



ACADEMY NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S POINT OF VIEW

Academic Rigor-The Academy was founded specifically to combat the increasing problems of grade inflation and lowering standards. We flatly reject the practice of grading based on perceived effort, instead focusing on real accomplishment and demonstrated mastery of subject matter measured against a high, objective standard. Students can expect challenging coursework and a demanding workload focusing on both core knowledge and higher-order reasoning skills. These demands will require an exceptional work ethic on the part of the student.

This excerpt from our Foundational Values document gives a good example of what makes the Academy different. If you pay attention to education issues, you are certainly aware of the national problem of grade inflation. A grade of A is awarded for doing everything the teacher assigns; a B, then, is for doing most of what a teacher assigns, and making minimal effort results in a C.

The problems with such a system are many. For example, if merely meeting requirements merits an A, what grade does outstanding work receive? The misguided effort to raise students' self-esteem by giving unrealistically high grades has resulted in the devaluation of grades. In other words, being an "A student" has ceased to be much of a distinction. Schools and teachers find themselves in the position of either issuing A+ grades for great work (colleges don't recognize an A+, by the way) or suffering the wrath of parents accustomed to straight-A report cards.

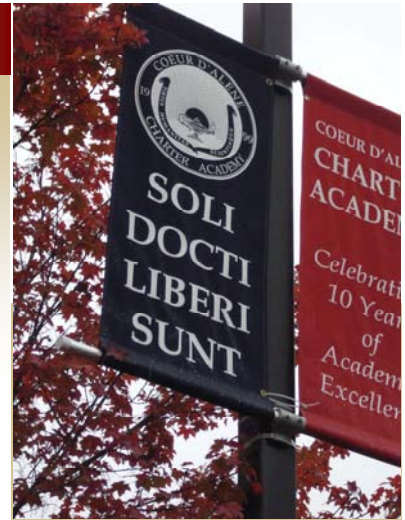
It is into this mess that Dr. Proser waded when he determined it was necessary to, in his words, "reestablish the 'C' as an average grade." If you look at every report card you ever received as a student, and every report card your children have brought home, you will see that C denotes "Average." And yet, I am told over and over by parents and students that "everybody gets an A" is the model that is often followed.

It can be difficult, even for parents who believe grade inflation is a problem, to accept that first Academy B (or worse). We believe, however, that it is vitally important that we reserve the distinction of an A for superior work, in order to ensure that it truly is a distinction. Further, we believe that true self-esteem comes not from being given a high grade, but from perseverance and achievement. To label mediocre work as superior is to encourage and accept mediocrity from our students.

My mother told me many years ago that I would appreciate my education more (and my car) if I paid for it myself. As unpleasant as that proposition seemed at the time, I now believe it utterly. We value what we have to work for. The harder we have to work for that car, that championship, or that diploma, the more we will value it. To paraphrase Dr. Proser, the joy of slam-dunking over your little sister is short-lived. Our record indicates that our students' hard work pays off when they pursue higher education, as well. Academy graduates have been accepted into the most prestigious schools in the country, and they do it without the benefit of inflated grades.

Thank goodness for mothers who make us pay our own way, and for a school that makes students earn their self-esteem.

Dan Nicklay, Principal



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Spring is a busy time at the Academy! You can stay informed of all our events (and changes) by signing up

for notifications on our school calendar. For example: if a tennis match is cancelled, a notification will automatically be sent to you via text message or email. Go to: cdacharter.intand.com.

2011 NORTH IDAHO REGIONAL INVENT IDAHO

By Jean Robinson

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The Exploravision Team of Hannah Meyer and Emma McCormick took their Panhandle Region winning project to the State Invent Idaho competition held the weekend of March 4-6 in Boise. **They came back as the state winning team in their division, with a non-working model.** Their project was the *Ultratrek!* The *Ultratrek* is a specialized economical hiking shoe intended for the average adventurer, and it saves time, space, materials, and money. It is a tennis shoe, hiking shoe, and slick or icy traction shoe that has been combined into one. With the use of a small battery operated motor, longer hiking treads extend from the flatter tennis shoe tread. The same thing happens for ice traction when small spikes slide out of the hiking tread.

