



CSN Students, Faculty & Staff



Upper School Band



HAPPY FORTIETH, CSN!

The morning of March 10 was a perfect day for all the students, faculty, and staff of Community School of Naples to gather in the John N. Allen Family Stadium to celebrate its fortieth anniversary. Accompanied by music from the 80s, over 950 students and their teachers dressed in white and



blue T-shirts (designed by eighth graders Brooke Glick and Gavin Korn) took their seats. On the field sat CSN Board members past and present along with a few other notable guests. The Upper School Band was also on the field, waiting for the moment when their music

performed a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. Head of School Dr. David Watson then welcomed the gathering, saying, "The vision, patience, and generosity of Board members and parents of over many years, together with the dedication and

talent of several generations of teachers and students, have all combined to bring this, our school, to an important milestone in its history... Thank you to all of you who hold CSN dear and who, through your everyday routines of work, play, courtesy, and friendship, continue the legacy of this remarkable school."

Dr. Ryan Chapman then conducted the Upper School Band in a rousing World Premiere performance of "Fanfare for the Fortieth," which he himself wrote and arranged. The musicians included brass, woodwinds, and percussion, and featured junior Max Goldberg on tympani. The crowd was then treated to a video presented on the huge scoreboard screen, which showed the many aspects of the school yesterday and today, including interviews with some of its founders.

A special highlight of the celebration was having a representative student from each division step up to the podium. Fifth grader Kayden Robinson spoke eloquently about *Courage*, saying, "CSN is a great school. Not just for academics, athletics, and making

lifelong friends, but for giving me the courage to do things I would normally have not. That is because CSN always pushes you to do the best you can do... CSN certainly provides courage. Whether that means being ready for the next school year, or standing in front of a thousand people, giving a speech, both require courage." Next, eighth grader Daniela Duque described *Heart* by saying, "The heart of CSN is the people. The same people who welcomed me with open arms to this beloved community. Though it is an honor to be the one up here talking about the heart of CSN, I represent every person here celebrating today... CSN has a heart. A heart that welcomed me three years ago and that has been welcoming other students for forty years." Finally, senior Jacob Baer spoke on *Intellect*, saying, "Rather than going through the motions of just 'doing work,' our school makes a point to put purpose into its actions. 'Busy work' is not offered at CSN, but instead the faculty teaches us how to problem solve and further understand what has been asked of us. This

instructor would signal them to begin. But first, the Middle School Vocal Workshop students, led by Mrs. Rebecca Richardson,



Kayden Robinson



Daniela Duque



Jacob Baer

deeper understanding fosters intellectual curiosity in and out of our classrooms... I can confidently say that for the past forty years, CSN has readied students to jump unsuspected obstacles, challenge ourselves, and most importantly prepare young men and women for their futures."

The Varsity cheerleaders then took the field to perform an exciting routine to Stevie Wonder's "Do I Do" played by the band. CSN Board President John Allen followed with a *Message of Gratitude*, saying, "...The visionary founding Board members are pioneers sitting here beside me: Mrs. Juliet Collier Sproul, Mr. Clarke Swanson and Mr. Tony Ridgway are giants in the history of this school. Their presence here today

stands as testament to the determination and hard work, which was so necessary in those crucial early founding years. It was their bold vision and uncommon commitment that laid the foundation for the storied history of your school... You can learn as much in a tent as you can in a cathedral, given two things: the right teachers and the right attitude to learning from those being taught. And that is the key to our tremendous pride in what has been achieved at Community School over the past four decades."

The celebration concluded with a group of fifth graders and Mrs. Richardson leading the crowd in singing the school song, "CSN, CSN," followed by "Happy Birthday!"

Community School of Naples, the largest PreK-12 independent school in Collier County, was established in 1982. CSN offers a rigorous college preparatory program, and 100 percent of its seniors attend select four-year colleges and universities. The school is located on a 77-acre campus in North Naples.

MIDDLE: Middle School Vocal Workshop
BOTTOM LEFT: Dot Kent, Tony Ridgway, Moe Kent, John Allen, Elizabeth and Clarke Swanson, Judy Sproul, Jennifer Sullivan, David Watson



Georgey Kurasov
In the Cafe
Mixed Media on Canvas
33 x 27

Birth of Myth
Original Oil on Canvas
40 x 40

Lera
Mixed Media on Canvas
28 x 24



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