

Dear Islander Families, Teachers, and Staff;

It appears everyone adjusted well returning/starting school. Campus life & families are in a routine & that's a wonderful thing! It's funny because if I heard the saying, "*Enjoy the little things*" 1½ years ago, I'd think "Yeah, I know. I try." It seemed so cliché & almost meaningless. Last Friday, my family attended the CHS v. Kearny Mesa football game. It's difficult to describe the joy & enthusiasm in the air from the players & the crowd. Yes, we won- but it's more than that. At the end of the game, the cheerleaders were on the field dancing & skipping around to Earth, Wind & Fire's 1978 hit "September" as it was played on the loud speakers. The players & coaches were in a huddle, in the middle of the field. The parents & spectators were in the stands, smiling from ear to ear, chatting or singing as they watched the student athletes. My heart was so full & I realized that it used to be just a football game. Now it feels like a celebration of life! This quote takes on a whole new meaning, "*Appreciate the little things, for one day you may look back and find they were the BIG things*!"

PTO Volunteers have been busy lately...

<u>Monday 9/13</u>- PTO surprised 5 CHS custodians with goody bags. They were full of chips, drinks, candles, pineapples, coffee mugs, and so on.

<u>Tuesday 9/14</u>- PTO meeting over zoom. Guest speakers were fabulous! They were Emma Slaugher-ASB, Georgia Ferrrell-Safe Harbor, Taryn Davies-Coronado Public Library, Michelle Gilmore-CSF, Mindy Hayes-Naval Base Coronado, Jenn Rentchler-ISF.

<u>Friday 9/17</u>- Hospitality committee provided the front office staff & CUSD nurses with burritos from Clayton's, fruit, & coffee from Starbucks.

<u>Friday 9/17</u>- Parent Social committee hosted a beach bonfire with s'mores at Stan's Beach. There were 25 parents there and they had a great time!

<u>Tuesday 9/21</u>- We provided mini muffin treats for the teacher's lounge. The Schultz family also dropped of donuts for the teachers and staff.

<u>Tuesday 9/21</u>- Senior parent reps and the Cohen family hosted a social for senior parents. They had a great turnout & the class of 2022 is excited about activities planned for their senior year!

Upcoming Events

<u>Saturday 10/2</u>- **Masquerade Party**! Cocktail attire requested & masquerade masks required! 6-10 pm at 1114 9th St. (Christ Church). To purchase tickets (\$50 person) Venmo @CoronadoPTO enter "masks" in comment section. Teachers & staff receive one complimentary ticket. RSVP to Spring Dyer <u>SpringDyerPhotography@gmail.com</u> to be on the teacher/staff list. Drinks & appetizers are included. Thank you to the Hacker, Hopkins, King, & Reuter families for hosting. <u>Monday 9/27-10/6</u> Homecoming float building <u>Friday 10/8-</u> Homecoming parade and football game Saturday 10/9- Homecoming dance

Thursday 10/14-10 am PTO meeting

Contact us if you're interested in volunteering. Hospitality, Campus Spirit & Parent Social committees are always planning something fun!

Treasurer position is currently available. Please consider volunteering as we need you!

We love our volunteers & appreciate all that they do!

Chrystal Bettenhausen-Bubulka Faith Bravo Alissa Cole Inge Cornejo Spring Dyer Alison Gregory Liz Gimber Jen Faley Georgia Ferrell Sarah Herr Heidi Iverson Sarah Jones Marcella Lewis Greta Pate Shultz Family Roelof Roos Bridget Shanks Jennifer Shoemaker Renee Simpson Terri Ann Smith

Go Islanders!

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