



# ENDEAVOR EXPLORERS

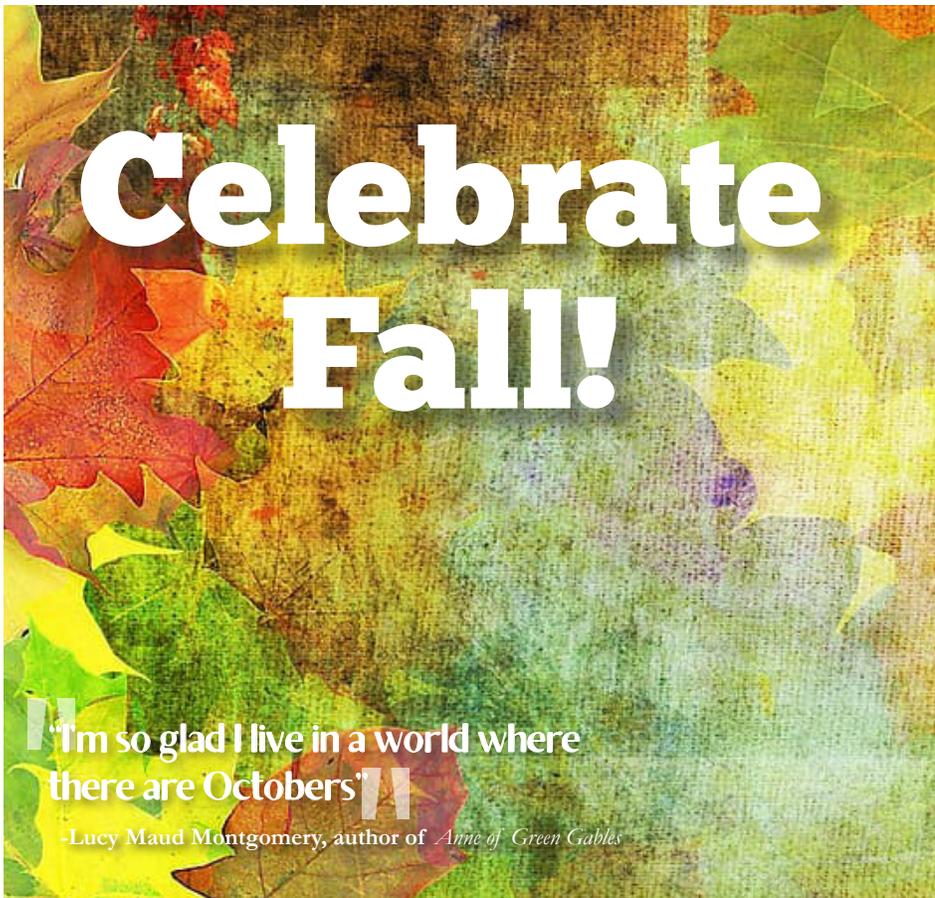
Personalized Learning  
Public Charter School

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# NEWSLETTER

October 2021



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR Important Dates

### OCTOBER

- Oct. 1 • LP 2 Attendance Due
- Cross Country - Madera
- Oct. 7 • Endeavor CharterTalk
- Oct. 13 • PSAT Assessment
- Oct. 15 • Cross Country - Fresno
- Oct. 18 - 22 • Fall Break - NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 22 • Cross Country - Clovis
- Oct. 29 • LP 3 Attendance Due
- Spelling Bee signup deadline
- Oct. 30 • Cross Country - Kingsburg

### NOVEMBER

- Nov. 9 • Board Meeting
- Nov. 11-12 • Veterans Day Break - NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 22-26 • Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 26 • LP 4 Attendance Due



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### WSCS BOARD MEETING

No October meeting. Meetings will resume  
November 9 at 2:00 p.m.

This meeting will be by teleconference pursuant to  
Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.

[CLICK HERE  
for more information](#)

# ENDEAVOR CHARTER SCHOOL

DEADLINE TO  
ORDER IS OCTOBER 15

 SCHOLASTIC

"As the largest children's book publisher in the world, Scholastic is entrusted with the promotion of literacy through books for millions of kids of all ages and reading levels. Our mission is built on helping children learn to read and love to read."  
-Scholastic Mission Statement

**Book Clubs**

## ONLINE ONLY

Scholastic Book Club is now available for all TK-12 Students at Endeavor Charter School!

### Find books for less than \$2.00!

- Type in "book" in the search bar at the top of the page
- A filter will appear on the left-hand side bar
- Click the drop-down menu for "Price" and click the box with \$1 to \$2
- All books less than \$2.00 will appear!

