



# 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 are just finishing 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.

Our school is experiencing such phenomenal success it is creating quite a buzz at the Utah State Office of Education. I am continually asked what we are doing to increase the academic success of our students. I attribute this success to the creative and innovative model of learning we employ here at the school. I am a mentor for other charter school directors and our charter school is among a few in the state that has been highlighted for academic success. We have become a pioneer among charter schools and a forerunner on best practices nationwide. Many people have commented that our school is a magical

## 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 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

place that rivals some of the best college preparatory schools back east. I feel very pleased with the progress we have made in the lives of our students and vital role we play in our community.

The School Board, Administration and the teachers are united in our goal to improve academic success for all students. As part of our accountability reporting to the state we are focused on 5 goals this school year.

- 1) Improve academic success in Language Arts
- 2) Improve academic success in Mathematics
- 3) Improve Academic success in Science
- 4) Improve general academic achievement for students with disabilities
- 5) Improve general academic achievement for Hispanic students

We are excited about these goals and look forward to meeting our goals and create even more positive buzz about our fine school. Happy Holidays!

--Mr. Jason Finch, Director



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:

- Blue shirt with Blue pants
- 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

Attention 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 our number one goal is to ensure your child returns home safely. In light of this, we have had several parents concerned with students crossing the pick-up lanes and running into the parking lot for pick-up. **Students must use the cross walk. There is no parking or loading allowed in the (left) passing lane.** This creates a bottle neck that can be aggravating for other parents. Furthermore, there are several students waiting in the office up to 45 minutes 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 2010-2011 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](http://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 a re-enroll packet in order to have your other children, including incoming kindergarteners, attend here in August. The enrollment window closes February 19, 2010. After that date, a lottery will be held for grades where the demand exceeds the availability.

