



C.S. LEWIS ACADEMY NEWS



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A Message from Mr. Finch

December is upon us and the cold winds are beginning to really blow in a lot of success at the school. We have just finished our second round of DIBELS testing. The DIBELS assessment helps monitor and document progress in reading fluency. The amount of growth is staggering. Parents, we applaud your efforts to increase literacy in your homes. Likewise the hard work of our fine teachers is really beginning to show.

Parents, the faculty and staff are so appreciative of all the long hours and assistance you offer to the school. We also appreciate the positive notes of encouragement and appreciation that so many of you give.

I heard recently on the radio a teacher giving parents helpful hints when communicating with teachers. She mentioned the value of e-mail. E-mail is a fantastic way for you to communicate with a teachers any time during the day or night. It gives the parent an opportunity to read and

reread the message to best correspond the intended message. It likewise, gives the teacher a chance to read, think about the message so the teacher can effectively respond. If e-mail is not an option then a polite phone call will do. Parents, please address any concerns you may have or information you feel the teacher should know about your child directly to the teacher first. Communication between parents and teachers should always come first before involving the school administration or any other individual. It has been my experience that when issues arise the quickest and most efficient way to resolve it is to communicate to the professional in the classroom.

Again, thank you for being such fine parents and Happy Holidays!

--Mr. Jason Finch, Director



School Dress Code

As many of you are aware, we have a strict dress code at C. S. Lewis Academy. The School Administration is very concerned with adherence to the Dress Code Policy. Please ensure that your child is dressed in accordance to the policy. The school dress code is a social equalizer and it reinforces school unity and spirit. Additionally, the dress code reduces incidents of bullying and other undesired behaviors including social and economic pressures and divisions.

Since the classroom teacher is the primary enforcer of the dress code policy, please assist your child's

teacher by providing clothing that is in compliance with the dress code. It is very uncomfortable for teachers to issue a uniform violation to students, when their primary role is to see the students are learning.

Here are some of the most common reasons students have received uniform violations:

- Hair length
- Pant style, i.e. Cargo pants
- Wrong color of pants
- Refusal to remove non-uniform jackets , sweatshirts, hoodies, etc.
- Pants or shirts in poor repair or dirty

Students who adhere to the dress code will be allowed to participate in the monthly free dress day sponsored by the Student Council.

Drop-off and Pick-up

Parents and carpool drivers, here is a friendly reminder of the procedures for dropping off students and picking them up. Please, drop-off students before 8:15 in the morning. We have several students trickling in late everyday. The first class of the day is "Math Study". It is very difficult to fill in the academic gaps when students only attend a portion of the class.

During pick-up please enter from SR 198. When parents enter from Cherry lane and enter the parking lot it becomes a traffic hazard and safety issue for students walking. Similarly, we have had several parents concerned with students crossing the pick-up lanes and running into the parking lot for pick-up. THIS IS NOT SAFE. You may want to save time, by bypassing the pick-up lane and have students meet you in the parking lot, but this is putting your child at risk of being hit by a car in the passing lane. Furthermore, there are several students waiting in the office up to 45 minutes waiting for their ride. Please be considerate of our teachers' and office staff's time by picking up your children before 3:00 Monday-Thursday and 1:45 on Fridays. If you know you will be late please take the time to inform the office.

Open Enrollment

We are currently accepting enrollment applications for the 2009-2010 school year. If you have friends or neighbors who are wanting to enroll for the next school year, encourage them to fill out an application online via our school website: www.cslewisacademy.net or come into the school for a tour and to get an application.

For families who already have children attending, it is important that you

also fill out an application to enroll in order to have your other children, including incoming kindergarteners, attend here in August. The enrollment window closes February 20, 2009. After that date, a lottery will be held for grades where the demand exceeds the availability.

