



Weekly News

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

All School News

Welcome to the first edition of the school's Weekly News. This newsletter is sent out every Wednesday afternoon and includes important dates and other nuts and bolts that you'll need to know throughout the school year. Here's to another great year . . . enjoy!

Parents Association Meeting – Friday, September 11

Our first Parents Association Meeting will be this Friday at drop-off (8:00 am). All parents are welcome to join and attend these monthly meetings which are held the first Friday of every month.

The Parents Association promotes communication among students, parents, faculty, administration, and the trustees of the school community and provides support for the mission of the school.

Specifically, the purpose of the Parents Association is to:

- Present parents' perspective on issues and policies as a liaison between parents, administration, and the board of trustees.
- Create and provide opportunities for communication within the school community.
- Provide support resources and a forum for parents.
- Raise funds on a small scale to support the mission of the Parents Association.

Please join us on Friday!

Save the Date – Back to School Night

Mark your calendars for Back to School night which will take place on Thursday, September 24, beginning at 6:30 pm. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teachers for more curriculum and program specific conversations. The evening is designed for adults. As such, we request that you leave "little ones" at home if possible.

Drop-off / Pick-up Reminder

As a reminder, please do not park in the first row of parking spots either during drop-off or pick-up in order to facilitate a better drive-through lane. We'll have some additional cones in the parking lot in the upcoming days to make this process a little bit more clear. Thanks.

School Handbooks

We are in the process of making the final revisions to the school handbook. You will be able to pick up a copy of the handbook next week here at the school.

Middle/Upper School News

Middle/Upper School Confluence – Sept. 16-18

Our middle and upper school students will be heading to Suttle Lake for their annual Confluence trip next week. The three days are filled with a number of fun adventures. Most exciting, however, is the coming together of our community in a beautiful setting. This is the time when we join together to define what it is to be a student at Cascades Academy, set our individual and collective goals, find inspiration for the year

ahead and most importantly, for getting to know and better understand the people – students and teachers alike – that we will spend the year working with.

Please return your child's permission slip for this trip as soon as possible.

Lower School News

Lower School Volunteers Needed

The Lower School is looking for parents/ parent friends that would be willing to help us put together several brief 20-30 minute lessons/activities in the following areas:

- Safety
- Nutrition
- Physical fitness
- First aid
- Public relations
- Map skills
- Compass skills

This is for a top secret project we will be doing this fall. If you are able to help, please let a Lower School teacher know as soon as possible!

In addition, we are looking for donations of large paint brushes or bottles of Mod Podge if you have them around the house. And who doesn't have a surplus of Mod Podge taking up too much room in the cupboards?

Opal Creek Field Trip Next – Sept. 16-18

The 4th and 5th grades will be traveling to the Opal Creek Ancient Forest September 16-18. They will be involved with field studies which emphasize a mixture of forest ecology, geology, interest groups, and team building. As a reminder, get those permission slips in ASAP. If you are interested in learning more, the website for the area is www.opalcreek.org.

Volunteer Corner

See the lower school news section for this week's volunteer opportunities.

Photos of the Week



Thanks to all of the parents who helped last week with the landscaping around the school. We extend a special thank you to Rob Cravens for spearheading and coordinating this project. What a difference!

Calendar

- September 11 – Parents Association Meeting
- September 16 – 18 – Middle Upper School Confluence at Suttle Lake
- September 16 – 18 – 4th/5th Grade Overnight to Opal Creek
- September 22 – Middle School Campout – Pine Mountain Observatory
- September 24 – Back to School Night – 6:30 pm
- October 9 – No School – Professional Development Day
- October 13 – Picture Day
- October 14 – PSAT Test
- October 15 – 16 – Autumn Outings

Quote of the Week

“Perplexity is the beginning of knowledge.” - Kahlil Gibran