

Apr. 29 • Library Visit

WESTERN SIERRA CHARTER SCHOOLS

This meeting will be by teleconference pursuant to

Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.

CLICK HERE for more information

Deadline to order...

For books to be delivered in **April**, orders must be received by **March 25th**

SCHOLASTIC

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ONLINE ONLY

Scholastic Book Club is now available for all TK-12 Students at Endeavor Charter School!

Find books for less than \$2.00!

- Type in "book" in the search bar at the top of the page
- A filter will appear on the lefthand side bar
- Click the drop-down menu for "Price" and click the box with \$1 to \$2
- All books less than \$2.00 will appear!

Shipping Options:

- Spend \$1.00 \$24.00: Free shipping to our school or \$6.50 shipping directly to your home
- Spend \$25.00 or More: Free shipping directly to your home

How to Order:

- Go to: clubs.scholastic.com
- Click on CONNECT TO TEACHER >
- Enter 5-Digit Class Code: RDYRJ
- You should now see TEACHER'S NAME: Nancy Turner and NAME OF SCHOOL: ENDEAVOR CHARTER SCHOOL
- Click CREATE AN ACCOUNT
- Type in your information and click CONTINUE
- You are now linked to Endeavor Charter School and you can start shopping!

If you have questions, contact Nancy Turner at nturner@ wscsfamily.org or #248-0471 extension 217.

As per Scholastic, at this time only online orders will be accepted with SHIP TO SCHOOL:

WE KNOW YOU ARE EAGERLY AWAITING YOUR ORDER! We are so sorry for the delay, but COVIDrelated disruptions in the global supply chain and labor shortages are hitting Scholastic Book Clubs very hard.

LCAP SURVEY for PARENTS and STUDENTS of Western Sierra Charter Schools

The Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) plan documents the school's goals and actions that lead to school improvement. As part of our LCAP process, we are seeking your input as to how our school is doing in reaching our LCAP priorities.

Please complete by Friday, March 4th 2022









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Field Trip

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More details to follow!

We will be taking a trip to Scout Island Outdoor Education Center in May! Students will have the opportunity to learn more about the San Joaquin Valley and participate in hands-on science activities!

For more information contact Brook Hirata: bhirata@wscsfamily.org

Come join us for the first annual Endeavor Poetry Festival!!

POETRY Festival

All students PreK-12 April 8, 2022

1:00 at Endeavor

Sign up by April 1st

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP - PLEASE EMAIL MS. SUSIE AT SHUEY@WSCSFAMILY.ORG

POETRY IS MEANT TO BE READ ALOUDI



CaliforniaStreaming Digital Photography Contest

CCETC invites California K-12 Inspire · Empower · Transform teachers to submit teacher and student-produced digital photographs with a supporting essay relating to the 2022 contest theme: "RESILIENCE" **Submission Deadline:** Friday, March 4, 2022

CaliforniaStreaming, a collaborative non-commercial service offering the highest guality multimedia from video to images, is available through most California County Offices of Education and to all California schools. CCETC invites you to join the ever-growing community of classroom multimedia enthusiasts!

For guidelines, resources, and submission information, go to:

http://ccetc.net/photocontest



that is the focus of CCETC's

CaliforniaStreaming community!

students and up to two teacher

video camera!

Photography contest judges will select eight winners - at least six K-12

winners. Each winner receives a digital

Winners will have their photographs incorporated into a collectable CaliforniaStreaming art poster to be distributed to California classrooms. All participants will receive a certificate of participation. Submitted photographs may be made available through CaliforniaStreaming under a Creative Commons license.

2022 Photo Contest Theme **"RESILIENCE"**

RESILIENCE is the capacity to recover quickly and/or spring back into shape. Capture your interpretation of this year's theme! Each photo entry should be accompanied by a brief essay, a poem, or expanded caption. Writing should help connect the image to the theme of RESILIENCE -- your words are important to create context to the theme and the photograph for the judges. Good luck and happy photographing!











