

CAMBRIDGE STREET UPPER SCHOOL

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Grade 8 Parent and Caregiver Information Night Meeting This Wed. Feb. 8 - 6:30-8pm in rm. 312!



CSUS Grade 8 field trip to NYC

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Dear CSUS Parents and Caregivers,

Today we launched a new initiative; scholar-led conferences. Our scholars and advisors have been preparing for several weeks for this important development in our reporting protocol. I look forward to hearing from you on the helpfulness of this initiative. **Scholar-led conferences are scheduled for Feb. 7, 9, 14, and 16th.** If you have not signed up for a conference please contact your child's primary advisor to schedule one soon.

On January 20th we began our day in Advisory where scholars discussed the significance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the ways that each of us can practice the tenets of the *National No Name Calling Week* throughout the school year. Scholars also created messages to the White House about their hopes and aspirations for the next 4 years in collaboration with #StudentsSpeak via the Teaching Tolerance civics project.

After Advisory the whole school assembled in the auditorium for a community meeting to affirm CSUS's commitment to equity and inclusion. The chorus performed a celebratory rendition of "Wake Up Everybody." Ms. Silbert's 7th/8th grade WIN elective unveiled the "Quilt of Hopes and Aspirations." Twenty-five scholars reflecting all of the diversity of our inclusive school presented their messages to the

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White House to an enthusiastic and supportive audience. Ms. Sohn facilitated a pledge from the entire community regarding *No Name Calling Week*. We ended the community meeting with a call to every scholar to not worry about politics to the exclusion of their academic success and social development. It was wonderful gathering that provided support and empowerment for many. I am so very proud of our scholars and staff!

This week we have two evening meetings. **Wed. Feb. 8th we invite all Grade 8 parents and caregivers to join us for a 6:30 pm informational meeting about the spring 8th grade field trip to NYC.** On Thursday night the all new and improved **PCO will hold its monthly meeting (2/9/17) from 6:30-8:00 pm.** Please see their new website: Cambridgestreetpco.org.

Next week we are sponsoring two special events. On **Feb. 15th this year's Diversity Dialogues series continues with "My Cultural Journey: CSUS Alums Reflect."** Juniors and seniors from CRLS will join us to share their reflections about race and culture in the Cambridge Public Schools. Dinner begins at 6:00 pm and the program will be from 6:30- 8:00 pm. For more details see the attached flyer. **Thursday night, Feb 16th beginning at 6:30 pm, CSUS will hold its second Talent Show** to benefit the grade 8 end of year field trip to NYC. The flyer is attached; we hope you can join us at both of these events.

The School Site Council meeting previously scheduled for Feb. 16 has been rescheduled to accommodate the Talent Show. The new date and time will be **Feb. 28th from 6:30-8:00 pm.** The topics will be: Reflections on the Quad meeting with the three feeder schools and a request from Supt. Salim to all school councils around Visioning and a Back to the future protocol.

Thank you for your continued support and for choosing CSUS!

Peace,

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