



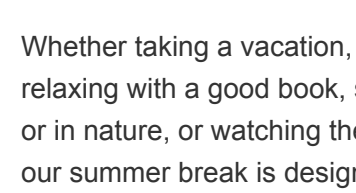
August 2024

Parent/Student MONTHLY NEWS NOTES

Monthly Message



Christopher Geis
Executive Director

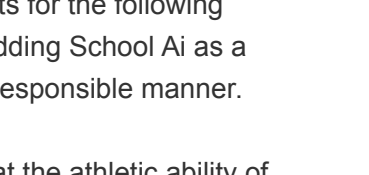


It Means Everything!

As Summer heats up we are preparing for our returning students and new families enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year.

We are thankful to have raised money through the Personal Education Foundation this year to offer financial assistance awards to two CMASAS families who had a need. We will also launch a new Spirit Store and have additional opportunities to raise money to help our families later this month. Applications for financial aid will open again Feb. 2025. Click the PEFoundation logo to learn more.

This will be a year of renewal and rejuvenation for students and faculty alike culminating in an opportunity to experience a spiritual journey of self-exploration and empowerment on our next International trip to the Camino de Santiago trail in May 2025.



Whether taking a vacation, visiting family and friends, relaxing with a good book, spending time at the beach or in nature, or watching the 2024 Summer Olympics our summer break is designed for students and faculty to provide an extended time to re-energize and prepare for the upcoming school year.

Preparing for the school year, a pilgrimage or for the Olympics takes time, commitment, resources, planning, and action. Our preparation for the new school year begins in February each year with planning meetings where we review our accreditation progress, update policies and handbooks, create the school calendar, review possible changes in state and federal laws, and discuss schoolwide improvements for the following year. This year, we are embracing artificial intelligence by adding School AI as a resource for students and teachers to use in an ethical and responsible manner.

While we all watch the 2024 Summer Olympics and marvel at the athletic ability of Olympians, let us all be inspired to unleash our passion and potential by endeavoring to do our best in all that we do, say, and think. Catch that magic moment, do it here and now!

As one of our alumni parents stated, "Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results." – Willie Nelson

How are you preparing for the school year to make a positive impact in your life and with our students? Looking forward to seeing you on the Camino de Santiago in May!

Message from CMASAS Leads



Daisy Cheatham



Cierra Tredway

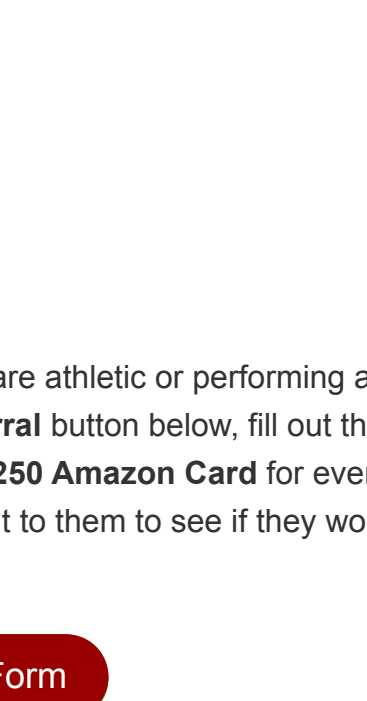
Hi Students and Families,

We hope that you have had a wonderful summer full of lots of fun and meaningful memories. We are now into the 2024-2025 school year and looking forward to another great year with each one of you. As you are moving into the new school year, we want to remind you all that both of us are also here to support you. We always love to hear from students and families, so please reach out if you need anything or just to say hi. We, also, want to remind you that clubs will be starting the beginning of September. This is such a fun way to get involved and meet some other students here at CMASAS so be on the lookout for clubs!

We hope that you have the best year and we appreciate each one of you.

Let's Celebrate!

Thank You! We made it to 136 Niche Reviews!



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 surpassed our goal of 120 reviews by the end of the 2023/2024 school year. If you didn't get a chance to add your review, click on the link. It only takes a few minutes and who knows, you may win some \$!