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REMINDER:

All previous Endeavor CharterTalks are available on this Google Drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AV6Mp-C0D7J 96HsWchUGKlzZw8bnaaGw?usp=sharing

You will need to request permission for access.

HELP KEDRYON RECYLE

Help High School Student, Kedryon Ford Make a Difference in our Community

Kedryon Ford, is setting up donation boxes at school and around town for recyclables such as: cans, bottles, and anything that has the label CRCAV. Kedryon will collect all recyclables to redeem for cash, and all proceeds will support the West Fresno Food Bank.

How to Donate: Drop off recyclables with the CRCAV label in the East Building, near the entrance.

When: Anytime between 1/24/22 through 4/8/22.

Think before you toss containers in the trash!



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RESOURCE SHOWCASE

CORDENING MINDS GROW

Dig into spring with these great gardening activities!

This is the perfect time of year (right after the last freeze) to begin a new garden. Large or small, gardening is the very best way to teach the life cycle of plants, the various types of plant life, nutrition, and thousands of other related subjects. You can weave in math through the creation of charts (measurement, comparative data, etc.), literacy through the reading of informational text, as well as creative writing and art through sketching and painting. You can even integrate social science as you study various cultures around the world, throughout history and present day, that have found ways to optimize indigenous plant resources.

This non-profit KidsGardenging.org has so many FREE ideas to help you get started! Start in the kitchen with "Seed Viewer" or go big and start a "Herb Spiral Garden"!



CLICK HERE KidsGardening Activiteis



BY SANDRA HAMMOND



Meet Brandon Mallard!

Title/Role

Adjunct Teacher for both Endeavor Charter and Glacier High Schools! I teach History, Drama, and Art.

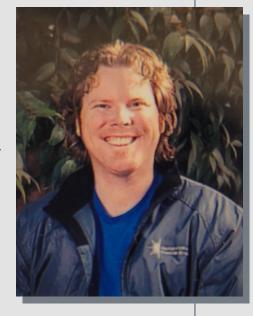
Family Make-Up

I currently live in Visalia with my mom and sister. My dad, stepmom, and stepsister all live back in Virginia. I still consider both places my home because I have enough experiences and history in both places.

What is your background/

education?

I was born in McLean, Virginia, and since I was 8-years old I've lived in Visalia. I graduated from Golden West High School in 1999. I joined the Marines one semester after I graduated high school, and was on active duty when 9/11 happened. After serving in the Marine Corps, I went to College of the Sequoias, and then got my undergrad and graduate degrees from Fresno Pacific University. I considered going back into the military as a chaplain and enrolled



into Talbot Seminary for a couple of years. My first official teaching job was at Summit Charter Collegiate Academy as a part-time Social Studies teacher. I re-enrolled back into Fresno Pacific for my teaching credential. After my first year, I left the school and became a full-time student teacher, and two years later I completed the program. Then...I got my commercial driver's license and became a truck driver for a year! Within that time, Eric Hagen had known me from performing in several stage productions, and he offered me a chance to come teach Drama at Mountain Home and Glacier

High School. That following school year, fall of 2018, I got hired on and have been involved with these schools ever since!

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What does a typical workday for you look like? My work days vary. I have Zoom classes on Monday and Tuesday mornings. The rest of the afternoon I'm lesson prepping, grading, or taking up whatever daily responsibilities come up. Wednesday and sometimes Thursday, I tutor my U.S. and World History students who

need to meet with me. I also correspond with my advising families. On Fridays, I have U.S. Constitution with 8th grade students, and then Drama classes with Junior High and then High School students. A fun way to end the week!

What is the most challenging part of your position?

The most challenging part of my job is staying on top of my different responsibilities. I have a much deeper appreciation for the full-time teachers' loads, as I am learning to balance the advising with my on-site classes!

What do you like best about your career choice?

I love being able to teach History and Drama. They are wonderful subjects to experience, and to be able to share with my students! This year, I have been working on a personal project to produce presentation videos for my History classes. This way my students can have access to the subject material all week as they are working

from home!

What is the first career goal you remember having as a young person?

