

Principal's Paige

August 27, 2010



Back to School Night

Back to School Night for Kinder-6th grade will be held Thursday, September 2nd. This is an extremely important informational night for **adults only**. Each teacher will be giving his/her presentation twice during the evening. The first presentation will be from 6:00-6:45 and the second from 7:00-7:45. We understand that we have many families here with more than one child attending the school. Hopefully, with two presentations, parents will have the opportunity to obtain the information presented for each of their children.

This is a very important evening for teachers and parents. It is mandatory that all students have a parent attend. If for some reason, there is absolutely no way that someone from your family can be there, you must make prior arrangements with the teacher to get the information. Teachers will be taking attendance.

We will have tables set up in front of the office beginning at 5:30 p.m. for Family and Friends Fund Drive, student planners, school directory, spirit wear, etc. We look forward to seeing you Thursday.

The 7th-8th grade Back to School Night will be held **Wednesday September 8th**. More information about the middle school evening will be coming home via the middle school newsletter.

Family and Friends Fund Drive

Thank you to the many families who have already turned in their pledge cards. We will continue to collect pledge cards next week. We would like all families to return a card to the school. Please mark on the card what you are willing to contribute. Also, please remember that Charter School is a non-profit 503(c) corporation. Many companies will match employee contributions, so we encourage you to check with your employer.

We will be calling people who did not turn in a pledge card. Extra pledge cards are available in the office. Families who have returned a card will be on the Do Not Call List so get your cards in soon!!

All that Jazz

All that Jazz is our annual auction fundraiser. It will be held at a new location this year – Willow Heights Mansion on Willow Springs Road in Morgan Hill. The event will be held on October 1st at 5:00 pm. You can purchase tickets by going on-line to www.csmh.org and clicking on the link or by returning the order form attached to today's e-folder. Tickets are \$85 each and we are limited to only 250 tickets. We have sold out quickly the past few years. You do not want to miss out on this fantastic event. Be sure to order your tickets today!!

Donation Information for All that Jazz

We are currently collecting donations for our annual silent and live auction. You may be thinking – I have nothing to donate. However, I know that all of you have special items, talents and connections. I have listed just a few sample ideas to get you started -

- Round trip airfare (great for those business travelers who have more frequent flier miles than they can ever use)
- Time shares or vacation homes
- Sporting event tickets (you can't possibly make all the games)
- Birthday party packages
- Music lessons
- Anything Golf
- Jewelry
- Dinner parties
- Landscaping service
- Housekeeping
- Home decorating
- Electronic equipment (many companies have items)

This is just a small sample of ideas. Be sure to check out the following link for more ideas –

<http://www.csmh.org/fundraising/auction/2010/wishlist.pdf>

For more information, please contact our auction chair, Lora Knol at lora@loraknoldesigns.com

Family Involvement Team

Have you registered on Volunteer Central and checked out all the great volunteer opportunities available?

Registration on the website is easy. Just go to www.csmh.org, click on the VOLUNTEER CENTRAL TAB, then click on the registration icon. Next, in the lower right hand corner, click on "New PTO Manager User? Click here to register". The registration process can be done in 3 easy steps:

Step 1 – Volunteer Information

Step 2 – Volunteer Interests

Step 3 – Student Information

Be sure to complete all 3 steps. Your registration will not be approved unless all 3 steps are complete, which means you will not have full access to the database and you will not be able to log-in and record your volunteer hours.

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We are asking all families to log in their volunteer hours so that we can collect data on parent involvement. This data will be used during our annual reports, our renewal process and in conjunction with student and school success.

Reminder that all on campus volunteers need to sign-in and sign-out at the office and wear a Volunteer/Visitor badge at all times while on campus.

Hot Lunch

Our hot lunch program with Revolution Foods is in full swing! We are excited to announce that we are now cooking the food on site in a new Retherm Oven that Revolution Foods has provided for us. This new procedure will result in better taste, improved texture and an overall superior product. We have already received positive feedback from both staff and students.

In September you will see new Beef and Bean Nachos, Macaroni and Cheese with Baked Beans, and a robust menu of salad and sandwich options. They will continue to offer classic favorites like Chicken Tamales, Spaghetti and Meatballs, and Grilled Chicken Sandwich. On Back to School night, Revolution Foods will be on site for a tasting of a couple menu items!

Please remember to pack extra drinks for your students! We also offer Milk for \$.50 a carton. Also, remember that Wednesdays at 5pm is the cut off for ordering from Revolution Foods for the following week. There is a link on our CHMH website for ordering directions.

Safety Reminders

- Please drive slowly and cautiously through the parking lot.
- Always cross in the cross walks.
- Do not leave valuables in your car. In the past, we have experienced break-ins!

First Day Packets and Student Handbook

We sent home lots and lots of information the first day of school. We hope that you have had an opportunity to review it, complete all the necessary forms and return it to school.

The school handbook is on our website. We request that you read over the handbook and discuss appropriate sections with your child. Then please sign the handbook acknowledgement paper that is attached to this week's Friday e-folder.

Upcoming Dates

Aug. 31 st	CSMH Board meeting at 7:00 pm
Sept. 2 nd	Back to School Night for K-6 th grades
Sept. 6 th	No School – Holiday
Sept. 7 th – 10 th	School pictures all week
Sept. 8 th	Minimum Day – Staff Development Middle School Back to School Night
Sept. 9 th	YMCA info night at 6:30 pm
Sept. 13 th – 17 th	School pictures all week
Sept. 13 th	Academic Chess
Sept. 20 th	Academic Chess
Sept 22 nd	Minimum Day – Staff Development
Oct. 1 st	All that Jazz Dinner and Auction

Back To School

by Unknown

Today I hurry off to school,

To work and learn and play.

I'm in a brand new grade this year.

What a happy day!