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Third Year Projects

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Educational Focus

Literature

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 and meaning, 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 have just completed our Ancient India unit and will begin our exploration of Ancient China. In this unit students will examine how China's location and geography shaped its history and people. From the Himalayas to the Gobi desert, these early civilizations were shaped by the climate and natural geography. This unit will also include a study in civilizations that developed along the Huang He River, including the Shang Dynasty, which will set the stage for the discovery of these civilizations' innovations, societal structures, economies, linguistics and the arts. Students will also learn how early belief systems, ruling dynasties and innovations, like the Great Wall, impacted the development of this great society.

Science

This month, students will be continuing Unit 4 – Rock Transformations. As student geologists, learners will explore a geological mystery: two rock samples—one from the Great Plains and one from the Rocky Mountains—look very different, yet contain a surprisingly similar mix of minerals. Did these rocks originally form together and later become separated, or did one form first and provide the materials for the other? To uncover the answer, students investigate how rocks form and change over time, and how various energy sources drive those transformations.

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); and graphing and writing and graphing linear equations (Intro to Integrated Math and Integrated I Math).

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.



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PowerSchool

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



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.

NJHS

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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THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you kindly for all of the ways I was showered with kindness over the holidays! Thank you for your donations to the holiday party, too!! I appreciate each one of my advisory families!! **Many Thanks!**



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 link: [Order Link!](#) For questions, please contact Ms. Kowalczyk (kkowalczyk@csaschool.org).

Contact Me!

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Any Questions?



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Beluga Ball

Beluga Ball is the district's largest fundraiser of the year!!! "Every year, Parent Council strives to raise funding beyond the standard per-pupil allocations to supplement school resources and promote the educational programs of Charyl Stockwell Academy District schools. Without the option to request school millage funds, we rely solely on fundraising for additional support."

Each advisory is responsible for submitting a basket to the auction. Thank you to Mrs. VanSumeren for spearheading this endeavor! The Foust Advisory will be doing a Movie Themed Basket :)

Below is a link to an Amazon Wishlist. Families can purchase directly from here and it will be shipped to Mrs. VanSumeren's home. If you would prefer to donate monetarily instead, Mrs. VanSumeren can receive your donation via Venmo. IF DONATING MONETARILY, PLEASE INCLUDE A MEMO THAT IT IS FOR THE FOUST BELUGA BALL BASKET!

Here is the wishlist link: [Beluga Ball Wish List](#)

Venmo: @Jennifer-VanSumeren



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.



Upcoming 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

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We are excited to kick off the Third Year Project for the 2025-2026 school year! This comprehensive project is designed to be the pinnacle of your student's middle school experience, allowing them to demonstrate their academic competency, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

Project Components: Students will dive deep into a topic of their choice to produce:

- **Extended Essay:** A well-developed research paper (maximum 1,500 words) written in APA format. It requires a minimum of six sources, four of which must be scholarly.
- **Presentation:** A professional 4.5 to 5-minute speech accompanied by a Google Slideshow to demonstrate the knowledge gained from their research.

Important Upcoming Dates: Please mark your calendars for these key milestones to help keep your student on track:

- Wednesday, Dec 17: Project Proposal Due
- Monday, Jan 12: Sources and Paper Outline Due
- Monday, Jan 26: 1st Draft of Extended Essay Due
- Monday, Feb 16: Final Draft of Extended Essay Due
- Monday, Mar 2: Presentation Speeches Due
- Monday, Mar 9: Google Slideshow Due
- April 13 – 16: Presentation Nights

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Fousties on the Court



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Fousties at Bazaar

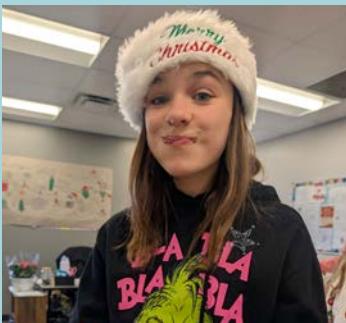


Fousties Prepping for Bazaar

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Fousties LOVE to
PAR-TAY!



YOU DA BEST!
SPECIAL THANK-YOUS to all who donated
to our party and especially to
Mrs. Woods for being our
Pancake Extraordinaire!!!!

