

CJCP Parent Newsletter

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Parents,
Another school year is up and running here at Central Jersey College Prep. We have started the new school year stronger than previous years with new additions to our staff. "Meet the Teachers" day was held on September 2, 2009 to give the parents an opportunity to meet our teaching crew. I would like to thank all of the parents who came out to meet and greet. We have hired two new counselors, Mr. Muhammed and Mr. Feldman, to work closely with our students regarding their schedules, individual needs, and overall academic growth. If you have any concerns please contact them at your convenience. We are thrilled about the NJASK 7 and NJASK 8 results; see details below. These results are very promising and they show us that we are on the right track. However, CJCP administration and staff acknowledge that there is still

much more to achieve. Challenging our students to their highest potential is our goal—it is the only way to prepare them for college. For that purpose we added honor classes and AP courses to our schedule this year.

All our parents are invited to attend "Back to School Night" on September 23 at 6:30 pm.

Open communication is one of the most important keys to achieve student success. Whenever you feel that you need to talk to teachers or administration please call or e-mail to arrange a meeting. Do not let any concern go unheard. As part of the CJCP school culture I am asking staff members to reach out to you as often as possible.

We are very excited to have the students back and hope they have a great year at CJCP. Please encourage your child to get involved with clubs. You can reach me at (732)302-9991 ext.106.

Last Spring's NJASK Results Exciting!

CJCP 7th & 8th graders showed great improvement on the state tests administered in spring 2009 for Language Arts Literacy and Math. Based on the preliminary NJASK results released, our students improved their performance from the previous year by up to 28 percentage points in 7th grade and up to 35 percentage points in 8th grade. This time last year CJCP staff identified weaknesses when analyzing the spring 2008 NJASK results and implemented a comprehensive action plan over the 2008-09 school year. Interim assessments were introduced as

part of the data driven instruction model. Data driven instruction means using assessments to pinpoint areas of weakness in individual students and then adjusting lessons in response. An extensive tutoring program was also implemented to improve mathematics and language arts skills. We would like to thank all of our students, staff and parents for the improved results. CJCP will continue these efforts in the present school year. Data driven instruction will be the common theme for 2009-2010.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Back to School Night, Sept. 23 6:30pm
- ◆ Yom Kippur Sept. 28—school closed
- ◆ Columbus Day Oct. 12—school closed for students

*First Marking
Period Ends
November 18*

Parent Teacher Conferences Coming

CJCP holds three sets of parent teacher conferences every year. The first set of parent teacher conferences will be **Wednesday, October 21, 2009 from 2pm - 4pm**. There is no need to make appointments with teachers; just come to school and visit them in their rooms. It would be helpful to bring your child's schedule, but we can provide you with one when you arrive. This first conference will be about a month after

Back to School Night; a good time to communicate with your child's teachers. Strong communication between you and your child's teachers is one of the best ways to help ensure your child's success at CJCP. Mark your calendar!

The Five P's at CJCP

This year at CJCP we have set a school wide standard for student behavior known as the 5 P's.

1. Punctuality
2. Preparedness
3. Politeness
4. Participation
5. Performance

Parents can help to remind students of these principles for good behavior and achievement at home. When you find your child forgetting them you can remind them. For example, catching them speaking to you disrespectfully, showing up late to an arranged meeting, or going to tennis without their racket. These principles are good for all of us.



Request a Home Visit! Parents you can get a house call from CJCP administration or teachers just for the asking! Forms are available in the main office.

Anti-bullying Program Coming to Students

CJCP has started implementation of a nationally recognized, research based anti-bullying program called the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. The implementation is still in the beginning stages as we train our staff on how to run the program in the school. This year we will launch a kickoff with the students to bring it into full implementation. There will be school rules posted regarding bullying and

classroom meetings held to discuss bullying with all of the students. We will also hold parent meetings on bullying. This issue has gained national prominence with the topic being the subject of focus on TV shows such as Oprah and Anderson Cooper. Here at CJCP we want to be sure every child feels "safe, strong, and free". Check the bottom link on the school website "School Safety/Title IV" for more info.

