

# *Classen School of Advanced Studies*

## *Parent Notes*

### **WELCOME!**

Welcome to the weekly newsletter for our Classen SAS family! Please also contact the PTSA to receive the "Blast" newsletter.

The first week of school was a great success! Thank you to all of the parents, students, volunteers, teachers and staff that contributed to all students being in class on the first day of school and a very smooth start! Many schedule changes have taken place. If you haven't had your requested schedule change yet, please be patient. We are monitoring class sizes, trying to move classes, close classes that are too small, and balance class sizes to the best size possible. If you have questions or concerns, please contact an administrator or counselor at Classen.

### **PARKING / DROP OFF / PICK UP**

Classen has many new students starting school this year. Please be respectful of drop off and pick up areas for our students. In order to keep everyone safe, please do not drop off or pick up students by driving through a parking lot.

All student drop off and pick up should do so by driving from **North to South on Ellison**. Cars should pull up to the school, drop off students, and keep moving. Students enter the building through the **Auditorium doors**.

If students are driving, parking is behind the school and entry is through the **cafeteria side door**.

Students riding a bus, enter the doors near the **cafeteria**.

Drop off and Pick up should not block parked cars on the north and south ends of the building.

Classen SAS is situated in a neighborhood and landlocked. Our parking and drop off / pick up space is very tight. Please be patient during these times. We are grateful for every student that attends our wonderful school! It is important that these guidelines are followed to keep every student safe.

### **DRESS CODE**

The school dress code is found on the school website, and below in this newsletter. Please make sure that your student is attending school in the appropriate attire. Last year, some parents came together to review the dress code and make suggestions for change. As of this time, those changes have not been approved by the district and the current dress code is in place. Every student at Classen SAS is on

a special transfer to attend and is expected to obey the school rules. Teachers will be asked to remind students about dress code this week at school, with consequences being imposed soon. The dress code is:

## **School Uniform Policy**

- **GENERAL**

No insignias, logos, labels, words or pictures on clothing unless otherwise stated.

### **PANTS / SHORTS / SKIRTS / DRESSES**

Uniform colors are: BLACK; KHAKI; NAVY for pants, shorts, skirts or dresses.

Pants, shorts, skirts or dresses must be solid colored black, khaki or navy.

### **SHIRTS**

Uniform colors are: WHITE; ROYAL BLUE; BLACK for shirts.

Shirts must be solid colored white, royal blue, or black.

Shirts must be sleeved, buttoned or zipped.

- Classen SAS shirts IN SCHOOL COLORS may be worn.
- Shorts or skirt lengths must be lower than finger tip of the wearer with arm fully extended.
- Undershirts or Leggings must be WHITE; ROYAL BLUE; BLACK; NAVY

FOOTWEAR is required at all times. Flip-flops and house shoes are not permitted.

### **OUTERWEAR**

Students may wear solid colored WHITE, ROYAL BLUE, BLACK sweatshirts, sweaters or vests. OKCPS

and /or Classen logos may be visible on outerwear.

Coats may not be worn inside the building unless an exception is made by the principal for exceptionally cold weather.

### **HATS / JEWELRY / ACCESSORIES**

Students may not wear caps, hats, or head coverings except for religious beliefs, medical reasons, or

approved by the school administration for special activity.

Jewelry and accessories that pose a safety concern are prohibited.

Belts must be solid colored, worn in the belt loop and appropriately fastened with a plain buckle.

## **EXCEPTIONS**

Friday is spirit day. Solid uniform colored jeans may be worn with school t-shirt. Any color Classen SAS shirt may be worn on Friday.

## **SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: BOURBON, BBQ AND BLUES**

The annual **Bourbon, BBQ and Blues Fundraiser** is being planned for September 29, 2017. The event will be a fun, **ADULT ONLY**, evening. Please watch for the information and plan to attend the main school fundraiser to support all programs. We will have a silent and live auction! If you are able to donate new items, vacation home times, unique gifts or other items, please contact the office at Classen!

## **STUDY HALL**

Wow! Study hall is a great success this year! We have more students signed up already than we had last year! It is a fantastic opportunity to do homework, study, seek help from teachers, eat breakfast, and prepare for the school day. If you haven't signed up, the cost is \$30 per semester. If there is a financial hardship, please contact the office.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance is very important. Please review the Student Handbook for more information. Students must be in class at least 88% of days in order to receive credit. (10 days of absences) Activity absences are restricted to 10 days as well. Please be aware of your student's absences.

## **SCHOOL GOALS**

Last year, the goals listed below were some of our school goals. They remain goals this year, and others will be added soon.

- 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.
- 3) Improve dress code compliance.
  - a. **Please** assist the school to improve our compliance with dress code. 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 and ACE!
  - 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.
- 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.

Classen School of Advanced Studies is off to a great start! 2017-2018 will be a fantastic year!