

Quick Notes

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

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School Calendar

Mon. – Fri.	Oct. 19-23		Trash Free Lunch Week at CS
Wednesday	Oct. 21	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for Middle School) - Parents Welcome No pizza day for Seminar students.
Thursday	Oct. 22		Bolivian Exchange Students Arrive
Saturday	Oct. 24	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Monthly Parent Work Day
Wednesday	Oct. 28	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for Middle School) - Parents Welcome No pizza day for Seminar students.
Thursday	Oct. 29		Student Picture Make-up/Retakes
Tuesday	Nov. 3		Conference Day – No Classes (Please see the attached conference schedules.)
Wednesday	Nov. 4	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) - Parents Welcome (hot dog, chips, jello cups, lemonade)
Wed. – Thurs.	Nov. 11-12	10:15 a.m.	Fall Open House for Prospective Parents (Please see information below.)
Wednesday	Nov. 11	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for Middle School) - Parents Welcome No pizza day for Seminar students.
Wednesday	Nov. 18	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) - Parents Welcome (cheese bagel bites, chocolate granola bars, orange slices, lemonade)
Saturday	Nov. 21	7:00 p.m.	Caribbean Music Fest (Jefferson Center)
Wednesday	Nov. 23	11:00-1:00 p.m. 12:00-1:00 p.m.	Student Art Show (Ballator Gallery, Moody Center) Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon (Moody Center dining hall) 1:00 Early Dismissal. No ASP.

First Monthly Parent Work Day This Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please join us this Saturday for our first monthly parent work day this year. We'll be completing some small painting jobs and trimming shrubs around campus. If you were not able to participate at our August parent work day, please sign up for one of our monthly work days. Call the office so we will know how many people to expect. You will be working with Gene Lurker, our maintenance and repair supervisor. There is always something to fix and repair at CS, but with your help, we can keep repair costs to a minimum. If you can't make it this Saturday, we will also be holding work days on November 21 and December 19, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Thank you!

<p>Student Picture Make-up/Retakes</p>	<p>Picture make-up/retakes are scheduled for Thursday, October 29. Students who were absent on picture day will be photographed. Parents should call the office to schedule retakes.</p>
<p>Fall Open House Wed. & Thurs., Nov. 11 & 12</p> <p>Did you know that current families can earn a \$250 tuition credit for referring a new student who enrolls at CS? For details, please see the additional information below.</p> <p>Are you curious about classrooms outside of your child's age grouping? Current parents are welcome to join us at the Open House.</p>	<p>In three weeks, we will host our Fall Open House for parents of prospective students. The event will begin with registration at 10:15 a.m. in the drama room, followed by an information session at 10:30. From 11:00 to noon, current parents will lead tours through our classrooms. The tours will conclude back in the drama room with refreshments and a chance to chat with other parents and staff. The open house is a great opportunity for prospective parents to learn about our curriculum and philosophy and to speak with current parents.</p> <p>This event is one of our most important opportunities to recruit new students. We have some spaces open in the upper elementary and middle school classes for mid-year transfers. We are now accepting applications for students in all levels for fall 2010.</p> <p>Please help our recruitment efforts by telling your friends about our upcoming open house. Place flyers in your business, church, synagogue, local coffee house, library, etc. Give invitation postcards to your neighbors, friends and relatives. Flyers, invitations, and referral cards are available in the main office and the admissions office. If you have any questions about the open house or admissions in general, please contact Victoria (563-5036 or victoria@communityschool.net). Thank you for supporting our extraordinary school!</p>
<p>*****</p> <p>Alumni Updates</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Laura attended CS for six years (Seminar class of 1998), Lucy for seven years, and Nell for five years before their family moved out of the Roanoke area. Their parents, Mariana and Alan, currently reside in Philadelphia.</p>	<p>Laura S. graduated from University of Virginia in 2007 with high distinction in psychology. She then worked for two years at the University of Pennsylvania doing research on addiction treatment. This fall, she started a Ph.D. program in clinical psychology at Temple University in Philadelphia to study anxiety.</p> <p>Lucy S. graduated in May 2009 from Yale, where she played rugby and double majored in economics and East Asian studies. She studied Chinese for four years, including a summer spent on a fellowship at Harvard-Beijing Academy in Beijing. At Yale, she won the prize for the best senior paper in East Asian Studies. Over summers and during the school year, she worked in New Haven at Yale's Center for Environmental Law and Policy, analyzing China's progress on various environmental fronts. She just moved to Boston and is working in Cambridge for a consulting company that does research for the EPA.</p> <p>Nell S. is currently a junior at the University of Pennsylvania, majoring in economics and spending the fall semester in Cape Town, South Africa. She has also visited Swaziland and Mozambique. Last year, she spent the summer at a Penn language program in Buenos Aires.</p>
<p>Bolivian Exchange Information</p> <p>Students arrive in Washington, D.C., on October 22.</p>	<p>For information and updates about our Bolivian Exchange Program, please visit Elena's blog at http://lalocaelena.blogspot.com/. Her blog will be the primary mode of communication for everything pertaining to the exchange program. There is a calendar on the blog where Elena will post all exchange activities. Parents can also email questions to Elena from the blog or directly to elenai@communityschool.net.</p>

