



CAMBRIDGE STREET UPPER SCHOOL

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Welcome back parents and caregivers,

We hope you had a restful and restorative break. We eagerly welcomed CSUS scholars back to the building this Tuesday, and began the day with a whole-school community meeting. After a long break and as we approach the halfway point of our school year, it felt important to come together as a school community to revisit and re establish commitments to our individual and collective hopes, dreams, and goals. Our scholars had the opportunity to reflect upon their year so far, and remember back to the goals they set this September. We asked scholars to remember their "Why" - their reason for getting out of bed, getting to school and trying their hardest. For some scholars, their "Why" is a person or people, like a grandmother or their family. For others, their "Why" is an experience, a hope, or a dream, like the desire to be an engineer or the first in their family to go to college. We hope that all scholars can use their "why" to continue to motivate them to work their hardest and achieve at high levels. CSUS is excited for our upcoming scholar-led conferences at the end of this month as an opportunity for parents and caregivers to come together with scholars and teachers to celebrate scholars' progress toward meeting their goals.

Our community meeting also served as an opportunity to remind scholars of the importance of kindness to one another. To continue to build our community and begin our new year with a sense of fun, we also "revealed" the identities of the staff baby pictures that have been on display on our Main Office bulletin board, and staff serenaded scholars with our brilliant and beautiful rendition of Whitney Houston's "The Greatest Love of All." The power of song was almost enough to bring scholar morale back following their crushing defeat at the scholar/staff volleyball game in December.

As we move into 2018, Cambridge Street has many exciting events on the horizon. First let me express my disappointment that I was unable to attend the annual Winter Showcase. Extenuating circumstances with ailing family members prevented me from doing so. I was fortunate to view a video of the event and once again CSUS spells success! Kudos to our scholar artists for their extraordinary musical performances and for their superb visual expressions.

Coming up we have many community-wide activities this month and beyond.

- Jan. 10 - Upper School Volleyball Championship at CRLS at 3pm
- Jan. 10 - PCO meeting - 6:30 pm in rm. 312
- Jan 15 - No School - MLK Day
- Jan. 17 School Site Council - 6:30 pm in rm. 312 with CRLS principal Damon Smith

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- Jan, 19 - Second Academic Quarter ends
- Jan. 23 - STEAM Night 6-7:30 pm
- Jan 25 - Diversity Dialogues from 6-8 pm
- Jan. 29-31 - Scholar -Led Conferences
- Feb. 1 and 2 CSUS presents “*What’s Normal Anyway?*” at 7pm in auditorium
- World Language Week March 5-9

We look forward to seeing at as many of these events as possible. More detail son each event will follow soon.

Thank you for your continued support. We understand that you have choices and we appreciate you choosing CSUS!

Peace,

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