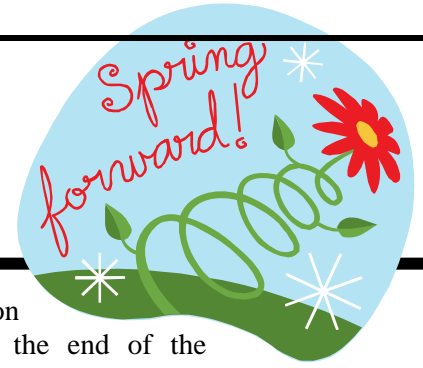


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## March 6, 2009



### CSMH Annual Update

CSMH was scheduled to present to the Morgan Hill Unified Board of Directors on Tuesday. This update has been rescheduled again. As many of you have read in the local papers, the school district has some difficult budget decisions to make. The MHUSD Board will be focusing their time on discussing possible cuts and layoffs during upcoming meetings. The District felt it would be more appropriate for us to give our report at a later date. We understand the challenges they face in these difficult fiscal times. A new date for the report has not been decided upon but I will be sure to let our school community know as soon as I receive one. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### Family Fun Fest

The Family Fun Fest is scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup>. However, we are beginning to form committees now. There are still a few committee chair positions open. Many of you indicated on your Family Involvement Forms that you would help with this event. We have a great team already in place and a few more hands will make the work lighter for everyone. We are a family participation school and if you have not yet fulfilled your commitment, this is a great opportunity to get involved. Please see the e-flyer about the Family Fun Fest in today's packet for more information.

### Conferences

Conferences will be held the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. You should already have a time scheduled with your child's teacher. If you do not, please e-mail the teacher immediately. We expect all parents to attend the conference as part of their parent participation commitment. A few quick helpful tips include:

- Be sure to show up on time and be respectful of your conference ending time. The teachers have tight schedules and if a conference begins late or goes long it affects everyone else scheduled that day.
- Remember that you and your child's teacher both have the same goal – your child's success in school!! Be sure to work together as a team and find out how you can support one another.
- Be prepared when you come to the conference. This is an opportunity for you and your child's teacher to discuss the progress he/she has been making toward the goals set in the fall and toward the grade level standards. Please be sure to share at the conference both the positive experiences and growth that has occurred the past seven months and areas that you would like to see

your child work on between now and the end of the school year.

Once you get home, congratulate your child on his/her accomplishments. Be sure to follow through on any actions / items agreed to at the conference. The staff is looking forward to meeting with you next week!!

### One Student's Thoughts

During the winter break, one of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders was visiting family in New York and had the opportunity to spend a day at school. When he was telling me about his experience, I couldn't help but think how wonderful it would be for him to share his observations and perceptions with our school community. So, this is what he wrote....

*Over winter break, I went to New York. While I was there, I had the opportunity to shadow at my friend's Middle-High School, a school with 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades. My friend is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but she has 9<sup>th</sup> grade AP science and math classes.*

*While I was shadowing, I noticed some similarities and differences between our schools. Some of the similarities were that when I went to each class, I felt that I had already learned all of the information that was being taught in my previous years at CSMH. I felt ahead of the game and I was proud to know all the material and answers to the questions. I liked being able to help teach other students in the higher grades what had already been taught to me.*

*One major difference was that because the average winter temperature in New York is 14 degrees Fahrenheit, their school is three stories tall and all indoors. The only time the students went outside was for P.E. when they cross-country skied. The classroom discipline was also different from ours. They were allowed to talk and to chew gum during class. This gave the students freedom to talk about what they needed help on. However, I felt the learning environment wasn't as good as it is at CSMH because most of their conversations started with what they needed help with, but ended up being a conversation with their friends about topics that had nothing to do with the class.*

*Even though I would like to cross-country ski for P.E., I am happy that I have the opportunity to go outside many times a day. Overall, I feel CSMH has prepared me well for high school.*

By Logan Mosher  
Eighth grader at CSMH

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Academic Chess
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> grade (Nelson) on field trip 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade (Wilkinson) on field trip Boy's basketball games at Sacred Heart Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45 CSMH presents annual report to MHUSD Board of Directors - <b>CANCELLED!!</b>
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> grade (DeRome) on field trip Order hot lunches for the following week by 5:00 pm
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> grade (Gillis) on field trip
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Student Council Spirit Day - Backwards Day
March 16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	Minimum Days - Parent Conferences
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	CSMH Board of Directors meeting at 7:00 pm
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Order hot lunches for the following week by 5:00 pm
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> grade (Nelson) on field trip
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Academic Chess
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Order hot lunches for the following week by 5:00 pm 4 <sup>th</sup> grade Sacramento information night at 6:00 pm
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Student Council Spirit Day - Sports Day
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Academic Chess
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Strategic Planning Town Hall meeting Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45