



**CMASAS**  
**Parent/Student**  
**Monthly News Notes**

March 2026



**Cierra Tredway**  
**9-12 Grade Lead**



**Daisy Cheatham**  
**K-8 Grade Lead**

**Message from the CMASAS Leads**

**Dear CMASAS Students and Families,**

As we move forward into springtime, this time of year can begin to feel heavy for many students. The energy of a fresh start has settled into routine, the days can feel long, and assignments may seem to pile up faster than expected. It's common for motivation to dip right about now. When school starts to feel harder, it's often not because students aren't capable, it's simply because they're tired.

If that sounds familiar, please know you are not alone. This is not the moment to pull back; it's the moment to lean in. Your support team is here for you. Reach out to your PEC or your CIs. A short 15-minute conversation can provide clarity, reset priorities, and ease the sense of overwhelm before it grows.

We also want to gently encourage balance. Make space this week for something that brings you joy; read for pleasure, create something just because, play music, laugh with friends, or spend time outside. Move your body. Step into the fresh air. These aren't distractions from

**Parent Teacher Conferences are coming quickly...**

PECs and CIs are looking forward to connecting with families during Parent-Teacher Conferences on **March 18 through March 20**. Our educational leads, Daisy Cheatham and Cierra Tredway, will also be available to join any PEC meetings for additional support. To create intentional space for meaningful one-on-one conversations, there will be **no student meetings during these three days**.

We view conferences not simply as academic updates, but as important moments of connection and alignment. This time allows us to reflect on growth, clarify goals for the remainder of the semester, identify strengths, address challenges early, and ensure we are working together to support each student's success; both now and as we begin thinking ahead to next year.

Our goal is true partnership. When students, families, and educators share clarity and purpose, students thrive. We look forward to

academic success, they are fuel for it. When students care for their well-being, their focus, resilience, and productivity grow stronger.

Progress is rarely about perfection. It's about continuing to move forward, even when the path feels challenging. Small, steady steps still count. Keep going because we believe in you!

meeting with you and continuing to support every learner as they explore possibilities, build resilience, and move confidently toward their goals.

## COUNSELING UPDATES



**Heidi Fox**  
**Director of Counseling**

### **Parents:**

Hope your 2025-2026 school year is going well! Right now is a good time to do a “check in” with your student—is he/she moving along nicely in his/her courses? Are their grades what you had hoped for? Do you think they are succeeding in school, participating in school functions/activities/clubs, and/or communicating well with his/her PEC and CI's? If you have ANY concerns, now is the time to reach out to your student's PEC, CI, or myself. If you need to speak to the School Counselor for any reason, please call or email me directly. Here are a few upcoming dates important to certain grade levels:

**NHS Applicants:** NHS Membership Applications went out to the 80 eligible students in mid-February. We will be reviewing all submitted applications and announcing new members sometime in the first week of March.

**Seniors:** Plan to attend graduation on May 27 in San Diego, CA!

Please make sure you are keeping up on your pacing of courses to graduate “on time”. Reach out for help if you have any questions about what you need to do to graduate and/or make sure you finish out all coursework on time for Fall 2026 college entrance.

As always, if your student has any issues with school or just needs to chat with someone other than you (the parents/guardians), I am always here to help out. I hope your school year is going great!

**If you are in Middle School or High School,  
You are invited to Attend Our  
Counselor Connection Webinar**

# SAVE THE DATE! COUNSELOR CONNECTION

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR  
THE FUTURE



MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES:  
MARCH 31, 2026, 4:00 PM PST

HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES:  
APRIL 1, 2026, 4:00 PM PST



[Middle School Sign Up](#)

[High School Sign Up](#)

## **Counselor Connection for Middle School: *Preparing for High School & Beyond* Virtual Event | Open to Prospective & Current CMASAS Families**

Middle school is a pivotal time, and the choices you make now can shape your upcoming high school experience. Join CMASAS counselors for a guided conversation designed to help students and families feel confident, informed, and prepared for what's next.

