



MAY 2024

Parent/Student MONTHLY NEWS NOTES



Monthly Message



Cathy Sperrazzo
Director of Marketing
and Communications

Happy May! This month we are focusing on the word “**achieve**.” Many of our students are finishing out their school year and getting ready to shift to the next grade level, or in the case of our 80 members of the Class of 2024...*graduate*! Congratulations to the Class of 2024 and our new National Honor Society (NHS) members who we will be inducting virtually and in-person this month. Thanks to the support of our PECs and CIs, CMASAS students are encouraged to reach for the stars and achieve their goals. Please take a few moments during “Teacher Appreciation Week” which begins next week, May 6-10, to thank them. Also, let’s not forget to honor

April was a busy month as more than 20 members of our community traveled to Costa Rica for a fun-filled and educational international journey. We also held two open houses, a college admissions webinar, and our first International Regional Gathering to see the cherry blossoms bloom in Japan. I invite you to follow our social media pages to get a peek into all these community events, and to check out some of our recent blogs and student successes such as Jace’s (11 grade) who was



We Love Our PECs and CIs!

recently featured in [Voyage Phoenix Magazine](#) for starting a coffee roasting business. (see story in Student Spotlight)

We are always looking to promote and recognize our student achievements. If you would like to share yours, please send a blurb with some photos and we will feature you on our social media pages and this newsletter! You can send them to marketingteam@cmasas.org.

Good luck as you enter the final stretch of the 2023/2024 school year. End strong!

Message from CMASAS Leads



Daisy Cheatham



Cierra Tredway

Hi Everyone,

We cannot believe that it is already May! Time certainly flies by. We are nearing the end of the 2023-2024 school year and summer is well on its way. We want to encourage you all to keep working hard towards your goals. You each have such different and personalized goals and we recommend that you share these with your PEC so that they can come alongside you and support you in achieving them. We believe in you!

Reminders about the upcoming Student Council-Sponsored School Talent Show:

- Save the Date: May 23, 2024 at 2:00-3:00 pm PDT
- Be sure to get your talent videos submitted here: [Microsoft Forms](#) by May 17th.
- We want to see your awesome talents

Have a great May!

Let's Celebrate!

Thank You for the Reviews!

Niche offers perks for CMASAS students, including opportunities to learn about scholarships and to earn \$1,000 for writing a review about your school experience! Thanks to our students and parents, we are getting closer to reaching our goal of 120 reviews by the end of the 2023/2024 school year.



Write a Review and Enter into the \$1,000 Sweepstakes

Scholarship Listing

Counseling Updates



Heidi Fox

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COUNSELING

Students & Families: Spring is a busy time for academics! There are many things happening and it's easy to get "lost" in the big, exciting, or overwhelming celebrations and expectations that occur this time of year (SATs/ACTs, AP exams, graduation, finals, end-of-year-parties). Don't get caught up in the overwhelming aspects of everything. Take a deep breath, slow down, and enjoy the moment! Just remember to plan ahead, use good time management, ask for help with needed, and be prepared.

HERE ARE SOME REMINDERS:

Elementary School Students: Your year may be winding down and you are thinking about transitioning to the next grade level. Discuss how this year has gone with your PEC. Maybe plan to take iReady again to see how your progress in skills/academics

has developed. Have a meeting with parents/family, student, and your PEC about what next year looks like.

Middle School Students: How has your year gone? Did you finish/complete all core courses satisfactorily? Are you making the progress you need to move to the next grade level? Are you meeting expectations of yourself, your family/parents, your PEC? What did you do well this year? What can you do better for the next school year? How can you be preparing for high school curriculum, rigor, coursework, and expectations? Set up an “end-of-year” meeting to go over these things with your family and PEC.

Freshman & Sophomores: Are you thinking about what you want to do after you graduate from high school? If not, now is the time to start considering this. Are you taking courses that allow you to meet these goals? (For example: if you wish to go to college, are you taking the correct courses?) Are you keeping your grades up so you don't limit your options after graduating high school. Are you ON PACE to graduate in 4 years—or will it take you longer? (Which is fine, but make sure you are discussing these things w/ your family/parents and PEC.)

Juniors: Are you getting ready for your senior year? If you plan to go to college, are you narrowing your college choices? Have you signed up to take the ACT or SAT yet? Are you ON PACE to be a senior in standing at the end of this school year? I encourage you to set up a meeting with me, the school counselor, to go over these things. And, if you didn't make it to the College Application Webinar, you can view it [here](#).

Seniors: Are you making sure you are on track to graduate on time? Remember, your “on time” may not be the same as another student's “on time.” If you plan to go to college in the fall, do you know the date you must have your final transcripts submitted to that school? Have you decided what college to attend and paid your deposit? If not going to college, do you have plans for next year? Now is the time to have a real “sit down” meeting with your parents/family to discuss these final options. And, lastly, are you letting senioritis get in the way of making progress in your courses? Please remember, the last day for Seniors to finish courses if they wish to have finalized transcripts and be graduated before Summer Break is **June 20, 2023!**

I am here to help with any/all of these topics. If you need to, please send me an email to set up a meeting. Here's hoping the last few months of the 2023-24 school year are going well for all of you!

Happy Spring!