### Shipping Options:

- Spend \$1.00 - \$24.00: Free shipping to our school or \$6.50 shipping directly to your home
- Spend \$25.00 or More: Free shipping directly to your home

### How to Order:

- Go to: [clubs.scholastic.com](http://clubs.scholastic.com)
- Click on CONNECT TO TEACHER >
- Enter 5-Digit Class Code: RDYRJ
- You should now see TEACHER'S NAME: Nancy Turner and NAME OF SCHOOL: ENDEAVOR CHARTER SCHOOL
- Click CREATE AN ACCOUNT
- Type in your information and click CONTINUE
- You are now linked to Endeavor Charter School and you can start shopping!

If you have questions, contact Nancy Turner at [nturner@wscsfamily.org](mailto:nturner@wscsfamily.org) or #248-0471 extension 217.

# CLASS OF 2022 **GRAD NITE** AT



**DATE:** Thursday May 19th, 2022

**COST:** Approximately \$125 depending on the number of students who sign up and fundraising efforts.

**A \$25 deposit is due on October 15th** and this is the **last day** to sign up for Grad Nite. Payment can be made at the front office.

**\$100 balance is due February 7th, 2022.** (Balance may be \$0 after fundraiser- students on Grad Nite roster will be notified of actual remaining balance per student).

Contact Greg Hill at [ghill@wscsfamily.org](mailto:ghill@wscsfamily.org) if you have any questions.



# tech corner

*Useful tools for this year's adventures!*

Phil Blas - IT Coordinator

**Hello Western Sierra Charter Schools families! Welcome once again to an exciting and adventurous Tech Corner!**

October's installment brings to you a technology we have been working on for a few months now: the Clever Student Portal! This is a "one-stop-shop" for your students to access all the websites and applications currently available from our schools! There are a lot of resources already available in Clever and, in the near future, we will be enabling a "badge" login feature for the Chromebooks! More information on this feature will be sent via ParentSquare and your advising teachers.

### Clever:

Accessing the Clever Portal is easy using this link:



<https://clever.com/in/wscsfamily>

Students simply need to login using their school email account and password (the same information you use to login to the Chromebooks) and you are good to go!

Additional instructions for logging into Clever can be found at the following link:

[https://support.clever.com/hc/s/articles/115002717307?language=en\\_US](https://support.clever.com/hc/s/articles/115002717307?language=en_US)

This link also includes helpful troubleshooting steps if you can't login for some reason.

While there are a lot of features available to students, we are always looking to improve. We welcome any input you may have!

Please feel free to reach out to me via email ([pblas@wscsfamily.org](mailto:pblas@wscsfamily.org)) if you have any ideas!

*Phil Blas has been with Western Sierra Charter Schools since 2018 and possesses a Bachelor of Science Degree in Technical Management and a Master of Science Degree in Information Systems Management with a concentration in Information Systems Security. He currently teaches IT CTE courses for grades 9-12 and maintains a partnership with Infragard and membership with CSTA.*

## HANDY LINKS



# FEATURED FAMILY

## The Chugg Family

Article by Diane Vaccaro

**C**hristine Chugg began homeschooling her son, Adam, 2 years ago when he was in 3rd grade. A traditional seat-based classroom was not providing the right environment for him to learn. Driven by a large dose of curiosity, Adam is continually asking questions about what things are, how they work, and if something can be done differently. So, she decided to bring him home and let his curiosity drive his learning. The next school year, Annabelle, a first grader, came home to learn as well.

This decision has been rewarding for both Christine and her children. Staying home allowed so much more flexibility in how information is delivered and what her children can do to discover and communicate what they learn. For example, Adam has created a “Science Garden.” He calls it this not because he’s learning about plant parts and what plants need to grow, but rather because he’s experimenting with what can grow. Right now, he’s tending to a rice paddy. He’s curious to find out if he can grow rice here in Fresno, or what he might need to do differently if the rice doesn’t grow. Annabelle has a garden as well, but her curiosity is moving her to learn about how to make plants grow more quickly and what plants grow faster than others.

Christine enjoys watching her children learn together. They would not have been in class

together at her neighborhood school. But at home, they share their curiosities and learning, strengthening what they learn and strengthening their friendship. The family can also take off on adventures that reinforce lessons or take an adventure ignited by a curious question.

The flexibility of homeschooling has also allowed Christine to take charge of her own schedule. She



now teaches Math to our high school students at Endeavor. Having her own children enrolled in our program allows her to be creative with her teaching at home, her schedule, and her job. As with all of our families, the benefits of being a part of Endeavor go far beyond

the task of teaching children. The whole family reaps the benefit of parent-led education.

The personalized learning model of Endeavor Charter continues to be a great fit for the Chugg family. Adam and Annabelle are exploring their curiosities across subjects, both together and separately. The ability to be flexible with what they learn and how they learn can mean changing lesson plans and searching for new lesson ideas, sometimes in the middle of the week or middle of a lesson, but watching children become curious and find answers makes it all worth it.

# RESOURCE SHOWCASE

New to Endeavor  
this Year!