<p>3rd Annual Caribbean Music Fest</p> <p>Get your tickets now in the CS office!</p>	<p>Community School is proud to announce that the third annual Caribbean Music Fest will take place at the Jefferson Center on November 21, 2009. This collaborative event between CS and Quest Music Academy is a family-fun event and will feature our very own award-winning Community School World Pan Band. Tickets are available in the CS office and at the door (Adults: \$15, Students (7-18): \$8, children 6 and under: \$4).</p> <p>The concert is a fundraiser for the school, and our success depends on ticket sales and how many ads we sell for the program. If your place of business will support Community School by purchasing an ad, please pass a form along to the right person. Ask your mechanic, hair stylist, dentist, acupuncturist – all are welcome, and your efforts on our behalf would be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Carissa (carissa@communityschool.net). Thank you!</p>
<p>Target Take Charge of Education</p>	<p>Community School participates in the Target Take Charge of Education program. Through this program, Target donates 1% of all Target charge card purchases to the school designated by cardholders. To help us in these efforts, all you need to do is have a Target charge card and then designate Community School to receive the gift.</p>
<p>Looking for Ways to Save a Little Money on Your Tuition?</p>	<p>Community School families are eligible for a \$250 tuition credit for referring a new student who enrolls at CS. To qualify for the credit, you must submit a completed referral form or e-mail the referral information to Victoria before the family has submitted an admissions application. If multiple current families refer the same student, the \$250 credit is divided evenly between the referring families. The credit will show up on your account in the semester that the new student enrolls. Referral credits are not given for siblings of current students or for talking to prospective parents who are visiting CS if you did not previously refer those parents -- that includes talking to prospective parents while you are a substitute teacher, volunteering at CS, or just hanging out on campus. Please note: Your referral will only stay active for two years. After that time, you need to resubmit the form. Referral forms are available in the office. You can reach me at victoria@communityschool.net.</p>
<p>Amazon.com</p>	<p>Community School will earn money from all products purchased via the Community School website link to Amazon.com. You must do your shopping through the Community School website link. Money earned from this program supports technology purchases for the school. The items in the "ads" within the link are published by the Amazon server and not chosen by CS. You are by no means limited to the items on this page. If you do not see what you are looking for, use the "Search Amazon" box. This is a great way to ask friends and family to participate, especially for holiday shopping!</p>
<p>Please Return Your Family Handbook Receipt</p>	<p>Each family should have received a Community School Family Handbook Receipt at their respective Gatherings or via their child. If you have not already done so, please sign and return the form as soon as possible. If you did not receive a form, please pick one up in the main office.</p>