

# CGCS Newsletter

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### READING HAS REWARDS

Please make sure that your child is reading nightly. All students should be reading assigned books or books of their choice 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and under.

### BUS BEHAVIOR

The bus is a continuation of the school day. Remind your child that it is a privilege to ride the bus/school vans. Students must stay seated, in their assigned seats, buckled if in a van, and talking quietly. They may do homework while on the bus but are not allowed to eat or drink and they may not be on their phones.

### SCHOOL TRIPS COMING UP

Students need to be sure to continue to meet the requirements for school trips in order to qualify.

1. Homework turned in at 80% including reading assignments.
2. Not miss more than three days of school until April 30<sup>th</sup>.
3. No Out of School Suspensions.
4. Attend all State Testing (AASA, AZSci, ACT, ACTAspire) in the spring.
5. Have a good attitude and be trustworthy.

### DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Parents are doing a great job of having students exit and enter quickly. Please make sure you are following the directions of our staff that are doing traffic duty and do not stop and pick up your child except where designated. **Pick up area for 6-12<sup>th</sup> is PAST THE FLAGS!** Students are not allowed to enter cars before that point.

### ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students must check-in cell phones daily at the cell phone cart. Only bus riding students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or above may bring in a cell phone – only 1 per family. CD Players, iPods, DS players, smart watches, fitness trackers, and headphones of any kind are not allowed at school, on the bus, or in school transportation vehicles.

### CONTACTING STAFF

If you need to contact a staff member or teacher, please call the front office. Leave your name, child's name, and phone number with our front office staff and they will inform the teacher that you called. Teachers will return calls during their planning periods and will often be calling from a blocked number.

### CHECK IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE

If your child arrives at school after 8AM, they must come through the front office to get a pass and make sure the office gets their attendance. For safety reasons, students arriving after 8:00 MUST have a parent or guardian sign them in at the office.

## ATTENDANCE

As a reminder, the state requires student ages 6-16 to be **present at school unless excused** by a parent/guardian or medical professional. Our auto absent calls are made at 11AM, please use this as a reminder to call us with your child's absence reason/documentation. Absent will be marked unexcused unless we are notified.

## COSTA RICA E.E.L.S EXPEDITIONS

Students in gr 10-12 will travel to Costa Rica, Feb. 10-27, 2026.

## ECAP (EDUCATION AND CAREER ACTION PLAN)

These are required for all students in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. These cover the current plans for coursework, career aspirations, and post high school options. If you have any questions, please reach out to us to speak with Bobby Jones regarding your child ECAP plan. 623-900-2230.

### ***Important Dates***

Jan 5	Return to School
Jan.9	Movie Madness Grades K-1, 2-5 <sup>th</sup>
Jan. 16	Game Day 9-12 <sup>th</sup>
	Movie Madness 6-8 <sup>th</sup>
Jan 19	No School – President's Day
Jan 23	Game Day 6-8 <sup>th</sup>
	Movie Madness 9-12 <sup>th</sup>
Jan 30	Winter Wonderland Event K-12 <sup>th</sup>
Feb 10-27	10-12 <sup>th</sup> Costa Rica Rainforest Expedition

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