



# APTOS NEWS

**DECEMBER 14, 2022**

*This newsletter is produced by the PTSA, and was sent out on ParentSquare last Wednesday. If you're not on ParentSquare, please join us there! Find instructions at the bottom of this newsletter.*

*We welcome your questions and feedback! Feel free to send email to [AptosParentSquare@gmail.com](mailto:AptosParentSquare@gmail.com).*

## IMPORTANT DATES

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**Dec 14:** PTSA General Assembly Meeting

**Dec 15:** Arts Showcase Night

**Dec 19-Jan 2:** Winter Break (*No School*)

## CAMPUS UPDATES: CLUBS, CLASSES & MORE

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### **Aptos Arts Showcase Night - Tomorrow! (Thurs, Dec 15)**

Aptos will be having our very first electives showcase night on Thursday, December 15th. The evening will kick off at 5:15pm with interactive activity tables in the cafeteria led by students from all our different electives and our library. We'll have activity tables from drawing to acting and music to story telling. At 6:00pm there will be performances by our performing arts elective in collaboration with orchestra and band. Hope to see you there!

### **Club News**

There's still time to donate to the **Community Service Club's** coat drive! Have some old jackets or coats that you can no longer wear, but are still usable? Want to donate to the ones who are in need of warmth during this time of year? Come to the main office and put your old coat into the bin to be donated on Friday, December 16.

The **Chess Club's** fall tournament began yesterday, on Tuesday 12/13, during lunch periods in room 227!

### **7th Grade Field Trip**

The entire 7th grade had the chance to attend A Christmas Carol this afternoon, Wednesday 12/14. Thank you to the 7th grade staff and parent chaperones for facilitating this wonderful opportunity for our students!!

### **PTSA General Assembly Meeting - Wed, Dec 14th, 6:30pm**

Parents, students, and teachers are welcome to attend!

The agenda will be posted on the calendar this week. Please submit any questions or requests you would like addressed in the next meeting.

Time: Dec 14, 2022 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6486741408?pwd=AFj2Gft7nanAC6OhAteCUhCvRYbIFj.1>

Meeting ID: 648 674 1408

Passcode: Sn82VK

## APTOS APPLAUDS

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**The winter craft fair and winter concert was a huge success!!**

Thank you to the following individuals for their hard work in making this happen:

**Ms. Bishop-** craft fair

**Ms. Rene-** craft fair and stage crew

**Ms. Nuval-** craft fair and stage crew

**Ms. Stack-** stage crew

**Ms. Brown-** stage crew

**Ms. Contreras-** leading orchestra/band

**Mary Wilson-** for bringing food for the students participating

**Linda Cheu-** bringing food for the students participating

**Jodi Fleischman-** bringing food for the students participating

And **all of the students** who participated!



## FUNDRAISING

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**Support Aptos teachers!**

As we approach the holiday break, just a reminder that many of our hard working Aptos teachers have Amazon wish lists. If you're thinking about some holiday gift giving, be sure to check out the wish lists [here](#), and make an Aptos teacher's season bright!

## OFF CAMPUS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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### **Visitacion Valley Holiday Light Festival - Sat, Dec 17, 5-8pm**

[The Visitacion Valley Holiday Light Festival](#) is a community art event where families can explore and interact with light art by local Bay Area artists, along the Visitacion Valley greenway. Leland Corridor businesses will stay open late to provide warm bites and beverages. Family-friendly activities include photo booths, Visitacion Valley history movie showings, Christmas Carol Karaoke, and a live jazz band.

### **Cathenge by David Normal**

Calling All Ailurophiles and Feline Fanatics: Interactive Multisensory Cat Temple Installation Unveiled In Hayes Valley!

Cathenge features six illuminated 3D-printed cat sculptures, or “Catholiths”, set atop a pedestal base decorated with laser cut space cat themed motifs and metallic gilding. The installation also features a motion activated sound component and will be on view for one year through fall 2023. Cathenge is a Purr-fect Addition to Patricia’s Green!

Access to Cathenge is free and open to the public during park operating hours, daily from 5 a.m. to midnight.

## ATHLETIC UPDATES

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**Girls Volleyball** the team has started practicing; league games start January 9. We look forward to a great season from our team!

**Girls basketball:** The team made it to the semifinals at Kezar, but lost to Alice Fong Yu. Congratulations on a great season!

**Boys basketball:** They made it to the playoffs, but lost to Presidio in the quarterfinals, ending their season. Congrats to the boys on a great season as well!

**Track:** Reminder that track starts in February. There are no cuts - everyone is welcome!

To check on standings and schedules for any sport you can visit the [SFUSD middle school sports site](#).

Reminder that any student interested in playing sports needs to create an account on <https://www.homecampus.com/> and upload physical forms there.

## GET INFORMED AND JOIN

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**Are you interested in volunteering for Aptos?** We have open spots on the PTSA Board and School Site Council as well as on-site opportunities for parents/guardians. Please email [aptosptsa@gmail.com](mailto:aptosptsa@gmail.com) for more information and to find out how to get involved. The Aptos PTSA helps support 6th, 7th, & 8th grade activities and events while also striving to strengthen the link between school and home. The PTSA holds General Assembly meetings 4x/year, updating parents on all-things-Aptos. [Join Aptos PTSA](#).

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