



# The Lighthouse Reflector

September 2, 2022

*"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."--Isaiah 40:31*

**Reminder: NO SCHOOL MONDAY FOR  
LABOR DAY**

## Handshake: High School Ice Breaker and Welcome

On Wednesday, August 17, our high school students connected in "Handshake", a welcome mixer for high school students on the first day of school. Enjoy some photos and descriptions.



The Handshake event began with all of the high school students gathered on the basketball court organized by class. The S.A. officers explained the games and then asked each class to try and scream the loudest to show support for their class.



Keigo, a new sophomore student, shared “I was kind of nervous because it was my first day of school but I could talk with other students. There was an opportunity to talk with students so I wasn’t alone.”



The first game the students played required a “volunteer” from each class to stand in a bucket of ice water while the students took turns breaking a frozen shirt until it could be untied and worn by the volunteer. Emma, a junior, shared “You had to smack it a lot and it isn’t the easiest thing. When the timer was going down it was sad because the juniors had one knot, they got it out when the timer went off and we were like “why can’t they count it” so we got 2nd place”.



Bianca, a Sophomore shared, “Jason was ‘volun-told’ to be our volunteer for the Sophomore class. Despite this, he was a good sport about it.”



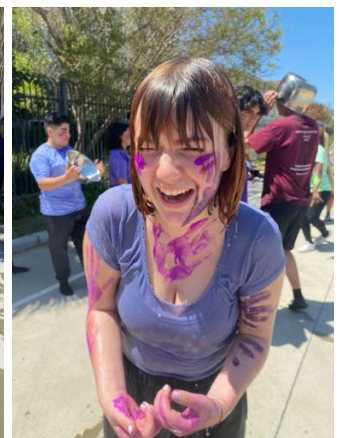
Next, the students got in class groups in four corners of the field and placed all of their shoes in the middle. Students took turns running to grab shoes from the pile, and the class that retrieved the most pairs of shoes won this event.



The next game was two classes competing against each other to see who could move a bucket of water over their head with their eyes closed, passing water to the end of the line. The class with the most water, who got through the most people, won.



Emma, a junior, said "I liked the water bucket one because my friends poured the whole bucket on me. Two actually."





Valeria, another Sophomore shared, “I liked that S.A. had us include body paint in a color chosen for our class. Bianca wrote Sophomores on her arm and a number 25 on her cheek.”



The students created class “flags” for the next game and then these were judged based on creativity, artistic expression and have each student sign.



For the final game, students were numbered and then took turns competing against each other with pool noodles and water balloons. Leo, a Sophomore shared, “I liked the noodles and water balloons. That game was cool. That was my favorite game. At the end everyone grabbed a water balloon and threw water balloons at them.”

The day ended with everyone lining up to give one another a handshake, hug or high five and then the students and staff enjoyed popsicles.



Here are a few more quotes from our Publications students about the event:

It was nice to not have to be in class the first day--Alex

It was nice to not be a freshman because last year it was so new and I didn't really know what was going on--Kamilah

Handshake was fun. I liked the games. --Lilia

I think this year there was a lot more involvement. I think more people interacted with people from other classes.--Jareth

I think it is a good activity to start the year off I felt welcomed.--Emma



## PFE Mentor Scholarship Update

San Diego Academy is continuing to offer the PFE Mentor Scholarship program. This wonderful program allows a student to be matched with an older mentor for the school year. Students will meet with their mentor once a week (1 hour for K-8 and 2 hours for 9-12) and then write a reflection about their experience. The goal is for this program to be mutually beneficial for both the student and the mentor. Students in grade K-8th grade can apply to earn \$30/hour per week up to \$150/month as a credit towards tuition. High school students will meet 2 hours a week every week and will earn \$800/semester towards tuition. We held an orientation for this program on Aug 25 after back-to-school night and the program is currently FULL, however if K-8 families have not found a mentor for their student by Friday, Sept 9, we will give up their spot to those on the waitlist. High school students will need to have a mentor and be signed up online by Tuesday, Sept 6, otherwise we will open up there spots. Remember the scholarship in high school is "all-or-nothing" and you must meet four 2 hours every week for 14 weeks this semester in order to get paid.

In order to apply, you need to fill out the application and watch an Orientation, even if you have participated in the program before. Please contact the coordinator, Denise Avitia, at [school@sdacademy.com](mailto:school@sdacademy.com) to apply and if you have any questions.

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## San Diego Academy Calendar of Events

Labor Day NO SCHOOL.....	Monday, September 5
Girls' Volleyball game @ Orangewood.....	Wednesday, Sept 7
Girls' Volleyball game @ Preuss.....	Thursday, September 8
Girls' Volleyball game @ Gompers Prep.....	Tuesday, September 13
Picture Day.....	Tuesday, September 13
Boys' Football HOME game against Escondido....	Wednesday, September 14
Girls' Volleyball game @ Health Science.....	Thursday, September 15
Make-up Picture Day.....	Monday, September 19
Boys' Football game @ Redlands.....	Monday, September 19
Girls' Volleyball game @ Cristo Rey.....	Tuesday, September 20
Girls Volleyball HOME game vs Preuss.....	Wednesday, September 21
Girls Volleyball game @ King Chavez.....	Thursday, September 22
Adventist College Fair.....	Thursday, September 22
Leadership camp at Leoni Meadows.....	September 22-24
NO SCHOOL for teacher in-service.....	Monday, September 26
Girls' Volleyball HOME game vs Cambridge.....	Tuesday, September 27
Boys' Football HOME game vs. Mesa Grande.....	Wed, September 28
Girls' Volleyball HOME game vs SET.....	Thursday, September 29
S.A. High School Casual Banquest.....	Sunday, October 1
Elementary Week of Prayer.....	Mon, Oct 3 - Fri, Oct 7
NO SCHOOL for teacher in-service.....	Monday, October 10

