) will be in the care of a temporary guardian. (Write name on back of coupon.)

This coupon is for (check one):

American Heroes coupon received **by 08/01/12**

Animals coupon received **by 09/18/12**

Thanksgiving coupon received **by 10/16/12**

Christmas Around The World coupon received **by 11/13/12**

Westward Ho coupon received **by 12/11/12**

US Presidents coupon received **by 01/22/13**

Living Wax Museum Rpt Prep coupon received **by 02/19/13**

Earth Sciences coupon received **by 03/19/13**

Mail all coupons, payments & SASEs to:

**APS - PO Box 802274
Santa Clarita, CA 91380**

News from the planet Bizarro

SAN ANTONIO – A Texas teacher will lose her job after **ordering more than 20 kindergartners to line up and hit a classmate** accused of being a bully, a district spokesman announced.

The teacher at a suburban San Antonio school is accused of orchestrating the slugfest after a younger teaching colleague went to her seeking suggestions on how to discipline the 6-year-old, according to the Judson Independent School District.

Both teachers at Salinas Elementary were placed on paid administrative leave, though the one who allegedly arranged the punishment will not work for the district next school year, said district spokesman Steve Linscomb. Prosecutors are reviewing the allegations and will determine whether formal charges will be filed.

The police report alleges the teacher chose to show the child "why bullying is bad" by instructing his peers to **"Hit him!"** and **"Hit him harder!"** It also states that the second teacher intervened only after one of the children hit the boy hard on his upper back.

"Twenty-four of those kids hit him and he said that most of them hit him twice," Amy Neely, the mother of 6-year-old Aiden said.

Neely said her son is not a problem child and that this was the first she'd heard of teachers having issues with him.

Linscomb said other students had perceived the boy as being a bully. That's when the teacher went with her students to a nearby classroom and sought disciplinary advice from her colleague, he said.

Neely, the boy's mother, said she wants to make sure the teacher who ordered the hitting does not work in a classroom again.

"She doesn't need to be around any children," Neely told reporters.

The mother added -- and the police report confirmed -- that some of Aiden's classroom friends told him they didn't want to hit the boy but did so because they were afraid not to.

Neely said she learned about what happened to her son after a teacher who witnessed the incident and intervened went on to report it. She filed an official oppression complaint against the teachers with the district police department two weeks after the event.

The district placed both teachers on paid administrative leave and launched an investigation. District officials have not released the names of either teacher. The one who asked for help disciplining the boy and then waited to report the incident after witnessing it was reprimanded.

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*J*ake Naman knew something was about to happen. The 18-year-old from Redlands, Calif., was waiting to hear from Dan Savage, the founder of the **"It Gets Better"** anti-bullying campaign.



Savage had been invited to speak to several thousand high school journalists attending a national conference hosted by the National Scholastic Press Association and the Journalism Education Association.

Naman, who is a yearbook photographer at Arrowhead Christian Academy, thought Savage was going to talk about his anti-bullying campaign. But the Christian teenager soon learned that Savage had a very different message for the students.

"I hope you're all using birth control," Savage told the teenagers as he began his remarks. From there, he regaled the young people with stories about his husband, describing how he looked in a Speedo. At one point, Savage imagined what it would be like with his husband on stage -- telling the kids that they would have to pry him off his partner.

Naman was growing increasingly uncomfortable with the tone and tenor of Savage's remarks. There were more lewd comments, profane words and innuendo. And then, Savage said something that made Naman take notice.

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APS FAMILY NEWS

Every year, at the **APS Senior Formal**, the parents of APS seniors take a few moments to speak to their sons and daughters as they approach the end of their high school careers and being the next phase of life. Reproduced here by permission, are the words APS-Dad Michael Troy spoken to his son Christopher Troy, at the 2012 Senior Formal;

Chrs,

First let me say that **I am proud of the man that you are becoming** and the way you are growing up. It is good to see and others see it too. How sweet to have a son in whom others recognize integrity and a good spirit. Many parents are not so fortunate.

