Cambridge Street Upper School

Seventh Grade News

Welcome Back CSUS Scholars!

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the Cambridge Street Upper School 2016-2017 school year! We are looking forward to a very exciting year transitioning scholars to meet new academic and social challenges. We are anxiously awaiting our first school events - the CSUS Block Party BBQ and Back to School Night (please see the Important Dates column). This year, the Cambridge Public School District has gone in a new direction with the Science and ELA curriculums. In ELA, we will be using Expeditionary Learning during Semester 1 and existing CPSD units for the second half of the year. For the 2017-2018 school year, ELA will fully transition to Expeditionary Learning's curriculum. In Science, we will be continuing with the IQWST curriculum. We cannot wait to begin this new learning adventure with you all! it surely will be a great year!

At a later time, you will be given individual access to your scholar's (or scholars') grades and academic standing through Aspen. Important CSUS and grade 7 events and announcements can also be found on Aspen and in Take Home Tuesday packets. We wholeheartedly believe in an open homeschool communication model where we can collaboratively work to inspire and motivate students, guiding them to success in every facet of their lives. You should also be sure to review the agenda book given to every CSUS scholar! We hope that you will join the Parent Caregiver Organization (PCO), or reach out to any staff member to become involved in the CSUS community! We hope to see you at our celebratory events over the next month, which can be found to the right.

This year, we wanted to let families know what their scholars will need in terms of school supplies during the summer, so that we can hit the ground running come September 6th. Please review the list below so that scholars will have what they may need both at school and at home, to have a smooth and successful transition into 7th grade! We look forward to working with you all and encourage you to reach out to any and all of us with anything you may need!

Cheers! CSUS 7th Grade Team

Important Dates

September First Day of School

6th

September 22nd

Block Party BBQ

5:00-7:00PM

Rain Date: Sept. 29th

October 6th

Back to School Night

6:30-8:00PM

September 12^{th-} EID- AL-ADHA No

September 20th - Early Release Day

October 10th – **Columbus Day No** School

October 12th – **Yom Kippur No** School

Please remind your scholars to have read <u>Wonder</u> by R.J. Palacio and to complete their summer reading logs before school begins, so

Back to School Materials List:

Social Studies

Students will be provided with a single subject notebook and a two-pocket folder Suggested supplies - Plenty of pencils and erasers

Math

Students will be provided with a 1-inch binder and dividers

Need to Purchase - Pencils and erasers

Suggested supplies - Scientific calculator (TI-30 under \$11) and a ruler

Science

Need to Purchase

1 one-inch binder

1 two-pocket folder

1 package of lined paper

1 package of dividers

1 package of index cards

1 box of tissues

Pencils/ Pens/ Erasers

English Language Arts

Scholars will be provided with a composition notebook and two-pocket folder

Need to Purchase - Pencils, erasers, and highlighters (3 different colors)

All Teachers Strongly Recommend

- Handheld pencil sharpeners
- Reusable water bottle
- One small bottle of hand sanitizer
- An individual folder for Health, Music, and World Language

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