

What's Up, Summer 2016?

Description



Hi Friends!

It's summer and our family is enjoying every minute of it. I hope you're taking some time to relax and enjoy a less hectic pace too.

Recently, we spent a week in NYC to vacation and see friends while my daughter spent the week at [Columbia's Scholastic Press Association](#) journalism program for high school students—a fantastic program! She learned a ton and met some great new friends. At night we spent time as a family trying new restaurants, walking in a city where everyone walks a lot and staying up late. We had a lovely dinner with Barry's college roommate and his family at their apartment in the city before they took off for the Hamptons and we flew back to L.A.



Today, my daughter returns from a week at [Newsroom by the Bay](#), a weeklong journalism program at Stanford for students who write for their school newspapers. I highly recommend this program too! When my daughter gets back, sheâ€™ll hang out at home, getting some R&R, doing some community service work and probably spend time cooking with me and baking her delicious chocolate chip cookies. Sheâ€™s also learning how to drive!!! My son is doing an array of sports camps in L.A. again this summer, mostly basketball and soccer. Weâ€™re looking forward to celebrating both my kidsâ€™ birthdays in late July.



Both my kids had eventful school years. My daughter finished 9th grade and my son completed 6th grade, both at Viewpoint School. There were definitely the ups and downs that come with being a mom to a middle-schooler and teenager and some days I definitely felt like Iâ€™d been tossed by the waves, with the currents of parenting swiftly pushing me along against my best efforts. Overall, Iâ€™m extremely proud of both my kids for who they are and what theyâ€™ve accomplished.



Iâ€™ve been taking writing workshops, trying to become a better non-fiction essayist. Iâ€™m in two amazing writerâ€™s groups and I just found out an essay I wrote will be published in a literary journal!

Hope youâ€™re enjoying the long, hot days too!

â€“Christina

P.S. Weâ€™re planning an occasional blog series about middle and high school admissions at the request of our readers. Of course, there will be more to come on the blog about all things pertaining to elementary school admissions too! Posting will be lighter during the summer, naturally.

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