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

Scholarship Listing

Partner Referral Program

Help us connect with potential partners who are athletic or performing arts organizations. Simply click the **Partner Referral** button below, fill out the referral form, and receive an entry to win a **\$250 Amazon Card** for every organization you refer to us. We will reach out to them to see if they would kindly promote our school.

Partner Referral Form

Family & Friends Referral 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. Click the Family & Friends Referral button to fill out the form!

Family & Friends Referral

Thank You for Writing a Google Review

Thank You for Writing a Google Review. Your words can help us with search to do school!

Write a Google Review

Counseling Updates



Heidi Fox
Director of Counseling

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! We are so excited you are back with us (or starting with us) this year. I am available to you and your family for a wide variety of issues and/or helpful support. Need college application help or support? Contact me. Have anxiety about school or personal issues? Contact me. Frustrated with your student's progress and/or tendencies of perfection? Contact me. Have questions about your student's courses and/or planning for the school year? Contact me. Honestly, if you have a question about anything, you can always contact me.

I love hearing from families/parents/students and I am always available to set up a meeting to discuss any concerns you have. I love supporting our students/families/staff! Don't be shy. I hope to get a chance to "meet" you this year.

I want to encourage you and your student/s to explore all the amazing community and culture activities we offer at CMASAS. We have many clubs available for all grade levels. Getting involved in these clubs is such a great way to grow personal, leadership, time management, and social skills! Please encourage students to attend homeroom. This is an additional opportunity to gain social connection and/or leadership skills. Have your student attend assemblies and other school-sponsored events too. Studies show that the more connected your student feels at school, the more successful he/she can be academically. If you ever have questions about how to get your child/student involved, contact your student's PEC or myself.

Seniors: You will begin to get emails from me very soon regarding the Class of 2025. College prep, graduation plans, scholarship applications, Common App, Letters of Rec, and more topics will be covered. I look forward to working closely with our seniors and hopefully getting to meet you all in San Diego next year for our Class of 2025 Graduation Weekend!

Juniors: I will begin to send emails about standardized testing opportunities—the SAT, ACT, and also the PSAT/NMSQT. I will also start sending emails regarding preparation for college applications and college prep. I encourage you to reach out to me directly if you would like to set up a personalized college prep (or career planning) meeting to discuss your future and meeting your personalized goals.

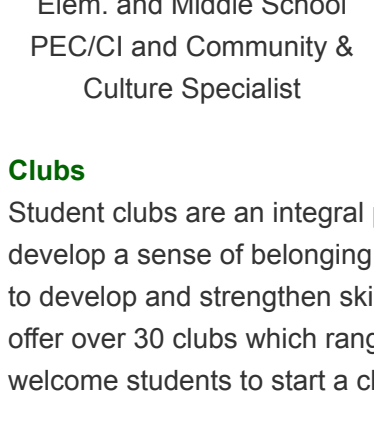
Freshman/Sophomores: You will also receive emails regarding various preparation for college and/or careers. It's important you start to consider your future. As always, please contact me if you have specific questions, concerns, or would simply like to set up a planning meeting.

Middle School Students: Are you already thinking ahead to high school? If not, you should be! It's always a good idea to make sure you are taking the courses needed to get you on the right track for high school and beyond, college (or a career). Do you need ideas for gaining leadership skills or getting involved in extra-curricular activities? Please reach out to me, as I would love to discuss these topics or others with you.

Here's to yet another great 2024-25 school year at CMASAS—our 16th year of providing personalized education to students & families!

Upcoming Events

Fun CMASAS Connections!

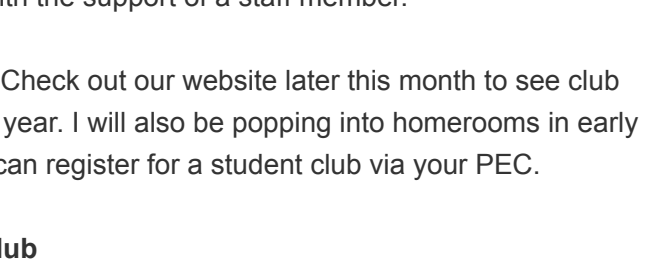


April Sandoval
Elem. and Middle School PEC/CI and Community & Culture Specialist

Regional Gatherings

Here is a list of our 2024-2025 Regional Gatherings. More info to come as events get closer.

