

CJHS PTO News

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PLEASE NOTE

*Family Night
has been
cancelled.
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PTO Wrap-Up

From Kyle Kawa, PTO President

It seems like it was just last week we were all getting ready for the start of a new school year and now, another one is coming to an end.

The PTO has had a very successful year, due to the support of many families who are always willing to help out. We've been able to grant many teacher requests, donate to the soccer field and also provide programs for the kids.

My daughter is in 8th grade so I am on to the High School next year and in leaving, I would just like to thank all the PTO members who have contributed their time and energy to benefit your child's school. Thank you to the PTO board, Cindy Davis, Sue Notarangelo and Gale Martelly for volunteering to take these

jobs and for being a huge part of why we had such a successful year. I would also like to thank Debbie Fiore for coordinating the school's programs this year, Sue Proulx for running the Bookfair and Laurie Vasconcellos for taking over the Boxtops. Last, but not least, I'd like to thank Sandy Clark for all of her behind the scenes work in getting this newsletter out every quarter, for updating our website and for sending out all those e-mail reminders every month. I never could have done it without all of you!

At the school, I'd like to thank Mr. Kirkman for being the PTO representative, fitting the meetings into his busy schedule and always being willing to help us with anything we need. Thank you to Joy and Lucy (for helping me with all the copies!!) for their support and a very big thank you to

Ray, Joe and Andy who set up for our meetings and luncheons and clean up when we leave - and for doing it all with a smile!

I wish the PTO continued success and encourage any parent that wants to get involved to do so. I was a little hesitant at first to get involved myself, but if I hadn't, I would have missed out on the opportunity to make new friendships, get to know parents of my daughter's friends and also get to know some of the teachers and staff. By being involved, you can know that you're making a positive difference in your child's Jr. High experience.

Thanks again to all of you for all of the support and friendship. Enjoy the end of the year activities, have a great summer and good luck to all the remaining parents for next year!!

Washington Trip Meeting

Contributed by Mrs. Furze

There will be a meeting on Monday, May 7th, at 6:00 p.m. for the parents of students going on this

year's class trip to Washington, DC and Williamsburg. A lot of information will be passed out including packing lists, flight schedules and

health forms. It is **extremely important** that each student going on the trip have a parent in attendance at this meeting.

End of Year Calendar

APRIL

April 24th - Spring Math Meet at Somerset
 April 25th - Grade 7 National Junior Honor Society 7:00 p.m.
 April 25th-May 2nd - Student Council/Leadership "Support our Troops" Drive
 April 27th - P.T.O. "Family Night" - cancelled

MAY

May 1st -"Day on the Hill" – Student Council/Leadership Shadow Program
 May 7th - Washington, D.C. Parent Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
 May 8th - "Community Breakfast" - 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
 May 9th – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
 May 14th-May 31st - MCAS: Grades 6, 7, 8 Math; Grade 7 – Social Studies; Grade 8 Science/Technology
 May 14th - Term 4 Mid-Term Progress Reports
 May 15th - Spring Concert at Case High School (6:00 p.m.)
 May 22nd - DARE Graduation at Joseph Case Junior High – School (6:30 p.m.)
 May 25th - 8th Grade Dance 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

May 28th - Chorus Performance at Town Hall (10:00 a.m.)
 May 28th - Marching Band - Memorial Day Parade (1:00 p.m.)
 May 30th - June 2nd - Washington, D.C. Trip (Grade 8)

JUNE

June 4th - Luther School Grade 5 Student Orientation (9:00 a.m.)
 June 5th - Brown School Grade 5 Student Orientation (9:00 a.m.)
 June 6th - Grade 5 Parent Orientation (Media Center) (6:00 p.m.)
 June 6th - Grade 6 Field Day
 June 7th - Grade 7 Field Day
 June 8th - Grade 8 "Picnic" @ Francis Farms
 June 8th - Grade 6 Band "Concert Exchange" - Seekonk
 June 11th - EARLY DISMISSAL (11:00 a.m.)
 June 12th - Grade 6 Student Awards Ceremony (8:15 a.m.)
 June 12th - Grade 7 Student Awards Ceremony(9:45 a.m.)
 June 12th - EARLY DISMISSAL (11:00 a.m.)
 June 13th -,Grade 8 Student Promotion Ceremony (9:00 a.m.)
 June 13th - LAST DAY OF 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR
 EARLY DISMISSAL (11:00 a.m.)

