

Principal's Paige

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Back to School Night

Back to School Night for Kinder–6th grade will be held Thursday, September 3rd. This is an extremely important informational night for **adults only**. Each teacher will be giving his/her presentation twice during the evening. The first presentation will be from 6:00-6:45 and the second from 7:00-7:45. We understand that we have many families here with more than one child attending the school. Hopefully, with two presentations, parents will have the opportunity to obtain the information presented this evening for each of their children.

This is a very important evening for teachers and parents. It is mandatory that all students have a parent attend. If for some reason, there is absolutely no way that someone from your family can be there, you must make other arrangements with the teacher to get the information. Teachers will be taking attendance.

We will have tables set up in front of the office beginning at 5:30 p.m. for Family and Friends Fund Drive, student planners, school directory, spirit wear, etc. We look forward to seeing you Thursday.

The 7th-8th grade Back to School Night will be held **Wednesday September 9th**. This is a schedule change to accommodate parents who need to attend Sobrato's Back to School Night. More information about the middle school evening will be coming home.

Family and Friends Fund Drive

Thank you to the many families who have already turned in their pledge cards. We will continue to collect pledge cards next week. We would like all families to return a card to the school. Please mark on the card what you are willing to contribute. Also, please remember that Charter School is a non-profit 503(c) corporation. Many companies will match employee contributions, so we encourage you to check with your employer.

We will be calling people who did not turn in a pledge card. Extra pledge cards are available in the office. Families who have returned a card will be on the Do Not Call List so get your cards in soon!!

Clos LaChance

The 8th Annual Gala Benefit Auction at Clos LaChance will be held October 2nd at 5:00 pm. You can purchase tickets by going on-line to www.csmh.org and clicking on the link or by returning the order form attached to today's e-folder. Tickets are \$85 each and we are limited to only 250 tickets. We have sold out quickly the past few years. You do not want to miss out on this "Night at the Oscars." Be sure to order your tickets today!!

Flu Prevention

We have all heard the concerns about the fall flu season. We are trying to be proactive at CSMH and keep our students healthy. One great prevention method is hand washing!! The teachers are talking about washing hands in class and are reminding students. We have also placed antibacterial hand sanitizer in many places around campus.

Currently, we are having every student use hand sanitizer on their way into the lunchroom. We are going through it quickly and would be happy to accept any donations! Also, they do sell small bottles that can be attached to your student's lunchbox and/or backpack. This would allow your student to get into the lunchroom quicker and he/she would not have to wait in line for hand washing. Thanks for your cooperation and supporting our effort to keep everyone healthy!!

Free and Reduced Lunch

We have attached another free and reduced lunch form to today's e-folder. These forms are kept completely confidential. Only the free and reduced lunch coordinator has access to the information. We recognize that these are difficult times for many of our families. We strongly encourage you to fill out the form so that your child(ren) can qualify for free or reduced lunch. We have an excellent lunch program!!

These forms are also important for data collection. We often have to have this information when we apply for state and federal grants. Thanks you to everyone who has returned their form.

Yard Duty Help

We are currently hiring two yard duty supervisors. The hours are from 11:00-1:00 everyday. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please have them contact the office.

Old Desks

We currently have 11 two person desks up for grab. They are still in very good shape. If you are interested, please e-mail Nancy at ndepalma@csmh.org. They will be given away on a first come basis.

**The whole purpose of education is
to turn mirrors into windows.**

~Sydney J. Harris

Check out the Upcoming Dates for more info!!

Carpool Reminders

General Do's and Don'ts

- Do be patient
- Do drive slowly in the parking lot and use caution at all times
- Do use the appropriate entrances (Bailey light) and exits (north exit)
- Do have your carpool sign displayed in your front window / on your front visor
- Do follow the instructions of the teachers directing traffic
- Do stay in your car and allow our helpers to assist with loading and unloading

- Don't ever drop off or pick up on Monterey Road
- Don't use the south entrance – this is the staff entrance
- Don't park in the neighbor's field
- Don't attempt to have conferences with the teachers on duty – schedule one at a more appropriate time
- Don't ever leave your car unattended in the drop off or pick up area

Morning Do's and Don'ts

- Do come down the frontage road – if the frontage road is full please line up on both sides
- Do drive on the left side of the yellow line (European style)
- Do drive as far up as you can go in the unloading zone
- Do have your child ready to unload

- Don't pass – even if you want to park
- Don't let your children out on the frontage road (in the dirt) and then attempt to exit

Afternoon Do's and Don'ts

- Do come down the frontage road
- Do line up in both lanes on the frontage road – every other car
- Do make sure your child knows their carpool name
- Do pull as far forward as you can in the loading zone – we will make sure the students get to your car

Upcoming Dates to Remember

September 3rd	Back to School Night for K-6th grades
September 7th	No School - Holiday
September 8th-11th	School Pictures - mornings only
September 8th	Board of Directors meeting at 7:00 pm
September 9th	Minimum Day 7th and 8th grade Back to School Night
September 14th-17th	School Pictures - mornings only