



APRIL 2024

Parent/Student MONTHLY NEWS NOTES



Monthly Message



Justine Rauterkus

Message from Asst. Exec. Director

Happy April! I hope your spring is unfolding nicely and that you and your family have something fun planned for the upcoming Spring Break. I thought I'd take this month's newsletter as an opportunity to update you on our WASC accreditation school visit. CMASAS hosted a visiting committee from [ACS-WASC](#) earlier this month.

The accrediting body analyzed all aspects of our program including the school culture and environment, our reporting and accountability processes, our vision and purpose, and a rigorous and relevant standards-based curriculum. Our visit went very smoothly, and we will receive our official accreditation status later in the year. We received many compliments from our visiting committee and consistently scored as “Highly Effective” in the accreditation status factors areas which is the highest score a school can receive. Here are a couple excerpts from our official Visiting Committee Report that we’d like to share with you:

- “CMASAS distinguishes itself for its methodically designed curriculum that effectively integrates the school's philosophy of personalized learning with a broad and rigorous academic program.”
- “CMASAS's commitment to fostering an environment of continuous learning and improvement is underscored by its investment in roles dedicated to staff development and the systematic review of educational materials and operational procedures. Feedback from staff surveys affirms the value of professional development opportunities in enhancing student outcomes.”
- “CMASAS is dedicated to creating a safe and conducive learning environment, underpinned by a culture of trust, inclusivity, professionalism, and high expectations. This culture is largely cultivated through the school's commitment to a personalized learning model, with surveys indicating that nearly 90% of staff, parents, and students recognize the school's ongoing efforts to improve in this area.”

Lastly, I’d like to extend a huge thank you to those students and families that participated in various aspects of our accreditation process over the last year and half. We recognize you! You honor us by allowing us to cheer on, support, educate, and prepare your students for the future. We appreciate each of you immensely and are so glad that you’ve chosen to be part of our CMASAS community.

Have a great Spring Break!

Message from CMASAS Leads



Daisy Cheatham



Cierra Tredway

Hi Students and Families,

Happy Spring Break! As a reminder, the CMASAS Spring Break runs from Friday, March 29 through Wednesday, April 17. The first day back will be Thursday, April 18. During this time, you are free to work on your courses and submit assignments, but teachers will not be grading, responding to chats or emails, or scheduling meetings. You will not be able to do any DBAs or Honors project presentations until after the break. We hope you have some fun and relaxing plans for this time! The Student Council Talent Show is coming up soon! If you would like to participate, audition tapes are due by Monday, April 22. Here are some parameters if you would like to start thinking about what you will do.

Your submission must be:

- Presented in video form
- At least 1 minute in length
- At most 4 minutes in length
- Be family friendly.

Keep your eyes peeled for more details on this in your all-school chat groups!

Let's Celebrate!

Thank You for the Reviews!

We are on a quest to increase our ranking on Niche, as it is a key indicator for families looking for new school alternatives. Niche offers perks for CMASAS students, including opportunities to learn about scholarships and to earn \$1,000 for writing a review about your school experience! Thanks to our students and parents, we now have 109 reviews. Please continue to help us hit our goal of 120 reviews this school year!



Write a Review and Enter into the \$1,000 Sweepstakes

Scholarship Listing

Counseling Updates



Heidi Fox

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COUNSELING

Students & Families: Please remember that our Spring Break will run from March 29 through April 17. We will resume all school activities on April 18. I hope you can take some time to step away from your computer, hang with family and friends, go for a walk, and simply recharge. Then, let's be ready to come back and do great for the rest of this school year!

Upcoming Live/Virtual College Application Webinar: This live webinar will be open to all high school students and their parents/families. It is specifically geared towards juniors in high school, but the information will be useful to all students in high school that are planning to apply/attend college. Please mark your calendars now for this event (presented by me, the school counselor). It will be on **Thursday, April 25 at 5pm MDT (8pm EDT or 4pm PDT)**. There will be additional email/s sent out with the meeting link.

Seniors: Please keep opening my emails about all scholarships that are available. There are a ton of scholarships available and many of these scholarships don't have a lot of applicants. Therefore, it behooves you to apply to each and every scholarship that you qualify for in hopes of getting more money for college.

Remember that if you plan to go to college you need to be on your last 1-3 credits to graduate "on time." Most colleges will need your FINAL TRANSCRIPT (showing you have completed ALL coursework/credits to graduate) before we go on Summer Break on June 27, 2024. That may seem a long way off, but trust me, it will be here before you know it. Do not get too far behind and then be scrambling in June to get it all completed. If you need help with anything related to college, please reach out to me.

