# CAMS PTSO Newsletter - February 2014
A Newsletter for the California Academy of Math and Science PTSO Community

## PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)

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<td>2nd Wednesday every month from 6:30-8:00 pm</td>
<td>Please make sure that you add CAMS to your <strong>Community Rewards</strong> cards at Ralphs, Food 4 Less and Target.</td>
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We are continuing our School Giving program which asks you to pledge a direct donation to CAMS that we’ll use to help fund school projects and support student activities. We ask you to remember that CAMS is a public high school with FREE tuition that provides your students with an education equal to many high priced private schools. We will accept payments in any denomination at any time throughout the year.

## CAMS Foundation News

### ALUMNI LUNCHEON – CAMS Annual Holiday Alumcheon
welcomed back several students from past years. It is always nice to have former students on campus to let us know how they are doing and what they are looking forward to in their future career. The Foundation is currently requesting contact information for all of the CAMS alumni to build a contact database so we can keep our alumni informed about CAMS activities and news. If you know any CAMS alumni, please ask them to send us their contact information so we can add them to our database.

### Taste of CAMS – The 6th annual Taste of CAMS event was held on Friday, October 19. We are happy to report that the event was quite successful and we estimated that over 1000 people came out to enjoy the event. Thank you to all the parents and students who came, especially the ones who helped out and volunteered their time. Special thanks to Mayor Jim Dear for taking time out of his busy schedule to stop by and say a few words. Overall, we are very pleased that the event generated over $6800 which has been shared by the ASB, PTSO and Foundation. Can’t wait to do this again!

## Who’s Who --- Gene Almeida

I have been in education for 20 years - all in secondary education. My heart is in the classroom and love teaching students about all things social studies. I started off teaching middle school students for LAUSD, then moved to teach in Washington DC for one year around the Capitol, using the monuments and government people as resources for teaching. I eventually came to CAMS soon after to a fabulous social studies department that had started History Day, a Business Entrepreneurial Expo, Capital Markets competition, Los Angeles World Affairs Council, etc. When I arrived here I was asked by the Principal to start a Negotiations Project where tenth grade students learned a country perspective and then proposed solutions to world problems both on-line and face to face with other high school students. I have served as the CAMS Dean for a couple of semesters now, but have always followed the axiom of one of my favorite UC Berkeley professors, Sandy Muir, "Where there is a need, fill it."

## WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the following events: Membership Drive, PTSO meetings, SAT/ACT Hybrid Test – 11/16/13, Corsages, Holiday Pies; CAMS Holiday event ( all who helped to hand out all the Trees, Poinsettias, Wreaths, and Garland on Dec 6th)

Thank you to all these volunteers who have hosted the monthly breakfast/lunch for CAMS staff:

- **September:** Sandy Diep, Victoria Tran and Renee Rios
- **October:** Paulina Meza, Kimberly Sieloff and Yolanda Saucedo
- **November:** Bill McGuine, Michelle Washington and Isabel Villasenor
- **December:** Rosa Rasmussen, Wendy Winters and Trina Iovine
- **January:** Jasmine Cameron, Kimberly Sieloff and Junko Morinaga

## UPcomings EVENTS

- **02/12/14 – PTSO Meeting**
- **02/13/14 – last day to buy Valentine Candygrams from Class of 2016. Delivery on 2/14/14.**
- **02/14/14 – Class of 2014 Skate Night at Toyota Sports Center, 7:15-9:15 pm; $10 including skate rental, laser light show, and DJ!**
- **02/21/14 – Club Rush**
- **02/22/14 – History Day**
- **02/28/14 – Class of 2017 Casual Dance Gold-Brennan double room. $3 presale/$5 door. Food/drinks for $1 ea.**

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