Here, you will learn how to prepare academically and personally for high school, key decisions to consider when planning your high school path, how to make the most of your high school years, inside and outside the classroom, ways to align interests, strengths, and goals early, and how to set a strong foundation for college, career, or other post-secondary pathways.

## **Counselor Connection for High School: *Navigating the Next Chapter* Virtual Event | Open to Prospective & Current CMASAS Families**

High school is more than a checklist—it's a launchpad. Join CMASAS counselors as we walk through the many pathways available after graduation and how to strategically prepare for what comes next. The Counselor Connection is perfect for students and families seeking guidance, clarity, and confidence as they plan for life after high school. Topics discussed will include finding the right college fit, navigating the college application process, building a strong high school résumé for scholarships, strengthening your college application, securing meaningful letters of recommendation, understanding financial aid and scholarship options, exploring gap year opportunities, and what to know if you're considering the military or a trade career.

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# WHAT'S NEW?

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Help share the news...The CMASAS Summer School program for brand new students starts soon!



**CHRISTA McAULIFFE ACADEMY**  
**CMASAS**  
SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**WE CARE**

# CMASAS SUMMER PROGRAM 2026

Flexible, self-paced, online summer courses for **NEW** CMASAS middle and high school students test-driving our private, accredited online school

**Summer School Completion Date:**  
Friday, August 28, 2026

**Program Dates and Enrollment Deadlines:**

- Enroll by April 30**  
1-3 semester courses (start by May 4)
- Enroll by May 28**  
Up to 2 semester courses (start by June 1st)
- Enroll by July 17**  
1 semester elective only (start by July 20)
- Summer Break**  
Staff Break: June 29 – July 19

## Why Enroll?

- Make-Up Credits and Re-Take Courses
- Explore 200+ Courses
- Self-paced and flexible
- Academic Acceleration
- Test Drive Online Education
- Fully Online and Asynchronous

 (503)226-7374

 [INFO@CMASAS.ORG](mailto:INFO@CMASAS.ORG)

Visit our website to enroll today! [www.cmasas.org](http://www.cmasas.org)

[Register Here](#)

## Texas Education Freedom Account

CMASAS is officially approved as a Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) private school provider for the 2026–27 school year. Families accepted into the TEFA program may use their awarded funds towards full-time enrollment tuition at CMASAS and access flexible, accredited, online K–12 education.

Eligible students may receive \$10,474, with students who have qualifying disabilities potentially eligible for up to \$30,000. Applications are open through **March 17, 2026** and families may apply at any time during the window without affecting funding eligibility.

[CMASAS Texas Brochure](#)

# REMINDERS

Check Out CMASAS's Winter Assembly 📌



The poster is for CMASAS's Winter Assembly. It features a central photo of John Quattrocchi, a man with short hair wearing a brown t-shirt. The background is blue with white stars and a white rocket icon in the top left. The text 'WINTER ASSEMBLY' is in a red box at the top. Below it, 'ASSEMBLY' is written in large white letters, with 'A A A' stacked vertically on the left and 'Y Y Y' on the right. A red box on the right says 'Guest Speaker'. A white box at the bottom of the photo says 'John Quattrocchi'. At the bottom of the poster, it says 'WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH AT 1:00 PM PST' and 'ROCKET SCIENTIST AND RETIRED MECHANICAL ENGINEER WHOSE CAREER INCLUDES WORK ON THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION, XM RADIO SATELLITES, AND VIASAT SATELLITE LAUNCHES'. The CMASAS logo is in the top right corner.

[Assembly Video](#)

**Student Referral Program:** When you refer a student who becomes a full-time CMASAS student enrolled for at least 90 days, you are eligible to receive 10% off of your next school contract.

