

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.

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

Did you know?? The Classen Orchestra had 99 Superior ratings at contest! Congratulations!

The Classen SAS Girl's Basketball team won the regional championship! The team plays Friday night at 6:30 PM in Weatherford, OK. A win Friday night puts the Lady Comets in the STATE TOURNAMENT!! A fan bus is planned for **high school students**. If a student would like to ride the bus, a permission slip must be turned in to the main office by Wednesday. The bus will leave the school at 4:30. A permission slip will be attached to the email to parents.

The costs:	Bus	\$5
	Entry	\$5
	Other:	A stop may be made at a fast food restaurant on the way to Weatherford. Students may also need money for concessions.

Congratulations to the cast of Gypsy! The show was fantastic!

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. The parent meeting is planned for the week after Spring Break. Exact time and date will be sent soon.

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.
 - i. See attendance table at the end of this newsletter.
- 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 2/27/17

Set up for VPA Showcase on stage

Tuesday 2/28/17

Senior Class STUCO meeting 8:30 am room A207

Set up for VPA Showcase on stage

Thursday 3/02/17

Set up for VPA Showcase on stage

Chess Club in the Library 4pm-5pm

Friday 3/03/17

Set up for VPA Showcase on stage

Area Championship Basketball Game in Weatherford