

FRAZER NEWSLETTER

JANUARY

Advisory

- In Term 2, we transition our focus to the Community, centered on the themes of Optimism and Getting Along with Others. Students will move from managing their own feelings to understanding the feelings of those around them. Specifically, we will target the skills necessary to use positive communication to interact effectively with peers. A major focus will be placed on the "work" of friendship: how to develop and maintain positive relationships through active listening and empathy. Finally, students will be equipped with support for conflict resolution, learning how to navigate disagreements with a helpful, optimistic mindset that prioritizes solution-seeking over blame.

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Friday, January 9th CSA/CSAMS Spirit Wear
Monday, January 12th CSAMS Girls Basketball Try-Outs at CSPA (5:00 - 6:30 pm)
Monday, January 19th Day of Service
Friday, January 23rd CSA/CSAMS Spirit Wear
Friday, January 30th Yellow Day for National School Choice

Thank you!

Your child receives the best education when you and I work as a team. It is a parent's enthusiasm, support, and involvement that inspires children to do their best, and a teacher's ability to teach what they need to learn. Together, we can achieve wonderful things that will allow your child to excel. Thank you for your commitment to your child's education and I feel privileged to be a part of your child's educational journey.

POWERSCHOOL and CSA District Annual Student Forms

Remember you can check your child's progress on PowerSchool at any time at <https://csadistrict.powerschool.com/public/>.

All CSA District annual student forms can be accessed and completed electronically through your student's PowerSchool account. Under the PowerSchool Parent Portal, you can update emergency contact information and complete all annual forms. If you need help or support with accessing your PowerSchool account, please let me know.

Yearbooks

Middle School Yearbooks are on sale! Our yearbook is a 68-page color yearbook made by our Middle School Yearbook enhancement that captures events and memories from this school year. If you would like to order a yearbook, please visit this direct link: [Order Link!](#) If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kowalczyk (kkowalczyk@csaschool.org).

National Junior Honors Society

National Junior Honor Society members for the 2025 - 26 school year have already been selected. To be considered for new membership to the CSAMS chapter of NJHS for the 2026 - 27 school year, current first and second-year students must demonstrate outstanding scholarship by maintaining all A's in each content area on this school year's Term 1, 2, and 3 report cards. Invitations for next school year memberships are sent out at the end of the school year.

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CSA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

- **Science:** This month in science, students will begin by finalizing scientific arguments for how an athlete can increase cellular respiration to improve performance. Then they will take on the role of food engineer interns, applying their knowledge of metabolism to design a healthy food bar called the *FuturaBar*. Students will investigate how protein, carbohydrates, and glycemic index affect the body's energy, growth, and repair, and use this science to meet the needs of a specific target population. Using a digital design tool, students will collect and analyze data, test and revise recipes, and balance real-world constraints like taste and cost. The unit culminates in a final proposal where students justify their design choices, simulating an authentic engineering internship experience following the Metabolism unit.
- **Literature:** This month, students created original magazines based on This month, students will kick off their learning with an engaging mini poetry unit focused on deep exploration and close reading. Through activities such as poem replication, text comparisons, and thoughtful analysis of themes, students will strengthen both their interpretive and creative skills. Following the Day of Service, Literature students will transition into an exciting study of Greek mythology. As they explore a variety of classic myths, students will create individual scrapbook pages that reflect their understanding and creativity. This unit will culminate in a fully assembled Greek mythology scrapbook, showcasing their learning and imaginative work throughout the study.
- **Social Studies** - Students are exploring the origins of the United States government and taking a deep dive into the Constitution. We are examining why it was created, the ideas that influenced it, and how it continues to guide our government today. Students will analyze key principles such as separation of powers, checks and balances, and individual rights. Through discussions and activities, they are learning how these principles shape laws and leadership in our country. This work helps students better understand their role as citizens and the importance of an informed and active public.
- **Math:** The instructional learning targets of the CSA middle school math curriculum focus on developing students' proficiency in key mathematical areas such as ratios, geometry, algebraic expressions, and statistics, while fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and real-world application skills. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for high school math and beyond by encouraging a deep understanding of mathematical concepts. This month, students will be exploring concepts of algebraic expressions (Foundations Math), solving equations (Applied Math); graphing and writing and graphing linear equations (Intro to Integrated Math and Integrated I Math); and graphing quadratic functions (Integrated II Math).

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