Now that you are **traveling toward independence** there are things to be aware of. You are moving from being under our scrutiny to being free of such watching. Where we used to determine where you went and what you did, more and more that will be up to you. That is a great thing and a fearful thing as well. Now you will more and more be directly responsible for who you are and what you are. **Your habits, morals, direction, attitude...that will be less under our control.**

So you will be the person you choose to be. Integrity is often described as who you are when you are alone. Of course, we are never alone as children of God. He is always watching. But the temptations will now be easily joined with opportunity. How will you respond?

You will also be on your own to stay close to God, church, etc. When you find yourself making excuses to be other places other than amongst brothers and sisters in the Lord, learning and being fed, watch out. It happens fast. Soon your faith will be your own and not that of your parents. What will you choose to do?

I wonder if you appreciate how God is blessing you? I see it and sometimes I am amazed. The job teaching at the martial arts studio that allowed you to make some money, mature a bit, and was right across the street from the church? Wow! The jobs you DID NOT GET because they were not right for you? The car that happened along just when you needed it or the letter from Masters College accepting you when that looked like a closed door? The blessing of grandparents and the support they offer?

The Bible says..."Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." **The way you have lived your life is directly related to the blessings you have.** You are loved regardless of what you do because you are our son, but you are liked, respected and trusted as well and that goes a LONG ways. So besides the promises of scripture that God will honor your life for being an obedient son, you have others around responding to that as well. Never take for granted the things you have been given.

This may come as a shock to you. You are not perfect. Are you surprised? I think not. You come from imperfect parents so it is our fault too. But **son, you please me.** I love your heart that cares for a friend in distress, the family dog, a simple camping trip. I love how you sing out loud. I am amazed when you go out of your comfort zone to stand on stage as a dancing Nazi, a pirate, or a soloist in a choir. How did that happen? I was never that brave.

Keep to God and His ways. Live honorably and seek His righteousness. Run from immorality. Treat others well and be a peacemaker. Love your God and your enemies.

If you do this will everything be swell? No guarantees. But do these things and whatever happens you will be able to stand upright before God and your peers as a man of integrity...

And my son.

Love, Dad.

News from the planet Bizarro

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"The Bible," Savage said with a elongated pause.

"The very second he said the Bible and paused, I knew it was going to get ugly," Naman told Fox News. "It was about to be a bashing."

And Naman was absolutely correct.

"We can learn to ignore the bulls __t in the Bible about gay people – the same way we have learned to ignore the bulls __t in the Bible about shellfish, about slavery, about dinner, about farming, about menstruation, about virginity, about masturbation," Savage told the young students. "We ignore bulls __t in the Bible about all sorts of things."

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Some will say what happened next took courage – but Naman said he was simply following the prompting of the Holy Spirit. And the entire moment was captured on a video that has now gone viral on YouTube.

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"I felt like in my heart I couldn't just stay there at all," he said. "It was a really weird feeling I just had to get out. I didn't want to cause a scene but I really could not stand to be in that room anymore."

Jake Naman said he felt – bullied.

"If Dan Savage had gotten up there and said 'God hates homosexuals and they're all going to hell,' there would have been huge outrage from that crowd," he said. **"As Christians we get the other side of that. When our faith is attacked like that – we are ridiculed for taking a stand against it."**

Naman thought that he was the only person who walked out – but when he got to the lobby – he learned that was far from the case. Arrowhead's entire yearbook staff followed his lead – including his 16-year-old sister.

"I was shaking," Julia Naman told Fox News. "I saw my brother pop up and leave and I took off after him."

So did 17-year-old Haley Mulder.

"I never felt more hurt, felt persecuted," Mulder said. **"For me, my faith is what I want to be defined by. For someone to say it was B.S. is really hurtful. I felt put down and bullied because of my faith."**

And then it got worse for the Christian teenagers. Savage directly targeted them with his remarks.

"You can tell the Bible guys in the hall they can come back now because I'm done beating up the Bible," he said. "It's funny as someone on the receiving end of beatings that are justified by the Bible how pansy-assed people react when you push back."