## ENDEAVOR CharterTalk

"Parent workshops for busy families."

Join us the 1st Thursday of every month for a 30 minute Zoom chat! We will explore topics related to educational research and your homeschooling journey!

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 7th, 12:00 - 12:30 (our first CharterTalk!)

**WHERE:** Via Zoom! (Zoom Link will be sent out via Parent Square)

*Grab your lunch and join us from your own kitchen, while waiting in a parking lot or sitting with friends in your favorite cafe!*

\*Note: All Endeavor CharterTalks will be recorded, but to participate or pose questions, please join us live!

### OCTOBER TOPIC:

#### Proactive Strategies for Challenging Times

- Meet our new School Psychologist, Kira Armbruster for an overview of community resources

# THE BREAKROOM

Staff Feature

NEW INSTRUCTORS



Meet one of our new teachers, Julie Schiro!

## Title/Role

K-8 Advising Teacher

## Family Make-Up

I come from a large family and have 6 older brothers! I have been married for 24 years this month and I have two boys, 14 and 10 years old.

## What is your background/education?

I have taught in the classroom for 18 years (Kindergarten, 4th, and 2nd grades), also acting as Vice Principal for 2 years.

## What does a typical workday for you look like?

Meeting with families and teaching my 2nd grade enrichment classes on Mondays and Wednesdays.

## What is the most challenging part of your position?

Just getting used to new routines and procedures.

## What do you like best about your career choice?

I love working with all the great families and staff at Endeavor, my absolute favorite part of the job is seeing former students and seeing what they are up to.

## What is the first career goal you remember having as a young person?

Not so much a career goal, but while growing up, my goal was to play volleyball in the Olympics.

## Did you follow any part of that original goal?

Not really, after getting cut from the volleyball team...I put more effort into basketball and ended up playing basketball for LAVC Junior College.

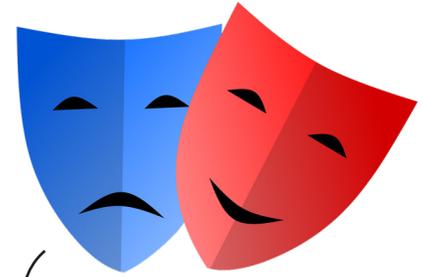
## Do you have any other interests/pursuits?

I love crafting and creating so much so, that during the pandemic I started an ETSY shop. I also love to read and spend time with my family...and I love doing these things at the beach!



# Drama Class

with Brandon Mallard



*"The Play's the Thing!"*  
- Playwright, William Shakespeare

The High School and Middle School Drama classes are excited to announce the following projects available soon via video:

## Alice in Wonderland

See the trailer here!

**CLICK HERE  
to watch the trailer!**



## Coming soon: Frankenstein

More projects coming in spring and hopefully...  
live and back on stage!

*For more information and the links to the full videos of  
both Alice in Wonderland and Frankenstein, contact  
Instructor, Brandon Mallard at  
bmallard@wscsfamily.org*

ELEMENTARY



# Spelling Bee!

Families with 4th through 8th graders,  
sign up for our Endeavor Charter  
School Spelling Bee!

**WHEN:** Friday, January 28, 2022

**WHERE:** Endeavor Charter School - West Building

**SIGN-UP DEADLINE:** Friday, Oct. 29th at 3:00 p.m.

**CONTACT/SIGN UP INFO:** Email Nancy Turner at [nturner@wscsfamily.org](mailto:nturner@wscsfamily.org) (or via ParentSquare) with the name and grade level of your child

"Bee" there or  
"bee" square!



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Spelling word lists to study will be available in November
- The top 2 Endeavor Spellers from the 4th-6th grade division and the top 2 Endeavor Spellers from the 7th-8th grade division will advance to the Fresno County Spell-Off in March, 2022
- The Fresno County Spell-Off is a qualifier for the Scripps National Spelling Bee!

**ATTENTION FAMILIES WITH FOURTH GRADERS!**

**FREE PASS AVAILABLE TO ALL FEDERAL LANDS  
AND WATERS!**

For more information, go to:  
<https://everykidoutdoors.gov/index.htm>



## HIGH SCHOOL



### COUNSELOR'S CORNER

with Greg Hill

#### College/University Application Information:

California State University & University of California applications open on **October 1st!** They are both due on November 30. Apply online.

#### University Application Instructions

California State University

[CLICK HERE  
for CSU Application](#)

University of California

[CLICK HERE  
for UC Application](#)

Private University: Deadline varies

#### Local Community College Applications:

Seniors interested in attending one of our local community colleges should apply with priority registration through the “Registration To Go” Program:

The State Center Community College District (SCCCD) is comprised of Fresno City College, Oakhurst Center, Madera Community College, Clovis Community and Reedley College.