[Refer A Friend](#)



**Deadline Extension: Parent/Student Survey - March 23rd**

**Fill out the Survey** 📌 (As an added bonus, you'll be entered into a sweepstakes to win a **\$100** gift)

Parent Survey

Student Survey

## BREAKS AND HOLIDAYS



**Teacher In-Service Day:**  
**March 6**  
(No student Meetings)



**Parent/Teacher Conferences:**  
**March 18-20**



**Spring Break:**  
**April 2-19**



**Texas Regional Gathering:**  
**May 7**



**Memorial Day:**  
**May 25**



**Graduation and NHS Ceremony**  
**May 28-29**

2026/2027 Calendar

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**April Sandoval**  
PEC/CI and Community  
and Culture Specialist

### Upcoming Regional Gatherings

At CMASAS, our Regional Gatherings and International Trips give students and families meaningful opportunities to connect, explore, and learn beyond the classroom. Students gain real-world knowledge, build lasting friendships, and can even earn academic credit, all while fostering independence, cultural awareness, and a lifelong love of learning.

**Grand Opening of New CMASAS Texas Office and Ice Cream Social in Midlothian, Texas**

**When:** May 7, 2026 – 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** CMASAS Texas Office – Midlothian, Texas

## Midlo Scoops



Join us as we celebrate the grand opening of our new Texas office and bring together our amazing community of current and prospective families!

We're excited to partner with **Midlo Scoops of Midlothian** for a true old-fashioned ice cream social featuring delicious, locally loved ice cream and all the classic toppings — the perfect way to celebrate a sweet new beginning in Texas. This event will also mark the kickoff of Texas Educational Freedom Account (TEFA) enrollment. Families will have the opportunity to:

- Learn how the Texas EFA program works
- Explore how CMASAS personalized learning fits within the EFA framework
- Ask questions about eligibility and next steps
- Connect with staff for guidance through the enrollment process

If you've been curious about education options in Texas, this is the perfect opportunity to gather information in a relaxed, welcoming environment.

### What to Expect:

- Ice cream served by **Midlo Scoops**, one of Midlothian's favorite local shops
- Family-friendly games and activities
- Office tours and meet-and-greet with CMASAS staff
- Texas EFA information and enrollment guidance
- Student showcases and information stations
- Door prizes and giveaways
- Special ribbon-cutting celebration

### Tentative Schedule

**2:30 p.m.** – Welcome & Open House

**3:00 p.m.** – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**3:15 p.m.** – Ice Cream Social with Midlo Scoops

**4:00 p.m.** – Texas EFA Information Session

**4:30 p.m.** – Student Spotlight & Prize Drawings

**5:30 p.m.** – Event Concludes

Whether you're already part of the CMASAS family or exploring new education opportunities through the TEFA program, we would love to spend the afternoon with you. Come celebrate community, opportunity, and the future of personalized learning in Texas.

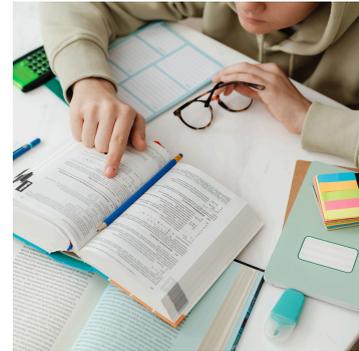
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## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

**As a reminder, student clubs run from September through May.**

### **Dungeons and Dragons:**

Come quest with us in Dungeons & Dragons Club. This student-led club is open to any middle and high school student ready for adventure. No prior experience necessary. We will be using various free apps to assist with the logistics of running a virtual campaign. Unsure if you want to dive into a quest? Feel free to come watch and learn more about the game!



### **Recommended for grades 6-12**

This club takes place every Wednesday at 10am pacific time.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

### **February Virtue – HONOR**

(Act with honesty, fairness, & respect in all relationships.)

