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Dear Parents,

Congratulations. Your son or daughter has excelled in academic excellence and therefore qualifies for membership in California Scholarship Federation. CSF is a state-wide organization that honors outstanding high school students. Membership in CSF is established each semester and emphasizes service in the school and the community while fostering pride in scholastic achievement.

Our formal initiation induction ceremony will be held in the fall. Students in the second semester of the tenth grade and in grades eleven and twelve who meet the requirements are eligible for "semester" membership. Associate members are non-voting members honored in the first semester of their tenth grade year and second semester of their 9th grade year whose grades meet CSF requirements. Meetings are held in room 648 on Thursday's of each month during lunch with our first general meeting on September 18. We will have an information meeting to help new members complete the application on Thursday, September 11 in room 648 during lunch.

During graduation ceremonies, eligible active members are recognized by their symbolic attire including member pin, gold cords and tassels in recognition of their academic excellence. At the time of graduation, the chapter seal† is placed upon the diplomas of Life (seal bearer) member students, and also this achievement is indicated on their permanent transcript. Each year colleges and universities throughout the United States award scholarships to CSF members.

Guidelines for membership must be met for each qualifying semester. The student must apply for membership by Friday, October 31, 2014 for the current semester. The membership donation is \$8 each qualifying semester. In addition, CSF community involvement is a requirement for membership in CSF. There are many opportunities to earn CSF community service points during each semester through tutoring, community/sports activities and community service opportunities. Please see Mrs. Santelices, if you have a question regarding community involvement. In order to become a member, the student needs to meet with their counselor to obtain signed grade approval, submit their application to the bookkeeper and retrieve their membership card from Mrs. Santelices, room 648, upon completion of all steps. Grades earned in the second semester of the twelfth grade count toward life (seal bearer) membership. Students must reapply each semester.

I may be reached in room 648 or by e-mail at <u>dsantelices@murrieta.k12.ca.us</u> for questions. Sign up for message reminders on Remind 101 via text to **(702) 425-5265** with @csfm in the message body to receive important reminders. We look forward to a great year ahead in excellence and achievement.

Yours truly,

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