



# ARHS BOARDING PROGRAM NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY

## Family & Friends of the Boarding Program,

February was filled with adventure and new experiences! This month students ran a 5K in support of the Special Olympics, went zip lining through the Redwood Forest, cheered at two Warrior's games, enjoyed snowboarding in Tahoe, dined out in Japantown, attended a college application workshop, watched the Super Bowl at our annual party and volunteered at the SF Food Bank. In addition, we hosted our first International Student Social to integrate with local students! We will begin collecting travel information for students traveling over the Easter Vacation April 12th-April 23rd. The dorm will close at 5:00PM on April 12th. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the boarding program!

-The ARHS Boarding Team



**IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER**  
for the 2017-2018 Academic Year  
**August 10th- First House Orientation**

### Boarding's Best February 2016

**ACADEMICS:** Fred Chen

**ACTIVITIES:** Thang Vo

**COMMUNITY:** Bill Qian

There will be more information provided regarding the House System which will be implemented during the next school year. Orientations will begin **August 10th**. It is **MANDATORY** for all students to attend orientation. The dormitory will open August 10th after orientation. Please plan to come back to school on this date.

Each month an ARHS student is recognized for Riordan's Best in Academics, Athletics and Campus Ministry. Leo (Ziyang) Lei is our second boarder to win a Riordan's Best award and our first boarder to win for Activities! We are beyond excited and proud of Leo! We sat down with Leo to see what lead him to this great accomplishment.

**How do you feel that you were awarded Riordan's Best?**

I feel proud of myself. I didn't know I would get it. After Mr. Klobas told me I was so excited!

**What made you excited about receiving this award?**

I worked so hard and finally got something in return for it!

**What advice would you give to students who are striving to get Riordan's Best as well?** Join more activities and work hard with that group. With academics I always preview before teachers lecture and I review after. This has always helped me.

**Who is a teacher that has inspired you?**

Mr. Souza. When he was the band instructor he helped me a lot and encouraged me as well. The first day of my freshmen year at Riordan I saw that I was scheduled to have band and was absolutely going to quit. However, after seeing how Mr. Souza lectured and listening to him just one time I decided to stay in band. This is a true story. Band is Life.

**What activities are you currently involved in?** Band, Kung Fu Club, H.O.W Club and Student Government

**How do you suggest boarding students get more involved?**

During freshmen year join as many clubs or sports as possible and stick to them. Sophomore year choose the ones you liked the best and dedicate time to them. Junior and Senior year try and get leadership roles in the clubs you are most interested in.

**What is one of your favorite things about Riordan?**

Everything involving band. The experience at competitions is the best and the worst. We put a lot into it, but when I am play I can't help but feel so proud.

**How has being a part of the boarding program helped you get to this point?**

It's very convenient to live here! I attend meetings, do activities, meet with teachers and do my homework all on campus! All of my resources are right here!



Our newest RA, Coach Tony Roulhac, has taken over the ARHS Rugby Team. This team includes 8 of our boarding students. Kai Li (10), Jerry Li (10), Harry Li (10), John Mao (9), Bill Qian (12), Ray Vu (11), Hubert Wu (9) and Edward Chau (12) are all members. Many of the students have never played rugby and are learning the sport for the first time with their crusader brothers. The students have been working very hard and are looking forward to their first match in March!

In addition we have two boarding program students on the Tennis Team, freshmen Winston Wang and Fred Chen. We are proud of all of our boarders and their dedication!



Photos taken by boarding student Dong Dong Tao (12)