

Dear Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff,

As the new 2023-24 School year begins, I wanted to take a moment to welcome you all back. I am sure like me and my family, the summer went by too fast, but it's great that we are all together again.

First, I want to thank all the families, the CCC, and additional supporters that came out and helped make our campus look so beautiful. The energy and vibrancy on campus was just great to see on the first day of school!

Second, I wanted to formally welcome the new and Continuing leaders of our Charter Community Connection (CCC)

- 1. President: Krissy Kyjovsky + Maeve Smith
- 2. Vice President: Kate Cherry + Ashley Wexler
- 3. Treasurer: Christina Burnett
- 4. Secretary: Liz Sebastiani
- 5. Governing Board Rep: Belli Skinner
- 6. English Learners Advisory Committee: Yolanda Rodriguez + Laura Serna
- 7. Teacher Rep: Brittany Jones
- 8. District Meeting Representative: Cristin Monich

They have great events planned for this school year, and I can't wait to support them! Please make sure you reach out to them if you are interested in getting involved in the school community or want to help at a specific event. I know we can always use help. I also want to recognize our other organization Padres de Familia led by Mrs. Yolanda and Dr. Sowers. They are doing great collaborative things with the CCC.

Finally, I wanted to briefly share with you information about our Annual Giving Campaign. Many of you probably know about it, but I just wanted to remind you and educate new parents. The campaign consists of the Enrichment Fund and the Class Fund. In the materials provided there are details about each fund, but the bottom line is we as parents can directly impact our children's lives in many ways. That option is the beauty of Sonoma Charter School and its community.

Please understand that this is NOT required, but rather a way to enrich the already wonderful experiences that the children will have throughout the year with each other, teachers, and the greater Sonoma community. It is whole-child education that makes Sonoma Charter School a special place!

Thank you so much for taking the time to listen to me today and please feel free to take a moment to introduce yourself at the morning ceremony or come to a board meeting. All thoughts and opinions are welcome. I look forward to a fun and successful 2023-2024 School year!

Regards, Belli Skinner

SCS Board President



