

Weekly News

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

All School News

Important Vacation Schedule Change – No School January 4, 2010

The school will be closed on Monday, January 4, 2010, for an in-house Professional Development Day. This is a change to our previously published vacation schedule. **As such, we will return from break on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.**



MS/US First Trimester Grades

Grades will be mailed out early next week.

Ski Program Coming Soon!

Letters will be sent home regarding ski program before Holiday Break.

Warm Clothes Drive

CACO Student Council is having a warm clothes drive to help keep the needy warm this winter. It would be helpful if you would bring in any old coats, hats, mittens or gloves and drop them off in the cardboard box in the front hallway.

Compassionate Communication

Parents interested in attending a workshop on Compassionate Communication in January should contact Carol Delmonico at carol@intobalancecoaching.com.

Collect Stamps from the Newport Market

It is the last month to collect stamps from the Newport Market. They are discontinuing their stamp program at the end of December. Please bring in the Newport stamps from your household as well as from friends and family. Newport Market will redeem them in August 2010 for the school.

Chess Club, Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:15-4:30pm



Parent Steve Kearney is leading CACO's Chess Club. The club meets on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Art Room, from 3:15 until 4:30. The club is learning chess skills and strategies in preparation for the Regional Chess Tournament on February 20th at Redmond High School and is open to K-8 graders. Email robbins@cascadesacademy.org if your child would like to join.

Milk and Pizza, Oh Boy!

Milk is now available at lunchtime. 1%, chocolate, or strawberry. Any day of the week or every day. Sign up one month at a time or for the remainder of the school year. **Pizza** orders need to be in by the end of the day Wednesday for the following week's Pizza Day. Pizza orders will include crudités and fruit. In our effort to conserve, PLEASE SEND A PLATE IN WITH YOUR CHILD FOR PIZZA.

Order forms and collection envelopes are posted in the hallway. Checks payable to CACO.



Regional Robotics Tournament

The Robo Rubiks did a great job representing Cascades Academy on Saturday at the Intel Oregon FIRST LEGO League Qualifying Tournament. The all day tournament was held at Sky View Middle School on Saturday, December 5. After competing in Project Judging, Table Competition (3 rounds), Robot Design and Teamwork Judging the Robo Rubiks came home with a trophy for Robot Performance. Congratulations to the team, whose members included Olivia Colton, Clarissa Orton, Jasper Ladkin, Giovanni Ricci, Robert Rice, Nick Armstrong, Morgan Tien, Dominic DeMarco, William Price and coaches Gregg Hoshovsky, Hania Price, and Libby Rice.



Class Pictures

Class photos are posted in the entry. Be sure to stop by and have a look at our distinguished classes! Order forms are available as well. Checks payable to Lisa Armstrong. Cost is \$12 for a 5 x 7 photo.

Holiday Shopping Without the Kids

The School of Enrichment is offering parents a day to shop or rest without the kids before the holidays on Saturday, December 12 from 12:00 – 4:00 pm. While you take care of business, your child will experience enriching activities and a nutritious lunch with the wonderful School of Enrichment staff. Cost: \$20/child for ages 2 1/2 and older. Questions? Call 771-1257 for more information.

ERB Testing

Grades 2-8 will take the Educational Records Bureau standardized tests in the upcoming weeks before the December Holiday Break. The students take these tests each year to help with our overall assessment of their progress. They help provide teachers with additional information about each student's skills. Grades 6-8 will take the tests on December 15 and 16, and grades 2-5 will take them in their classes during the next week.

Tower Theater Sponsorship – We're Cruising Towards The Prize

Thanks to everyone who has already contributed to Cascades Academy's sponsorship of the new children's film series at the Tower Theater. We have currently raised \$3400 of our \$5000 goal! How does it work you ask? If you already support the Tower Theater through a donation or membership, we simply ask that you earmark your donation or membership dollars in the name of "Friends of Cascades Academy." As the title sponsor of the series, the Friends of Cascades Academy will help to make tickets affordable for all families in the Bend community as well as increase visibility and awareness of our school. **Simply pick up a donation form in the school foyer.** Thank you for supporting the Tower and helping us get the word out about Cascades Academy! Did you know that the Tower is having Family Week kicking off Sunday, February 14? Features include "*Happily Ever After: A Cinderella Story*", *Tweaksters*, and the Northwest Premiere of "The Fat Boy Chronicles."

