

# CJHS PTO News

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## **A PTO Welcome**

Although it doesn't seem possible, summer has almost ended and the kids are well on their way to a new school year. The Case Jr. High PTO would like to welcome all new and returning parents and students and hope that everyone has a fun and successful year.

The beginning of a new school year brings with it lots of opportunities for parents to be involved in many different ways. PTO meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Jr. High Media Center.

Everyone is welcome and invited to attend. The meetings are a good way to meet other parents, share ideas, and find out what's going on in the school while working on ways we can continue to benefit the kids and the school.

If you're not able to make the Wednesday night meetings, we have a web page that you can access to get PTO information and any volunteer opportunities you may be interested in. Log on to [www.swanseaschools.org](http://www.swanseaschools.org), click on the Jr. High link

and then the PTO Corner link. We are going to make an effort to keep this updated. The "CJHS PTO News" is also published every quarter and mailed out to all parents and will keep you informed and up to date.

We look forward to meeting new parents and connecting with parents that are returning again. We always appreciate any help and support and welcome new ideas and suggestions. Have a great year everyone!

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip Parents' Meeting**

An information night for parents concerning the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Washington D.C. and Williamsburg will be held on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the media center. Please contact Mrs. Furze at the school with any questions.

## *School Theme for 2006-2007*

**C**onduct  
**A**ttitude  
**S**upport  
**E**ffort      =      *Success*

## **New Soccer Coaches**

We would like to send a warm welcome to the new Case Junior High soccer coaches. The new Boys' Soccer Coach is Neil Morelli and the new Girls Soccer Coach is Scott Orton.

*Good luck on a great season!*

**Dates to Remember**

Oct 9 - Columbus Day  
 Oct 11 – PTO Meeting  
 Oct 24-Nov 2 – Quarter Finals  
 Oct 30 - In-service Day  
 Oct 31 – In-service Day  
 Nov 9 – Report Cards  
 Nov 10 - Veterans Day  
 Nov 13,15 – P/T Confs  
 Nov 13-15 – Book Fair  
 Nov 23,24 – No school

**National Junior Honor Society**

*Contributed by Mrs. L. Miller, NJHS Advisor*

The Case Junior High National Honor Society is just getting started for the 2006/7 school year. Our first meeting will be during the week of September

11th. At that time we will be electing officers and organizing our fundraiser which will be t-shirts. The t-shirts will be on sale just in time for parent/teacher conferences and the holidays.

**Recycle!**

Save your old cell phones and used printer ink cartridges and send them to school with your children! Mrs. Martinelli collects and recycles them, raising money for the school.



**Study Island Comes to Joseph Case Junior High School**

*Contributed by Mr. Monteiro, Principal*

I am pleased to inform our sixth grade parents that we are piloting a new Math Enrichment Program this year at Joseph Case Junior High School. All of our sixth grade students will have the opportunity to work with their math teachers or our math remediation teacher to enrich and remediate their math skills.

Study Island is a web-based program designed specifically to help students master the content specified in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. We continue to address student performance on MCAS and feel that this new program's focus on the Curriculum Frameworks Learning Standards will enable our students to improve their performance

in all skill areas tested on the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System).

One of the many outstanding features of the program is that it is web-based and requires no software installation and is accessible to students and parents at school, home, or anywhere with an internet connection. Parents may access the sight with your child's

address and password that has been assigned to them at school. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to get involved with their child's academics at home. We will be planning a training session for parents during the first term of this school year.

**Box Tops for Education**



Please send in your Box Tops!

Our school has earned over \$1,500 in BoxTops cash since 2002. Please help us add to that total this year by not just saving your box tops, but also by registering at [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) Our school will receive an

additional \$.50 for each registration and you can get coupons and recipes for great box tops products as well as enter monthly sweepstakes to win gift cards and additional box tops for our school.

Send your friends and family to Box Tops online and give our school a chance to win the [Schoolhouse Scramble!](#) Every new person that signs up between now

and September 29<sup>th</sup> earns our school an entry in a random drawing. Twenty-five schools will each win **10,000 Bonus Box Tops!** The more people that sign up to support our school, the better our chances of winning!

Please see the enclosed BoxTops @ Home newsletter and the list of participating brands and products.

**BoxTops Coordinator Needed**

The PTO is looking for a volunteer to coordinate the Box Tops 4 Education program. Minimal time commitment required. Please contact Kyle Kawa at (508) 676-8142 if you are interested.

### Music Department News

Contributed by Mr. Cordeiro (Music department)

#### Concert Band

The Band classes have started and students are expected to attend all band classes with the proper materials. **Students must bring an agenda book, pencil, 3 ring note book with 10 clear sleeves, their instrument, and their Essential Elements book.**

Students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade need

to purchase the Essential Elements Book 2. This book can be purchased from Mr. Cordeiro in the music room or at your local music shop. The price is \$8 for woodwind and brass instruments and \$15 for percussion.

#### Chorus

Any student interested in joining **Chorus**, please see Mr. Cordeiro in the music room. Rehearsals are on **Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.** A late bus will be available.

### Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from November 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> during parent/teacher conferences.

Students will be able to attend the fair during the school day and parents/guardians/family members will have the opportunity to attend in the evening during conference hours.

Volunteers are needed to work the book fair. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our Book Fair Coordinator, Susan Proulx, at (508) 646-0223.

Christmas, just in time to impress family and friends with your holiday "baking" skills!

Anyone who would like to help with the fundraiser should contact Gale at (508) 676-5293.

### Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser

The PTO's first fundraiser of the year is going to be the Otis Spunkmeyer frozen cookie dough, pretzels, and brownies and will be coordinated by Gale Martelly. Samples of the baked items were available at the Open

House and seemed to disappear very quickly! Please check those backpacks for the information during the first week of November. Orders and payment will be due mid-November and delivery will be right before

### PTO Donation Drive

Have you made your donation to the PTO yet??? The annual donation drive is ongoing and we are still accepting donations, so if you haven't filled out your donation form, there's still time. If you don't have a

form, you can print one out from our website and send it in to school with your child or you can mail it to our treasurer, Cindy Davis. Anything you can give is needed and appreciated and remember, the more money the PTO collects,

the more we can use to enhance your child's education. All money we get goes right back to your kids and their school. Take a minute and fill out your donation form today. It's for a very good cause!!

### CJHS Website

Keep in touch with your school by visiting the Case Jr. High website at [www.swanseaschools.org/juniorhigh/jhshome.htm](http://www.swanseaschools.org/juniorhigh/jhshome.htm)

- School Calendar –
- School News –
- Activities - Homework links –
- Lunch Menu –
- Staff E-mails

### About Our Organization...

The Case Junior High PTO meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Media Center of the school. Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour. Everyone is welcome – and encouraged - to attend. Refreshments are always served!

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 Coordinator:**  
Susan Proulx
- Newsletter:**  
Sandy Clark
- Programs/Grants:**  
Debbie Fiore

*"The majority of us lead quiet, unheralded lives as we pass through this world. But that does not lessen our possible impact, for there are scores of people waiting for someone just like us to come along; people who will appreciate our compassion, our unique talents. Someone who will live a happier life merely because we took the time to share what we had to give. " -- Leo Buscaglia*