National Junior Honor Society

Contributed by Mrs. L. Miller, NJHS Advisor

The following students will be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on April 25th at 6:00 p.m.:
 Christine Bjorge, Zachary

Bodner-Martin, Catherine
 Bonner, Allison Boudreau,
 Jaclyn Bryant, Richard Carreiro, Brittany Costello, Lauren Coulombe, Sarah Gomes, Brittany McLintock. Molly McMahon, Dimanne Mota,

Shannon Orton, Alexa Prendergast, William Jackson Reilly, Victoria Souza, Kara Sullivan, Kevin Toland and Mackenzie Vasconcellos

Math Team

Contributed by Mrs. Xavier, Math Team Advisor

Good luck to the math team!

The Spring Meet is April 24th at Somerset. The CJHS Team will be defending their 1st place title!

Supporting Our Troops

Contributed by Mrs. Martinho

The Case Jr. High Student Council and Student Leadership groups will be supporting a "Support Our Troops" Campaign at the end of April.

From April 25th to May 2nd, students will be asked to bring in items that can be

used by the soldiers.

"We feel very strongly about helping the troops. We ask for support for the soldiers no matter how we feel about the war. Some of these men and women who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan have walked the halls of Case. Please try to assist us. Thanks Donna M."

MCAS Dates

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

"If you think you can, you can. If you think you can't, you're right.."

- Mary Kay Ash

Music Department News

*Contributed by Mr. Cordeiro
(Music department)*

Concert Band

May 15th - Spring Concert at 6 p.m. Students should report to the Case High School band room by 5:30 p.m.

Baked goods are needed! Please donate a baked goods item to help support the music department!

June 8th - Exchange concert with Seekonk Middle School

Chorus

The CJHS chorus will be performing at the Swansea Town Hall on Memorial Day, May 28th at 10 a.m.

Marching Band

The CJHS Marching Band will be performing in the Swansea Memorial Day parade on May 28th. The parade steps off at 1 p.m. from the St. Francis of Assisi Church parking lot and ends about 1:40 at the Bluffs Community Center in Ocean Grove.

Parents/Guardians need to drop students off at 12 noon at St. Francis and pick their child up around 1:45 at the Bluffs.

May 2nd - Percussion students only - Memorial Day Parade rehearsal after school 2-3:30 p.m. The late bus will be available.

May 10th - Percussion students only - Memorial Day Parade rehearsal after school 2-3:30 p.m. The late bus will be available

May 16th - Full Marching Band rehearsal after school 2-3:30 p.m. Horn line/Percussion/Color Guard. The late bus will be available

May 24th - Full Marching Band rehearsal after school 2-3:30 p.m. Horn line/Percussion/Color Guard. The late bus will be available

Color Guard

Begins on April 4th 4-6 p.m. in the CJHS Gymnasium

March Stars of the Month

Grade 6
Ryan Fallon
Kayla Kershaw
Zoe Paiva
Jamie Thibault

Grade 7
Christine Bjorge
Nicholas Blanchard
Delaney Norris
Zachary Reis
Charles Rowland

Grade 8
Bruce Antone
Michael Bjorge
Victoria Simbro
Tara Valerio

February Stars of the Month

Grade 6
Jacob Carvalho
Dalton Fontaine
Carissa Martin
Katelyn Melanson

Grade 7
Stephen Bond
Melanie Boyer
Aaron Chouinard
Angela Villella

Grade 8
Alyssa Alexander
Casey Collins
Taylor Demoranville
Bryan Kane
Matthew Pavao

Literary Book Club

*Contributed by Ms. Sadler,
Literary Book Club Advisor*

The Literary Book Club visited E.S. Brown Elementary School on April 2nd to read their books to the third, fourth and fifth grade students. The members were welcomed enthusiastically by Ms. White, Brown School Principal, the Brown School staff and faculty, and the elementary students. This visit was in honor of International Children's Book Day (the

birthday of Hans Christian Andersen). This field trip was also a great way to get the Junior High students involved in community service.

The Literary Book Club signing party is scheduled for Thursday, April 12th, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Junior High cafeteria. Friends and family have been invited to support their youngsters in the celebration of their published books.