Upcoming Events

Virtual Online NHS Induction Ceremony

May 16 at 9:30. am PDT

AP Exam Dates

May 6-17

Please double check your exam date/s here:

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/exam-dates>

Spring Assembly

May 22, 2024

1:00-2:00 pm PDT

Student Council-Hosted Talent Show

May 23, 2024

2:00-3:00 pm PDT

In-Person NHS Induction Ceremony in San Diego

May 31, 2024

6:00 pm PDT

Bonfire to Celebrate NHS Inductees and Class of 2024

May 31, 2024

7:30 pm-9:00 pm PDT

In-Person Graduation for Class of 2024

June 1, 2024

2:00 pm PDT

Last Day of 2023-2024 School Year

June 26, 2024

Summer Break

June 27 - July 14



Assemblies

Our spring assembly will be Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 1pm PDT. Michelle Zetwo will be our guest speaker. Michelle has worked in border control focused on endangered animals that get smuggled into the country. She is a forensic officer and is now consulting in the field of education. Come hear all about the fascinating work she does!

Fun CMASAS Gatherings!



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

International Trip to Costa Rica

We had 16 students, families and staff members attending our Costa Rica trip April 16-22.

We ziplined above waterfalls, walked through the Trimbina Rainforest Reserve at night seeing many native animals, visited a school where we were taught traditional dances by students, white water rafted the Sarapiquí River, hiked Arenal Volcano National Park, visited Vida Campesina, a local organic farm where we learned about sustainability and hydroelectricity in the region and so much more! Friendships were formed and fun was had by all. Be on the lookout for info about our 2025 international trip this summer. Check out this [highlight reel](#) on Instagram!





Regional Gathering

We had our first international regional gathering of the school year! Families came together for a cherry blossom viewing in Karuizawa, Japan on Saturday, April 13, 2024. A list of regional gatherings for the 2024-25 school year will be shared late next month. We got some fun ones planned across the country.



What's New?

Tell A Friend About CMASAS - Get A Tuition Discount!

Help us get the word out about our school! Take advantage of our New Discounts beginning April 1, 2024. We have changed the incentive for our Refer-A-Friend Program!

Current families, when you **refer a friend**, you can be eligible for a family and friends discount of **up to 15% per year**. For each student (up to three) who you refer that enrolls at CMASAS, you will receive **5% off** your student's next year's tuition (up to 15% off for one student tuition)!

The family you refer will also be eligible for a family and friends discount of 10% off their student's tuition (after they have been enrolled for 90 days).

Alumni, graduating families or CMASAS staff who **refer a friend** will receive a **\$200 Amazon gift card** once the student completes their first 90 days.

Refer-A-Friend Form

Navigating Our New CMASAS Website

Each month we will highlight some of the pages of our new website. This month, we would like to draw your attention to our home pages for Elementary, Middle, and High School. From each of these home pages, you can navigate to school-specific information on instructional support and courses.



Click on the image above to see the page



Student Spotlight

Check out our new student achievements [here](#).

Would you like to be featured?

Click below to fill out the form and be featured in our next spotlights!

[STUDENT SPOTLIGHT FORM](#)



TRADITIONAL KOREAN HANBOK

MacKenzie Flanagan
12th Grade

MacKenzie made a traditional Korean hanbok worn during the Joseon Dynasty, which was a project for her Korean language course.



FUZZY'S LIFE

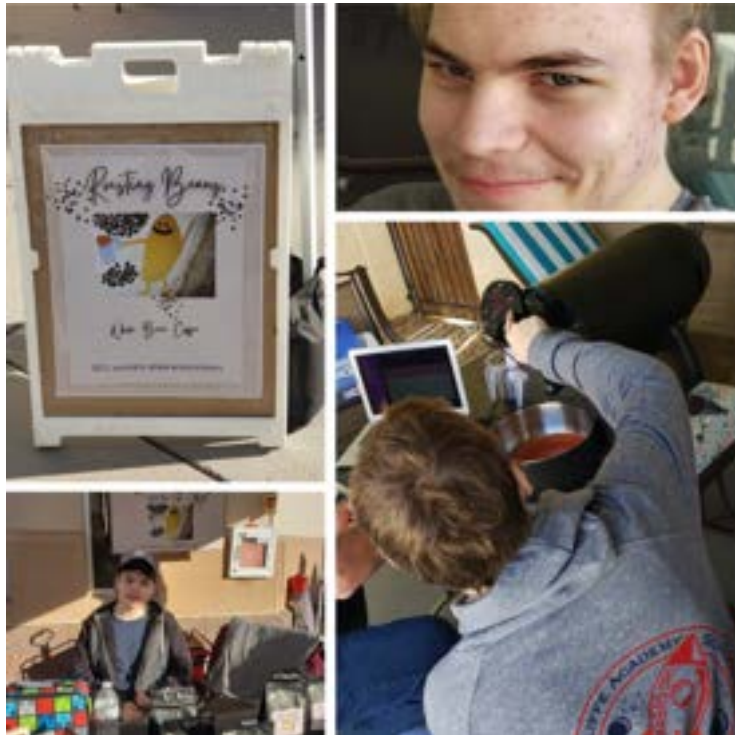
Jethro Kirkman
4th Grade

Jethro Kirkman created this narrative writing piece for his Language Arts 4 course.

The Story of Fuzzy's Life

Jace (11th grade) was featured in [Voyage Phoenix Magazine](#). He is a true coffee enthusiast with a captivating story!

Despite facing challenges, Jace's love for coffee fuels his adventurous spirit. Find out about his company, Roasting Beans where Jace turns his passion into purpose, crafting exceptional coffee blends that delight the senses. His journey is a testament to perseverance and embracing life's adventures!



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