

CJHS PTO News

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The **Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough fundraiser** netted over \$4850! It was a huge success! A special thank you to Gale Martelly for all her hard work organizing and running this fundraiser. Also, thanks to all those who helped out and to everyone who ordered and sold the cookie dough. Everyone's help and support is always welcome and appreciated! Thanks again to all who participated!

The **Scholastic Book Fair** was also very successful this year. Thanks to Sue Proulx who chaired this event for all her time and effort and to all who volunteered their time to help. The library received approximately \$350.00 in new books and the PTO made a profit of \$1200.00, not to mention the kids were able to purchase some really cool books for themselves as well as for their teachers!

Thank you to all those parents (and grandparents!) who cooked or baked for the annual **Teacher Holiday Luncheon**. A lot of work goes into this luncheon and the teachers really appreciate it. We had plenty of food and were able to give the teachers a nice little holiday break from their schedules!

The American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days

Help Fight Cancer...Buy Daffodils!

Place your order today with the school nurse. There are three choices:

- a bouquet of 10 daffodils (\$7.00)

- "Bear and a Bunch" which consists of a 12" special edition Boyd's Bear and 10 daffodils

(\$25.00)

- "Gift of Hope" which is a monetary gift to fund American Cancer Society programs while making daffodil bouquets available as anonymous gifts to cancer patients (a \$20.00 minimum is required)

Orders must be received by Thursday, March 1st.

The flowers will be delivered March 19th-21st. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Silvia, the school nurse.

Please make checks payable to the American Cancer Society.

Please see page 6 of this newsletter for an order form.

Case Junior High Math Team Takes First Place!

Contributed by Mrs. Jen Xavier, Math Team Advisor

1st Place Math Team!

On January 12th, the Case Jr. High math team participated in the winter math meet at Norton Middle School. Our team

came in first place with a score of 147, Somerset scored 140 in 2nd place and Bridgewater scored 100 in 3rd place. Altogether, 8 schools participated in the meet. One of our students, Mike Bjorge, received a perfect

score of 25 and a First place Individual trophy. The students on the team are Alyssa Alexander, Michael Bjorge, Lucas Bomback, Mason Coombes, Andrew Desrosiers, Lindsey Hordern, John Lapointe,

Tim Lee, Ben Levesque, Kayla Javier, Melissa Radevicz, Tara Valerio, and alternates Kim Kaiser, Justine Kawa, Corey Morelli, and Jacob Silvia. The next math meet will take place in April at Somerset Middle School.

Dates to Remember

Jan 26 – Report Cards
 Feb 7 – PTO Mtg @ 7 p.m.
 Feb 12 – Len Cabral, Storyteller (Gr. 8)
 Feb 13 – Science Fair (2:15 - 3:30 in Media Center)
 Feb 16 – School Dance
 Feb 19-23 – Spring Break
 Mar 5 – Progress Reports
 Mar 9 – School Dance
 Mar 18-Apr 4 - MCAS
 Mar 27-Apr 3 – Quarter Finals for Term 3
 Mar 28 – David Zucker, “Poetry in Motion” (Gr. 7)
 Apr 13 – Report cards
 May 4 - Chris Poulos, , Motivational speaker (all)
 May 14 – Progress Reports
 May 14-31 - MCAS
 May 25 – School Dance (8th grade only)

MCAS Dates

Grades 6, 7, 8 - ELA
 March 19th - April 4th
 - ELA Composition Grade 7, Statewide March 20th
 - ELA Composition Make-Up, April 2nd

Grades 6, 7, 8 - Math
 May 14th - May 31st

Grade 8 - Science/Technology
 May 14th - May 31st

Grade 7 - History & Social Science
 May 14th - May 31st

2006-2007 Student Council

The 2006-2007 Student Council elections were held before the holidays.

Congratulations to the following students elected to represent their homerooms in the Student Council:

6th Grade Representatives:
 Samantha Hussey, Zachary Notarangelo, Matt Plante, Chelsea Antone, Emily Furtado, Nick Parente and Tabitha Soares. Alternate

representatives are Lillian Gabriel, Ashley Mello, Kendra Pavao, John Kelly, Casey O’Leary and Tyler Rebello.