January Stars of the Month

Grade 6
Sara Canuel
Matthew Plante
Daniel Simcock
Jessica Silvia

Grade 7
Lindsey Franco
Madilyn Kane
Jessica Leduc
Brittany McLintock
Ashley Motta

Grade 8
Neil Jeronimo
Justine Kawa
Derek LaFleur
Abigail Morse

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

Case Junior High Sports News

Congratulations to the following boys and girls who made the CJHS baseball and softball teams:

Boys' Baseball Team

6th Grade : Jonathan Furtado; 7th Grade : Austin Cooper, Mitchell Costa, Aaron Chouinard and Brett Wood; 8th Grade : Michael Bjorge, Lucas Bombback, Dylan Buckborough, Joey Carvalho, Kyle Coffey, Mason Coombes, Andrew Desrosiers, Brandon Gordon, John Lapointe Benjamin Monteiro and John Seddon

Coach—Barry Mello
Assistant Coach-- Herman Bombback

Baseball Schedule:

Apr 12: @ Westport
Apr 23: @ Bridgewater Middle
Apr 24: Middleboro
Apr 27: Dighton
May 1: @ Raynham Middle
May 3: @ Somerset
May 7: Seekonk
May 9: @ Rehoboth
May 15: Westport
May 17: Bridgewater Middle
May 21: @ Middleboro
May 23: @ Dighton
May 24: Raynham Middle
May 29: Somerset
May 31: @ Seekonk
Jun 4: Rehoboth

All games begin at 3:00 p.m.

Girls' Softball Team

6th Grade : Allison Santerre, Shawna Marchand, Danielle Robillard, Sarah Carvalho and Jenna Reposa; 7th Grade : Shannon Orton, Lindsay Boulay, Kadie Sullivan, Hailey Thibault and Samantha Jardin; 8th Grade : Justine Kawa, Danielle Medeiros, Rebecca Plourde, Alicia Cabral, Samantha Dessert and Lindsey Hordern

Scorekeeper: Mary Van Lingen (6th grade)

Coach—Timothy Cabral
Assistant Coach—Jay Sullivan

Softball Schedule:

Apr.12: @ Westport
Apr 23: @ Bridgewater Middle
Apr 24: Middleboro
Apr 27: Dighton
May 1: @ Raynham Middle
May 3: @ Somerset
May 7: Seekonk
May 9: @ Rehoboth
May 15: Westport
May 17: Bridgewater Middle
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Katie Brown Educational Program

Contributed by Mr. Crisafulli, Health Teacher

We are excited to announce that over the last two weeks the Katie Brown Educational Program has educated our entire 7th grade student body on the topic of "Relationship Violence" as an extension of our Health curriculum.

The Katie Brown Educational Program (KBEP) was founded in early 2001 in response to the murder of Katherine Brown, a 20-year-old

woman from Barrington, Rhode Island. Katie was involved in an unhealthy relationship with a boy she dated for a number of years; he ended up killing her in a fit of rage.

To memorialize and honor Katie's life, KBEP teachers developed a 5-day curriculum dedicated to the recognition and prevention of relationship violence through innovative, interactive educational initiatives. KBEP promotes respectful relationships and provides alternatives to violent

behaviors.

Andy Robinson, KBEP instructor, educated our 7th grade GOLD team in Health Education class during the week of April 2nd and the CASE team during sections of Computer, Art, and Physical Education the week of April 9th.

The KBEP has been extremely successful in surrounding communities such as Somerset, Fall River, and Barrington, RI. Each year the program continues to grow and we are fortunate to encounter

their services. Our school's long-term goal is to not only continue the program with the 7th grade students during Health Education classes, but also expand to the 6th and 8th grade.

A special thanks to Mr. Monteiro and all 7th grade teachers for their time, effort, and sacrifices made to attract, schedule, and enable the Katie Brown Educational Program to visit our classrooms and educate our students on this influential topic.

"Pennies for Patients" Thank You

Contributed by Mrs. Robillard

Congratulations to our school for completing the 3-week long fundraiser "Pennies For Patients". Our top homeroom was Ms. Martin's room 68A.

They raised a total of \$115.50. We will be sending a check to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for a total of \$1,080.00.

A special thank you goes out to St. Dominic's Credit

Union for converting all those coins into a bank check. We would also like to thank the homeroom representatives from Student Leadership for taking daily collections and rolling all the coins.

