



Bragging Rights

Councilmember Pete Constant brags to anyone within earshot about the outstanding accomplishments of the schools in District 1. And who can blame him with standout educational institutions such as Lynbrook High School, Murdock-Portal Elementary School, the Harker Schools, Archbishop Mitty High School, and all within the district's boundaries?

Murdock-Portal Elementary is one of the highest performing schools in the Cupertino School District, often listed as one of the top five elementary schools in California and has achieved one of the largest growths in their state standardized testing scores amongst the district's elementary schools. Murdock-Portal teaches in a unique village-type classroom style with a mix of ages learning together with the older students mentoring the younger ones.

The Harker High School and Lynbrook High School campuses have become incubators of nationally sought after talent with two Intel Science Talent Search semifinalists from Lynbrook High School, Bryan Wang and Caroline Suen, along with Ebrahim Senan from the Harker School. Each semifinalist received \$1,000 checks from Intel on January 16, 2008.

Lynbrook High School also made the U.S. News & World Report's Top 100 High Schools list of 2007. Lynbrook High School was listed as number 73 on the list of *America's Best High Schools* and Councilmember Constant presented the school with a commendation at the San José City Council meeting on January 8, 2008. Academics are important to Lynbrook High School but student leadership is also taking up the banner of going green. Eric Walukiewicz, Vice Principal of Lynbrook, notified the Council Office last Friday the school had been awarded a \$3,200 'Go Green' grant to develop green programs on their campus.

Archbishop Mitty High School believes in developing the mind and body and has been recognized in the 2006-07 season by SportsIllustrated.com who ranked the school's sports program as 5th in the nation and 1st in the State of California. To view the article, click here: <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/2007/highschool/06/18/top.10/index.html>. Also in the 2006-07 season Cal Hi Sports.com named Mitty High as the State School of the Year. Mitty has championship teams in women's tennis, women's volleyball, men's basketball, women's basketball, women's soccer, women's track, softball, and women's swimming.

Congratulations to all of these schools; their students, teachers, parents, and administrators have the right to brag on!