Naman said a number of the girls began crying. He said it seemed like such a safe environment "But then Dan Savage went off and it didn't seem that way anymore."

"He had a position of power as a speaker and he was using that against a group of students who had never done anything to him," Naman said. "I would consider that bullying."

"He was completely insulting and degrading our faith," his sister said.

Mulder said Savage needed to practice what he preaches.

"I felt it was ironic coming from a person who was talking about not bullying," she said.

In all about a hundred students walked out of the speech, but Naman said many others wanted to. He said some Christian teenagers felt intimidated and were afraid of what might happen if they had left.

Still, the 18-year-old said one thing was certainly obvious – "The majority of the students did not support us at all," he said.

Savage issued a partial apology over the weekend, saying he was referring to the walk-out as "pansy-assed" and not the students. However, he stood by his profane references to the Bible.

Dan Savage is a radical gay rights activist. This is not the first or the worst or the most radical of this man's hateful outbursts. One of many examples is a column (Feb 2, 2010) where **he wrote that "we need to acknowledge the existence of good pedophiles"**.

Why was this man chosen by the National Scholastic Press Association and the Journalism Education Association to speak to several thousand high school journalists attending their national conference? Obviously, they want this kind of poison to seep into the school newspapers and yearbooks of high schools across the nation!

Source FoxNews

HOMESCHOOL



What our neighbors
think we do



What society
thinks we do



What public schools
think we do



What I think we do



What my friends
think we do



What I really do

Hello Richard and Cindee,

You have often been in my thoughts this summer as it feels so strange to be finished with our homeschooling. I hope that all is going well for you and your family. I hope that we will still be on an e-mail list for anything that you find important or prayer requests for the APS family.

I received an e-mail from **e-Scrip** today and it reminded me to look at my account there and with Target's "Take Charge of Education" donation program. I wanted to be sure that I was still up to date (with Target and eScrip). I was, except that I needed to **update / check the box for e-Scrip** to update in the fall. We definitely want to still be involved with supporting APS in future years.

When I checked **Target's "Take Charge of Education"** it stated that there were only 11 families that are RedCard holders who have designated APS as a recipient for this donation program to APS.

So many people shop at Target. Whenever something is charged, **if the purchaser is registered, Target sends a donation to APS** like the e-Scrip program does.

Since e-Scrip and Target are dedicated to supporting schools, I thought it would be good to remind our APS family that both e-Scrip **AND** Target are easy ways to support APS and the APS Scholarship program.

The **Target ID#** for APS with is: **111478** The **eScrip Group ID** for APS is **3508681**

As very grateful recipients of this year's APS scholarship, I hope that this be might helpful to our school for years to come.

Blessings to all,
Donna

eScrip:
Sign-up / Renew <http://escrip.com>



Target's "Take Charge of Education" program:

Target Credit Card ® and **Target** ® Visa ® Credit Card account holders can **sign up** by calling 1-800-316-6142
Or by clicking <https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home>

Register for Spreedbird Deals by clicking <http://www.spreedbird.com/r/0S3J8KQZl2> 10% of purchases goes to APS

APS FAMILY NEWS

EXPECTATIONS

- The first part of the semester will focus on learning the software and having the students demonstrate their acquired skills.
- All assigned homework, proofs, and pages will be completed and submitted in accordance with weekly deadlines and graded.
- Timely email communication with instructor is a must!
- Students must commit to photographing and writing about a minimum of 3 APS Special Events during the school year.
- Parents are welcome to attend all classes and must attend at least 3 classes during the first six weeks.

BENEFITS!

- Students will learn new computer skills which will be useful in college.
- Students will learn valuable time management skills.
- Students will participate in a group activity resulting in a VERY professional outcome (The beautiful APS Yearbook.)
- Students will learn to harness creativity and self-discipline.
- Students will learn to accept critiques of their work and apply changes.
- Students will develop an enhanced 'eye' for good photos, layout, color schemes, etc.

APS

2012 - 2013

Yearbook Graphic Arts

If you have an interest in computer graphic arts & publishing, then the APS Yearbook Graphic Arts class is for you!

