



PARENT NEWSLETTER #8

FINAL NEWSLETTER!
RECAPPING 2024 &
LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUMMER!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

WOW! WOW! WOW!

What a wonderful four weeks we have had for our “Page to Stage” program this year! From auditions to final performances, these campers have given 100% every step of the way. We are so proud, as we are every year, of what they were able to accomplish in such a short amount of time; the talent and dedication here at CTS is alive and well! “Finding Nemo,” “Spongebob,” and “Little Mermaid” are truly going to be remembered as some CTS favorites!

Week 8 was filled, of course, with dress rehearsals and final shows...but we have done so much more! We all had a chance to - literally - go “under the sea” at the Natatorium, perform skits and talent shows, sooooo much teambuilding and sooooo much fun!

A very special thank you, parents and guardians, for your patience, understanding, and support with everything this summer. You have been an absolute joy to get to know this year (and, many of you, for several years!) and we cannot wait to have you join us next summer! Look forward to registration opening around November 1...and **DO NOT HESITATE!** CTS is officially the largest camp on campus and spots fill us fast!

We would like to challenge you to ask your camper the following questions at home:

- What did you learn about theatre today?
- What did you learn about yourself?

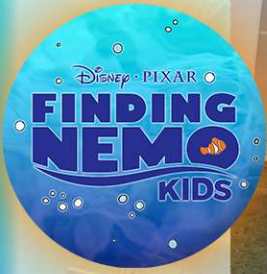


We have had quite a few campers exhibit extraordinary hospitality, involvement, and gusto this week; our campers and staff have truly cultivated a sense of camaraderie this summer! These campers are proving to be good students, good performers, good people. Going above and beyond in helping others feel welcome exemplifies exactly what CTS stands for. Congratulations to the ALL of our campers for receiving awards for outstanding achievement in theatrical arts!

Thanks for your excellence and kindness, friends!



UNDER THE SEA!



We are missing a few faces from these cast pics...
but so many wonderful memories were made this summer!
For more pictures, visit the **BUNK1** app!

AND SO IT ENDS...

Our "Page to Stage" closing activities are very special...and a bit of a secret! Fair warning: you will likely see your camper crying at the end of the day today...but I promise they are good tears! We have all made so many new friends and new memories this summer. The last day of camp is sad for all of us, to be sure, but we know we will meet again next summer for even more CTS magic!

Campers and staff created and shared the ever-popular paper plate awards, as well as our show directors handing out a few special props as keepsakes for deserving campers.

A few all-camp were given out as well:

CHIEF HAPPINESS OFFICER, BE PREPARED, NEW KID ON THE BLOCK, EL CAPITAN, YES AND!?, CHARACTER ACTOR, THE SHOW MUST GO ON, ADEPT, STEADFAST, BUTTERFLY, & DIRECTOR AWARD!



FINAL THOUGHTS

The Starfish Story: one step towards changing the world

Once upon a time, there was an old man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach every morning before he began his work. Early one morning, he was walking along the shore after a big storm had passed and found the vast beach littered with starfish as far as the eye could see, stretching in both directions.

Off in the distance, the old man noticed a small boy approaching. As the boy walked, he paused every so often and as he grew closer, the man could see that he was occasionally bending down to pick up an object and throw it into the sea. The boy came closer still and the man called out, "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?"

The young boy paused, looked up, and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean. The tide has washed them up onto the beach and they cannot return to the sea by themselves," the youth replied. "When the sun gets high, they will die, unless I throw them back into the water."

The old man replied, "But there must be tens of thousands of starfish on this beach. I am afraid you will not really be able to make much of a difference."

The boy bent down, picked up yet another starfish and threw it as far as he could into the ocean. Then he turned, smiled and said, "It made a difference to that one!"

"You should not have to give your voice to be heard."

"You never know the true value of a moment until it becomes a memory."

"When life gets you down, do you know what you gotta do? Just keep swimming."

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS SUMMER! WE CANNOT WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR!

Please remind your child how awesome they are and how much they are loved.

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