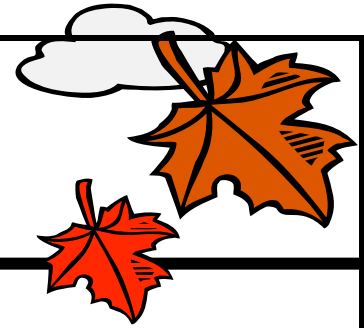


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September 26, 2008



Internet Issues

We are working hard to upgrade and improve the school's internet system. We have some temporary fixes in place as we work toward a long term solution, though fixes have been somewhat erratic. So, please continue to be patient with us. We are receiving most of our e-mails and most of the ones that we are sending are getting to your mailboxes. However, we are discovering that not all of them are coming through and going out. Please do not hesitate to check in if you do not hear from us.

Clos LaChance

Last Friday evening was the Gala Benefit Dinner and Auction at Clos LaChance. It was a beautiful evening – clear skies and warm. CSMH dad and event chef, Charles Lewis, prepared yet another scrumptious meal this year. We are so fortunate to have such a culinary genius at our school who can cook for 250 guests! Thank you to our entertaining auctioneers – Marc Eisenhart (wonderful CSMH dad) and Erika Rawlins (wonderful CSMH teacher). The evening would have never happened if not for the fabulous committee we had to organize the event. Thanks to Shelly Lefore, Suzi King, Mark and Cindy Gion, Stephanie Ochoa, Mary Sue Sochan, Colleen Alger, Juli Hall, Lora Knol, Susan Ruemmler, Michelle Wolf and Susie Wrede. Thank you to Mary Chagnon for keeping the website up to date. Thanks to all of the class reps who worked on projects with the students and collected donations. Thank you also to all the other volunteers who donated time during the evening, to all the donors and to all the event VIPs. Finally, a special thanks to Heather Lacerda who chaired the auction for the past three years. She put in more hours than we can count and we appreciate her commitment and love for CSMH. This was Heather's last year as the event chair – she has handed over the reins to Stephanie Ochoa and Juli Hall.

Remember to check-out and buy photos from the event at www.accolade-photo.com. I have looked at them and they are great!!

Community of Learners

We are all a community of learners at CSMH – the students, the staff and the parents. From time to time, I will highlight some of the wonderful learning happening at our school. We are so fortunate to have the support of our parents with minimum day Wednesdays so that the staff can work together. On September 17th, the staff spent the first part of their staff development afternoon learning about project based learning and sharing about an upcoming project they are doing in their classrooms. The second part of the afternoon was spent doing articulation between the grade levels. Each grade level team met with the grade level below and above them and discussed specific questions. The questions focused on both the academic and social expectations the teachers have at their grade levels.

Next week, the teachers will be leaving campus for a workshop at RAFT (Resource Area for Teachers). RAFT is a non-profit organization that believes hands-on teaching is the best way for teachers to teach and students to learn. RAFT provides creative hands-on activities, educational resources, workshops and inexpensive materials, (many donated by local businesses), to enrich pre-K-12 education and community group programs. The ideas and materials supplied by RAFT enable students to explore subjects such as math, science, and art through first-hand experience, bringing educational value to thousands of donated items.

Parking Lot

The south entrance of the parking lot is for bus and cars with handicap placards only. Please do not enter the school during the morning through this entrance. If you want to park in the morning, you must still enter the school at Bailey and drive through to an open parking spot. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Have you turned in your
Family Fund Drive
Card???**

Upcoming Dates to Remember

September 29th

Academic Chess

7th grade boy's flag football game at Gavlin at 4:00

7th grade girl's volleyball game at Crossroads at 4:00

October 1st

Minimum Day - Staff Development

Middle school boy's flag football games at Oakwood
beginning at 5:00 pm

Middle school girl's volleyball games at Oakwood
beginning at 5:00 pm

October 2nd

8th grade boy's flag football game at Oakwood at 5:00

October 3rd

Mid-point 1st trimester

Student Council speeches and voting

October 6th

Academic Chess

October 13th

Academic Chess

October 15th

Minimum Day - Staff Development

Chevy's Day / Night

October 20th

Academic Chess

October 21st

Board of Director's meeting at 7:00 pm at
CSMH

October 27th

Academic Chess

October 29th

Minimum Day - Staff Development