Sept. 4 - May 28

When: Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Location: 16639 Bermuda St., Granada Hills, CA 91344

Cost: \$59.99 Software / \$50 lab fee per semester

Equipment: Students must have a working knowledge of computers and own a laptop with Windows 7 or Vista (or Windows XP with latest service packs installed 32-bit or 64-bit editions)

Software Details:

This year we are proud to announce students will be learning **Corel® PaintShop Pro X4 Ultimate**, one of the world's leading graphic art softwares. This software comes with hundreds of free images and graphics and will provide students with additional learning support through free webinars and topical videos.

Corel PaintShop Pro X4 Ultimate is available at the Corel Website: <http://www.corel.com/corel/product/index.jsp?pid=prod4220093&cid=catalog20038&segid=5900044>

This course is full. If you wish your APS high school student to be placed on a waiting list, please e-mail the APS office.

K-6 PE NOW ON TUES

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K-6 PE NOW ON TUES

09/11/12 Tues
Time: 12:30-2pm
 Cost:
 \$5 per child

Grades: K-6
 Location:
 Various SCV
 Locations that are
 freeway close to
 SFV

PE is now being
 held after
**Teaching
 Tuesdays** at a
 park near where
 Teaching Tuesday
 is held. Sign up
 for **either or both**
 by coupon.

**MAKE CHECKS
 PAYABLE TO
 Susan Todd**

APS K-6 PE CO-OP: SEP – DEC: Would your
 kids love to participate in a fun, challenging and
 encouraging P.E. class designed specifically for
 coed APS K-6 students?

This class will support the **Presidential
 Champions Program** by including activities
 such as kickball, soccer, basketball, swimming,
 relay races, flag football, and others!

- We will have:
- Whole-group warm-ups
 - Breakout sessions for pre-schoolers
 - Breakout sessions for K-3 and
 - Breakout sessions for 4-6
 - A 1-a-month Competition And Treat (CAT) day
 - Opportunities to earn Christian Character awards.

Come join us and build lasting friendships with
 other APS families.

With the enthusiastic participation of all parents
 and kids, this exciting P.E. Co-Op class will be
 a reality this year!! Parents **MUST** be willing to
 help with coaching and childcare, and parent-
 supplied equipment (balls, nets, etc.) is
 essential.

Registration for K-6 P.E. CO-OP **SEP – DEC** is
 by coupon. Classes will be held from 9/12 –
 12/05/11 (No PE on 11/21/11 & 12/12 – 12/26/11)

APS K-6 PE CO-OP SEP- DEC

Parent-Helper's Name _____

Total Number enrolled _____

Please mark 1 or more:

- I will coach the following sport: _____
- I will help in whatever way I can.
- I'm not sure what would be best for me to do.
- I can provide childcare during the PE class.

Child Name _____ Grade Level _____

Child Name _____ Grade Level _____

Child Name _____ Grade Level _____

Phone # _____ Amt Paid \$ _____

Email _____ @ _____ . _____

Mail Coupon, Payment & SASE by **09/05/11** to:
Susan Todd
 28330 Gibraltar Lane,
 Castaic, CA 91384

Join the APS School Choir & Ensemble

**APS students in grades 8 - 12 will join Choirmaster Steve Lively and 'Lifted Up',
 the high school/college choir from The Bridge Bible Fellowship in Reseda**

Course Fee: \$150 per semester (\$25 discount for full yearly payment of \$275 with registration)

Materials Fee: \$ 25 per semester (Payable first day of class) Additional fees for tour will apply.

Course Min: 8 students (Course will not be held if minimum is not met)

Mondays: 3:30 – 5:00 pm; APS Ensemble rehearsal
 5:30 – 7:00 pm; full rehearsal with "Lifted Up"

This course is open to all **APS Students in grades 8-12** and will earn 5 units for the year.

