



Parent/Student MONTHLY NEWS NOTES

January 2024



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Monthly Message

Message from Asst. Executive Director



Justine Rauterkus
Asst. Executive Director

Welcome to January 2024! Wishing all of you the very best in the New Year and hope for a year filled with joy and prosperity. How many of you are New Year's goal setters? Do you list out all the things you would like to accomplish? What are the things that matter to you the most? Now that we are half-way through the school year, is your daily schedule still effective? Are there any areas you can strengthen in your coursework routines to enhance efficiency?

As you look at both your personal and professional life, make sure you are centering your new goals and aspirations in the growth mindset. It's okay to reprioritize throughout the year, to make adjustments, and ask for help as the year unfolds. Everyone can benefit from the growth mindset, and I believe in leading by example no matter who you are or where you are in life.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the [Personalized Education Foundation](#). Introduced to the community in December 2023 and with the application window opening in February 2024, the goal of the foundation is to empower students and families by providing access to a personalized education experience. If you haven't already, visit the website for more information and the opportunity to donate - www.personalizededucation.org . Additional details about the application process will be communicated in the next few weeks.

On a news related note, the CMASAS Costa Rica trip is coming up in April of 2024, so get excited to see some amazing photos and hear some riveting stories from the attendees. If you are interested in future travel experiences, but missed this opportunity, never fear! We have a trip to Italy and Greece in the works and more details will be shared with the community as soon as they are available. Our next Regional Gathering will be March 9, 2024 at the Whydah Pirate Museum in Cape Cod, MA. Please consider taking advantage of this great opportunity to meet peers and staff in person.

As we approach the second half of the school year, we would love for you to help us spread the word to other families looking for a more flexible educational experience. If you have had a great experience at CMASAS, please consider writing a review on Niche to help other families and students find their home here and create their own path to success. Click [here](#) to be taken to a web

page where you can leave your review. It only takes a few minutes! It doesn't need to be long—2-3 sentences is plenty! Simply write about your own personal experience. Share about the CMASAS community/culture. Note: if you have had less than a 5-star experience at our school, we want to know. Please contact us at (info@cmasas.org or [503.226.7374](tel:503.226.7374)) so we can address any concerns. That's it! As an added bonus, you'll also be entered to **win \$1,000 from Niche** for sharing your family's story.

Lastly, I want to extend a huge thank you to all of our students and parents. You each bring something unique to the table and help create a one-of-a-kind community that comes together both virtually and in person to create a phenomenal education experience and journey.

Happy New Year!

Message from CMASAS Leads



Daisy Cheatham
K-8 Lead



Cierra Treadway
High School Lead

We hope you all have enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing holiday season and are ready to dive back schoolwork and school events. We'd love to see as many of you as possible at our upcoming Student Council Pet Show!

Upcoming school breaks & holidays:-

- January 1-7 Winter break-Monday, January 15 Martin Luther King Jr Day

Upcoming school events:-

- Thursday, January 18 2-3 pm PST Regional Virtual Hangout for South & Central America, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, & the Caribbean Islands students
- Thursday, January 25 2-3 pm PST Student Council hosted Pet Show

New Website - Feature

Each month we will highlight some of the new pages of our new website. This month, we would like to draw your attention to our new Testimonial and Partnership Pages.

If you would like to send us your testimonial, please email it to info@cmasas.org.

Read some of the things our students, parents, and faculty have to say about the

CMASAS Community here:

https://www.cmasas.org/cmasas_testimonials

TESTIMONIALS



If you know any sports clubs, homeschools, or training programs who could benefit from a partnership with CMASAS, let us know. Please send any leads to April Sandoval at asandoval@cmasas.org
To learn more about our current partners, check out our new Partnership Web Page: https://www.cmasas.org/cmasas_partnerships

MEET OUR PARTNERS



BULL CITY GYMNASTICS



KAUAI ACADEMICS

Upcoming Events

Winter Break

December 16th - January 7th

MLK Jr. Day

January 15, 2024

Regional Virtual Hangout

January 18th from 2:00-3:00 PST

(Central & South America, Puerto Rico and Bermuda Students)

Student Council All-School Pet Show

January 25th from 2:00-3:00 pm PST



Student-Led Events



SCHEDULE

Jan 18 at 2 pm PST: Central and South America geographic location

Feb 15 TBA: European geographic location

Mar 21 TBA: Asian and Oceanian geographic locations

Apr 25 TBA: Middle Eastern and African geographic locations

May 16 at 2pm PT: Alaskan and Hawaiian geographic locations

CMASAS Regional Gatherings

Our next Regional Gathering will take place on Saturday, March 9th in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Join us for an educational tour of the Whydah Pirate Museum. Be on

the lookout for an email with additional details and an RSVP link later in January.



Cape Cod, MA
Whydah Pirate
Museum

March 9, 2024

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Winter Assembly

Mark those calendars for our Winter Assembly!

Join us on Thursday, February 1st at 2pm PST for our winter assembly. Our guest speaker, TJ Wheeler, has had a successful career in the military and is currently deployed for civil affairs in the Micronesia Islands. Come learn more about the strengths he's gained through his experience and the interesting projects he has worked on.

What's New?

Latest Blog Posts



Building a Global Online Community

CMASAS is dedicated to establishing a vibrant online global family within its online school framework, aiming to cultivate a strong sense of connection, support, and shared purpose among students and staff.

[\(read more\)](#)

Student Spotlight

Enjoy learning about three of our CMASAS Alumni!

Tyler Straszewski (Class of 2022)

Lela Macaire (Class of 2018)

Sydney Azar (Class of 2020)

Counseling Update

Students, Parents, & Families:

This time of the year can get very hectic. The holidays, family, college & scholarship applications (for seniors), school getting back in session, sports, etc. Please remember to take time to breath and slow down. The world moves fast and these times fly by. Enjoy the moment, soak in some “me time” and read or meditate. Do yoga, go for a walk/hike/run. Sit and just pet your dog or cat. Life can be stressful, but there are things you can do to help cope with the stress. As always, if you or your student needs someone to talk to, I am always available. Please reach out directly to me, as I am here to help our families as needed.



Heidi Fox, M.Ed.
Director of Counseling

Save the Date for Graduation 2024! May 31 is the Friday beach party, NHS Induction, and senior/student family get together. Sat., June 1 is graduation to celebrate the Class of 2024! We will be in San Diego, CA this year again for this celebration weekend. Even if your student is not being inducted into NHS or graduating, you can attend and see what this amazing event is all about. Meet staff, students, and families from all over the U.S. and the world. Start planning now. More details coming soon!

The SAT is going digital! What do YOU need to know? Please go visit these sites to learn more:

** <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/digital>

** <https://blog.prepscholar.com/digital-sat-format>

** <https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/sat-digital-exam>

High School Students/Families:

We will be sending out the invitations to all students eligible to apply to National Honor Society at the end of January. If your student has a minimum 3.5 GPA (or higher), is at least a sophomore in standing (completed at least 6 total HS credits), and has completed at least one semester at CMASAS (minimum of 3 HS credits), he/she will receive an email inviting them to apply to NHS. So, please be on the lookout for this email at the end of January.

Once again, if your student needs help with school, life, planning, or more, please reach out to me via phone or email.

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