When I was growing up, the first role I had in mind for pursuing an occupation was being a forest ranger. I was a huge Indiana Jones fan, and being right next to the national parks certainly was an influence.



Breakroom continued...

Did you follow any part of that original goal?

I still see myself as an adventure-seeker, but obviously I've grown in a different way. I have in fact, worked up in Kings Canyon National Park two different summers, and summer of 2019 I worked at Camp Sugar Pine near the Yosemite entrance. I wasn't patrolling the area, but I worked with a family lodge at Montecito Sequoia, and then most recently I worked in the cafe at Sugar Pine. I still got to be up in the mountains, and experience nature as I would map out running trails for myself and visit national exhibits or natural

wonders.

Do you have any other interests/pursuits? I still act pretty regularly. Mr. Hagen and I are both starring in "Our Town," which is being co-directed by his daughter,

Olivia. We're putting it on at Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church in Oakhurst the first two weekends in March. At one time I had an independent business where I dressed up as



superheroes, pirates, and other assorted characters for family events. I haven't been doing that much lately, but if you're interested, I could be talked into it! This also served as inspiration for writing some of my own music geared toward kids. If you look up "Party Hero Soundtrack" you find some of it, including my EP of superhero-themed songs. In fact, my song "B.L.A.M!" has

been taught to several students at Endeavor who have taken music before COVID quarantined everyone!

FAMILY The Sarquis Family

FEATURED

Article by Brook Hirata

Meet the Sarquis Family - Parents Tim and Audrey homeschool their three school-aged children (Jack - 6th grade, Noah - 3rd grade, and Boston - Kindergarten). The three boys love being big brothers to their younger

baby sister, (Georgia). The Sarquis family started with Mountain Home in 2017 and continued with us when we became Endeavor in 2020.

From the time the oldest (Jack) started kindergarten it didn't sit right that they would now spend most of their days apart. They wanted



more time together doing things they loved that brought them joy, and they wanted time to focus more on their faith. Audrey also wanted her boys to have an education that could be tailored to how they learned best as individuals, not a one size fits all approach. Early on, Audrey noticed that her two oldest boys had different learning styles. She loves that in homeschooling, she is able to tailor her approach and that they can excel

according to their unique styles of learning. Tim and Audrey would also like to share that homeschooling is hard, but rewarding! There are a lot of social media accounts or blogs about homeschooling that make it look easy and perfect. It can make you feel

like you're not doing enough, but not every mom loves crafts! Some days the kids cooperate and take the initiative. Other days it's like pulling teeth. Homeschooling looks different for everyone, and it takes time to find what works for you; and when you do find it, it changes again. But if we're doing what's best for our kids and our family, we're doing enough.

If the Sarquis family could give advice to other homeschooling families, it would be to be patient with yourself

and your kids. Audrey shares, "Remember that it's not traditional public school and doesn't have to look like a traditional classroom. Have fun exploring subjects that your children love. You'll be surprised how often you can fit 'school' into everyday activities when your ultimate goal is learning, not worksheets. Enjoy this time with your kids!"



ELEMENTARY

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- Encourage students to share the love of books through unstructured time at one of our local libraries!
- Connect with other parents of young children!
- Bring a snack and enjoy the outside table area!
- Access a multitude of children's books free of charge!

WHEN: Fridays, 1:30 - 3:00 on the following dates:

October 29 - November 19 - December 3 - January 28 -February 25 - March 25 - April 29 - May 27

WHERE: The Children's Room

Woodward Park Branch Library 944 E. Perrin, Fresno

- All ages welcome, but geared toward TK-6 students
- Parents/Guardians must be present

• Please complete waiver at front desk in either building or at the library on your first visit with us! (only one waiver necessary for full year)

For more information contact Sandra Hammond at shammond@wscsfamily.org





TK-8th Grade Families get ready for next year by attending the

ANNUAL CURRICULUM FAIR March 28 - April 1, East Building

WHEN: March 28 through April 1

HOURS: Mon. - Thurs 9:00am - 3:00pm Fri. 9:00am - 2:00pm

WHERE: Curriculum samples will be set up in the East Building Parent Room

If you would like to discuss any curriculum in depth, please contact your Advising Teacher to set an appointment

TK-8 Fmailies Save the Date: SSLAND VALUATION End-of-the-year trip | May 3|



MATHCOUNTS provides engaging math programs to US middle school students of all ability levels to build confidence and improve attitudes about math and problem solving.

