



THE
PRESENTATION
SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

It is with certain frustration and resignation that Presentation School will be closed Tuesday, Oct 29. Our decision is a best effort to follow the lead of the Sonoma County Unified School District, and county and state safety officials. The school has to balance the fact that many families (in Napa and Sonoma) may have already relocated until the threat decreases.

Teachers and staff are affected in similar and different ways, just like everyone else: childcare is uncertain, power is variable at their homes, some are evacuated. If we open without all of our faculty present, we cannot find enough substitutes to work in their place. The air is livable now, but with the second wind-event expected today/tomorrow, we are uncertain what is next. The School's power is on now, but has been cut intermittently - which leaves us without lines of communication when children are at school. The safety of kids and teachers is our first responsibility.

We will do everything we can to be open Wednesday, but will not know until late Tuesday, early am Wednesday. We are moving the liturgy to next week - No Dress Uniform Day Wednesday. The PA meeting will also be moved - date TBD. Thank you for your understanding, as we try to find a way forward with so much uncertainty.

See you Wednesday (hopefully),

Scott

- Save the Date -

Thursday, October 31st- Halloween (details below)

Wednesday, November 6th- Liturgy Dress Uniform

Friday, November 1st- Free Dress

Thursday, November 14th- Speaker Series (details below)

[This Week in Sports](#)



8:45 - 9:15

Costume showcase in the Activity Center, All are welcome

trick or treat on
the sonoma plaza

thursday, oct 31

2-5pm

for children 10 years of age and under



Spooktacular Sonoma

Get your free Halloween map
at the Plaza Visitors Center

sonomavalley.com/spooktacular

Congratulations to our 7th and 8th grade Volleyball Teams. Special recognition to the 8th grade, who grabbed a Pennant for the school, following a hard fought 3 game battle and a come from behind victory! Way to Go Patriots!



Fifth graders went to Chabot Space and Science for a simulated mission to Mars in the Challenger Learning Center. They took on the roles of technicians, medical staff, research crew, and navigation experts on this fun trip.





Speaker Series

David Mochel

Compassionate Confidence: An Antidote to Anxiety, Stress, Reactivity & Avoidance

Thursday, Nov 14th 6:00pm

In this presentation you will learn how to strengthen your ability to deal positively and productively with whatever comes in your way and to accept and learn from the full range of human experience. You can use these practices to support your own wellbeing and as well as your child's.



Author of Good Life Practice: A Quick Start Guide to Mindful Self-Regulation

TICKETS: \$10/each \$15/for 2

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Alumni Spotlight

As our middle school students begin to look for their next home, each week we will spot light a few alums and the school's that where the best fit for them.



JUSTIN-SIENA



Henry Grieve (class of) and Michael Grieve, '16

What have you become involved with in High School?

In high school I have played Football all 4 years and have also done swimming and track for 1 year each

How did TPS prepare you for

high school? TPS prepared me by having an environment similar to the one of high school and also offered more challenging curriculum to prepare students for the rigor of classes you might encounter in high school

How was the transition from Presentation to Justin-Siena? The transition between TPS to JS was very easy and I felt very prepared for it beforehand

What are your plans for the future? I am looking to attend Chapman, LMU, Pepperdine or SMU. Currently I am almost done with my Common Application.

What classes are you most enjoying right now? I enjoy taking AP Bio and AP Econ

Advice to our current middle-school students? Don't stress too much and enjoy the transition because it will go by fairly quickly



Caden Parlett '18

What have you become involved with in High School? I have become involved in football and wrestling since freshman year. I was on JV football last year and I am playing Varsity now. I have wrestled varsity since freshman year. This year I also became a student ambassador. I am also

running track this year.

How did TPS prepare you for high school? TPS prepared me for the college prep classes at Justin Siena and has made it much easier to take and do well in harder classes.

How was the transition from Presentation to Justin-Siena? The transition to high school was pretty easy for me. The small class sizes is very much alike TPS and you really get to connect with each teacher individually.