2024/2025 CMASAS Regional Gatherings



Clubs

Student clubs are an integral part of building community here at CMASAS. They help develop a sense of belonging and connect students to their peers. They also allow students to develop and strengthen skills such as communication, teamwork and leadership. We offer over 30 clubs which range in topics. We love that clubs are student driven. We welcome students to start a club with the support of a staff member.

Clubs start back up in September! Check out our website later this month to see club offerings for the 2024-2025 school year. I will also be popping into homerooms in early September to promote clubs. You can register for a student club via your PEC.

Club Spotlight - Career Ready Club

This is a new club for high school students. This club is dedicated to building professional portfolios and exploring essential career skills. Our goal is to empower students to step into the professional world after high school by providing them with tools, guidance and experience needed for success. We will be doing activities like building portfolios, mock interviews, soft skill practice, and career exploration.

This club runs on the 1st/3rd Mondays of the month at 11am pacific.

What's New?

Camino de Santiago - Spring 2025

You received an email this week inviting you to join in our next international adventure. We plan to journey the Camino de Santiago from Portugal to Spain in Spring 2025. We will spend a 8-days immersed in the rich culture and history along a scenic route that has been around since the 9th century and walked by those such as kings, queens, popes and presidents. We believe this transformative experience in nature will bring enormous benefits both physically and mentally.

If you are interested in attending, please reach out to me at asandoval@cmasas.org. We will have two informational meetings to answer any questions. Join us on **Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

[Noon \(PST\) Info Meeting](#)

[5:00 pm \(PST\) Info Meeting](#)



Click on the image above to go to our Travel Webpage for more info

Student Spotlight

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

[STUDENT SPOTLIGHT FORM](#)



CMASAS Photography Club 2023-24

Click on the image to watch a presentation of the Photography Club's work! It's amazing!

STUDENT PROFILE



Eden Barnard

CMASAS Class of 2024

As an international student, CMASAS made my transition to a new country smooth and stress-free. CMASAS allowed me to seamlessly continue my education even after moving to Spain for a year, eliminating the stress of finding a new school and adjusting to a new program.

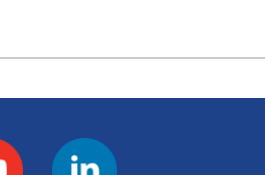
CMASAS was the perfect choice for me and my family. It catered to my academic needs and provided a wide range of electives that aligned with my interests, such as Design and Interior Design, which I plan to pursue in college.

CMASAS provided the flexibility to explore my new home in Spain, spend time with family in the U.S., and even tour my college in Dublin without any disruption to my studies. The ability to continue my education uninterrupted, regardless of my location, has been a game-changer.

Enrolling at CMASAS gave me the flexibility to work whenever and wherever, allowing me to balance my academic pursuits with my passion for aerial arts and quality time spent with family and friends.

The community at CMASAS has also been remarkable. In my first year, I connected with a few classmates through an Instagram group chat. Over the years, these online friendships grew stronger, and meeting them in person at graduation in San Diego this summer felt like reuniting with old friends. It's incredible how lasting friendships can be formed in this online school setting.

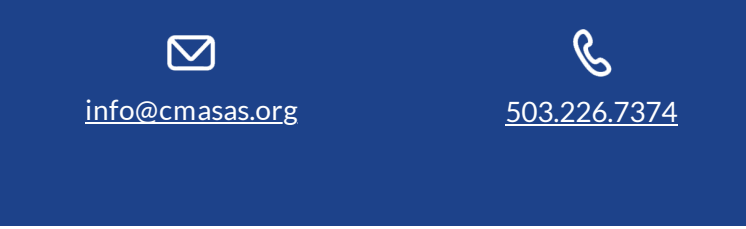
For any prospective parents, I can confidently say that CMASAS offers a personalized education that adapts to the student's pace and interests. It was truly one of the best choices for me and my family.



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CMASAS RECENT BLOG

Written by: Homeschooling Blogger and Podcast Host **Amanda Melrose**



Click the image above to read Amanda's review on our school. Also, if you have any friends interested in our school, please direct them to this comprehensive review!

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