



March 2024

## Parent/Student MONTHLY NEWS NOTES

### Monthly Message



**Justine Rauterkus**

#### **Message from Asst. Exec. Director**

Welcome to the last month of the first quarter of 2024...March! I hope your year is humming along smoothly and that you're working towards meeting some of the goals you set at the beginning of January. Spring is an amazing time of year. The world is coming alive in new ways and color bursts forth spreading an air of cheer and wonder.

Using that idea as a metaphor, let's be like spring. Let's be those spots of color in our own lives by bringing outstanding projects into full bloom, planting our academic gardens so that they can bear fruit later in the year, and organizing our tool shed so that we can always find what we need, exactly when we need it. Organizing your academic and life tools, planting seeds for the future, and bringing in-process items to full bloom will set us up for success.

CMASAS has a lot of organizing and seed planting in the works. We are in the process of updating our Refer-A-Friend campaign to include perks for our alumni and currently enrolled students/families. News alert: Some of these perks include providing tuition discount options! Be on the lookout for more information via email as this project continues to unfold.

Consider spreading the word in your community about our upcoming Virtual Open House on April 11, 2024, at 5 pm PDT where we will be discussing our program and offerings in detail and outlining the enrollment process in real time.

Thank you to those who donated this month to our *Share The Love* campaign for our Personalized Education Foundation! At the end of the campaign, we REACHED OUR GOAL OF \$5,000 and unlocked an additional \$5,000 matching donation. We are very excited to review tuition assistance applications and help families with monetary aid. Even though our Share the Love campaign has ended, it's never too late to give!

Finally, congratulations Class of 2024! You are the home stretch. We look forward to celebrating you both in person (and virtually) at our annual graduation event in San Diego, California on June 1, 2024. Tickets are on sale now for our family bonfire night on May 31 and for our graduation event on June 1.

Have a colorful March, and I hope you enjoy organizing your tool shed, planting your gardens, and then watching your seeds sprout and turn into blooms.

### **Message from CMASAS Leads**



**Daisy Cheatham**



**Cierra Tredway**

Hi Students and Families,

We cannot believe how quickly the first part of the year has flow by. We do have a few reminders as we move into March that we would like you to be thinking about:

- Spring Break is March 29th - April 17th and is quickly approaching. As we get closer to spring break, please be working with your PECs closely to be planning any courses that you may want to be added to work on over the break. The last day to add courses before break will be March 22nd.
- Homeroom Schedule Change: Homeroom will now be following the same schedule as clubs. That means that each year Homerooms will always be starting the week after Labor Day and be ending the last week of May. This change is effective immediately so homerooms will be ending the last week of May 2024.
- The next student council event will be a BAKE OFF on Thursday, March 28th at 2pm pacific time. This is a fun one and we would love to have you join.
- Time change is coming quickly and will be on March 10th. We are "springing ahead" one hour in some parts of the world.

This time of year seems to go by really fast and the end of the year will be here before you know it. We want to encourage you to think about your goals and share those with your PEC so that they can support you as you work through the final stretch of the school year. We are proud of all of you and your hard work.

Let's Celebrate!

## Happy Birthday, CMASAS!

This March marks our 15-year anniversary as a school, founded in 2009. To commemorate 15 Years of Excellence in Online Learning, we have developed two new logos that we will use from now through the 2024-2025 school year.



Counseling Updates



**Heidi Fox**  
Director of Counseling

**Students & Families:** Please remember that our Spring Break will run from March 29-April 17. We will resume all school activities on April 18. If you need a course before this long break, please be sure to let your PEC know (or request it) by March 22!

**Seniors:** Please keep opening my emails about all of the scholarships that are available. There are a ton of scholarships available and many of these scholarships don't have a lot of applicants. Therefore, it behooves you to apply to each and every scholarship that you qualify for in hopes of getting more money for college.

**Seniors:** Remember that if you plan to go to college you need to be on your last 1-3 credits to graduate "on time". Most colleges will need your FINAL TRANSCRIPT (i.e., you have completed ALL coursework/credits to graduate) before we go on Summer Break on June 27. That may seem a long way off, but trust me, it will be here before you know it. Do not get too far behind and then be scrambling in June to get it all completed. If you need help with anything related to college, please reach out to me directly.

**FAFSA Update:** As many of you know there have been some FAFSA updates this year and they have not gone smoothly. You may be struggling to get this completed or get the site to work properly. Please note that many colleges know this is an issue and are delaying the final "financial emails" to applicants. This can mean a delay in the date you would normally let the college know you will (or will not) be attending their school. Please make sure you are keeping up on your emails from the colleges where you have been accepted. Please let me know if you do have FAFSA questions, as well.

**High School Students & Families:** In early February the emails went out to all students eligible to apply to become members of National Honor Society. Those who applied will be getting their notification of membership status by March 1. Thanks for all those who applied!

**Students/Families:** ALL families and students are welcome to attend graduation weekend and celebrate our Class of 2024 graduates! The NHS in-person Induction Ceremony and student/family beach bonfire will be on Friday, May 31, and graduation

will be on Saturday, June 1. These events will be in San Diego, CA. Hurry to get your early bird pricing for the tickets here: <https://store.cmasas.org/graduation-and-nhs/> Hope to see you there!

Here's hoping your school year is going great. If you ever need help with anything, need to talk, or just don't know who to reach out to, I am here to help all students and families be successful and help reach their potential!

## Upcoming Events

### **Regional Virtual Hangout**

**March 21 2024**

**5-6pm PST Asia/Oceania**

### **Student Council All-School Bake Off**

**March 28, 2024**

**2-3pm PST**

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**April 11 at 5pm PDT**

**April 23 at 10am PDT**

*for prospective parents and students-*

**PLEASE SHARE TO SAVE THE DATE**

**WE WILL BE PROMOTING REGISTRATION SOON!**





## JOIN US AT OUR VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

We know how important it is to find the right educational fit for your child. By attending our Virtual Open House, we hope to provide you with a complete overview to our program and a better understanding of our Personalization Philosophy – the CMASAS difference! We will conclude our time together with a Question & Answer session. We encourage you to submit your questions in advance.



**April Sandoval**

Elem. and Middle School  
PEC/CI and Community &  
Culture Specialist

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### Regional Gathering

Our next Regional Gathering is on Saturday, March 9th in Cape Cod, Massachusetts for an educational tour of the Whydah Pirate Museum. Be on the lookout for pictures!

We are thrilled to have our first international gathering of the school year! We will come together for a cherry blossom viewing in Karuizawa, Japan on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

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### International Trips

Costa Rica







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## Recent CMASAS Personal Achievements

**Christopher Geis** went on the most difficult but rewarding hike of his life recently to the center of Kauai. This is called Blue Hole/Weeping Wall and it is considered sacred ground on Kauai. Link that talks about this hike:

<https://noahlangphotography.com/blog/weeping-wall-trail-mount-waialeale-blue-hole-kauai-hawaii>



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Congratulations to **Isa Wester-Rivera** (11th Grade) who won the Tropical MTB Challenge 2024 Race and has been named the National Champion of Puerto Rico



# Student Spotlight

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Check out our new student achievements [here](#). Celebrating a student's achievement can cultivate motivation and confidence.

## LEGO EARTH SYSTEMS MODEL

Jack Shepherd  
5th Grade

## HEART RATES AND BMI CALCULATOR

Tristan Koshy  
12th Grade

We also have created some new Alumni Spotlights to promote our school. Enjoy!

India Macaire

Class of 2023

Neomi Castro

Class of 2022

Christiana Sylvaine

Class of 2017

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