7th Grade Representatives:
 Christine Bjorge, Brittany Costello, Kevin Toland, Delaney Norris and Jackson Reilly. Alternate representatives are Lindsey Franco, Shannon Orton, Mackenzie Vasconcellos, Richard Manchester and Kara Sullivan.

8th Grade Representatives:
 Adam Bamford, Samantha Dessert, Sarah Buffington, Nicole Belanger, Rhett Manning, Justine Kawa, Katie Hague, John LaPointe, Tiffany Oliveira, Preston Souza, Tara Valerio and Jacob Silvia.

Student Council President is Jacob Silvia

Student Council Vice President is John LaPointe

Student Leadership Club

Newly elected 2006-7 Student Leadership Club members in addition to those mentioned in the last newsletter are:

Grade 7: Amelia Bissaro, Jaclyn Bryant, Jennifer Cabral, Lyndsey Ferreira, Tabitha Golz, Erin Reddy, Katelyn Souza, Kara Sullivan and Taryn Sylvia

Grade 6: Matthew Gagnon, Samantha Hussey, Kendra Pavao, Matthew Plante, Danielle Robillard, Allyson Santerre, TaylorJae Taber and Katie Van Lingen

Congratulations to all newly elected as well as previously elected Student Leadership Club members!

National Junior Honor Society

Contributed by Mrs. L. Miller, NJHS Advisor

The Case Junior High School National Honor Society has completed a successful t-shirt sale. Shirts will go on sale again in the spring.

Members of the Honor Society have completed a

variety of community service projects including:
 - a coat drive
 - helping at the library
 - volunteering at school

Seventh grade students will have the opportunity to apply for membership in the NJHS during the month of February.

Literary Book Club Update

Contributed by Ms. Sadler, Literacy Teacher

The Literary Book Club's publication date is set for February 5, 2007. We should receive the books by the end of February. Miss Sadler will be planning a Book Signing Reception for students and parents soon after. More information to come!

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”

- William James

Music Department News

Contributed by Mr. Cordeiro
(Music department)

The Music Department would like to thank the PTO for their donation to help purchase some new instruments and to help replace some old percussion equipment.

Come check out the Pep Band. The Pep Band is up and running and is generating a lot of school spirit and excitement at the basketball games. The next performances for the band will be on January 29th and January 31st.

Pep band members include:

8th graders - Sam Dessert, Justine Kawa, Josh Ormerod, Ben Levesque, Corey Morelli and Tim Lee

7th graders - Jackie Bryant, Alexa Prendergast, Kara Sullivan, Lindsey Franco, Stephanie Arruda, Nicole Rogers, Brett Wood and Rich Carreiro

6th graders - Alex Ledo, Nathan Levesque, Tyler Patterson and Alexia Hutchins

Wind Ensemble

The Wind Ensemble is a new music group at the Junior High and consists of students who take private lessons or have a strong musical ability and enjoy practicing and playing music.

Students in the Wind Ensemble include: Tim Lee, Corey Morelli, Rich Carreiro, Nicole Rogers, Josh Ormerod, Molly McMahon, Justine Kawa, Samantha Dessert and Steph Arruda.

Marching Band

The Joseph Case Junior High School Marching Band season has begun. Students are learning music to march down the street for the Memorial day parade in late May.

Color Guard

Look for sign-ups in early March to Join the Junior High School Color Guard.

Concert Band

The Concert Bands are starting to learn music for their spring concerts in late May or early June. The bands will be playing some familiar literature as well as new ones.

Chorus

We are in the process of writing and arranging music to showcase the talents of the Junior High Chorus. Students will be very active combining songs with movement.

Spaghetti Supper and Variety Show

The Spanish/Music Departments are sponsoring a Spaghetti Supper and Variety Show on March 30th here at the Junior High School. All proceeds will benefit the students going on the Washington trip and students in the Music Department. If any students are interested in displaying their talents please see Mr. Cordeiro.

The Music Department is also running a **Calendar fundraiser** during the month of March. Each chance is \$5.00 and a winner will be picked each day during the month of March for a prize listed on that day. Calendars are available *now* through February 26th from music students.

