



Weekly News

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

All School News

Welcome Back! Hope you all had a wonderful and rejuvenating New Year's.

Parents Association Meeting January 8th

Come one, come all! Meeting in The Commons from 8-9:30am.

Julie Amberg had a baby!

Maël Perle was born on December 19th at a wonderful 7lbs, 7 ounces and 20.25 inches long. Congratulations to Julie! We'll look forward to meeting the new member of our Cascades family.

Welcome to Josh Erskine

The class of 2016 welcomes Josh Erskine. Josh joins us from High Desert Middle School. Please update your Directory with the following contact information for Josh and his family.

Jack and Christy Erskine
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(541) 728-7988 Christy
(541) 788-2653 Jack
(541) 382-5542 Christy/work
jerskine15@msn.com

Bon Voyage to the Dunning Family

The Dunning family is headed out on an adventure to Central America for a cultural immersion experience. Wish them safe travels and we'll look forward to seeing them again in early May.

Highlights from *The Spawn*

Click CTRL and the following link here **Spawn** (<http://cacospawn.squarespace.com>) to be directed to the school's blog. Highlights this week include:

- Middle School Traveling School Announced
- Skiing Fun
- Community Service

First Friday School Spirit Day

The 4th grade has announced that the theme for this Friday is **Backwards Day!!!** Have fun and wear your clothes backward to support your school.

Grab Your Skis, Here We Come

Lower School begins skiing on January 14th. Students were sent home with a ski packet of information and forms. The second stapled section contains several forms that **need to be signed and returned for your child to participate.**

Middle and Upper School students will start skiing this week.

Immunizations

If you received a letter from Kelly regarding your child's immunization records, please get the required information into her **by Monday January 11th**. The mandatory reporting report will be sent to the Health Department Tuesday January 12th.

NOTES FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council will be hosting a middle school bowling night on January 22. Details will be forthcoming!

School Email Addresses - Middle and Upper School Students

Middle and Upper School students were introduced to their new **firstlast@cascadesacademy.org** email addresses today. Our mail system is Google based and includes a robust email platform as well as document storage and a private calendar. This will allow easy communication between faculty and students. They access it by visiting **google.com/a/cascadesacademy.org**. Students are expected to monitor their email regularly and abide by "appropriate use" guidelines outlined in the Student Handbook.

Parent Conferences for Middle and Upper School Students

You should have received your child's First Trimester Grade report right before Holiday Break. If you are interested in a conference with your child's teachers, call Kelly McNamara to schedule your 15-minute conference with a panel of your child's teachers. Kelly can be reached between 8am and 3:30pm, Monday through Friday at 382-0699.

Conferences will take place between 3:15 and 5pm on the following dates:

Middle School conferences: January 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27

Upper School conferences: January 11, 13, 20, 25, 27

Flexible Tuition Program

As we move into another Admissions season we are excited to have announced the new Flexible Tuition Program which allows families to pay what they can afford for tuition.

Admissions Lunch

This year's deadline to apply for admission to CACO is February 19th. We will host an Admissions Lunch for potential CACO parents. If you know someone who we ought to invite please send their name, address, and child's name and age to Jenny Green at tjverde@gmail.com.

Tower Theater Sponsorship Success

Great news on the Tower! Thanks to everyone who has already contributed to Cascades Academy's sponsorship of the new children's film series at the Tower Theater. We are already at \$5,050 (\$5,000 assured us of the sponsorship) and the Tower is already using Cascades Academy in marketing materials. Watch out for the Pulse in February which will include mentions of CACO.

Annual Fund Update

Each gift helps us get closer to our goals of \$125,000 and participation from all of our families and faculty. Thank you for all you do to support Cascades Academy.

Auction Update

Calling all Auction Donations

We're looking for silent and live auction items for our event. Do you have something you could donate? This week's feature...Travel donations. Some examples of donations would be:

- Airline Miles or American Express Membership Rewards points
- A week or weekend at a second-home/vacation home
- A private plane flight
- Use of a boat or other recreational vehicle

If you can make a donation, complete a form in the front office or contact Marci Surfas at marci@surfasc.com.

Do You Know Someone Who Can Sponsor Our Event?

We are offering four sponsorship levels for this year's event. Partners can sponsor for \$500, \$1000, \$2500, and \$5000. Each sponsor receives a variety of benefits including event tickets, complimentary raffle tickets, advertising and more! Please contact sponsor chair, Else Kerkmann (ekerkmann@bendbroadband.com) if you or someone you know is interested in becoming an event sponsor!

Volunteer Corner

Scholastic Book Fair Coordinator

We are looking for someone who can coordinate this year's scholastic book fair. Dates for the fair will be February 1 – 5 (except for Thursday). Responsibilities include collecting and submitting book orders as well as staffing the book fair in February. If you would like to assist the Coordinator, please let us know. Contact Kelly McNamara at mcnamara@cascadesacademy.org.



Assemble CACO Press Clippings

Seeking someone to tackle an at-home ongoing school pride scrapbook. We have a folder full of press about CACO ready to be commemorated in a book. Contact Jenny Green at tjverde@gmail.com

Create an Access Database

Does anyone have experience creating/customizing an Access database, complete with forms, queries, and reports? Contact Barrie, robbins@cascadesacademy.org.

Calendar

<http://www.cascadesacademy.org/calendar.html>

- January 7 – Ski Program MS/US begins for ten weeks
- January 14 - Lower School Ski Lessons begin for five weeks
- February 1 – Scholastic Book Fair

Quote of the Week

Grown-ups never understand anything for themselves, and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them.

Antoine de Saint-Exupery