

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.

News

School is in session Monday and Tuesday this week.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Study Hall is here! Many students have enrolled and all are welcome. The cost is \$15 for the remainder of first semester, and \$30 for second semester. It will be necessary to have enough students enrolled to make this affordable to continue the program. 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!

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.

We are still having incidents of students having lunch delivered to the school using an APP. We are seeking to allow students more freedom and be outside more, and are asking for parental support to stop the delivery of food from strangers to our campus. Parents delivering any food should report to the main office and not ask their student to meet them outside. This is a safety issue.

Parent volunteers are sought to hang bulletin boards at school!

School Report Cards have been released by the state.

Classen SAS High School is an A+ with a score of 100!

Classen SAS Middle School is an A- with a score of 90!

We have work to complete to maintain those scores. We are in the process of identifying our bottom 25% of student scores in measured areas to work with those students to improve their scores. As a bragging point.....we have students that scored "Advanced" in the bottom 25%! If your student scored well and is assigned to a study group you will know that we have to work to maintain the A's. More information will be coming after Thanksgiving.

Did you know?

Classen has 6 National Merit Semi Finalists!

We have 3 students that have scored a perfect 36 on the ACT.

We have a student selected to represent the USA in Israel's Maccabiah Games!

The Orchestra received straight Superior ratings at contest and is the Honor Orchestra for the State of Oklahoma.

Varsity Girls Basketball WON the OKC Previews.

Classen SAS students do amazing things and receive top honors at every event we enter! We are proud of Classen School of Advanced Studies!!!!

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.
- 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, 11/21/16

7:30-8:45 AM-Middle School Cheer Practice-Gym

8:00 - 8:30 and 4:00 - 4:30 Pre Calculus Concept makeup tutoring session

8:30 - 9:00 Mu Alpha Theta Tutoring

Middle School Basketball at CSAS

9th Grade Basketball at Centennial

Tuesday, 11/22/16

Senior Class Student Council Meeting 8:30 am

7:30-8:45 Am-High School Cheer Practice-Gym

6:00 PM NJHS Induction Ceremony - Auditorium

Thespian Society Members Volunteering for Turkey Tango (preparing turkeys for homeless shelters for Thanksgiving) If you would like to participate go to Miranda

Bahr:Thespian President

8:00-8:30 Calculus concept tutoring

8:30 - 9:00 Mu Alpha Theta Tutoring

4:00-5:00 Discussion Group (HS)

Varsity Basketball at Capitol Hill High School