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# THE CARDEN CARDINAL

THE NEWSLETTER OF CARDEN ACADEMY



THANKS FOR MAKING THE  
MOVE WITH US!

## Carden Academy Welcomes You Back to School!

We've had a busy summer packing up and moving 25 classrooms to our new campus, but we did it, settling in and kicking the year off with our first ever Welcome Back BBQ, which was a rousing success! The students and teachers have been thrilled with the

new campus, enjoying perks like brand new classrooms, issue-free restroom facilities, air conditioning, and new lockers for junior high. We appreciate your patience as we continue to make numerous improvements, such as rolling out our SchoolSpeak communications

tool, beautifying the grounds, and getting everything fully functioning. As you know, our goal is to create the most robust environment for your student to learn and blossom. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with you!

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MRS HUEY-BOOKER

### It's Entertainment Book Time!

Entertainment Books have 50% off and buy-one-get-one offers on local restaurants, dry cleaning, movie tickets and more! Plus, up to 50% of the proceeds go back to your school! Books to purchase are coming home soon!



### Student Council Campaigns Now Starting Grades 6-8!



# Check Out Our New Website [www.cardensv.com](http://www.cardensv.com)

Over the summer, we rebuilt the Carden Academy website to create a portal for current and prospective parents that is easy to navigate and simple to understand. The new website now includes many features that parents have been asking for. Enhancements are constantly being implemented as we hear feedback from you - be sure to check it out and tell us what you think!

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THE "SV" IN OUR WEBSITE  
NAME STANDS FOR "SILICON  
VALLEY" TO INCLUDE OUR  
ALMADEN CAMPUS!

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## Carden News and Hot Topics

On the homepage, Carden News features articles about newsworthy school events, such as new staggered start times for the grades or the pick-up/drop-off process at the new campus location. In addition, Hot News Topics spotlights the most topical and timely news the school would like to tell you about, such as the new school supply process, volunteer opportunities, or SchoolSpeak. Hot News Topics will rotate periodically as the school year progresses - please check back regularly to stay in the know!

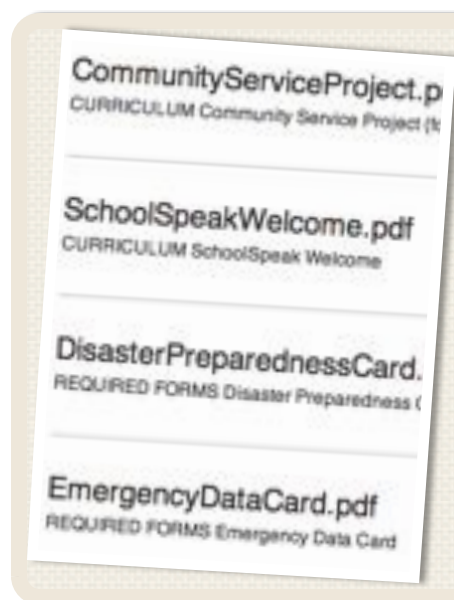
## Submit your pictures

In the Community section of the website, we've included a Flickr photo album of our Carden community. If you have photos you'd like to share, please contact Friends of Carden at [foc@cardensv.com](mailto:foc@cardensv.com). Please note that *high resolution* pictures look better on the website than low-res. Thanks!



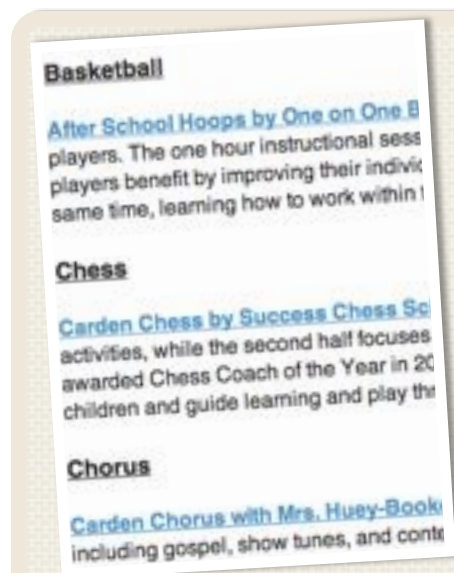
## CALENDARS

BOTH THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR AND THE AFTER SCHOOL CALENDAR ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE, WHICH CAN BE DIRECTLY DOWNLOADED TO YOUR OUTLOOK, ICAL, OR GOOGLE CALENDAR!



## DOCUMENTS

ALL SCHOOL DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AS PDF'S FOR DOWNLOAD OR PRINTING, INCLUDING SUMMER BOOK REPORTS, READING LISTS, COMMUNITY SERVICE SHEETS, THE INTERNET POLICY, AND THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL HANDBOOK.



## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

READ MORE ABOUT OUR EXTENSIVE OFFERING OF ON-CAMPUS AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND LEARN HOW TO SIGN UP! CLASSES ARE CONSTANTLY BEING ADDED, SO CHECK BACK OFTEN.

# After School Activities are Starting Now - Sign Up Before They Fill Up!

One of the benefits of being a part of the Carden Academy community is our robust After School Activities program, where students have an opportunity to enhance their in-class curriculum with after school enrichment, or, get an a chance to experience fun new hobbies, all without having to leave campus. For parents, it provides a convenient and safe option to round out your student's day while giving you peace of mind that your student remains engaged and fully supervised in a familiar environment.

After the closing bell rings, students attending After School Activities are sent to Extended Supervision and logged in as remaining on campus. A

**YOU CAN STILL ENROLL  
EVEN IF CLASSES HAVE  
ALREADY BEGUN!**

few minutes before the Activity is set to begin, the Activity instructor signs out their students from E.S., takes them to their assigned location on campus, then signs them back into E.S. after the activity is completed if their parent or guardian has not arrived to pick them up. Many students are also picked up at school dismissal and brought back to campus for their Activity, then are picked up directly afterward, bypassing E.S. altogether.

Even though most sessions have already begun, for many Activities you can continue to enroll at any time and be pro-rated for the remaining classes left. Several Activities are already near capacity. Keep in mind, if there is less than a minimum enrollment at the beginning of the Activity session period, the entire Activity will be cancelled. If you or your child are thinking about signing up, don't delay!



## FEATURED ACTIVITIES



PUBLIC SPEAKING



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JEWELRY



BASKETBALL

# TEACHER FEATURE: SHELENE HUEY-BOOKER



Carden Academy Presents  
Our Annual Holiday Program

## A Christmas Carol

Thursday December 15 6:30pm  
Louis B. Mayer Theater  
Santa Clara University

Contact Mrs. Huey-Booker for  
information on auditions for  
Principle Speaking Roles  
Grades K-8  
[shueybooker@cardensv.com](mailto:shueybooker@cardensv.com)

Interested in helping with  
costuming or basic set  
construction for the show?  
Mrs. Huey-Booker would  
really appreciate it!

Email Friends of Carden  
[foc@cardensv.com](mailto:foc@cardensv.com)



## DID YOU KNOW:

1. WHEN SHE WAS 15, SHE STARTED HER HIGH SCHOOL'S GOSPEL CHOIR AND GREW IT TO 100+ MEMBERS
2. SHE MAJORED IN MUSIC AT SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY
3. SHE WRITES AND ARRANGES HER OWN COMPOSITIONS
4. SHE HAS PERFORMED WITH SAN JOSE BALLET AND GOSPEL LEGEND ANDRE CROUCH

## We Have Some Remarkable Talent in the Carden Family!

Along with teaching Music courses during the school day at Carden Academy, Mrs. Huey-Booker leads the Carden Chorus on Thursdays after school, providing a fun enrichment experience for students interested in singing and performing. Previously, the Chorus has done songs from The Sound of Music, Grease, as well as original compositions written and arranged by Mrs. Huey-Booker herself. Chorus students have enjoyed celebrating post-performance pizza parties and special outings such as attending a showing of

“You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown” for a field trip. Students develop self-confidence, teamwork skills, and a wonderful sense of community. Join in the fun and sign up today!

In addition, she has already started planning our annual Holiday Program, with auditions for principle roles currently being scheduled. All students at Carden will participate in the show with their grade level, but budding actors should contact Mrs. Huey-Booker for an audition packet and time slot.

# September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Admissions Event - Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival
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25	26 Kindergarten Riverwalk Field Trip	27 Picture Day - Full Uniform  Student Council Elections	28 Gr 2 Oliver play  Gr 5 De Young Museum	29	30 PreK Fall Walk on campus	Oct 1

# October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4 Gr 5 Science Camp	5 Gr 5 Science Camp	6 Gr 5 Science Camp	7 Conference Day - no classes  Gr 5 Science Camp	8
9	10 Columbus Day - no classes	11	12 Gr 6 Science Camp	13 Gr 6 Science Camp	14 Gr 6 Science Camp	15
16	17 Scholastic Book Fair	18 Scholastic Book Fair	19 Scholastic Book Fair	20 Scholastic Book Fair	21 Scholastic Book Fair  Spirit Day	22

We would like to be eco-friendly! Future digital versions of this newsletter will be available on the website!

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