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## NEWS

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### ***Mexican Naval Officer To Speak With Spanish Classes at CSS***

**Colorado Springs, Colo.** – The Colorado Springs School's (CSS) advanced level Spanish classes will hear from a high-ranking Mexican Naval Officer during first period on **Friday, October 31, 2008.** Commander Victor Alarcon is the NORTHCOM Mexican Foreign Liaison Officer and is an officer in the Mexican Navy. The presentation will occur from 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. in classroom 204 of the El Pomar Academic Center on the campus of The Colorado Springs School.

Ms. Marta Kunze, the Spanish V and Advanced Placement teacher, is looking forward to having Commander Alarcon share aspects of his life in Mexico and his experience in the Mexican military. Throughout the year native speakers are brought into the class to talk about their life, profession, family, and the country where they were born. Students are asked to listen for different Spanish accents, take notes in Spanish, write a summary about that person's life according to what they've heard and ask questions to the guest speaker. This exercise enables students to practice a wide range of skills and to participate in a meaningful cultural exchange.

Commander Victor Alarcon is in Colorado Springs as the escort to Admiral Jorge Pastor Goez, chief of the Mexican Navy. Admiral Goez was a speaker at the National Homeland Defense Foundation Symposium VI held at the Broadmoor Hotel, October 28-30, 2008.

#### **About the Colorado Springs School (CSS)**

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for prekindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity. For more information on the Colorado Springs School, please contact Jessica L. James, Director of Communications at (719)434-3506 or visit [www.css.org](http://www.css.org).

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