



Sierra Vista Middle School
Super Staff and Students

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Staff Recognition:

Mr. Parker



Mr. Parker, a new addition to the SVMS staff, has done a great job getting to know the students and staff quickly. On a daily basis, he makes an extra effort to keep in good communication with students, staff, and parents. In his Pre-Algebra classes, he enjoys giving students a Problem of the Day, that he says not only "incorporates where [they] are in the book," but also, "engage the students [with] the current curriculum [they] are covering in class." He notes that his favorite part of teaching is "working with great kids, learning new things, and making a positive impact in a student's life." In his free time, Mr. Parker enjoys refereeing for ice hockey, snowboarding, and traveling. Last summer he was able to travel to Greece and Spain for two months. A daily reminder for him is the reason he became a teacher; because he "wanted to help kids who needed a little extra push to accomplish everything they wanted in life."

Ms. Carter

"Go Carter's Chargers!" Can be heard from the advisement class of Ms. Carter; having recently won first place in the Pumpkin decorating contest with their colorful pumpkin bird, Tweet," her advisement class has been especially excited! Ms. Carter, a 7th and 8th grade Language Arts and 8th grade US History teacher, is always striving to help students succeed. She reflects that her "favorite part of teaching is showing students t h a t learning happens everywhere, not just in a classroom. [She] enjoys working with kids and helping them to accomplish their goals." She clearly remembers that she became a teacher in the first place because of "the great teachers [she] had throughout [her] education...wanting to inspire kids in the same way [she] has felt inspired." She has recently served as a key component in the success of Student-Led Conferences, helping to organize and structure the handouts for the staff and students. In her free time she is loves watching movies or soccer, and being with family.



Mrs. McManus



Our recently elected Teacher of the Year, is the 8th grade counselor Mrs. McManus! Mrs. McManus recalls that the reason she originally became a counselor was, "so [she] would be able to work with students and parents helping them achieve success" on a daily basis. Her involvement on campus includes everything from organizing events on campus, helping students with social, emotional, or academic issues, speaking to classes about goal setting, and running the National Junior Honor Society. NJHS for 8th graders has recently opened up a Tutoring Center for all students to attend at lunch time. Mrs. McManus points out that, "this not only offers all students academic support, but also offers the NJHS students an opportunity to give back to their school." When she isn't pregnant (with her first born-congrats!),she loves to play tennis or go to the beach with her husband. Congratulations goes to our 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year!

Mrs. Kulig

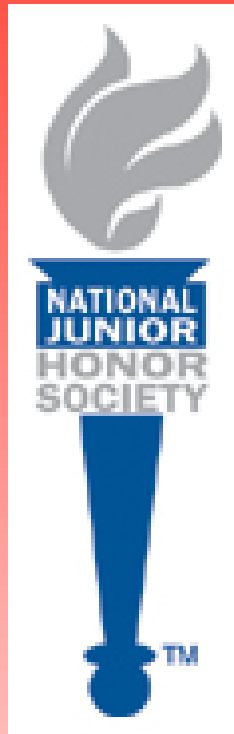
Originally from Chicago, Mrs.Kulig has become an integral part of the SVMS staff. Teaching 7th grade History, Math and Science as well as 8th Directed Study Skills, she always has her hands full, and keeps her heart open. Mrs. Kulig illustrates that, "whenever students learn even the smallest of skills, [she] feels excited for them. [She] loves being able to praise them as praise and little successes are a catalyst for continued growth." When time permits, she enjoys watching movies with her sons, one of which is a Charger student, listening to different types



of music, dancing, learning about art history, and going to museums.

National Junior Honor Society Members

B. Larisa
B. Ellie (Eleanor)
B. Alexandra
B. Zoe
C. Kaitlyn
C. Brian
C. Eugene
C. Victoria
D. Daniella
G. Joshua
G. Adella
G. Yash
H. Christine
I. Cullen
J. Nina (Jung)
J. Rui Jing
J. Brandon
K. Joshua (Jin Woo)
K. Phillip
L. Genevieve
L. Sean
L. Andrea
L. Joshua (Ji Hang)



L. Elaine
L. Vinson
M. Nikhil
N. Angeline (Thuchanh)
O. Aislinn
P. Roshani
Q. Philine
R. Kaleya
R. Jasmine
S. Sonali
S. Tara
S. Ellen
S. Timothy (Woei Tyng)
S. Dennis
S. Lauren (Ji Yun)
S. Christopher
T. Dalton
T. Ken
T. Christopher
V. Jameson
Z. Tiffany

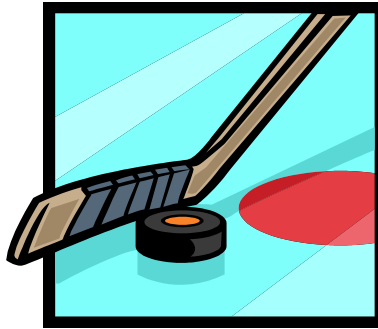
Irvine Hoops Classic-8th Grade Boys Team

Kishen B. Jacob B. Sean C. Addison D. Noah D. Chandler G.
Cullen I. Jake L. Zach P. Clayton S. Cameron W.



Sierra Vista Hockey Team

Zach P. Hayden C.
Steven H. Kyle K.
Ian M. Joshua L.
Jason H. Tim R.
Wubel W.



The boys finished the season with a record of 4-6.

PTSA: Reflections Program Winners

Literature:

3rd Place: Deanna P.

2nd Place: Yash G.

1st Place: Bharat V.



Photography:

3rd, 2nd, and 1st Place: Allison K.

Visual Arts:

3rd Place: Joy W.

2nd Place: Christopher S.

1st Place: Rachel K.