Congratulations to Hannah and Emma!

http://scidaho.org/Educate/Invent_Idaho.php

Honorable mentions go to:

- ★ Callen Trapp and Noah Pukkila for "Pedestrian Car Avoidance System (PCAS)"
- ★ Dillon Dunteman and Pierre Schrambach for "Smart Lawn"
- ★ Brenna Carlson and Gina Hauck for "Solar Charged"

<http://www.exploravision.org/winners/honorable-mentions-2011.php>

NASA CASSINI SCIENTIST FOR A DAY CONTEST

By Jeff Rigg

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Congratulations to Angela Sorenson! Angela was a runner-up in the 2010-2011 NASA Cassini Scientist for a day contest!

Congratulations to Sean Anderson! Sean was also a runner-up in the 2010-2011 NASA Cassini Scientist for a day contest!

SPEECH AND DEBATE

By Tracey Vaughan tvaughan@cdacharter.org

Congratulations to the Speech students who are alternates or qualified for the state level after competing at the district tournament last weekend:

- ★ Alternates: Ellie Hughson, Duncan Menzies, Louis Pennings, Darcy Gross, Kyle Mason, and Alivea Goncalves
- ★ Qualifiers who will advance to the state competition which will be held April 15 and 16 at Lake City High School: Caleb Drechsel, Mitch Shellman, Alex Minerath, Olivia

Burkett, David Minerath, and Parker Heisey

District Speech Tournament Results:

- ★ Caleb Drechsel and Mitch Shellman – 2nd place Duo Interpretation
- ★ Alex Minerath - 5th place Panel Discussion
- ★ Olivia Burkett – 2nd place Panel Discussion and 1st place Salesmanship
- ★ Caleb Drechsel – 1st place Dramatic Interpretation
- ★ David Minerath – 2nd place Impromptu
- ★ Parker Heisey – 1st place Original Oratory

YEARBOOK WAITING LIST

By Heather Solsvik hsolsvik@cdacharter.org

Yearbook waiting list will open in May

"Can I still buy a yearbook?" This question has been on the lips of many CCA students lately. The answer: possibly. Last year we sold every copy of the yearbook, and it is likely we will sell out again this year.

Starting in May, the yearbook staff will create a "waiting list" of students who forgot to purchase a yearbook during first semester, but would still like to have a copy for the yearbook signing party on June 10th following the picnic. To be on the waiting list, students must:

1. Pay for their late copy at the office (\$45.00)
2. Bring their receipt to Mrs. Solsvik, who will then put their name on the list. IMPORTANT: Until Mrs. Solsvik sees the receipt, the student's name will not be added to the list.

A yearbook will be reserved in the student's name for the June 10th distribution. Students can wait to purchase a yearbook on June 10th, but we cannot guarantee there will be left-over copies.

CCA's yearbook company, Herff-Jones, needs an approximate number of yearbooks by January. This is because the plant prints yearbooks shortly after our last deadline (usually the month of April) and ships them sometime in May. Consequently, the yearbook class cuts off yearbook sales at the end of first semester so that we can estimate the number of yearbooks we will need. Because our budget is very tight, we only order the number of books we think we can sell. Along with the books we ordered, Herff-Jones prints an unspecified number of "over-run" copies, also sent in May, which may be as few as ten or as many as fifty.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

By Jeff Rigg jrigg@cdacharter.org

Congratulations to the following Presidential Physical Fitness Award Winners from first semester:

