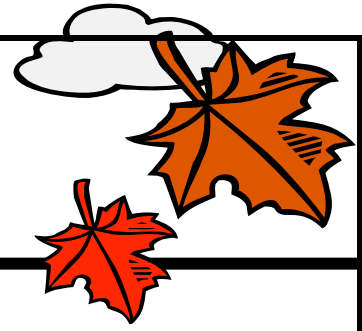


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## Clos LaChance

Last Friday evening was our annual Dinner and Auction at Clos LaChance. It was a beautiful evening – clear skies and warm. CSMH dad and event chef, Charles Lewis, prepared an incredible meal again this year. I must say that the lavender and butter salmon was my favorite! Thank you to our entertaining auctioneer – Marc Eisenhart (wonderful CSMH dad). Thank you to Mary Chagnon for keeping the website up to date. Thanks to all of the class reps who worked on projects with the students and collected donations. Thank you also to all the other volunteers who donated time during the evening, to all the donors and to the event VIPs. Thank you to Dunham Associates, owned by CSMH dad, Rick Dunham. The employees at this CPA company volunteer their time behind the scenes to do all the auction check out. Mark and Cindy Gion can also be found in the back room crunching numbers and they continue crunching until everything is reconciled. Thank you to Kristen Georgi for all the graphics and for producing the incredible auction program. Her talents are amazing. Chris Valdez worked for months collecting auction items and Victoria Walton kept the staff on track and organized. Finally, a special thanks to Juli Hall and her two sidekicks Beth Rodrigues and Suzi King who co-chaired the auction this year. They put in more hours than we can count and we appreciate all their time and energy.

## More Clos LaChance

If you did not have the opportunity to attend the evening, there are still a few ways you can contribute. Each year, during the live auction we have a special time for individuals to make donations directly to a specific school cause. This year it was called “Be a Star.” Like last year, each staff member was asked to create “wish lists” with budgets of \$200-\$600. They filled their lists with items such as books, microscopes, video cameras and even an electric mixer. Our goal was to collect \$20,000 to make all the wishes come true. We came very close to reaching that dollar amount. People made contributions at the following levels: \$1000, \$750, \$500, \$250, \$100 and \$50. If you would like to contribute to the “Be a Star” fund and help us fulfill the wish list, you may leave a check in the office indicating that you want the funds to go towards the staff wish lists.

There are also two dinners that were part of the silent auction that still have space available. They were:

- Saturday, October 17, 2009 - the Middle School students, Stephanie & Jose Ochoa (Charter School parents), and Amy Storlie (CSMH Nutrition teacher)

will be hosting a fun

evening of dinner & dancing at the Ochoa's home.

The middle school students will prepare, decorate, cook & serve during this wonderful evening. You definitely don't want to miss the opportunity to see our kids in action. The cost is \$50 per person and there are very limited spots left!

- Saturday, November 7, 2009 - Charter parents, Diane & Paul Swing, invite you to enjoy "A Night Under the Stars" at their beautiful countryside estate. Enjoy dinner and drinks with wonderful Charter School company. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and teachers in a comfortable social atmosphere. The cost is \$75 per person. The Swings have graciously offered to host another 40 people!!

## Progress Reports

It is already the mid-point of the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester. Progress reports will be sent home late next week to students in grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> who are receiving a C or lower in any class. Teachers who have behavior or academic concerns about students in kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade have also completed progress reports. We want all students to be successful at CSMH and we must work as partners to ensure their success.

## Innisbrook

The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are beginning to fundraise for their middle school trips. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to science camp at Mount Hermon and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders are fundraising for Washington D.C. To help reduce the cost of these trips, the middle school students will be doing various fundraisers throughout the year. They are currently selling wrapping paper and candy for the holidays. A catalog and order form for the products they are selling was sent home with your child earlier this week or it is in their Friday Folder. If you or any friends or family might be interested in buying some of these great products, the middle school would be truly thankful for the support. Orders can be completed on-line. A general instruction sheet, sent by the company, is included in the packet for your information. Please note, however, this is not a whole school fundraiser. These materials are only being sent home so that you have an opportunity to place an order if you are interested. All orders need to be completed no later than October 22<sup>nd</sup> and checks should be made payable to CSMH.

The middle school students thank you for your support!

## Upcoming Dates to Remember



October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Academic Chess
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade (Horning) on field trip Board of Directors meeting at 7:00 pm
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Order Hot Lunch by 5:00 pm
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	All school Shake-up drill at 10:15 am
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Academic Chess
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Minimum Day - Staff Development Charter School Chili's Day Order Hot Lunch by 5:00 pm
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade (Horning) on field trip Middle school dance
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Academic Chess
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	All kinders on field trip Order Hot Lunch by 5:00 pm
October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Student Council Spirit Day - Sports Wear
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	No school - staff development day
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade (Price) on field trip Academic Chess
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade (Wilkinson) on field trip

Every Friday show your Charter School spirit!!