By Nancy Flynn

These nine math stars have been meeting weekly to brainstorm problems, share knowledge, learn new concepts, and have fun! The national competition was February 27, 2022. They did an outstanding job! Congratulations to Ester Shkaruba, Lydia Avent, Andrew Kriehn, Adee Fouch, Kenni Leota, Kaleel Forest, Nathaniel Shkaruba, Love McFadden, and Lucy Crary



HIGH SCHOOL



COUNSELOR'S **CORNER**

with Greg Hill

Students who took the ASVAB: Get your results/Career Exploration Program Friday, March 11th, 10AM at Endeavor Charter:

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program includes a validated aptitude test and interest assessment. The results are used to guide career exploration using career planning tools.

"Registration to Go" Program for local community college

Seniors interested in attending one of our local community colleges after high school should apply with priority registration through the "Registration To Go" Program: The State Center Community College District (SCCCD) includes Fresno City College, Oakhurst Center, Madera Community College, Clovis Community and Reedley College.

Local Community College "Registration To Go" Instructions

1. Application was available Oct.1st (Should be submitted)

Contact me if you have not finished the application.

2. Online Orientation: November/December (Should be completed)

3. Counseling / Advising Session & Student Educational Plan: 4/4/22

SAVE THE DATE! Monday, April 4, 2022: Advising Sessions at Fresno City College

This day is designated for all seniors at local Charter Schools and other Alternative Education Learning sites who want to attend Fresno City College in Summer/Fall 2022. On this day, students will meet with a Counselor for advising and will set up their Student Education Plan (SEP) for first semester courses. It is required that all new students meet with a Counselor before they can register for classes on the early registration dates of April 26, 27, and 28.

4. Register for Classes: April 26, 27, 28 if above steps are completed.

10th and 11th graders, Tip of the Month:

Spring is a good time to visit colleges. When planning your campus visits, make sure to allow time to explore each college. While you're there, talk to as many people as possible. These can include college admission staff, professors, and students. Take campus tours when they are in session, and, at colleges you're serious about, make appointments to have interviews with admission counselors. Check out the campus checklist at bigfuture.org.

Please email me at ghill@wscsfamily.org if you have any questions about anything!

• Prom 2022

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SATURDAY, MARCH 19

SIO DISCOUNT FOR ECS & GHS SENIORS – FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, PROM TICKETS FOR SENIORS WILL BE DISCOUNTED BY \$10! GUESTS OF SENIORS WILL PAY WHATEVER THE FULL TICKET PRICE IS ON THE DATE OF PURCHASE.

· \$55 FEB 12-MARCH 11 -\$60 MARCH 12-MARCH 17 - NO TICKETS SOLD AFTER MARCH 17

•SEE PARENT SQUARE FOR MORE

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Julie Schiro	224	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Brandon Mallard	229	Adjunct Teacher/Drama
Brook Hirata	204	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Katelyn Carter	210	Student Support Director
Diane Vaccaro	206	TK-8 Advising Teacher/9-12 Leadership
Grace Reeve	201	9-12 Advising Teacher
Greg Hill	220	Guidance Counselor
Irina Buca	205	9-12 Advising Teacher
Renee Johnson	225	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Margaret Den Hartog	207	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Nancy Flynn	228	Math Adjunct Teacher/Tutor
Nancy Turner	217	TK-8 Advising Teacher/E.L. Coordinator
Phil Blas	218	CTE Teacher/IT Coordinator
Sandra Hammond	215	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Christine Chugg	230	H.S. Math Teacher
Stephanie Ganzenhuber	209	TK-8 Advising Teacher
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