

January 5, 2018

Happy New Year, Islanders! We love reuniting with our students and colleagues after the holidays, and hope everyone enjoyed rest and family amidst travel and celebrations.

Next week is our last week of the fall/winter semester, and we have a special end-of-semester schedule, including minimum

days: <http://chs.coronadousd.net/static/media/uploads/Coronado%20High%20School/Final%20First%20Semester%20Academic%20Week%20%20Schedule%20January%202018.pdf>.

Encourage your students to go into finals a bit more relaxed! Clinical Counselor Afsaneh Safaie will be providing mindfulness groups during finals week. Stop by our “Zen Den” before heading into their exams, on Monday at 8:30AM and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:30AM.

We presented our annual CHS Learning Report to the School Board on Thursday before break, with enthusiastic reception from our district staff and Trustees. We were well prepared to present data, triumphs, and continued areas of focus after our WASC accreditation visit and report. At our upcoming Strategic Planning/LCAP annual review in February, we will record progress on our three-year goals and refine our focus. It is satisfying to feel that we have a clear vision for our instructional program and areas to focus energy (attendance, student placement and achievement, new curriculum resources, professional development plans), and much to be proud of.

We learned the devastating news that CHS alumnus, inspiring community member and parent, and CMS and CHS Surf Team Coach Stan Searfus passed away while surfing this morning. Stan was an incredibly influential mentor to many in Coronado and beyond, and our thoughts and condolences are with his family. Students in need have accessed our counseling resources, and CHS Surf teammates are actively supporting one another. We are grateful for Coach Searfus’ enduring investment in the lives of Coronado youth. Thank you to Coronado SAFE for providing this link with resources for helping teens with grief: http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/helping_teens_with_traumatic_grief_caregivers_final.pdf

Please join us on Monday, January 8 for an evening PTO meeting at 6 PM in the CHS Library. Following regular business will be a presentation and discussion on Responsible Host Ordinance. For more information on Coronado’s ordinance, visit the city’s website at www.coronado.ca.us under “municipal codes.”

Counselors’ Corner: Please join us on Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30pm in the CHS Theater to review your student’s PSAT scores and discuss college planning, academic advising, and more with the CHS Counselors. We hope you had a restful break!

The second half of our school year is always busy! Please see below for some reminders about upcoming dates and events.

Monday 1/8: E Period Final, shortened periods

1/9-11: End-of-Semester Minimum Day

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Friday 1/12: Non-student day; work day for staff

Monday 1/15: No School; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday 1/16: First Day of Spring Semester

Monday 1/22 at 2:45 PM: School Site Council meeting (Strategic Planning Preparation and calendar review)

Friday 2/2: Winter Sports Pep Rally (Modified Schedule)

Monday 2/12: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 2/13: CHS Strategic Planning

Monday 2/19: NO SCHOOL

ANNOUNCEMENT: Deadline Extended to January 12 for Instrumental Music Applications for Rotary Scholarships

Coronado high school students in grades 9 through 12 are invited to participate in the 2018 Coronado Rotary Music Scholarship Competition. This is an opportunity for young musicians to win cash prizes, perform for appreciative audiences, and enhance their future careers.

Prize money will be rewarded to all at each level of competition: club, regional, and Rotary District Finals.

The competition aims to recognize the high school student who best demonstrates musical talent and love for instrumental music. Students are judged on musical ability, technique and accuracy, interpretation of the selection played, and stage presence.

Contest performances occur during the months of January through March. There is a preliminary competition at the Coronado High School Black Box to select four finalists for Coronado Rotary Club competition on January 24.

The Coronado Rotary Club event includes prizes of \$200 (1st); \$125 (2nd); \$75 (entrant). The winner will participate in semi-final District competitions and a chance to go to the Rotary District 5340 Finals, where the first Place prize is \$2500 and each finalist receives \$500.

In last January's competition, Kristofer Leslie, a senior, at Coronado High/Coronado School of the Arts (CoSA), won First Place at the Coronado Rotary Club's Musical Scholarship Competition. He went on to win at a regional contest and became a finalist at the Rotary District Finals. Kristopher won \$700 in scholarships during these competitions.

The application deadline for the Coronado Rotary 2018 Music Scholarship Competition has been extended to January 12, 2018.

Application forms are available by contacting Rotarian Robert Taylor at robtmtaylor@yahoo.com or 203-226-6202.

Thank you,

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