<p><u>6th Grade National Award:</u></p> <p>Jo Arts Victoria Cafferty Kailey Gersten Mackenzie Janzen Tage Johnson Pierce Seiver Maya Fooe Tessa Widmeyer Hailey Konda JC Holton Cecelia McAfee</p>	<p><u>High School PE National Award:</u></p> <p>Bryan Smith Sam Brandvein Sterling Alexander Devan Karsann Austin Vogtritter Mike Hagler Sean Gilmor Katie Livingston Mitch Ketron</p>
<p><u>6th Grade Presidential Award:</u></p> <p>Caitlin Barber Sophie McPhilomy</p>	<p><u>High School Presidential Award:</u></p> <p>Sadie Iott Caleb Orr Jake Sweeney</p>

FROM THE REGISTRAR

By Melissa Thompson mthompson@cdacharter.org

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Cali Nieland, Joyce Iiams, Cheryl Fraser, Stephanie Sablan, Dana Drechsel, Philana McInnis, Marty McCormick, Kim May, Debbie Trogstad, Michelle Haustein, and Nancy King for helping me put together registration packets! Also, thank you to those of you who offered to help! I cannot say it enough; we have the world's best parents!

CURRENT STUDENT REGISTRATION

QUESTIONS? Contact Melissa at mthompson@cdacharter.org or 676-1667.

- ★ Returning students entering 12th grade next year will register April 4 at 6:00 PM (and returning siblings in Grades 7-11)
- ★ Returning students entering 11th grade next year will register April 5 at 6:00 PM (and returning siblings in grades 7-10)
- ★ Returning students entering 10th grade next year will register April 6 at 6:00 PM (and returning siblings in grades 7-9)
- ★ Returning students entering 9th grade next year will register April 7 at 6:00 PM (and returning siblings in grades 7 & 8)
- ★ Returning students entering 7th & 8th grade next year will register April 7 at 3:00 PM

CHOIR NOTES

By Sheila Wayman
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Charter Sweeps Middle School Solo and Ensemble Best of Show Judges' Choice Awards!

All 7th and 8th grade choir students participated in the District #1 Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival hosted by Charter on March 5. Every student sang in an ensemble and several students also sang in smaller ensembles and solos. Out of 14 Judges' Choice awards given, Charter received 10 of them for six ensembles and four soloists. Outstanding soloists were Kelly Jo Martin, Josh Croyle, Clare Dumont, and Emilie White-Hidalgo.

Top Soloists in District #1 State Solo Competition

Congratulations to Rachael Mylroie who is one of the top alto soloists in the District #1 Solo and Ensemble State Solo Competition. She will compete in Boise on May 7 in the State Solo Contest. Caleb Drechsel (Tenor) and Duncan Menzies (Baritone) were chosen as the 1st alternates in their voice divisions and may get to compete, also. The final list will be pub-

lished soon.

Pastry Puffins Fundraiser

The choirs as a whole sold 370 Pastry Puffins and also received \$218 in donations. The 6th grade A & B choirs sold over 220 Pastry Puffins. The choir should realize a profit of over \$1800 which will be used for music, transportation, festival fees, and equipment. Victoria Cafferty was the top seller earning a \$30 gift card. Other top sellers, earning \$20 gift cards, are: Raqual Andrews, Renee Michalson, Maya Burgess, Devin Selander, Caitlin Rooney, and Alexis Taylor.

Large Group Festival

On Tuesday, April 19, the Academy Choirs will participate in the District #1 Large

Group Vocal Festival at NIC. The High School Choir will perform at 9:15 AM, the 7th & 8th Grade Choir will perform at 11:20 AM, and the 6th Grade Choir will perform at 1:35 PM. All performances are in Schuler Auditorium in Boswell Hall on the NIC campus; performances are FREE to everyone. (7-12th grade students will need to bring \$2-\$3 to help pay for the bus rental for transportation. Exact amount and details will follow.)

Talent Show

It's not too early for students to start preparing acts for the 12th Annual Talent Show which will be Thursday, May 12 at 6:00 PM. Sign-up sheets will be posted after Spring Break and auditions will be in late April after school.



TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

If you need a transcript before the end of the school year, please fill out a Permission to Release Records form - available in the sorter by the front office - and return it to Melissa. Remember: it must be signed by a parent if the student is under 18.

REPORT CARDS

Third Quarter Report Cards will be mailed home on Thursday, April 7. If you do not receive a copy of your child's report card, please contact Melissa.

Photo not available online

SUNRISE ROTARY APRIL STUDENT OF THE MONTH

By Heather Solsvik
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April's Student of the Month award goes to an incredibly deserving young lady. She is one of the hardest-working students I have ever met, produces beautiful, high-quality work on even the most everyday assignments, is an inspiration to her peers, and would never, ever demand the spotlight. In fact, if she saw the spotlight, she would probably run the other way. But I think we can all agree with Mrs. Mugleston, who wrote in her nomination, "I wish we could clone Monica Bushling." Monica, who will graduate this spring, quietly takes on leadership roles, but doesn't expect much public fanfare. Mrs. Mugleston indicated that, thanks in large part to Monica's desire and willingness to help others, she and four other students prepared for the AP Latin (Virgil) exam and passed with flying colors. In addition, Mrs. Mugleston remarks that, "Monica helps out as 'teacher' with her AP classmates when I am unable to work with them [because of her mixed-level classes]. Due in large part to her example and help, they are doing well." This exemplary attitude transcends into her daily life at school. "She is loved by her friends and always goes out of her way to show appreciation to them and to her teachers." It is because of these things and more that it is an extreme pleasure to congratulate Monica on being named April's Sunrise Rotary Student of the Month.

COUNSELING CORNER

By Dr. Jim Schaffer jschaffer@cd charter.org



College Admission Testing

All juniors are strongly recommended to take both an ACT and SAT test during the spring of their junior year. Remaining spring dates and registration deadlines for both of these tests are listed below. Students can register for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com and the ACT at www.act.org. (Charter Academy code – 130115)



ACT	Registration Deadlines	
Test Dates	Regular	Late
6/11	5/6	5/20



SAT	Registration Deadlines	
Test Dates	Regular	Late
5/7	4/8	4/22
6/4	5/6	5/20

ACT encourages students to register online at www.act.org. SAT also encourages students to register online at www.collegeboard.com. Students can pick up mail-in registration packets for both tests in the counseling office.



REGISTRATION

I met with all current students the week before spring break to distribute registration forms, clarify the registration process, and answer questions. Please spend some time helping your student with class selection and completing these forms during spring break. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss course selection or college/career preparation, please contact me.

ISAT TESTING

Spring ISAT testing will be scheduled at the Charter Academy from April 12 to April 26. Students in grades 6 through 10 will take tests in reading, language, and math during this time, with students in 7th and 10th grade also completing a science test. Tenth grade students will be able to meet proficiency for graduation by reaching required scores with this spring test.

FINAL STEPS IN COLLEGE ADMISSION

By now most seniors have received acceptance letters from colleges and have made final decisions about where they will attend next fall. Once an offer for admissions is accepted, it is still important to keep on top of the final steps to prepare for next year. Colleges will typically use mail and/or email to send information about the process to follow to accept their offer of admission and to complete the remaining steps before next fall. It is crucial that seniors read all of the information sent and pay special attention to remaining deadlines. These steps will often include:

- ★ Sending the tuition deposit – turning in a late deposit can jeopardize your acceptance.
- ★ Making a decision about financial aid
 - ◊ Making decisions about which portions of your financial aid package you will accept
 - ◊ Notifying the financial aid office of any significant changes in your status or contact information
 - ◊ Completing, signing and returning the financial aid acceptance form by the deadline
 - ◊ Filling out loan applications, if you will be accepting loans as part of your financial aid package
- ★ Attending freshman orientation/registration days
- ★ Choosing housing
 - ◊ Carefully considering options for housing
 - ◊ Completing the application for student housing and sending deposits by deadlines
- ★ Contacting roommates
- ★ Selecting a meal plan
- ★ Sending final transcripts
- ★ Finding a summer job
- ★ Shopping for necessary items (computer, room furnishings, school supplies, clothes, personal items)
- ★ Preparing for any college placement exams in science, math, writing or foreign language

