

Parent/Student MONTHLY NEWS NOTES

Monthly Message



TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

WATCH THE VIDEO MESSAGE FROM CHRISTOPHER GEIS!

We just got back from our Annual Leadership Planning Meeting in Montana. Thank you to everyone who filled out the recent survey we sent to our faculty and families last month. We spent time reviewing the results and incorporating many of your ideas to help improve engagement and strengthen our community.

We will be going over the results in our upcoming Parent Ambassador meetings. All are welcome to participate in these meetings and committees. More info on the upcoming Parent Ambassador meetings below...

↑ Please listen to my video message ↑
I am once again challenging each of you –
parents, students, and faculty/staff to step out
of your comfort zone and send us a quick
dance video of yourself.

Please send it to marketingteam@cmasas.org so we can edit them together similar to this video, or post it on social media tagging us @cmasas_ and using the hashtag #cmasasletsdance.

Can't wait to see your dance!

What's New?



New Spirit Gear for the Class of 2025!

We added some fun CMASAS Class of 2025 options to our Spirit Store. Check it out and purchase your t-shirt or sweatshirt now.

Spirit Store Link



We Have A New CMASAS APP!

Students and Parents: Check out our free, school app which consolidates our social media content from Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter along with important links from our website, and puts them all in one place for easy access.

You can now see our posts even if you do not have any social media pages. You can also access our spirit store, make a payment, course catalog, clubs, student spotlight, alumni, newsletters, blogs, resources, testimonial pages, and genius log-in from the app!

Share Your Story: Testimonials

Please consider sharing your story - including your experience at CMASAS, passions, and goals with other families interested in sending their kids to an online school. Fill out this form and send us a photo so we can share on the website and social media: <u>testimonial</u> form.

Walk-A-Thon

From May 12-19, 2025, we will be rolling out a fun and engaging opportunity to invite students to walk with us during our Camino de Santiago international school trip. Collectively, we will be encouraging and cheering one another on as we trek 100 kilometers (KM) together. We will also be walking to raise funds for the tuition assistance fund of the Personalized Education Foundation, which provides financial support to CMASAS families in need. We are hoping to create a lot of excitement and engagement by offering prizes for a variety of milestones (actual kilometers walked, money raised, top homeroom in terms of participation/fundraising, etc.) Stay tuned...

Tuition Assistance Application Open Until April 30, 2025

You have until April 30, 2025 to submit an application for tuition assistance for the following school year. Here is the link: https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4Q3WK/

Parent Ambassador Program

We will be going over Survey Results at the next Parent Ambassador Feedback Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 10am PST.

Our Next All-Committee Parent Ambassador Meeting is Monday, May 5th at 4pm PST

Please sign up to receive an invitation to these meetings!

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about this program and how you can get involved and support our community. If you have not already signed up and would like to attend any upcoming Parent Ambassador Meetings, please fill out the sign-up form below. Here is the link to the upcoming Feedback Committee meeting:

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 298 191 231 185 Passcode: TZ9Tk9Na

We are also looking for a new Personalized Education Foundation Board Member if you are interested in supporting that aspect of our school. You can make that known in the sign-up form.

We look forward to working together with you to continue to improve CMASAS and foster a more inclusive and engaging community!

Also, you may want to join the CMASAS Parent Group on Facebook.

Sign-Up Form

Thank You for Sharing CMASAS with Others

Webinar for Prospective Students and Families

We are targeting new families and inviting them to come to a webinar hosted by our Marketing team to teach them more about our Personalication model and see if CMASAS could be a fit for their student. Presenters will include three of our PECs.

Please help us spread the word to prospective families you may knowl.





New Summer School Program

We will be launching a new Summer School program for new/prospective middle and high school students, who will have an opportunity to take 1-3 courses before Friday, August 29, 2025 to test drive our school.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SPREAD THE WORD AND SHARING WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

Incomplete Summer Courses:

If a student does not complete courses by August 29, 2025, they will need to pay the difference between the individual course pricing and the summer school plan. Students may roll over courses into a full-time program.

Not Included:

CMASAS Summer School does not include PEC support, Honors, AP, or Dual Enrollment Courses.

New Referral Program

We made some changes to our Referral Program! Current families, when you refer a friend, you will receive a \$100 Amazon Gift Card for each referral*, and a waived registration fee (valued at \$325/Annual or \$200/Semester) for their next enrollment agreement. The family being referred will no longer qualify for a discount.

Alumni, graduating families or CMASAS staff who refer a friend will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card*

* Gift cards will be sent once the referred student completes their first 90 days.

Partner Referral Program

Is Your Student an Athlete or Performing Artist? Help us connect with the athletic or performing arts organizations where you are currently participating or have participated.

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 to other students like yours. We will select the winner at the end of April 2025.

Family & Friends Referral

Partner Referral Program

Counseling Updates

Seniors: Please make sure you are on pace to graduate "on time." Keep in mind "on time" may mean something different to each of you. If you have questions about when you need to have your courses/credits completed for college, please contact me so we can go over this. Remember: you do not have to be completely finished with all credits/courses to be eligible to attend/walk at graduation on May 31, 2025.



Heidi Fox

NHS - We will be announcing new members of NHS this month. We are very excited for these potential new members!

Graduation - Join us for graduation! Regular pricing (\$39/person) is now in effect. Only guests have to purchase a ticket. Graduating students do not have to pay:

https://store.cmasas.org/product/graduation-dinner-ticket/

We encourage all families, regardless of your student's grade level, to consider attending these amazing events at the end of May. Furthermore, if you do plan to attend our Graduation Weekend/Regional Gathering, you may wish to take advantage of our room block at The Dana (at Mission Bay) here: https://thedana.com/ Call and ask for the NHS/Graduation room block.