December Stars of the Month

Grade 6

Lauren Ayotte
Brandon Damaso
Zachary Notarangelo
Alexis Silva

Grade 7

Paige Bouchard
Adam Clark
Jennifer Ferron
Ashley Pedro
Trevor Williams

Grade 8

Dylan Buckborough
Kayla Javier
David Leonardo
Jessica Reddy

October Stars of the Month

Grade 6

Zachary Costa
Jose Gouveia
Kendra Pavao
Hannah Shelton

Grade 7

Brentyn Fanti
Kaisey Fleet
Michael Manton
Amanda Lussier
Marietta Sullivan

Grade 8

Alyssa Connell
Brian Keyes
Caitlin Marchetti
Thomas Silva
Ashlee Sparfven

November Stars of the Month

Grade 6

Melissa Camara
Andrew McIlmail
Jenna Reposo
Travis Stimson

Grade 7

Catherine Bonner
Ryan Freitas
Shannon Orton
William Reilly

Grade 8

Garrett Beck
Olivia DeMello
John Lapointe
Nicole Miranda
Jesse Wozniak

Keep in touch with your school by visiting the Case Jr. High website go to www.swanseaschools.org and click on the Junior High link

A Memo from the Swansea School Nurse

Winter Respiratory Illness

The following is information on respiratory illness passed along from Alfred DeMaria, Jr., M.D., Chief Medical Officer, State Epidemiologist:

Despite the unusually mild temperatures, winter is upon us and with that comes an increased number of respiratory infections in both children and adults. Respiratory infections can range from mild to severe. Bacteria and viruses can cause both upper and lower respiratory infections but

most are probably viral. The most common causes of these infections are rhinovirus (which causes the common cold), adenovirus, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), influenza, and mycoplasma.

Illness clusters or outbreaks commonly occur in closed settings such as schools. The spread of most illnesses can be controlled through the use of good hygiene practices such as frequent hand washing.

At this time, there is no

indication that Massachusetts is experiencing an increase in respiratory infections, although influenza activity

is increasing and is expected to peak in several weeks.

A Note From Leslie Stolts RN,C Director Of Health Services:

We have not seen any clusters of illness to date in the Swansea Schools. It is most important to review hand washing and proper cough etiquette with your children. (Coughing or sneezing into your arm vs. into your hands)

Also, if your child is sick or has a fever, please call the school nurse to inform them that you are keeping them home until the fever/illness subsides to prevent the spread of the illness.

Thank You

New Wellness Policy

Dear Parents and Guardians:

In recognition of the declining nutritional intake and increasing obesity in children, Congress passed The Child Nutritional Reauthorization Act of 2004. This legislation requires that all school districts participating in the National School Lunch Program adopt a local Wellness Policy that addresses healthy eating, physical activity, and nutrition education.

As of January 8, 2007, the Swansea School Committee has adopted a Wellness Policy for this district. The following is a summary of the adopted policy. The policy, in

detail, may be reviewed on the Swansea School Department website (www.swanseaschools.org).

Preamble

Whereas, children need access to healthful foods and opportunities to be physically active in order to grow, learn and thrive, and good health fosters school attendance and education, the Swansea School Department is committed to providing school environments that promote and protect children's health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity.

- Child Nutrition Program that complies with federal,

state, and local requirements

- Child Nutrition Program that is available to all children

- Sequential and interdisciplinary nutrition education is provided and promoted

- Patterns of meaningful physical activity connect to students' lives outside of physical education

- All school-based activities are consistent with wellness policy goals

- All food and beverages made available to students (including vending, a la cart, parties, student stores, field trips, and fundraising) during the

school day are consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

- All foods made available on school grounds adhere to food safety and security guidelines

- The school environment is safe, comfortable, pleasing, and allows ample time and space for eating meals

- Food and/or physical activity are not used as a reward or punishment. (Exception: identified in a student's Individualized Education Plan)

Sincerely,
Robert G. Monteiro
Principal

Case Junior High Sports News

Intramural Field Hockey

Contributed by Ms. Roy

An intramural field hockey program has been running in the gym on days that the basketball teams play away. Some of the girls involved in the intramural program are also involved in a Monday night indoor league in Bridgewater at the dome. The girls involved in both the intramurals and the indoor league are: Taylor Medeiros, Jacqueline Cantin, Jessica Hebert, Kaisey Fleet, Hannah Shelton, Kendra Pavao, Delaney Norris, Deanna Ainsworth, Sara Carvalho, Tiffany Oliveira, Samantha Gouveia, Marietta Sullivan,

Alexa DeForge, Brittany McClintock and Megan Simcock.

