



Weekly News

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

All School News

Back to School Night – September 24 at 6:30 pm

Please join us for Back to School Night next Thursday, September 24, beginning at 6:30 pm. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teachers for more curriculum and program specific conversations. The evening is designed for adults. As such, we request that you leave "little ones" at home if possible.

School Handbooks are Ready

The updated 2009-2010 school handbooks are ready for distribution. If you have a child in 4th – 12th grade, he/she will be going over the school handbook with his/her teachers together either at Opal Creek or at Confluence. They will then be bringing your family copy home with them on Friday. For kindergarten– 3rd grades, your child's teacher has your school handbook, and they will be distributing them to you tomorrow. In general, we have currently distributed one handbook copy per family. Additional copies are available upon request. **Every family must return the last page of the handbook with your signature indicating that you have read the handbook to the front office no later than September 25.**

School Directories Ready to Go to Print – Make Sure Your Information is Correct!

We have been making the final changes and updates to the school directory which will be distributed on Back to School Night on September 24. Attached is an excel spreadsheet that lists all of the information to be printed in the school directory. In addition, this information is posted on the bulletin board in the front of the school. **Please check either the attached excel spreadsheet or the sample directory on the bulletin board and inform us of any final changes that need to be made. Submit any changes no later than the end of school Monday, September 21 to Barrie Robbins:** robbins@cascadesacademy.org.

Welcome New Parents Association Class Representatives

Thanks to everyone who participated in the PA meeting last Friday. Included in the bottom of this email are the minutes from last week's meeting. These minutes are also posted on the PA board every month in the front hallway.

We'd like to thank the following parents for volunteering to serve as class representatives:

Jeff & Lucy Borne – Kindergarten

Jason Albert – 1st/2nd Grade

Denise Kearney – 3rd Grade

Susan McCreedy & Lisa Armstrong – 4th/5th grade – Mjelde's class

Becky Cox – 4th/5th grade – Hart's class

Lori King – 7th grade

Sherry Newcomb – 8th grade

Cezanne Hitchcock – Upper School

After-School Program for preschool through 2nd grade – Now Enrolling

There is still space available in the school's after-school program for preschool – 2nd grade operated by the School of Enrichment. Please see the attached flyer for the school's fall after-school curriculum focused on art. The after-school program may be expanded to older students as well if there is enough interest. So, simply contact the School of Enrichment if you are interested in enrolling your child or inquiring about an older program. This program is open to all preschool – 2nd grade students in the greater Bend community. For more information contact: schoolofenrichment@gmail.com.

Cascade Community School of Music – Now Enrolling

Cascades Community School of Music (CCSM) classes being next week! CCSM offers great music programs for adults and kids alike. And better yet, Cascades Academy families receive a 10% discount on all music classes. Pick up a fall classes program at the front office if you are interested in enrolling in a music class with CCSM – conveniently located after-school at Cascades Academy.

Fall/Winter Sports Swap – October 2

We will be holding our 5th annual sports swap on Friday, October 2 after school. Not familiar with the sports swap? Simply bring your lightly used fall/winter sports clothing and gear that you just don't wear or use anymore to "swap" with fellow Cascades Academy families. If you don't have any items to donate, you are still welcome to "shop." However, you're not allowed to spend any money! All gear and clothing is free. We hold this event before the other community gear/ski swaps so that you might have "less shopping" to do at larger, more crowded venues. All fall/winter types of gear and sizes of clothes are welcome from kids to adults.

eScrip – Do You Shop at Safeway? If so, read on and help CACO . . .

eScrip is a really great and easy fundraising program for our school. All you have to do is register your Safeway card with the school, and up to 4% of your Safeway purchases will go directly to CACO. We ask that every family help us make the grade in our fundraising goal. If you didn't get a chance to register your Safeway card this week, parent Lisa Armstrong would still like to help make this happen. Please simply email your Safeway card number to larmstrong_2005@msn.com. Tell you friends and family to register their cards to benefit Cascades Academy.

New! – Parent Pick-up Cubby

We now have a designated space for parents to pick up individual packages, envelopes, or other personalized communications you might be expecting from the school. Check the upper left cubby in the front hallway; you'll find your package with your name on it located there.

Does Your Bike Need a Fall Tune-Up?

Cascades Academy parent and bike guru, Mike Kerkmann, is opening up his "shop" to anyone's bike that needs a little bit of TLC this fall. A typical tune-up at one of the local bike shops runs \$40 - \$60. Mike is suggesting a minimum donation of \$25 for a full tune-up (not including parts). Mike will then donate 100% of the proceeds to Cascades Academy. To schedule a bike tune-up with Mike, please call him at 350-4031.

Middle & Upper School News

Pine Mountain Observatory Overnight – September 22

Students in the middle school science program are starting their year with an astronomy curriculum and have a wonderful opportunity to visit the Pine Mountain Observatory on Tuesday night, September 22nd. The observatory is a premier destination for viewing the night sky and learning from the experts. Students will be camping at the observatory and returning bright and early on Wednesday morning in time for classes. For more information about Pine Mountain, please visit their website at:

http://pmo-sun.uoregon.edu/~pmo/visitor_info.html

Dr. Anne-Marie Eklund may still need a couple of drivers/chaperones for the evening. And, she definitely needs some extra tents. Contact Dr. Eklund if you are able to help in either of these areas:
eklund@cascadesacademy.org.

Scholastic Books - Middle School Program

The Scholastic Book program is now available for middle school students. The order forms will be sent home once a month. The first order forms went home with your child last week. The due date for returning orders has been extended to **Monday, September 21**. Please remember to turn in the order forms (with a check made payable to Scholastic Book Clubs) to the front office. No cash, please. Middle/upper school language arts teacher, Katie Lamarre, will receive points from this program based on the monthly orders that she can then use to purchase books. If you have questions, you may contact the Middle School Scholastic Volunteer Coordinator, Lori King at Inking@webmail.us.

Lower School News

Scholastic Books – Lower School Program

The Scholastic Book program is a great way to increase your at-home library and engage your child in reading. The program offers great books by well-known authors and high-interest titles at great prices. And, every book you order provides our teachers with bonus points that they can use to order books and supplies for their classrooms. September is a great time to order because Scholastic offers extra bonus points for the teachers to use!

The lower school students received their order forms from their homeroom teacher. Fill out the form with your selections, include your check (no cash please) and return the forms to the teacher or to the office. This month's orders are due by **Tuesday, September 22nd**. It takes about two weeks to get your books. If you have any questions, you can contact the Lower School Scholastic Volunteer Coordinator, Jennifer McGee at 536-8576.

Volunteer Corner

Can You Help Water Our New Landscaping This Week?

We are looking for a parent volunteer who is able to water the new landscaping in the front of the school either Thursday or Friday of this week. Our regular water elves are away at Opal Creek. The job usually takes about 45 minutes and can be done anytime either Thursday or Friday. Let Kelly or Barrie know if you are available.

Calendar

- September 16 – 18 – Middle Upper School Confluence at Suttle Lake
- September 16 – 18 – 4th/5th Grade Overnight to Opal Creek
- September 21 – Scholastic Book Orders Due – Middle School
- September 22 – Scholastic Book Orders Due – Lower School
- September 22 – Middle School Campout – Pine Mountain Observatory
- September 24 – Back to School Night – 6:30 pm
- October 2 – Winter/Sports Swap
- October 9 – No School – Professional Development Day
- October 13 – Picture Day
- October 14 – PSAT Test
- October 15 – 16 – Autumn Outings

Quote of the Week

“Who looks outside dreams; who looks inside wakes.” ~ C.G. Jung