What classes are you most enjoying right now?

My favorite class right now is probably honors principals of engineering because we get to build and design things and it's super fun.

Advice to our current middle-school students? If I could give some advice to TPS students it would be to take your classes in middle school seriously because a lot of the stuff you learn actually comes up in high school classes. I would also recommend doing sports and anything that gets you involved in the school community because Justin is a truly special community.

Katie O'Neil, '15

What have you become involved with in High School? Since starting at Justin-Siena, I have gotten involved Guys and Dolls, Encore (spring musicals), OurTown (fall play), worked in Justin-Siena's tech crew, joined Cross Country, joined Litmag, became a student ambassador, and joined Comedy Sports.

How did TPS prepare you for high school? Presentation prepared me for high school through their progressive work load, and focus on the English/ Humanities department.

How was the transition from Presentation to Justin-Siena?

Near the end of my time at Presentation school, I had a deep connection with my teachers and knew that I was going to miss them a lot once I went into high school. I had also become somewhat antisocial and figured that my focus would be more on my studies rather than my connection with others. When I came to Justin-Siena, I was excited for the new opportunities being opened up to me, but I was also nervous (as anybody would be with this transition). What I came to find was that I was entering an extremely loving community and I ended up feeling comfortable right away. The teachers at Justin-Siena are extremely caring and will give you help when you need it. Many of my teachers have had a hilarious sense of humor allowing for a more comfortable teaching environment, and many have given me a deeper sense of thought through the discussions we've had in class. If I don't have a class discussion in all my classes, it feels like it's in every other class at least (mostly in my English, religion, or extra curricular classes). I think with any teacher at Justin-Siena, you would be lucky to have them because I have truly learned a lot from them. Aside from academics, I met people who related to me right away. There is a lot to be involved in at Justin-Siena, so it wasn't really a challenge for me to find people with the same interests as me. I thought I was going to be mostly focused on homework through out my time in high school, but by getting involved, I found myself wanting to be with others more so by each experience I'd have. Many of the friends I made freshman year, I am still currently with as a junior, and they are some of the kindest people I've met so far in my life; I know if I am ever facing any struggles that they will be there for me and that I'd do the same for them. I continue to work hard in my studies and extra curricular through the new things I pursue in hopes to find as many likes possible before going off to college. However, as I am doing this, I am in an environment that makes me truly happy and guides me with every step I take.

What are your plans for the future? am hoping to go to college at a school that fits as many of my curiosities possible. I don't really know where that will be yet since I'm a junior and I've only seen a few schools on the east coast, but I'm sure wherever I choose to go that it will be a right fit for me. When I graduate from Justin-Siena, I plan on studying in English, psychology, theatre, journalism, or animation (I'm still pretty undecided, but it will most likely be in English or journalism that I choose to study, ... or animation because I really enjoy art).

What classes are you most enjoying right now? really enjoy my AP Language class, despite its work load because it's challenging me to become more analytical, and a better writer in general. I am also really enjoying my AP Computer Science, AP United States History, and studio art classes. I am hoping next year to take AP Macro and Micro Economics, psychology, AP Literature, become a teachers assistant for my old English teacher Mr. Spears, and either take a higher course for theatre, or Advanced Studio Art.

Advice to our current middle-school students? Don't worry too much about where you go to high school, in the end, you will end up in a good place. As long as you know what you want to peruse,

what makes you happy, and what will benefit you the most in the long run, you should be fine. Also, follow your instincts for sure, I couldn't decide between two schools for a long time. I saw equal benefits from both schools I was looking at causing me to be frustrated longer than I needed to be. The final factor that helped me choose was which place was going to lead me in the direction I wanted to go in as a person. The place I chose is a place for those that are hard-working, active, and dedicated to themselves/ future; finding out what crowd best suits your benefits will help you choose where to go.

To learn more about Justin-Siena visit
www.justin-siena.org

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