

7/8 Email September 23, 2009

Last night was Back to School Night where many enthusiastic parents met their students' small school teachers and learned of this year's objectives. Many thanks to the staff and teachers for information and for reassuring our parents that their students are under excellent care in school!

Tomorrow is the first of many Dances for 7/8. Welcome Back Dance will start at 2:45pm and end promptly at 4:15pm in Cafeteria. Students with ASB cards will enter free and those without will pay \$ 5. Thanks to our Dance Decoration & Refreshment chairs, our cafeteria will be transformed and I am sure that your students will enjoy first of many dances during their Jr and high school career.

Pinnacle, online grading, will start on 9/25. Please register first from school website and then pick up your password in the office with Ms. De La Cruz.

STEP registration is on 9/25. Please discuss with your students which offering they would like to register before Friday morning.

Magazine Drive kick off assembly is on Friday, 9/25. All proceeds will benefit ASB and we need more volunteers! If you are able to help, please contact Elizabeth Bohannon at Elizabeth@mtbohaanon.net and thank you in advance for volunteering!

Homework Club is open to all 7/8 students after school from 2:45pm to 3:45pm twice a week. Every Monday, meet in room 731 and on Wednesday, meet in room 714. This is not a tutoring session but it does provide supervised location for students to get their homework done.

Every Friday at lunch time, meet in room 734 to play Board Games

Monday through Thursday at lunch time, Oak Grove field is open to students to get walk, jog, play to get "wiggles" out of their system.

Sharon Otsuka
2009/2010 7/8 LCHS PTA President

Senior Parking Lot

PLEASE don't use the Senior parking lot for drop-offs and pick-ups. The Senior lot is the one on the corner of Foothill and Oak Grove, behind the auditorium. It's already really cramped there, and it's tough enough for those new drivers to safely enter, find a place to park and exit. Parking there is a privilege that kids look forward to, so please respect that this area is for Seniors only.

Registration has begun for the 2009-2010 Spartan Basketball Season!

We are excited to enter our 10th year, offered to all boys and girls in the La Cañada-Flintridge area in the 3rd through 8th grade. Leagues are offered in SIX divisions - Grades 3/4, Grades 5/6, and Grades

7/8, with separate divisions for GIRLS and BOYS. We would also like to welcome 9th grade girls and boys who are not playing on a high school team.

Please visit <http://www.lacanadasports.net> and click on Spartan Basketball League to register!

La Canada School Board Election Candidate Forum

The La Canada PTA Council is hosting a Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 7pm to 9pm, in the LCHS Auditorium. Candidates for this election are; Susan Boyd, Ernest J. Koeppen, Neal S. Millard, Joel Peterson, Scott E. Tracy, and Dave Wilcox.

Please come and meet the candidates and be informed of who they are and the forum will give you a chance to ask questions.

7/8 MathCounts

MATHCOUNTS is a math club for 7th and 8th grade students. Students will use critical thinking to solve math problems. We will be preparing for a regional competition that takes place on a Saturday morning in February. For more information please click on the link below:

http://www.lcusd.net/170220930125039490/lib/170220930125039490/MATHCOUNTS_1.pdf

Y-ARTS 7/8 Afterschool Classes

7/8 After school Cartooning and Knitting classes presented by LC 7/8 and the Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA begin September 28th. Please click on link below for additional information.

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<http://www.lcusd.net/170220930125039490/lib/170220930125039490/YArts.pdf>

CJSF News - 8th Grade Students:

CJSF is a state wide organization for those students of high scholastic accomplishments. Each student is expected to be an active dues paying and participating member. Membership dues (\$12) are paid when you apply. Students must re-apply each semester for membership. Those students accepted into CJSF for three semesters, meeting all requirements for grades; service; and attendance at monthly meetings will receive a special seal on their eighth grade promotion certificate.

CJSF students are required to attend mandatory monthly meetings after school. Meetings are Thursday afternoons at 2:45 in the auditorium and last approximately twenty minutes. There is also a 10 hour community service requirement per semester. (First semester meeting dates are 10/15, 11/19, 12/17, 1/14).

8th grade students are able to apply for Fall '09 semester based on their Spring '09 semester grades.

CJSF applications are available beginning Monday, September 14, 2009 with Mrs. Delacruz in the Administration Office. Applications will also be available for download on the 7/8 district website. Students must re-apply each semester for membership.

The deadline for applications/membership dues is Friday, October 2, 2009 at 3:00 PM.
The first meeting is Thursday, October 15, 2009.

To apply you need to earn twice the number of points than courses in which you are enrolled, P.E. does not count. For example, if you are enrolled in 6 classes, you will need a total of 10pts. If you are enrolled in a zero period class, you will need a total of 12 points. CJSF points are granted as follows: A = 3 points,
B = 1 point, C - 0 points and D/F will exclude student from membership. Likewise a U in citizenship in any classes will exclude a student from membership.

Any students interested in running for seventh grade CJSF representative positions, please see Ms. Dalbeck or Mrs. Leo (room 620).