

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

The district has committed to paying the IB exams for the seniors! This is great news! Please thank our district leaders if you should see them. This is a remarkable gesture in the current budget. Funding for next year is being reviewed and all options studied. Junior IB parents should begin saving money toward exams for next school year.

The courtyard tables have arrived! The kids are enjoying the warm weather eating outside in the courtyards! We would like to allow students outside in the field during lunch as well, but want this done in a safe and supervised manner. Any parent that is able to donate time between 12:00 – 1:00 to supervise outside, please contact the school. Fencing will be installed to protect the courtyards soon.

A student design contest will be announced this week. Any student may submit a design concept to improve the cafeteria to Mrs. Rodriguez. The design must be one that is affordable....VERY affordable! Our goal is to improve the cafeteria into an enjoyable lunch time space for our students, and to have a reflective atmosphere of our artistic school nature.

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.

The Halloween grade level theme costume contest was won by the 7th grade and the Seniors! Great job to our students for working together during advisory and developing such unique ideas! All students arrived in appropriate attire and had a fun day! The winning grade levels were allowed an hour lunch.

Parent volunteers are sought to hang bulletin boards at school!

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.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, 11/7/16

7am-9am Where the Wild Things Are Rehearsal

5:45PM - High School Jazz Choir performs at the Board of Education

8:30 - 9:00 Mu Alpha Theta Tutoring in room A300

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

Tuesday, 11/8/16

7am-9am Where the Wild Things Are Rehearsal

4:00-4:45 p.m. - Discussion Group - Ms. Sutton's room A319 (every Tuesday afternoon)

Senior Class Student Council Meeting 8:30 am

8:00 - 8:30 concept tutoring for Calculus students in room A300

8:30 -9:00 Mu Alpha Theta tutoring in room A300

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

Wednesday, 11/9/16

8th Grade STUCO officers meet w Class Sponsor, Ms. Parkhurst, during 2nd lunch in B103 (weekly)

Junior Class STUCO officers w/ Ms. Wheeler during Advisory/Lunch

7am-9am Where the Wild Things Are Rehearsal

7 PM - 9 PM BSU play “Without Crowns” in the Lab Theater

5 P.M. HEALTH class parent meeting to view Health Department Curriculum which will be taught Nov. 11-Dec.8 Meet in Mrs. Weeter's room A211

8:00 - 8:30 concept tutoring for IB Math studies 1 in room A300

8:30 -9:00 Mu Alpha Theta tutoring in room A300

4:10 - 4:45 Mathcounts in room A300

7:30-8:45 AM- Middle School Cheer Practice-Gym
4:15-5:30 PM- Middle School Cheer Practice-A213/A Hallway

Thursday, 11/10/16 (entries due!)

8:00 am yearbook editor meeting with Ms. Petty Rm A203 this is a weekly meeting
Where the Wild Things Are Performance for Elementary Schools (Cast and Crew needed 1st-3rd periods)
7pm Where the Wild Things Are Performance (Cast and Crew call at 5:45pm)
7 PM - 9 PM BSU play "Without Crowns" in the Lab Theater
8:00 - 8:30 and 4:00 - 4:30 concept tutoring for Pre Calculus in room A300
8:30 - 9:00 Mu Alpha theta tutoring in room A300
4:15-5:30 PM-High School Cheer Practice-A213/A Hallway
8:30 NJHS Meeting in Room A310

Friday, 11/11/16

Where the Wild Things Are Performance for Elementary Schools (Cast and Crew needed 1st-3rd periods)
7pm Where the Wild Things Are Performance (Cast and Crew call at 5:45pm)
7 PM - 9 PM BSU play "Without Crowns" in the Lab Theater
7:30-8:45 AM-High School Cheer Practice-Gym

Saturday, 11/12/16

7pm Where the Wild Things Are Performance (Cast and Crew call at 5:45pm)
7 PM - 9 PM BSU play "Without Crowns" in the Lab Theater
OMEA High School Choir Auditions - all day - UCO