#### Local Community College “Registration To Go” Instructions

1. Application available Oct. 1st
2. Online Orientation: November/December
3. Counseling / Advising with Student Educational Plan: Feb/March
4. Register for Classes: April if above steps are completed

#### Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Other Money Matters

For seniors planning on attending any university/college or a career technical school the FAFSA application opens October 1st.

[CLICK HERE  
to Apply for FAFSA](#)

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)

This test will be offered and administered on **October 13th, 2021 at 9 AM (onsite)**

Test Fee: \$18 - payable in the front office. Exact cash or check is acceptable. Fee waiver available for 11th graders if needed.

The PSAT tests students in reading, writing and math skills. This test is designed to help students prepare for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

#### Endeavor Charter School Website:

<https://www.endeavorcharter.org/collegecareer-readiness.html>

Check out the new College & Career Readiness Tab located on the school website!

Please email me at [gill@wscsfamily.org](mailto:gill@wscsfamily.org) if you have any questions about anything!

### RACE SCHEDULE:

- Oct. 1 • Madera Invitational
- Oct. 15 • Rough Rider Invitational
- Oct. 22 • Clovis Twilight Invitational
- Oct. 30 • John Seaman Invitational



Zachary placed 5th in the Sophomore 2 mile race at the Kingsburg Invitational!

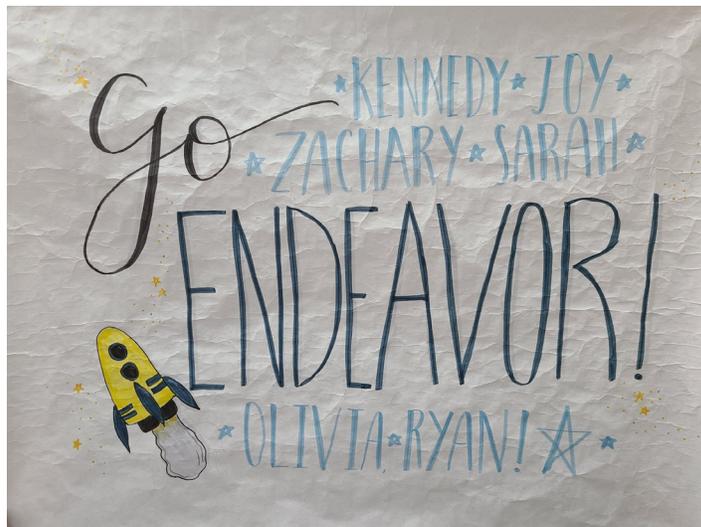
For more information on how to support our team, contact Coach Stephanie at [sganzenhuber@wscsfamily.org](mailto:sganzenhuber@wscsfamily.org)

# COACH'S CORNER.

With Coaches Stephanie Ganzenhuber & Kathrine Burton



Left to right: Sarah, Olivia, Kennedy, Joy, Zachary, Ryan



Team encouragement!

# STAFF DIRECTORY

## *Endeavor Charter School*

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NAME	EXTENSION	PRIMARY ASSIGNMENT
Eric Hagen	203	Co-Principal/Tech Admin
Nancy Garcia	202	Co-Principal Fresno
Marianne Lord	200	Admin Secretary
Rosanna Carrasco	222	Receptionist
Julie Schiro	224	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Brandon Mallard	229	Adjunct Teacher/Drama
Brook Hirata	204	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Katelyn Carter	210	Student Support Director
Diane Vaccaro	206	TK-8 Advising Teacher/9-12 Leadership
Grace Reeve	201	9-12 Advising Teacher
Greg Hill	220	Guidance Counselor
Irina Buca	205	9-12 Advising Teacher
Renee Johnson	225	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Margaret Den Hartog	207	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Nancy Flynn	228	Math Adjunct Teacher/Tutor
Nancy Turner	217	TK-8 Advising Teacher/E.L. Coordinator
Phil Blas	218	CTE Teacher/IT Coordinator
Sandra Hammond	215	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Christine Chugg	230	H.S. Math Teacher
Stephanie Ganzenhuber	209	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Susan Huey	226	Advising Teacher 9-12/English
Katherine Burton	216	Advising Teacher K-8/RSP Teacher
Marcia Souza	208	Advising Teacher 9-12
Michael Cox	(559) 642-1422 ext. 102	WSCS Director
Jody Jeffers	(559) 642-1422 ext. 117	Chief Business Officer

Email addresses for all staff are: first initial and last name @wscsfamily.org (no spaces)

### SUPPORT STAFF

Jacob Mulick - English/Graphic Design • Mrs. Gaviria - Spanish • Mrs. Kelly - Science • Mrs. Llanos - K Teacher  
 Kelly Lord - Office and TA • Brandon Mendez - Music • Mr. McGough - Integrated Drawing/Art •  
 Bee Lor - Custodian