

CAMBRIDGE STREET UPPER SCHOOL

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PCO meeting - this Thurs Night at 6:30 pm

May 9, 2017

Dear CSUS Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a while since I wrote a letter to the CSUS community. It's not for not wanting to but you may have heard that we have been a little busy lately.

First, I want to thank all that supported our Diversity Dialogues event: "An Evening with Cornel West" on April 28th. It was an amazing evening that brought together our community; engaged and thrilled our scholars; celebrated the CSUS themes of social justice and excellence and raised over \$5000.00 to support our grade 8 trip to NYC. Thank you to all for your contributions before and during this special event.

Our final Diversity Dialogues for this school year will be held on Thurs. May 25th 6-8pm. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Our primary agenda for the evening:

- Review and consideration of ideas from the Family Engagement TaskForce
- Reflection and Takeaways from this year's Diversity Dialogues series
- Ideas for the 2017-18 Diversity Dialogues series

We hope you can join us.

We completed the ELA MCAS in April. This week we began the administration of the Math MCAS. Our team has worked very hard this year implementing elements of the Research for Better Teaching (RBT) High Expertise Teaching (HET) model. We are very excited about the work our scholars have been doing and we are confident that we will continue to narrow the opportunity gap.

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Coming up are many wonderful activities, please note the following dates. More details to follow:

May 11, Grade 8 to Biogen/ 6:30-8 pm: Parent Caregiver Organization Mtg.

May 13, 5-7 pm: Wine Tasting Fundraiser at La Fabrica 450 Massachusetts Ave

May 15, 6:30-7:30: Sixth Grade Family Math Night

May 16, Grade 7/8 Math MCAS

May 17, Early Release Day: 12:55 dismissal / 1:15 pm: Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

May 18, Grades 7/8 Math MCAS/6:30-8pm: School Site Council Mtg.

May 19, 9:00am: Grade 7 Science Expo Breakfast

May 23, Grade 8 STE MCAS

May 24, Grade 8 STE MCAS/7:00pm: Wendy & Peter Play

May 25, 6:00 pm: Diversity Dialogues

May 26, Grade 8 Science and Engineering Showcase at Harvard/ 7:00pm: Peter & Wendy Play

May 29, No School - 9:00 am; CSUS Marching Band in Cambridge Memorial Day parade

May 31, 6-7:30: Fun, Food, Facts and Figures Fifth Grade CSUS Expo

June 1, 3:30 pm: Soccer Tournament/6:30 pm: Spring into the Arts

June 7, Grade 8 Portfolio Night

June 8, 6:30-8: Parent Caregiver Organization Mtg.

June 8, 9, 12, 13- Grade 8 Portfolio panels (8:30-3)

June 14, Grade 8 Trip to NYC

June 15, Grade 8 Trip to NYC/ 9:00am: Sixth Grade Celebration of Scholar Work Breakfast

June 16, Grade 6 to Canobie Lake Park

June 19, Grade 7 Trip to Dave and Buster's

June 20, 6-7:30 pm. Grade 7 Portfolio Night

June 21, 3:00pm: Eighth Grade Graduation/ Early Release at 12 noon (CSUS only-not lower schools)

June 22, Last day of school - 2:55 pm dismissal

Thank you for your continued support and for choosing CSUS!

Peace,

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