FAFSA Update: Let me know if you need more help with the FAFSA. I will be happy to direct you to some amazing resources/help. Lastly, make sure you are LOOKING CLOSELY at your financial aid letters you get from the colleges you were accepted into this year. This may help you decide where you will attend. Make sure you see the cut-off date to CONFIRM/ACCEPT your enrollment at the college of your choice!

High School Students & Families: We have invited 24 new students to become members of our school's chapter of National Honor Society. These 24 new members will be inducted either in a virtual ceremony in May or the in-person NHS induction on May 31 in San Diego, CA. CONGRATULATIONS to these new NHS members!

Students/Families: ALL families and students are welcome to attend graduation weekend and celebrate our Class of 2024 graduates! The NHS in-person Induction Ceremony and student/family beach bonfire will be on Friday, May 31, and graduation will be on Saturday, June 1. These events will be in San Diego, CA. Hurry to get the cheaper priced tickets here: <https://store.cmasas.org/graduation-and-nhs/> Last date to RSVP will be April 30. Hope to see you there!

I hope you are getting spring-like weather in your area. If you ever need help with anything, need to talk, or just don't know who to reach out to, I am here to help all students and families at CMASAS!

Upcoming Events

Spring Break

March 29-April 17

Virtual Open House

April 11 at 5 pm PDT

April 23 at 10 am PDT

Japan Regional Gathering

April 13, 2024

Costa Rica Trip

April 16-22, 2024

Return from Spring Break

April 18

Spring Assembly

May 22, 2024
1:00-2:00 pm PDT

Student Council-Hosted Talent Show

May 23, 2024
2:00-3:00 pm PDT

NHS/Graduation Weekend

May 31-June 1
San Diego



JOIN US AT OUR VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

We know how important it is to find the right educational fit for your child. By attending our Virtual Open House, we hope to provide you with a complete overview to our program and a better understanding of our Personalization Philosophy – the CMASAS difference! We will conclude our time together with a Question & Answer session. We encourage you to submit your questions in advance.

April 11 at 5pm PDT
April 23 at 10am PDT
for prospective parents and students

Event Sign Up



April Sandoval

Elem. and Middle School
PEC/CI and Community &
Culture Specialist



Regional Gathering

We had 23 students, family and staff join us at the Whydah Pirate Museum in Yarmouth, Massachusetts on Saturday, March 9th.

The group had a lesson on the Second Rounders then explored the exhibit hall. Students also got to participate in a museum-run scavenger hunt to find specific artifacts they learned about. The group is now considered pirate experts!

We will have our first international gathering of the school year! We will come together for a cherry blossom viewing in Karuizawa, Japan on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 11am – 3pm.

International Trips

Costa Rica

We have 21 students, families and staff members attending our Costa Rica trip April 16-22. We are counting down to this exciting adventure!

Assemblies

Our spring assembly will be Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 1pm PDT.

Michelle Zetwo will be our guest speaker. Michelle has worked in border control focused on endangered animals that get smuggled into the country. She is a forensic officer and is now consulting in the field of education. Come hear all about the fascinating work she does!

What's New?

Tell A Friend About CMASAS - Get A Tuition Discount!

Help us get the word out about our school! Take advantage of our New Discounts beginning April 1, 2024. We have changed the incentive for our Refer-A-Friend Program!

Current families, when you **refer a friend**, you can be eligible for a family and friends discount of **up to 15% per year**. For each student (up to three) who you refer that enrolls at CMASAS, you will receive **5% off** your student's next year's tuition (up to 15% off for one student tuition)!

The family you refer will also be eligible for a family and friends discount of 10% off their student's tuition (after they have been enrolled for 90 days).

Alumni, graduating families or CMASAS staff who **refer a friend** will receive a **\$200 Amazon gift card** once the student completes their first 90 days.

[Refer-A-Friend Form](#)

Navigating Our New CMASAS Website

Each month we will highlight some of the pages of our new website. This month, we would like to draw your attention to the Alumni, Diversity & Reputation, Partnerships and Meet Our Team pages!



Click on the image above to see the page

Student Spotlight

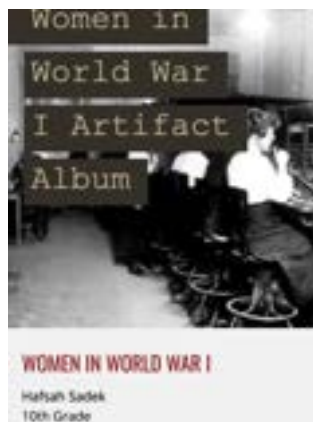
Student Spotlight

Check out our new student achievements [here](#). It was a great way to shine a light on Women's History Month, which ran through March.

Would you like to be featured?

Click below to fill out the form and be featured in our next spotlights!

[STUDENT SPOTLIGHT FORM](#)



We also have created some new Alumni Spotlights to promote our school. Enjoy!



Bennett Balogh

Class of 2022

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