**Ambrose Beaulieu (Grade 10)**

**Alexandria Stokes (Grade 6)**

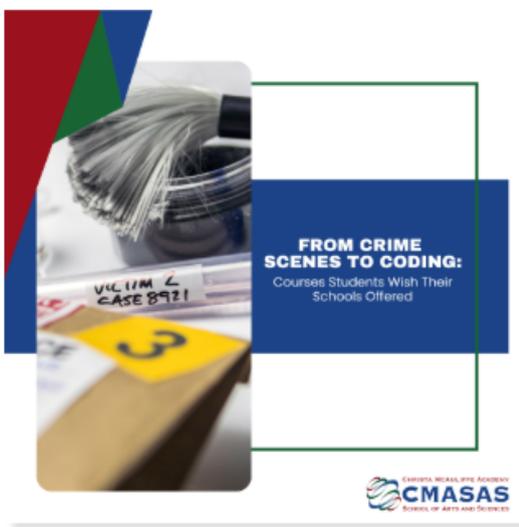
**Ava Alisher (Grade 8)**

**Alejandro Zevallos-Perez (Grade 12)**

**Jethro Kirkman (Grade 6)**

## CMASAS BLOGS

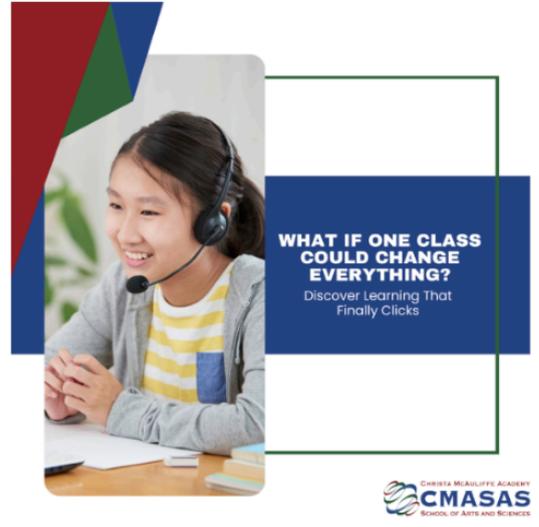
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**FROM CRIME SCENES TO CODING:**  
Course Students Wish Their Schools Offered



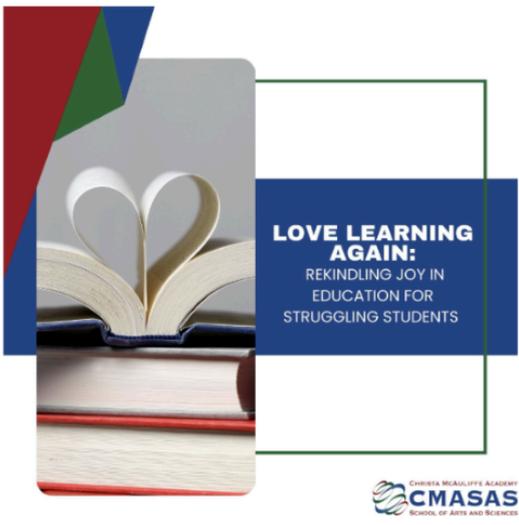
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**LOVE LEARNING  
AGAIN:**  
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**Written by: Cierra Tredway**



**A SELF-PACED  
SEMESTER CHECK-IN:**  
Learning with Care,  
Purpose, and Confidence



**A SELF-PACED SEMESTER CHECK IN:  
LEARNING WITH CARE, PURPOSE,  
AND CONFIDENCE**  
**Written by: Samantha Berry**

## HEALTH TIPS

### Benefits of Moving Your Body This Time of Year

As we begin to come out of winter, even with a few lingering cold and snowy days, it's important to keep prioritizing movement for both physical and mental well-being. Regular activity boosts

mood, improves focus, strengthens the immune system, and increases energy levels. These benefits are especially helpful as routines shift into a new season. Encourage simple, sustainable habits like daily walks (when weather allows), stretching between study sessions, at-home yoga, bodyweight workouts, or even dancing to a favorite playlist. Remember that movement doesn't have to be intense to be effective; consistency matters more than intensity. At CMASAS, we believe caring for the body supports caring for the mind, and even small steps can help students feel more energized, balanced, and ready to learn.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

### Write Your Review

One of the greatest gifts you can give our school is sharing your experience with other families who are searching for a place where their child can thrive. If CMASAS has positively impacted your family, please take a few minutes to share your thoughts on Niche.

- ✔ It only takes a few minutes
- ✔ Every review makes a difference
- ✔ You'll be entered to **win a \$1,000 Niche sweepstakes** just for submitting!