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APS Choir & Ensemble Deadline: August 22, 2011

Attending Parent Name _____ Total # to Enroll _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail: _____ @ _____ . _____

Student 1 Name _____ Grade Level _____

Student 2 Name _____ Grade Level _____

Student 3 Name _____ Grade Level _____

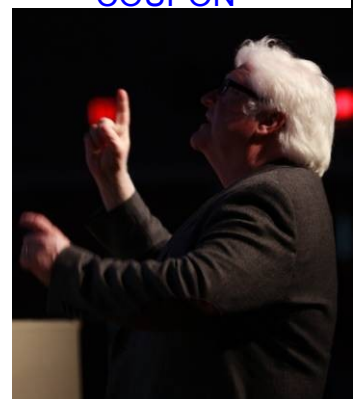
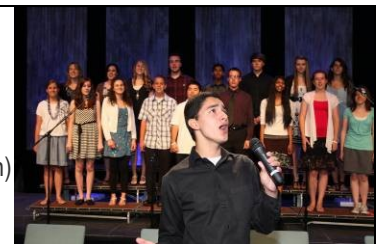
I have enclosed the following:

_____ \$150; 1st semester Class Fee. **Make check payable to Steve Lively. OR**

_____ \$275; Full payment of yearly Class Fee. **Make check payable to Steve Lively**

Mail payment SASE and coupon by deadline to:

Tracy Nicks 10135 Odessa Ave. North Hills, CA 91343 Deadline: August 22, 2011



APS FAMILY NEWS

We are thrilled to report that SGT Jonathan Buchan has arrived safely back home from his 2nd (and last) tour of duty in Afghanistan. After a military flight from Camp Leatherneck to Manas, Kyrgyzstan,



then commercial flights thru Germany, New Hampshire and California, Jon Buchan arrived safely at Camp Pendleton on Sat. June 9. He will officially be a civilian again early in August. The APS family joins the Buchan family in thanking God for Jon's safe return.

APS-Dad Danny Fernandez and his son APS 10th grader, Christian Fernandez are currently serving on a mission trip 9,400 miles away in Uganda.

They do construction work for locals in the morning, school visitations in the afternoon and an evangelistic "Crusade" in the evening, held with local church participation.

There is a total of 18 people on the trip...6 dads, 3 high school sophomores, 3 high school seniors and 6 college students.



Christian Fernandez and friends watching the sun rise over Lake Victoria.

About Homeschooling SCV



APS-Mom extraordinaire **Karen Carver** and her wonderful sister Michele Burgess have created an online resource for home schoolers in the Santa Clarita Valley, and beyond:



Homeschooling SCV
Enriching Families Day by Day

www.HomeschoolingSCV.com

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About Us

We are Karen Carver and Michele Burgess, two homeschool moms who strive daily to enrich the lives of our children. While the SCV offers bountiful opportunities for family fun and enrichment, we wanted more. After much brainstorming, Homeschooling SCV was born.

Our mission

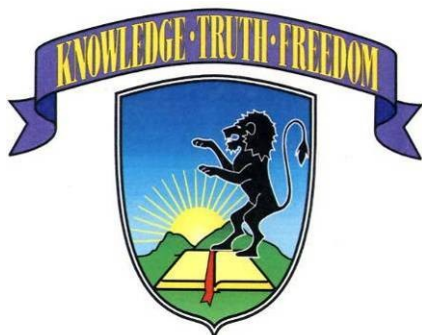
We will provide a one stop spot for all great things in the SCV for homeschooling families. We will foster a family friendly, approachable and professional relationship with vendors and families. We aim to partner with local vendors to provide services that will enrich your families. By bringing a variety of affordable enrichment options to families, we will be a reliable partner for the many homeschool families in the SCV. Our hope is that by creating a virtual location that's accurate, concise and user friendly, we will become a favorite resource for all Santa Clarita Valley families.

APS Parents (and the Class of 2013) are cordially invited to our Orientation Sept 8, 2012

Exit Interstate 5 at Valencia Blvd.
Head east to Mc Bean Parkway.
Turn left on Mc Bean
(at the Shell Gas Station)
and follow it for approximately 4 miles.
Turn right at Copper Hill Rd.
The church is located 1/2 mile from
this point, just over the hill on the left
side of the road.



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**"Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is liberty." 2 Cor 3:17**