FREE Kids Music Workshop - December 12. Open to all ages.

Courtesy of Cascades Community School of Music. In this unique Program, classically-trained violinist Aaron Meyer demonstrates how the violin can ROCK using a traditional violin and a modern electric violin with digital studio effects, Aaron shows the connections and differences between Classical Music and his own original, modern music, which combines world, rock, and classical styles. Rock guitarist Tim Ellis

then demonstrates how this works with a range of acoustic and electric guitars using the sophisticated, computer-controlled studio equipment he brings with him. Meyer & Ellis perform throughout the presentation, showing how their original compositions combine musical styles from all around the world and utilize modern methods of improvisation. Meyer & Ellis then take questions from students. Tim Ellis is also the owner of Oregon's premiere recording studio, Kung Fu Bakery Recording in Portland. Register by calling CCSM at 382-6866.

Annual Fund Update

LAST DAY!!!! Thursday Dec. 10th. Shop to Support Annual Fund

December 10 is the final day to shop to support Cascades Academy and our local Bend merchants during our Community for Community Shopping Days. The merchants listed on the attached list will donate 10% of **CACO supporter purchases** back to the school. **YOU MUST MENTION THAT YOU ARE SHOPPING FOR CASCADES ACADEMY WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR PURCHASES IN ORDER FOR THE SCHOOL TO RECEIVE CREDIT.**

We don't want to limit this program to just CACO families. **So, please forward the attached flyer to your extended community.** See each merchant's description for specific details.

Auction Update

Calling SPORTS Auction Donations

Let's do SPORTS this time...

- Tickets to sporting events
- Signed sports memorabilia
- Lessons and/or gear for:
 - Surfing
 - Skiing/Snowboarding
 - Water skiing
 - Kayaking
 - Fishing
 - Sailing
 - Golfing
 - Hiking
 - Kite Boarding
 - Heli-boarding/skiing
 - Horseback riding



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

Pick Of The Live Raffle Tickets Make a Spectacular Holiday Gift!

For a \$50 raffle ticket, you'll have a 1 in 200 chance at having your pick of the live auction. Sign up in the entry hallway if you want to get your ticket before the holidays.

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!



Puerto Rican Cafe, K – 5th , Friday Dec 11

Spanish classes are having a tasting of Puerto Rican food at their class “cafes” from 8:30 till noon on December 11. Parent volunteers needed. Help with preparing food and “managing” café. Students encouraged to dress Puerto Rican (on top of Central Oregon wear!)

Label and Stamp, This Weekend

We are looking for a parent willing to affix address labels and stamps to envelopes this weekend at-home. You can pick up the supplies from us Friday afternoon and bring them back to us Monday morning. Email mcnamara@cascadesacademy.org.

Partition Repair Needed

We have a couple of trade show style partitions that can use some simple TLC i.e. need some screws purchased and replaced. Want to help? Contact Kelly McNamara (mcnamara@cascadesacademy.org) if you are interested.

Who Loves Data Entry During Holiday Break?

We're hoping you do! Volunteer your time entering family contact information on our new fundraising software program. You can work from home! All you need is an internet connection and a little quality time with Barrie to get you set up. Email robbins@cascadesacademy.org

Scrapbooking Project

Seeking a creative scrapbooker 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

Database Building

This at-home project involves looking up addresses (whitepages.com) and entering the information into an Excel spreadsheet. Contact Barrie, mcnamara@cascadesacademy.org.

Calendar

- December 10 – Community for Community Shopping Day
- December 12 – School of Enrichment’s Day Without Kids
- December 15 & 16 – ERB Testing – More details to come.
- December 16 – K-2 Holiday Caroling at Touchmark Retirement Community
- December 21 – January 4 – Winter Break
- January 5 – Classes resume on **Tuesday**

Quote of the Week

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

~Malcolm Forbes