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### Share Your Student's Success Story



#### Roxanne Colbert, Kindergarten:

"Over the summer, Roxanne completed Art projects. She painted with acrylics. She jumped right into basic Art education like the color wheel and object placement like foreground, middle ground, and background. She learned about layering the paints to create depth. She also learned some basic color theory."

*(click on photo to learn more)*



**Hafsah Sadek, 12<sup>th</sup> grade:**

"During my junior year of high school, I had the opportunity to shadow a professor at the University of Kentucky, which introduced me to laboratory research and sparked my interest in the field. After this experience, I continued my involvement by volunteering in the lab, where I am currently finishing my second semester learning alongside professional researchers and scientists."  
*(click on photo to learn more)*



**Elisia Nikolic, 9<sup>th</sup> grade:**

"Elisia made the Fife High School Varsity Golf Team. The Fife Trojans finished the season undefeated as the best team in the league."  
*(click on photo to learn more)*

## SHARE YOUR STORY

*Here are recent testimonials that reflect CMASAS' mission and values coming to life!*



**GIGI GRACE**

**Class of 2026**

"CMASAS has been a big part of my life, allowing me to continue studies while also pursuing my passion for the performing arts. As I finish up my high school degree, I love to sing, play guitar, practice mixed martial arts and I am a professional dancer in multiple styles. I was recently showcased in four episodes of the Prime Video show, "The Better Sister," that premiered on May 29, 2025. What a thrill to appear in this series which stars Jessica Biel and Elizabeth Banks."



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**ANGEL LOCK**  
Mother of a Senior

[Share Your Story](#)

"CMASAS has been truly above and beyond amazing for our family. The administration is kind, responsive, and communicative, and the same is true of every teacher we've encountered.

When my son relapsed with cancer, CMASAS became one of our greatest support systems. The flexibility they provided allowed him to complete his coursework on a schedule that worked around treatment, giving us the ability to focus on his health without sacrificing his education. Administrators and teachers regularly checked in on him, offering support.

Because of their dedication, my son is on track to graduate this year with multiple college credits ready to transfer into his first year of college. What truly sets CMASAS apart is how personal the experience feels. They genuinely care about each student as an individual, and we will always be grateful for the compassion and support they showed our family during one of the most challenging times of our lives."

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# MISSION STATEMENT:

To launch confident, caring leaders and passionate life-long learners who explore infinite possibilities, achieve their dreams, and touch the future.



## PURPOSE (VISION STATEMENT):

To be the most caring, personalized, and academically rigorous online private school for all K-12 students who need flexibility, support, and a path to self-discovery.

## CMASAS COMMITMENTS:

### EVERY PATH, PERSONALLY DESIGNED



LEARNING THAT ADAPTS TO EACH STUDENT'S UNIQUE PACE, STYLE, AND GOALS.

### A COMMUNITY THAT CARES



TRUSTED RELATIONSHIPS THAT NURTURE BOTH ACADEMIC AND EMOTIONAL GROWTH.

### MASTERY FOR A CONNECTED WORLD



SELF-PACED, INCLUSIVE LEARNING THAT INSPIRES CONFIDENT, REAL-WORLD CONTRIBUTIONS.

## CORE VALUES:

### Personalized Learning

We honor every student's unique learning style and goals, providing flexible Personalized Education Plans (PEPs) to support each student's educational journey.

### Caring Community

We create authentic, trusting relationships between students, families, and staff. Our PECs and CIs cultivate a safe, supportive environment that nurtures both academic and emotional growth.

### Global Diversity and Inclusion

Our global student body celebrates diverse perspectives and ensures every voice is respected and heard - fostering empathy, global connections, and friendships around the world.

### Self-Paced, Mastery-Based

We deliver a self-paced, mastery-based curriculum that goes beyond memorization, empowering students to deeply understand, retain, and confidently apply knowledge in real-world situations.

### Innovation and Exploration

We encourage students to think critically, explore boldly, and discover who they are, making meaningful contributions to the world.

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