

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.

A Dress Code Committee made up of PTSA officers and parents met to review the dress code survey. The survey results were:

- 1) Are you familiar with the district (OKCPS) dress code policy?
 - a. Yes: 94.86%
 - b. No: 5.14%
- 2) Are you familiar with the Classen SAS dress code policy?
 - a. Yes: 95.69%
 - b. No: 4.31%
- 3) Do you require your child to dress in dress code?
 - a. Yes: 69.7%
 - b. No: 30.3%
- 4) Do you believe there should be punitive action for failure to follow school dress code policy?
 - a. Yes: 30.43%
 - b. No: 69.57%
- 5) Would you prefer a more tightly defined Classen SAS dress code policy?
 - a. Yes: 22.64%
 - b. No: 77.36%
- 6) Would you prefer a specific school uniform?
 - a. Yes: 16.98%
 - b. No: 83.02%
- 7) Would you like to provide comments on the topic of dress code at Classen SAS?
 - a. Yes: 52.79%
 - b. No: 47.21%

The total number of comments were 202. If you would like a copy of the comments, you can pick up a copy at the school office. The comments were varied and represented very different views. The committee reviewed the answers to the survey as well as the comments. The recommendations will be reviewed.

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.**

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Classen SAS truly has the best students anywhere!!

Congrats! We are pleased to announce that the following students have earned National Medals in the 2017 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. **Mason Amis** submitted photograph, Isaiah, and **Donovan Funk** submitted photograph, St. Markus, earning Silver Medals. Their work was selected by creative professionals as the most accomplished in the nation. This year, more than 330,000 works of art and writing were submitted. Less than 1% were recognized at the national level. Students receiving top Awards have been invited to attend a ceremony at the world-famous Carnegie Hall on June 8 and to participate in showcase events at Parsons School for Design at The New School and Pratt Institute's Pratt Manhattan Gallery in New York City. We're proud to have these students represent our school in this year's Scholastic Art & Writing Awards!

Congrats! Girls Soccer won the Bethany Tournament!!!

Congrats! Taylor Roberts has been named to the Oklahoma Girls Basketball Coaches Association All State Team!

Congrats! The CSAS Girls Basketball Team played a great game in the state tournament! Great accomplishment to make the final 8 teams in the state!

Congrats! The All VPA show was fantastic! Thank you to all participants and faculty that made the show possible.

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.

- 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 3/27/17

Set up & rehearsal for DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA 2017! On stage all day & 4-7 pm.

Tuesday 3/28/17

Senior Class STUCO meeting 8:30 am room A207

Set up & rehearsal for DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA 2017! On stage all day & 4-7 pm.

Musical Theatre/Hairspray Auditions(Monologue/Vocal) Cafeteria/D101 4pm-?

Baseball @ Capitol Hill

Soccer v. NWC -- POSTPONED

Wednesday 3/29/17

Set up & rehearsal for DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA 2017! On stage all day & 4-7 pm.

Musical Theatre/Hairspray Auditions(Dance) Cafeteria/D101 4pm-?

5AE High School State Choral Contest, 10:30-4:00, Norman North High School.

Thursday 3/30/17

Set up & rehearsal for DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA 2017! On stage all day & 4-7 pm.

Regional History Day Competition - Oklahoma Christian University - All day

Chess Club in the Library 4pm-5pm

Soccer v. Dove @ Speegle

Friday 3/31/17

Set up & rehearsal for DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA 2017! On stage all day & 4-7 pm.

Senior Dance Recital DRESS rehearsal 4-7 pm. On stage

Spring Fair!

Saturday 4/1/17

OU Big Event: Cleaning the school grounds