



CAMBRIDGE STREET UPPER SCHOOL

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BLOCK PARTY THIS Thurs. Sept. 22- 5:30-7:30pm

PAINTING PARTY THIS SAT. Sept. 24- 9am -1pm

September 20, 2016

Dear CSUS parents and caregivers,

Tuesday morning we held our 3rd community meeting. The primary theme was to emphasize the joys and importance of every day reading. The meeting began with all scholars and staff reading silently for 15 minutes. We wanted scholars to know although we have discontinued the daily reading log that reading every night, that independent reading is still an expectation. Reading increases one's vocabulary, improves fluency and comprehension, improves writing and stimulates one's imagination. Strong readings skills are an applicable tool for all subjects. We hope that you will encourage your child to set aside time for independent reading every day. We will *Drop Everything and Read* throughout the school year.

We also announced at the meeting that we would lift the ban on the wearing of hats in school. Several scholars met with me last week and provided me with a compelling and compassionate argument on why we should permit the wearing of hats in school. "Hoodies" are still not permitted.

CSUS BLOCK PARTY

CSUS kicks off its 5th year with a celebratory Block Party Cookout this **Thurs. Sept. 22 from 5:30-7:30pm**. This will be the first of several events to mark our five years as an Upper School and to debut our "*CSUS spells SUCCESS!*" tee-shirt.

PAINTING PARTY

Please join us for our Back to School Painting Party this **Sat. Sept. 24 from 9am-1pm**. Please bring snacks to share with all participants. Scholars and other children that participate should be accompanied and supervised by an adult. If you'd like to volunteer please RSVP to Rebecca Altepeter, PCO President at rmaltepeter@gmail.com.

LISTENING CONFERENCES

Please expect a call over the next few weeks from your child's advisor to schedule a listening conference before late October. We look forward to this important opportunity for all. Listening Conferences are

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designed to give caregivers the opportunity to share with us how your child learns best and to help us embrace your goals for your child this year and consider the ways that we can develop a strong partnership. Remember our primary goal this year is to **Challenge the Opportunity Gap!** Listening Conferences will help us do that.

8TH GRADE PUBLISHED AUTHOR

We are pleased to share some great news about 8th grader, Andrine Pierresaint. Last week Andrine held a launch party for the publication of her book of poetry, *Even Pears Speak to Me*. It is a wonderful collection of poetry that she has written as a member of Books of Hope. She is an accomplished slam poet who has participated in several regional poetry slams and poetry festivals. We are very proud of her and celebrate this notable accomplishment.

As always, on behalf of TEAM CSUS, thank you for choosing CSUS and for your continued support! Please do not hesitate to contact me or any TEAM CSUS member if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions that support CSUS's mission to be an inclusive, equitable and rigorous learning community.

Peace,

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