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◆ Parent/Teacher Conference Day



Parent/Teacher Conference Day has been scheduled for **Tuesday, November 8th from noon until 7:00 p.m.** Conferences will be scheduled at 15 minute intervals. Our guidance secretary, Kim Lescure, will begin scheduling conferences on **Monday, October 31st**. If you would like to schedule a conference with any 6th, 7th, or 8th teacher, please contact Mrs. Lescure at 772-7560.

◆ Report Cards

Report Cards will be distributed to all students to take home to parents on **Friday, October 28th**. Please check with you child on the afternoon of October 28th to check on his/her progress in courses for the first nine week of school.

◆ Drama Club

Drama Club auditions for **Alice in Wonderland, Jr.** will be held at Cave Spring High School on November 1st and 2nd from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. You must have your permission form signed by a parent or guardian in order to audition. If you need a permission form, you may pick one up in mobile 16 at Hidden Valley Middle. Any questions, feel free to email Rebecca Long at rjldrama2008@yahoo.com.

◆ Sixth Grade Field Trip

Parents and students, due to lack of participation, the sixth grade field trip to Williamsburg/Jamestown, originally scheduled for this spring, has been cancelled.

◆ Yearbook News

The yearbook staff is looking for photos of student vacations and adventures during this past summer to include in this year's CSMS yearbook. Students and parents can upload photos at <http://www.replayit.com/r/> .

Also, parents and students are reminded that you can purchase yearbooks online for \$30 at www.jostens.com . If you purchase yearbooks now, you will receive your name engraved on the front of the yearbook for free.

◆ Calendar of Events

Dates and times for all school events can be found on our "Calendar of Events". Please visit our school website (www.rcs.k12.va.us/csjh/) and click on "Calendar of Events and Sports Events" for a listing of all activities. Check back often for additions, deletions, and changes.



Go Squires!

Literary Magazine News

The *Cave Spring Express* is pleased to announce that we are accepting entries for this year's literary magazine. If a student has a creative writing or black and white drawing that should be shared, submissions can be emailed to cavespringexpress@gmail.com .

Please include in message of the email the student's first and last name and grade level. Writings will only be accepted as digital files and should be attached to the emails as Word documents. Drawings may be scanned and attached to emails as picture files. Hard copies of drawings will also be accepted and should be placed in Mrs. Huffman's mailbox in the Cave Spring Middle School office at CSHS. Students at CSMS on the HVMS campus may ask their teachers to mail hard copies of drawings. Please attach to all drawings submitted as hard copies a separate sheet containing the student's personal information. Again, all creative writing entries must be submitted through email. Entries must be received by April 5, 2012. All entries are considered for publication.

Please email any questions you may have to Mrs. Huffman at cavespringexpress@gmail.com .

Guidance Department News

◆ STUDY SKILLS PROGRAM

All 7th graders have been involved in a Study Skills Program through their English classes. Guidance staff were in your child's English classes on Oct. 12th & 14th to facilitate this program. Please discuss the contents of this program with your child in order to reinforce skills presented in these sessions. Students will bring home several "overview" sheets from this Study Skills Program for follow-up use.

◆ CAREER UNIT

During the days of October 24th, 25th, 27th, & 28th the Guidance Department will present a Career/Choices Interest Inventory and a Work Values Unit to all 7th grade students through their history or science classes. We encourage parents to discuss these sessions with your student.

For 8th grade students, during the week of Nov. 14th, the Guidance Department will present a Career Unit through 8th Grade English classes. An interest survey is part of this unit and students will develop a five year academic plan. This may be an excellent time to discuss your child's future. **The Guidance Department will be sending the academic plan home to be signed and returned.**

Both career units will use the Virginia Wizard website to support the lesson. Students will be issued a user name and password. Feel free to view the Virginia Wizard website at www.va.wizard.org.

STEPPING STONES is a group for children who have suffered the loss of a parent or guardian. Meetings will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church. Call your guidance counselor for details.

◆ PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

We may nominate one student to represent our school for the President's Volunteer Service Award. This award was created in 1995 to recognize students in middle and high school grades who have demonstrated exemplary community service. If you have been involved in many hours of volunteer work and wish to be considered for this award, **please submit your application to the Guidance Department no later than Nov. 8, 2011.**

◆ GUIDANCE CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

September 1st- Cave Spring High School guidance counselors were present in the **eighth grade** civic or science classes to review high school transcript information and required courses for graduation. It is not too early to start conversations with your 8th grader concerning course electives for high school. Please call your child's guidance counselor for additional information.

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September 7th - Guidance counselors attended in the **sixth grade** math classes to discuss services of the Guidance Department and to initiate the Career Planning folders. Please let your child's guidance counselor know if we can help your 6th grader as he or she transitions to the middle school.

October 4th & 5th - the Guidance Department reviewed with all **seventh & eighth grade** math students the sequence of math courses and opportunities available in the future regarding Roanoke County Specialty Schools and the Governor's School.

October 19th, All 8th Graders have the opportunity to preview the programs at Arnold R. Burton Center for Art & Technology. This will include Specialty Schools and the Technology Areas. Parents are invited to visit Arnold R. Burton Center on October 20th from 4-7p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to explain all that Arnold R. Burton has to offer. See your counselor for more details.

November 2nd - Fran Kiker, Roanoke County Coordinator of School Counseling, and Linda Bowden, Roanoke County Math Coordinator, will be at Cave Spring Middle School to speak with Algebra and Geometry classes concerning the application process for the Governor's School and the Engineering Specialty School.

November 7th – Speaker from Virginia Western Community College Regional Academy will meet with all 8th grade Science & Civic Classes to discuss technology as well as opportunities at VWCC.

◆ STUDENT ASSISTANT PROGRAM CORE TEAM

The Student Assistance Program is designed to provide support for students that have difficulties in their life that are interfering with their ability to be successful at school. Issues may include but are not limited to things like stress, anger, relationships, coping with divorce, coping with grief or loss, coping with substance abuse. If you would like to consider getting support for your child with any of these issues or any other difficulties interfering with their success, then please contact either the principal, the guidance counselor or the SAP Coordinator, Mr. Tim Hayes at his direct extension (540) 562-3900 ext. 32019 to make a referral to SAP (The Student Assistance Program). All referrals will be discussed by the Student Assistance Program Core Team to screen, plan, and implement strategies to assist referred students.

GIFTED PROGRAM..... The Gifted screening process is underway for students in grades K-12. Parents who feel their child should be screened for placement in the gifted program should contact Sue Bostic @ 562-3729 for more information.

Roanoke County Specialty Schools

On Wednesday, October 19th, all CSMS 8th graders and central office staff had the opportunity to enjoy a presentation by Fran Kiker, Coordinator of School Counseling Services & SAP. They were here to support the Roanoke County Specialty Schools which are located at the Arnold R. Burton Technology Center. These specialty schools concentrate on special interests or talents of students. Applications are available in our Guidance Department. The deadline will be mid-December for submission. Please budget time for completing your application.

Roanoke County offers the following Specialty Schools:

- ◆ Center for Engineering
- ◆ Center for Visual Arts & Museum Studies
- ◆ Center for Performing Arts
- ◆ Center for Mass Communications

All rising ninth grade students who are considering Roanoke County Specialty Schools are invited to complete an application to one of the four specialty centers as well.

Mark your calendar!

Rising 6th, 7th & 8th Graders

Cave Spring Middle School

Orientation for Registration.

THURSDAY, JAN 26th at 7:00 p.m.

**IMPORTANT
DATE !!!**