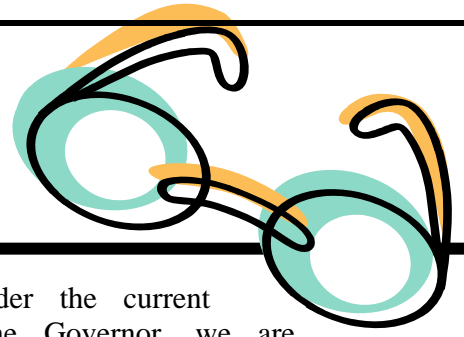


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## January 23, 2009



### Reenrollment

Just a quick reminder, re-enrollment forms are due back Monday. Thank you to everyone who returned them already!

We still have two more information nights coming up. Please be sure to pass these dates on to any friends, families and neighbors that are interested in attending CSMH.

- January 27<sup>th</sup>
- February 11<sup>th</sup>

They will be held at the Charter School from 6:30-8:00 pm. School tours will be in the mornings the week of February 2<sup>nd</sup>. New applications will be accepted from February 9<sup>th</sup> – March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage people interested in our School to attend one of the information nights and to visit our website.

### E-mail and Website

Our e-mails are up and running. It has been wonderful!! Thank you for your patience. We have been making some major upgrades to our technology that will help everything be more reliable.

### Fundraiser for Mr. Wilkinson

There is another fundraiser for Mr. Wilkinson on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Glory Days in Morgan Hill will be donating 15% of all their proceeds. Please be sure to see the flyer in today's e-packet. This is a minimum day so it would be a great day to go out for lunch and/or dinner. Donations are also being accepted in the office.

### Budget Information

There has been lots of information in the newspapers about the still unpassed State budget and the possible cuts to education. Many people have been asking questions and I thought today's newsletter would be a good opportunity to answer some of the questions.

**Will the budget cuts affect CSMH?** Like all public schools we are funded by the State and budget cuts will have an affect on us.

**What kind of cuts are we anticipating?** The school currently operates on a budget of just over three million dollars. Since the State still has not passed a budget we do not know what the cuts will look like for this school year. With every new proposal, we receive new

numbers. Under the current proposal by the Governor, we are estimating that we would receive approximately \$120,000 less than we budgeted. Under the current proposal by the Legislators, we would receive approximately \$40,000 less than we budgeted.

### **What are we doing in anticipation of budget cuts?**

We did expect that there would be some cuts this year so we trimmed our budget in a number of ways. However, we are concerned as the amount of cuts continue to grow. We are looking for additional ways to trim this year's budget and are being extremely conservative with our spending.

**What about next year?** We are again anticipating more cuts in education. We will continue to be conservative. As we work on next year's budget (during April and May), we will be sure to keep our parent community informed and will seek your input. We have been fortunate in that we have not used fundraising for operating expenses the last few years. We may need to reconsider this policy during this time of budget crisis.

**What can we do?** Be sure to let your representatives know that deeper cuts to education are unacceptable. You can find out how to contact your representatives at [www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html)

### Vision and Hearing Screening

On Monday and Tuesday, we will have professionals on campus to do hearing and vision screenings for our students. If your child wears glasses, please be sure he/she brings them to school for the screening. The following grades will have screenings:

Kinders – vision and hearing

1<sup>st</sup> – vision and hearing

2<sup>nd</sup> – hearing

3<sup>rd</sup> – vision

5<sup>th</sup> – hearing

7<sup>th</sup> – hearing (scoliosis screening for girls)

8<sup>th</sup> – vision and hearing (scoliosis screening for boys)

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade only! If you wish your student to opt out of the scoliosis screening, we must receive written notice. Please see letter sent home with students today and attached to the middle school newsletter. If any concerns are noted during the screenings, a letter will be sent home and a more thorough examination should be scheduled.

# Upcoming Dates to Remember

January 26 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> graders on field trip Vision and hearing screenings Academic Chess
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> graders on field trip Vision and hearing screenings Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45 Prospective parent info night at CSMH from 6:30-8:00 pm
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Minimum day - staff development Order hot lunches for the following week by 5:00 pm
January 30 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade (Wilkinson and Horning) on field trip Student Council Spirit Day - Movie Star Day
February 2 <sup>nd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Prospective parents tours in morning
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Academic Chess
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Order hot lunches for the following week by 5:00 pm
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Open enrollment begins
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	CSMH presents annual report to MHUSD Board of Directors Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Order hot lunches for the following week by 5:00 pm Prospective parent info night at CSMH from 6:30-8:00 pm