If your child shows flu-like symptoms or has been diagnosed with the flu

Make sure they do the following:

- drinks lots of fluids to prevent dehydration
- gets plenty of sleep and takes it easy
- takes acetaminophen or ibuprofen to relieve fever
- wears layers
- **does not return to school until fever (of 100° F or 37.8° C or above) is**

reduced for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines

ref:

<http://kidshealth.org/parent/general/sick>

For more info see the school website under Nurse's Corner &

<http://www.flu.gov/>

Club News

CJCP after school clubs will be forming soon. Clubs are a great way for students to gain self confidence and improve social skills. They also look good on college applications. Please support your child's club participation. The clubs will meet from 3pm-4pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Please arrange to pick up students at 4pm when they finish in the clubs.

The clubs list will be available soon.

Study Tips for Parents

How to Help: Show That You Think Education and Homework Are Important

- Set a Regular Time for Homework
- Pick a Place
- Remove Distractions
- Provide Supplies and Identify Resources
- Set a Good Example
- Be Interested and Interesting

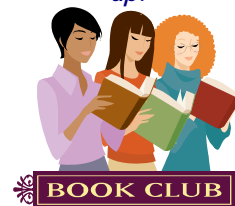
Counselors' Corner

The Guidance Counselors at CJCP would like to welcome all of the students back to school!!! We are looking forward to a very successful year. We would like to inform the families and students of some very important events and dates to keep in mind. For 7th, 8th and 9th graders it is strongly encouraged to put forth the best effort you can to maintain the highest grades possible. 10th graders are reminded to sign up for

Terra Nova

Terra Nova was administered to students on Sept. 17 & 18. This is an internal, vs. a NJ state, assessment. Giving the Terra Nova at the beginning and again at the end of the school year allows us to see the growth in knowledge students have achieved over one school year. It is a basic skills test for math and LAL.

Students with ideas for clubs can find an interested teacher to start it up.



How to Help: Monitor Assignments

- Ask about the School's Homework Policy
- Be Available
- Look over Completed Assignments
- Monitor Time Spent Viewing TV and Playing Video Games

Ref:

<http://www.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/hyc.html>



the PSAT as a practice for the actual SAT. 11th and 12th graders are strongly recommended to register for the SAT or ACT tests. It is very important to have these tests complete and scores available during the college search and application process.

SAT <http://www.collegeboard.com>

Registration Due Date

October 1st, 2009
October 31st, 2009

ACT <http://www.actstudent.org>

September 18th, 2009
November 6th, 2009

Testing Date

November 7th, 2009
December 5th

October 24th, 2009
December 12th, 2009



If there are any questions feel free to contact the guidance department:
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List of CJCP Teachers

Teacher	Assignments
Ms. Abbate	Art & Photography Electives—all grades
Dr. Badalian	Math—7 th & 10 th
Ms. Baum	Special Ed
Mr. Biyikli	Chemistry—10 th & Science—7 th
Mr. Brooks	Computer Science—all grades
Ms. Burke	English—7 th , SAT Prep & Drama Electives
Mr. Dales	Music—all grades
Ms. Gannon	English—grade 8, Journalism Electives
Mr. Huang	Chinese—all grades
Mr. Hug	PE & Health—all grades
Mr. Kennedy	Special Ed
Mr. Linton	Social Studies—grade 12, SS Electives, & AP Gov.
Dr. Palermo	English—8 th & 10 th
Ms. Parisi	Social Studies—grades 7 & 8, US History
Ms. Plasket	Biology—9 th , Science—8 th , Env. Sci. Elective, & AP Bio
Ms. Porter	English—9 th & 12 th , AP Literature
Ms. Ramos	English—In class support
Mr. Rokosz	English—7 th & 12 th
Ms. Schwartz	Social Studies—grades 8, US History & World History
Dr. Sims	Math—11 th & 12 th & SAT Prep Elective
Mr. Tanrikulu	PE & Health—all grades
Ms. Tingire	Math—9 th & 11 th
Mr. Vindas	Spanish—all grades
Ms. Wang	Math—8 th & 9 th
Mr. Warren	English—11 th & 12 th & Fiction Elective
Mr. Yildiz	Math—7 th
Mr. B. Yilmaz	Math—8 th
Mr. E. Yilmaz	Physics—11 th , Science—8 th , & Robotics Elective

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