

Classen School of Advanced Studies

Parent Notes

Welcome to the weekly newsletter for our Classen SAS family! In an effort to continue to improve communication, we are asking sponsors to submit all activities for the week and share information regarding the happenings at our school. The PTSA will continue to send the Classen Blast as well.

Juniors will take the ACT Tuesday, 3/21/17. The ACT sets national times, and the test must begin at 8:00 AM. Students taking the ACT need to report to CSAS at 7:30 AM.

Welcome back from spring break! Hopefully everyone had a relaxing break and is ready to finish the school year strong. Over the break, the Classen SAS girls' basketball team advanced to the state tournament! Congratulations on a record breaking season! Taylor Roberts broke the state scoring record for 5 on 5 girls with 3,429 points! Her jersey was retired at the school board meeting....Congratulations, Taylor!!

Donovan Funk won a Scholastic National Silver Award for his photograph "St. Markus". Congratulations, Donovan!

Classen has 5 National Merit Finalists and 2 Academic All Staters! Congratulations!

Amy Huyen	National Merit / Academic All State
Andison Tran	National Merit / Academic All State
Ella Crenshaw	National Merit
Emily Barton	National Merit
Drake Taylor	National Merit

Enrollment is ongoing. Please make sure your student has enrollment verified by Ms. Schuelein. Some courses in the course guide are not offered at Classen. Students are meeting with Ms. Schuelein to enroll. Parents then verify enrollment. If you have questions, please email Terri Schuelein: tschuelein@okcps.org

New student enrollment will take place Wednesday, 3/22/17, for incoming IB students and Thursday, 3/23/17, for incoming VPA students.

Dress Code is an ongoing issue. Thank you to everyone that completed the survey. The responses will be read and every voice considered. If you are willing to serve on a parent committee to review dress code and all of the data received through the survey, please contact the school to add your name to a list. Classen will work with PTSA at the next meeting to review this data and determine a course of action. Exact time and date will be sent soon. As spring approaches, please be mindful of dress code.

Study Hall is here! Many students have enrolled and all are welcome. The cost is \$30 for second semester. Students are able to do their homework, seek help from teachers or even other students in the room that may be able to assist. All students may eat breakfast for free! **Students that are not in study hall can arrive at campus at 8:50 AM.**

Many students are being dropped off at school that are not reporting to study hall. Remember, students can only be on campus early if attending study hall. All other students may begin arriving at 8:50 AM. PLEASE drop off students on Ellison, in front of the school. Dropping off students in the parking lot has resulted in many "near misses". **For the safety of our students, please drop off in the designated area.**

Parent volunteers are sought to hang bulletin boards at school!

THANK YOU to the CSAS PTSA and ACE GROUP. You do many wonderful things for our staff and school. You are truly appreciated!

School Goals

- 1) Improve attendance and reduce tardies.
 - a. Did you know that attendance is a factor in our school report card? Research shows that attendance in class greatly impacts student success.
 - b. Attendance is calculated for middle and high school.
- 2) Promote a clean campus.

- a. The art department has created and hung posters promoting cleanliness on our campus. Students have been doing a wonderful job being aware of the campus and taking ownership in keeping it clean.
- 3) Improve dress code compliance.
 - a. **Please** assist the school to improve our compliance with dress code. The district has allowed Classen SAS to have a dress code and not a uniform. Please make sure to send your student to school in the appropriate attire. The school dress code can be found on the website.
- 4) Improve student support systems.
 - a. Advisory has been implemented this school year. It serves several purposes:
 - i. Announcements are delivered during advisory to protect instructional time during first period.
 - ii. Counselors are able to meet with groups of students during this time to not interrupt instructional time.
 - iii. No classes are being held during the lunch/advisory or advisory/lunch hour so that no classes are interrupted.
 - iv. Grade level specific instruction or information may be delivered to students during this time.
- 5) Appreciate staff, students, parents and patrons.
 - a. Thank you to PTSA for providing monthly treats to the staff!
 - b. PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) is being implemented this school year. It impacts all of our goals as we are making attempts to provide positive reinforcement to students making good choices.
 - i. Students in dress code were given random Taco Bell certificates.
 - ii. This is a continuous process and the school welcomes parental suggestion for rewards when students are "caught doing the right thing".
 - iii. Parent volunteers are sought to hang bulletin boards to display success data.
- 6) Artistic and Academic Excellence are the norm.
 - a. Excellence is our day to day expectation. Our students are amazingly talented people that we celebrate and push to continue their path toward artistic and academic excellence.
 - b. Student Engagement is our school practice where we are placing focus. Please ask your student how they are engaging in classes.
 - c. Small focus groups are being created to assist students that may need help to improve standardized test scores.

Weekly Calendar

Monday 3/20/17

VPA Showcase rehearsal 4-7pm. On stage

Tuesday 3/21/17

Senior Class STUCO meeting 8:30 am room A207

VPA Showcase rehearsal 4-7pm. On stage

ACT for Jrs. Report to school at 7:30 AM

Soccer at Harrah

Baseball at Dolese

Wednesday 3/22/17

VPA Showcase DRESS rehearsal 4-7pm. On stage

New IB student enrollment

Thursday 3/23/17

New VPA student enrollment

All VPA Show at 7:00 -- Tickets available online: <http://classentheatre.weebly.com>

Friday 3/24/17

Pot Luck Club 1st Lunch

VPA Showcase CSAS Show 2:30-4pm. ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

VPA Showcase 7pm. Curtain in Theater Tickets available online.

Regional Speech & Debate Tournament @ Edmond Santa Fe

Soccer at the Bethany Tournament

Baseball at Dolese