In addition to the above list, the following girls are involved in the intramural league: Danielle Robillard, Ally Santerre, Abby LeClair, Ashlee Littlefield and Jessica Pavao

Boys Basketball

The 2007 CJHS Boys Basketball team consists of the following players:

Mike Bjorge, Dylan Buckborough, Aaron Chouinard, Kyle Coffey, Mason Coombes, Austin Cooper, Andrew Kenyon, Mitchell Kenyon, Wes Lacroix, Adam Laroche,

David Leonardo, James McDonnell, Ben Monteiro, Davon Robertson, Andrew Sampaio, Eric Shannon and Trevor Williams.

Coach: Jeff Kirkman

Good luck on a successful season!

Girls Basketball

The 2007 CJHS Girls Basketball team consists of the following players:

Jen Bolton, Catherine Bonner, Linsay Boulay, Jenn Cabral, Allie Griffin, Shelby Lafleur, Danielle Medeiros, Rochelle Medeiros, Abigail Morse, Shannon Orton, Ashley Pedro, Melissa Radevicz, Kelsie Teixeira and

Jayleen Villarrubia.

Elyce Hall - Monitor

Coach: Joe Monteiro

Intramural Volleyball

The CJHS Volleyball Intramurals Program will begin in February of 2007.

This program is designed for 7th and 8th graders who are interested in learning volleyball skills and drills.

The program will run 2 days per week for 4 to 5 weeks in the Junior High School gym. There is no fee for the program.

Updated information will be available at the end of January.

Washington Trip Update

Contributed by Mrs. Furze, Advisor

1. The second payment for the trip was due on January 19. Slips were given out to the students letting them know how much they owed after fundraising was applied to their account. Anyone who is unable to make the payment at this time needs to contact Mrs. Furze.

2. A very successful "canning" drive was held the weekends of January 6th & 7th and January 13th & 14th at Stop and Shop in Somerset. Very

few students signed up for this but those who did earned \$75.00 each for the first weekend and \$65.00 each for the second. There will be another "canning" drive coming up in April.

3. Perhaps you've seen a flock of flamingos around town during the past few weeks. This is the latest fundraiser for the Washington trip. Anyone who is interested in scheduling a "flocking" can call Debra Manning at (508) 674-6655.

4. The Spaghetti Supper/ Variety Show has been scheduled for Friday, March 30th. This event is co-sponsored by the 8th grade class trip and the music department.

5. Check the school website for information regarding the trip and upcoming fundraisers.

We are also collecting **used ink cartridges** and **old cell phones** as an additional fundraiser. All items should given to Mrs. Martinelli, 8th grade Science Teacher.

Spelling Team Places 3rd in Spelling Meet

Contributed by Mrs. Furze, Spelling Team Advisor

The CJHS Spelling Team is made up of 12 seventh and eighth grade students who are selected based on their scores on a written test.

The team competes against the nine other teams in the Massasoit League. Each meet consists of a written test followed by an oral competition. At the fall meet in December, we

placed third. The date for the spring meet, which will take place at the Williams Middle School in Bridgewater, has not been set yet.

The team members are as follows:

Christine Bjorge, Michael Bjorge, Chelsea Coffey, Mason Coombes, Brendan Diniz, Sarah Gomes, Katie Hague Justine Kawa, Shannon Orton, Jacob Silvia, Kara Sullivan and Kevin Toland.

News from the Guidance Department

Contributed by Mrs. Reidy, Guidance Department

On January 9th, the CJHS Guidance Department took the students who completed their **Diman** applications to the school for a visit. Application deadline for students seeking entrance into grade 9 at Diman is February 16th. We expect notification of acceptances delivered to Case the week of April 2nd.

An admissions director from **Bristol Aggie** will conduct interviews for prospective students in February - dates to be announced.

MCAS testing in English Language Arts (ELA) will be administered to grades 6, 7, and 8 from March 19th through April 4th. ELA Composition for grade 7 will be given throughout the state on March 20th. ELA Composition Make-

Up will be administered on April 2nd.

