

Chalk talk-CAS Middle School

CAS schools welcome all returning and new students for the 2010 semester. It's the start of a brand new year and everyone should make a resolution to do their best this upcoming quarter.

Coming back from Christmas break, the middle school students began their new third quarter of elective classes. Mrs. Tomlinson is offering: Challenger Mission Training, "Clan of the Cave Bear" which focuses on anthropology and archeology, Math Games around the World, Buckle Down for Math Skills and Life Skills. Mr. Medeiros is offering Guitar Class, Model Building, Buckle Down for Math Skills and L.O. Games. Mrs. Kelsey is helping students by offering Science Fair Help, Board Games and Cultural Studies. Mrs. Garza is keeping the ever-popular Music Appreciation and Film Studies/Character Development classes. Mr. Oh! is offering a variety of science and eco-friendly classes such as: Advanced Topics in Science – Sustainability, creative writing and geocaching. He also is offering two computer lab science classes: "The Jason Project" where students work in tandem with students around the globe and researchers to help solve environmental problems, and CSI Cyber Sleuths. Miss Rea continues down the creative side teaching art.

All in all, CAS's middle school teachers work very hard to offer a fun and innovative Friday elective curriculum. Students must be passing their classes and not have any absences in order to participate. Otherwise, they have time to make up work and remediate poor grades in Friday study halls.

Middle school students are gearing up for CAS's annual Science Fair. This year, the science fair will be the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 5th in the school cafeteria. Parents and the public are welcome to come view the science projects and listen to the students discuss their experiments. Ribbons will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers for grades 6-8. The winners also will compete in the city-wide YES Science Fair in March.

This is just a reminder that there is no school Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. School will resume Tuesday.