

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.

Happy Holidays!!!

News

The semester will end December 13, 2016! Final Exams are:

Monday, December 12, 2016 A Day Finals

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 B Day Finals

THANK YOU to the Classen PTSA for the wonderful goodies provided for our staff holiday lunch! It is a rare opportunity to have lunch and conversation together! Your generosity is truly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The Classen SAS Girl's Basketball are the Champions of the Okemah Tournament!

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. We have not had any parent volunteers so far. Classen will work with PTSA at the next meeting to review this data and determine a course of action.

Applications to Classen School of Advanced Studies will be available in January, 2017. Any current student wishing to change majors must go through the application process. Any student wishing to apply to attend Classen SAS must complete the application process.

The cafeteria design contest had some fantastic entries! All were great, and will even work well together. Four students will have their ideas incorporated into a design working with Ms. Rodriguez! Congratulations Evelin Alvarado, Ariana Weir, Claire Holloway and Aleisha Doan!

Study Hall is here! Many students have enrolled and all are welcome. The cost is \$30 for second semester. If you wish to attend study hall the remainder of first semester, please bring a check for spring semester and a small donation of \$5-\$10 for the rest of fall semester. **It will be necessary to have enough students enrolled to make this affordable to continue the program.** We need more students to enroll to keep study hall open next semester or will be forced to raise the cost. The cost was based on the number of students that showed interest in the study hall. The number that originally showed interest is not equating to the number of students attending. 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.**

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.** It is critical that we maintain as many safety precautions as possible.

Parent volunteers are sought to hang bulletin boards at school!

School Report Cards have been released by the state. CSAS is actually 2 schools: CSAS Middle and CSAS High.

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. Changes to some students advisories will occur in January.

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, 12/12/16

A Day Finals

**1A, 3A: Holiday Piano Recitals with Reception to follow, A114
Madrigal carols at the OKCPS Board of Education 9:30 - 10:15. This is
part of their final and they will only miss their chorus class.**

Middle School Basketball at CSAS

Tuesday, 12/13/16

Varsity Basketball at Douglass

Thursday, 12/15/16

9th Grade Basketball at CSAS

Saturday, 12/17/16

Varsity Girl's Basketball at OCU

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Date	Whole School %		MS Grade highest %		HS Grade highest %
8/1	98.79%	8 th	98.77%	10 th	99.4%
8/8	97.8%	8 th	98.48%	9 th	98.61%
8/15	98.29%	8 th	99.28%	10 th	98.66%
8/22	98.21%	6 th	99.28%	12 th	98.21%
8/29	98.2%	6 th	99.28%	10 th	99.16%
9/5	98.99%	7 th	98.99%	9 th	98.16%
9/12	97.6%	8 th	98.55%	10 th	98.33%
9/19	95.99%	6 th & 7 th	97.31% tie	9 th	98.59%
9/26	97.38%	6 th	98.58%	9 th	97.86%
10/3	6.48%	6 th	97.75%	10 th	97.43%
10/24	97.05%	8 th	97.77%	9 th	98.14%
10/31	96.52%	6 th	97.94%	10 th	97%
11/7	96.96%	8 th	97.77%	9 th	97.6%
11/14	96.6%	8 th	97.43%	9 th	97.79%
11/21	95.21%	7 th	96.51%	10 th	95.51%