



Important Information:

Hello CSCA Families and Friends,

I hope the summer season has been one to rest, read and connect with your loved ones. As our CSCA school year is kicking off, I wanted to welcome each of you back to school! It is going to be a great year! Our administrative staff has been working through the summer to prepare facilities, order curriculum, hire staffing as needed, and give placement assessments to our newest students. The hallways, and rooms have been quiet without the students and staff bringing the voices of learning every day, which is why the excitement level has been going up with staff training last week.

You are invited to attend the Ice Cream Social provided by our PTO members, taking place Monday, August 8th at 5:00-6:00 p.m. Traditionally, this has been the night before school starts, but to honor our teaching staff, we have moved it up by one evening. Please feel welcome to bring your child's school supplies to put in their classrooms, check out our tables with Innovation Learning (Before and After school childcare), PTO sign ups, PowerSchool Parent Portal, and more prior to enjoying ice cream provided by PTO in our school cafeteria.

Tomorrow, our K-6 teachers will be training on our Core Knowledge Language Art curriculum. Last week, our staff received Love and Logic training from a certified trainer, which was provided through a grant written for the purpose of providing our staff with a deeper understanding and knowledge that can be used daily with students. We are still interviewing candidates for our MS Science teaching position and have a few positions for Educational Assistants (EA) if you are interested or know of someone who may be interested.

Those of you looking for volunteer opportunities, please check in with our administrative team. We always welcome assistance with Driveline, PTO, among other opportunities. A big shout out goes to several friends and family members for volunteering over the summer putting together desks and bookshelves, cleaning and organizing our basement, assisting teachers moving and setting up classrooms, and volunteering in our community garage sale/artisan booths in our school parking lot! CSCA appreciates the collaborative work with staff and families to make the school a great place for students to learn and grow!

A few changes have taken place and I want to point some of them out to you, so that you may explore them at your convenience. Check out the Parent/Student handbook for minor student uniform changes with the colors of polo shirts now including the forest green color to better display our school color. There are three lunch sections instead of four, so check out the scheduled times. District 11 will be serving lunches again this year, and as it was prior to the changes that took place with COVID, fees will

again be charged for lunch. There will be opportunities for 8th grade to have their lunch break with supervision in the MS courtyard. Classrooms have a standing desk for student use which teachers can adjust and utilize as needed. Cross Country for grades 6, 7, and 8th graders is starting up with Coach Deanna Shrewsbury. There have been staffing changes, including the hiring of an Assistant Head of School, Mrs. Becky Anizell. Feel free to introduce yourselves to Mrs. Anizell and our other staff members. Our Mandatory Parent Night will take place August 25th.

It is an honor to serve your children, to serve our staff members, and to assist each of you as family members as "we kindle enthusiasm to craft bold and effective citizen-scholars". Again, join me and our CSCA Lynx family to make it a great year!

Launching forward,
Mrs. Holmes

Cross Country

Here Ye, Here Ye parents of 6th-8th grade students!! We are excited to re-introduce Cross Country as a competitive sport for our 6th-8th grade boys and girls! If your student has a passion for track and cross country, this is a fantastic opportunity to develop team dynamics and have fun, while improving fitness, endurance, and speed. If your student knows nothing about running but wants to participate in a team sport and get in shape or improve endurance for other sports, this is also a wonderful opportunity for that.

This program is coached by seasoned runner and coach Deanna Shrewsbury. Mrs. Shrewsbury is excited for the opportunity to start the season and develop the cross country program for our awesome middle school students. Practices begin Tuesday August 9th at 3:30pm and will run Mon-Friday throughout the season. The first meet is August 25th, and the final meet to close out the season is October 5th. Please email dshrewsbury@cscharter.org to sign up or for more information.

Handbook Changes

There have been some changes to the dress code, and other areas, in our parent/student handbook. You will be asked to sign a copy for each student at the beginning of the year, please read through the handbook before signing it!

Important Dates:

August 8: Ice Cream Social 5-6pm

August 10: First Day of School NOON DISMISSAL

August 11: PTO meeting in computer lab 6:30pm

August 12: Uniform Exchange in elementary building 2-3 pm

August 25: Mandatory Parent Night 6-7:30pm