We are conducting an **after-school Math Remediation Program** for selected students. This instructive program will target each student's specific areas of difficulty in Math, specifically as indicated on their last MCAS results. This program commences on February 6th and ends on May 3rd.

An **ELA MCAS Clinic** is being offered for selected students to provide an opportunity for students to review their last MCAS results and to learn beneficial strategies which will help them improve their scores.

A **Parent's Night** for grade 8 students planning to attend Case High will be conducted at Case High on January 31st.

Upcoming Dances

February 16th

March 9th

May 25th (8th grade only)

All dances run from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Robotics Club News

Contributed by Mrs. Sullivan, Robotics Advisor

The Robotics Club 2006-2007 season is under way. We will meet every Tuesday that there is school scheduled (unless participants are notified the week prior).

We have several enthusiastic 7th and 8th grade students, who are diligently working to perfect their Rascal Robot creations.

Seventh Grade: Seventh Graders have created a *Thrower*. This robot has been

programmed to throw a ping-pong ball various distances with accuracy.

Eight Grade: Eighth graders have used the skills acquired in seventh grade to create a more elaborate robot.

The *Mobility* category includes, the Strider, which moves a specific distance in the fastest time possible.

The *Manufacturing* category allows students to create a robot that will sharpen a pencil and then repeatedly draw a recognizable closed shape

on a piece of paper.

The *Creativity* category allows students to research a problem and create a robot to solve this problem.

We generally participate in a Regional competition in the spring.

Please look for more information regarding the progress of our Robots in upcoming PTO newsletters.

For more information about RASCAL robots, please see <http://www.robix.com/default.html>.

Rose Lollipop Fundraiser

Thank you to all who supported the recent chocolate rose lollipop fundraiser! Close to 1,000 roses were sold.

Thank you to Sue Notarangelo for her hard work in coordinating and running the fundraiser.

The roses will be distributed during the week of February 5th.

Don't Miss the Science Fair!

When? Tuesday, February 13th from 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.

Where? Case Junior High School Media Center

Who? CJHS 7th and 8th grade students

What? Approximately 40 exhibits

PTO Sponsored Teacher Grants

As a result of your support and generosity in the PTO's recent fundraising efforts, the PTO has been able to fund many teacher grant requests, including:

- a \$600 grant to the Music Department to repair instruments and purchase new percussion equipment
- a \$500 grant to the Math

Department for the games to start a "Math is Fun" program

- a \$1500 grant to the Computer Department to support updated presentation technology for use by the entire faculty
- \$200 for new chairs for the teacher's lounge to make the room more

functional


- \$300 for a Reading project
- \$125 to the 8th grade Science Department for anatomy puzzles
- small grants (under \$50) for classroom supplies like markers and maps

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 :The next PTO Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. in
 :the Media Center. Please note the date change from the usual 2nd Wednesday
 :of the month. We'll be making our spring plans and need volunteers to help
 :with Family Night, teacher appreciation week and a spring fundraiser.
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About Our Organization...

PTO Officers and Program Coordinators for the 2006-2007 school year are:
 President: Kyle Kawa
 Vice-President: Gale Martelly
 Treasurer: Cindy Davis

Secretary: Susan Notarangelo
 Bookfair: Susan Proulx
 Newsletter: Sandy Clark
 Programs/Grants: Debbie Fiore
 BoxTops: Laurie Vasconcellos



Don't forget Box Tops Tuesdays!
 Please send in your Box Tops with your child on Tuesdays. Collection bins are located in the cafeteria, outside the school store and in the media center.

The more you send in, the more we earn.

REMINDER: The final box tops submission for the school year must be postmarked by the end of March so please send your box tops to the schools as soon as possible!

Daffodil Days Order Form

Please detach here and return the completed form and payment to Mrs. Silvia, the school nurse.

Orders should be placed by March 1st, 2007

Please reserve _____ bouquets @ \$7.00 _____ Bear & A Bunch @ \$25.00

I would like to make _____ donation(s) of \$20.00 to purchase Gift(s) of Hope

Total amount enclosed: \$_____

STUDENT'S NAME _____ GRADE _____

SCHOOL _____ ROOM _____

Checks should be made payable to the American Cancer Society