

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.

School Fundraiser: Bourbon BBQ Blues

Plan to attend the all school fundraiser FOR ADULTS ONLY to benefit our student programs! Tickets are \$100 and available by contacting Julia Baker at 405-706-4526 or at www.eventbrite.com/e/bourbon-bbq-blues-

September 29, 2017 at Dunlap Coddling located at 609 West Sheridan Avenue from 8-11 PM. The Bricktown Rotary Club is sponsoring this event for the 2nd year to raise money to directly benefit all students of Classen School of Advanced Studies.

This week at Classen SAS:

- Monday: Middle School Volleyball v. Rogers HOME
Varsity Softball v. John Marshall HOME
- Tuesday: Senior Pictures All Day
Varsity Volleyball @ Capital Hill
- Thursday: Middle School Volleyball @ Northeast
Varsity Softball @ Southeast
- Friday: Varsity Softball @ Capital Hill
Varsity Volleyball in the Moore Tournament
- Saturday: Varsity Volleyball in the Moore Tournament
Cross Country @ Oklahoma Baptist University

Classen ACT Scores

Classen Students are truly the best students! I am truly a proud principal to report that our students once again raised their average ACT score!

Average ACT Scores

CSAS = 25.3

Grad Year	English Math		Reading		Science Composite					
	Sch	St	Sch	St	Sch	St	Sch	St	Sch	St
2013	25.8	20.4	23.4	20.1	25.7	21.4	24.5	20.8	24.9	20.8
2014	26.8	20.3	24.3	19.9	27.1	21.5	25.1	20.8	25.9	20.7
2015	24.9	20.1	22.4	19.8	24.9	21.5	23.2	20.7	24.0	20.7
2016	25.3	19.8	23.6	19.5	25.9	21.3	24.4	20.5	24.9	20.4
2017	25.7	18.5	23.3	18.8	27.1	20.1	24.3	19.6	25.3	19.4

*Sch = School

*St = State

Athletic Events

Parents: Several complaints have been shared regarding paying to see Classen SAS athletic events. Athletics are funded through each individual school. In order to have athletics, the school must pay for any required personnel such as officials, athletic trainers, ticket takers, clock keepers and concessions workers. We are very grateful to the PTSA members that have generously volunteered to work in concession and take tickets. It has taken both admissions and concessions to meet the expenses of the athletic programs. In order to continue to have athletic programs, it is necessary to charge admission. Thank you for understanding.

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 any parking lots.** There have been several near misses of cars hitting staff and students in the parking lots.

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.

Students MUST leave campus or be in a supervised activity after school.

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.

- **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 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-shirts!

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!