Junior & High School College Counseling live webinar for students and parents will be happening in April. More details to come. I will also be sending seniors an email to receive their info for our **Senior Slides for the Class of 2025**. Please respond promptly.

As always, please reach out to me directly if you have any questions or concerns about your student's educational path/experience here at CMASAS. I am here to help ALL students and families as needed. I love setting up meetings and meeting you all to help you with your child's challenges, goals, plans, and more!

Upcoming Events

"Is a Private Online School Right For You" Webinar
March 20th, 4:00pm PST

Parent Ambassador Feedback Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 10:00am PST

Tuition Assistance Submission Deadline

April 30, 2025

Parent Ambassador All-Committee Meeting

Monday, May 5, 2025 4:00pm PST

Our School Talent Show Winners!!!

1st Place: Iyer Beckner

2nd Place: Thalia Matsumoto

3rd Place: Trey Dietrich III

Cierra Tredway was the winner of our teacher

category!

Thank you so much to everyone that competed in our 2025 School Talent Show.

Here is the link to **WATCH NOW!**





April Sandoval
PEC/CI and Community & Culture Specialist

Women's History Month

Women's History Month is an annual celebration in March that honors the contributions and achievements of women throughout history. It started as a weeklong celebration in 1981, designated by Congress, and was later expanded to a month in 1987. The month highlights the important roles that women have played in various fields such as politics, science, arts, education, and social movements. Join us in Teams to learn more!

Check out our social media posts all month and read our blogs on the website!

Regional Gatherings

FYI...We unfortunately had to make the decision to cancel our Regional Gathering to the Salem Witch Museum in Salem, MA on May 23, due to so many events taking place between the Camino and graduation.

San Diego Family Fun Day – Following our celebration of the Class of 2025 at our in-person graduation, we will gather for a family-fun day on Sunday, June 1st. Time TBD. Join the CMASAS family for an afternoon of kayaking, paddle boarding, volleyball, lawn games, and more. This will be in the Mission Bay area. (by the Mission Bay Beach Club - https://www.missionbaybeachclub.com/)

Families can bring their own lunch or purchase food at the Mission Bay Beach Club. We will provide water, games, kayaks, paddle boards, etc.

Winter Assembly

If you did not have an opportunity to watch the last assembly, here is the link to watch it now: WATCH NOW

Al Quattrocchi delivered an inspiring presentation that had everyone motivated to pursue their passions and embrace the journey. He takes us on an unforgettable adventure through the worlds of design, fishing, travel,

and music.



Clubs

Student clubs are up and running! All clubs are listed on our website.

Club Spotlight - Student Ambassador Club

The Student Ambassador Club fosters a supportive and engaged school community. Club participants will guide new students, promote our school, and support our Personalized Education Foundation through different initiatives. You will also organize meaningful community service projects.

This 6-12 grade club meeting times are 1st and 3rd Mondays at noon PST with Sarah Andersen as the faculty moderator.

Student Spotlight

Check out our new <u>student spotlights</u> this month! Please continue to send in achievements by filling out the following <u>form</u>.









Check out our Student Virtue Award Winners on our Instagram, Facebook and New Phone App!

JANUARY WINNERS - RESILIENCE:

Eli Nyobuya: His nomination stated, "Eli has faced many obstacles in his health and personal life in the past several years. Through it all, he shows grit and resilience in the face

of these obstacles. Eli keeps a level head and pushes through. He never quits on himself or his life, and he faces each day as a fresh start. Eli is a true hero who never gives in to the victim mindset."

Rebecca Churchill: Her nomination stated in part, "Becca is such a resilient individual. She has overcome a lot in the past few years and has worked so hard to do so. She is always putting one foot in front of the other no matter the situation." We are so proud of you Rebecca!

Niyla Uhlenberg: Her nomination says, "Niyla has overcome many things and continues to push forward with her schoolwork and in her personal life. Due to her perseverance, she continues to make great strides. She works hard and always gets back up to try again regardless of the circumstance. She is a fighter and shines bright!"

Madison Dginguerian: A new student this year, Madison's nomination says, "Madison encompasses resilience by challenging herself regularly to go outside her comfort zone and meet other people. She's shown strength, perseverance, and bravery by overcoming these hurdles, connecting with other people within our CMASAS community, and even doing volunteer work to give back to her community!"

Lexa Hedgecock: A senior this year, Lexa's PEC says, "I have watched Lexa navigate some difficult things in her education journey so far but has been able to work around them with her CIs, Mom, me and other people helping. She is excited to go to college next fall and continue to learn. She has worked diligently and has an amazing GPA despite these roadblocks, super impressive."

Sumana Jayaraman: Here is what the nominator says about Sumana, "Sumana is an incredibly hard, diligent worker and always has a great attitude. She consistently demonstrates perseverance and resilience through health and learning challenges and has been able to maintain a perfect 4.0 GPA! She is also an active member of our NHS chapter. She is an inspiration!"

Ruilei Kendrick: His nomination states, "Ruilei is an absolutely amazing person. He has overcome so many challenges and continues to stay positive and work hard. This year, in addition to his CMASAS courses, he has taken multiple college courses that challenge him beyond his comfort zone. He is friendly, kind-hearted, and driven to reach his personal goals. I am impressed by his consistent resilience!"

FEBRUARY WINNERS - INTEGRITY:

Ella Johnson (grade 11): Ella is always her honest and authentic self in all interactions. She knows who she is and she is true to that always. Ella has integrity and strong values that she pursues with conviction.

Leia Walker (grade 9): Leia is consistently showcasing her academic and personal integrity with the little details and thought put into her words. Regardless if Leia is struggling in a course or excelling, she is always honest in regard to her progress and open to testing new approaches.

The March Virtue Award is **Creativity**--Encouraging innovative thinking and expression.