Student Leadership "Day on the Hill"

Contributed by Mrs. Robillard

Tuesday, May 1, 2007, Student Leadership members and their advisors will spend the "Day on the Hill" in Boston with Swansea School Committee members

Dawn Freitas and Ellen Furtado. The schedule includes a tour of the State House and meetings with Senator Joan Menard and Representatives Patricia Haddad and Steve D'Amico.

Math Department News

Contributed by Mr. Mello

Hello everyone from the Math Department at JCJHS !

We have a few items we would like to make you aware of.

1. MATH-A-THON...is a fundraising campaign we are currently involved with as a school community of teachers and students. This charity is to support St. Jude Children's Hospital in the treatment and research of childhood cancers. To learn more about St. Jude Children's Hospital, we invite you to visit www.stjude.org. To learn more about Math-A-Thon details, we invite you to visit www.mathathon.org. Participation in this

fundraising campaign is completely optional and voluntary. Students will be completing math problems and asking family and friends to make donations for their efforts to benefit the children of St. Jude Children's Hospital. Donations must be returned to the math teachers by Friday, May 4th in order for students to receive their prizes and incentives for participation. Last year, we raised \$8250.00 for this charity! We hope to have an equally successful event this year! Parents are asked to convert any cash donations collected to a check or money order made payable to "St. Jude Children's Research Hospital". Parents working for companies with matching gift programs

may be able to increase your child's efforts.

2. Pi (π) Day – 3.14.07 – the 7th grade students of Mr. Mello and Mr. Lombard's Math classes celebrated this event with two challenges. After a hands-on math lab experience in class "discovering Pi", students learned first hand the relationship of a circle's circumference to its diameter. Two extra credit challenges were put forth to the students: Math memorization/reciting contest, in which Catherine Bonner recited the first 92 values of Pi from memory. This was the most place values memorized by any of this year's seventh grade class! Congratulations Catherine and to all the 38

Community Breakfast

Contributed by Mrs. Robillard

Case Junior High School's third annual "Community Breakfast" will be held on Tuesday, May 8th, 2007 in the school cafeteria. This breakfast brings Student Leaders together with those Community Leaders who participated in this year's "Shadow" program.

participants – we admire your rising to the challenge! 33 very creative and informational Poster boards about Pi facts and history were submitted for extra credit value. They are currently being displayed in Mr. Mello's (room 71) and Mr. Lombard's (room 72) classrooms.

3. The JCJHS Math Team will be competing in their next Math meet on Tuesday, April 24th. They have been working hard and are anxious to defend their first place finish from the fall meet under the direction of Mrs. Jen Xavier!

Thank you for your continued support.

From the Nurse

Contributed by Mrs. Silvia

For current 6th grade students:

Students should have a current physical (dated between March 2006 and June 2007) on file in the nurse's office

Students will **require** a Tetanus Booster to enter 7th grade. This is available at school at no cost.

For current 8th grade students:

Students will **require** a physical (dated between March 2007 and June 2008) for 9th grade. All forms should be turned in to the nurse's office as soon as possible

Sports Participation

And student wishing to participate in sports,

including tryouts, **must** have a current physical (less than 13 months old) on file in the nurse's office. Sports physicals will be held in June. There is no cost. Please contact the nurse for a pre-participation health history and an appointment.



Don't forget to save those Box Tops!

The more you send in, the more we earn.

Family Night Cancelled

The Case Jr. High Family Night that was scheduled for April 27th has been cancelled due to a very busy end of the year schedule and a general lack of volunteers. We have been told that this type of event may be better held in

the fall when things are not so crazy, so maybe we can start to plan for then. Thanks to those that did offer to help and we apologize for any inconvenience or disappointment!

PTO Accepting Nominations for 2007-2008

The Joseph Case Junior High School Parent Teacher Organization is currently accepting nominations for PTO officer positions for the 2007-2008 school year.

If anyone is interested in serving as a PTO Officer for the 2007-2008 school year, please submit your name and phone number as well as your child's name and grade (for the

2007-2008 school year) to the PTO by April 27th.

Elections will take place at the May PTO meeting.

The next PTO Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. The PTO will be considering officer nominations for the 2007-2008 school year as well as wrapping up the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

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

Candle Fundraiser

Thank you to all who supported the recent candle fundraiser. The PTO is contributing the money raised from this fundraiser (\$1825!) to the Robert Cabral Memorial Soccer Field.

Thank you to Kyle Kawa for her hard work in coordinating this fundraiser.