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Buick Achievers Scholarship – (Deadline 3/31)

Buick will award 1,000 scholarships for \$2,000 and 100 scholarships for up to \$25,000 to high school seniors planning to pursue a major in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Math) area. Some additional majors are eligible in design, marketing, finance, accounting and business for students planning to pursue a career in the automotive industry.

The scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement, financial need, participation and leadership in school and community activities, and educational/career goals. More information and online applications are available at <http://www.buickachievers.com>.

Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce Scholarship – (Deadline 4/6)

Three \$500 scholarships will be awarded to seniors from Coeur d'Alene high schools. Students must have: a minimum GPA of 2.5 and experience with business or industry (a job, internship, volunteering, etc.) Applications are available in the counseling office.

Coeur d'Alene Sunrise Rotary Scholarship - (Deadline 4/29)

Several scholarships are awarded based on financial need, recommendations, and a student essay. Applications are available in the counselors office.

Horatio Alger Lola and Duane Hagadone Idaho Scholarship - (Deadline 4/15)

Open to seniors planning to attend North Idaho College, Lewis Clark State College, or University of Idaho. Selection is based on: financial need (\$50,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is preferred); involvement in co-curricular and community service activities; minimum GPA of 2.0. Students must submit an online application: https://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/program_idaho.cfm.

Idaho Nursing Scholarship Fund - (Deadline April 1)

This is a scholarship available to seniors who have been accepted into an accredited nursing program in Idaho. It is awarded based on financial need, academic achievement (preference given to students in the top third of their class), and an essay describing why nursing is the student's chosen career path. Applications are available in the counseling office or online through the Idaho Community Foundation at www.idcomfdn.org/pages/schol_general.htm.

Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship – (Deadline 3/31)

There are 6 scholarships of \$2,500 for 2011 seniors. The award is based on: financial need, academics, community service, and writing skill. Applications are available in the counseling office.

Mike Crapo Math and Science Scholarship – (Deadline 4/1)

This scholarship is available to seniors with at least a 3.0 GPA who will major in math or science at a four year college in Idaho. It is awarded based on desire for further education, academic achievement, participation in outside activities, leadership roles, and/or work experience. Applications are available in the counseling office or online

COUNSELING CORNER *CONTINUED*

through the Idaho Community Foundation at www.idcomfdn.org/pages/schol_general.htm.

North Idaho Building Association Scholarship – (Deadline 4/15) - Two \$500 scholarships are available to students in North Idaho who plan to enter a building related field, including engineering. Applications are available in the counseling office.

Templeton Press Scholarships – (Deadline 3/31) - These are \$5,000 scholarships awarded for the best essays or

videos responding to excerpts from their book, *New Threats to Freedom*. Entry information is available at <http://newthreatstofreedom.com/contests>.

US Bank Internet Scholarship Program – (Deadline 3/31) Thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded through a random drawing to graduating seniors who submit an application. Students can only apply online at http://www.usbank.com/cgi_w/cfm/studentloans/marketing.cfm

ACADEMIC WORLD QUEST COMPETITION

By Karen Coughenour kcoughenour@cdacharter.org

Three Charter students – James George, Steven Hallgren, and Raul Mondragon – traveled to the University of Montana on Thursday, March 10 to compete in the Montana Academic World Affairs competition. They experienced a briefing from former East German film critic and now professor, Udo Fluck, on interpreting foreign films, and heard a great briefing by Ambassador Mark Johnson about issues in the Middle East. In the evening, the team (along with former stu-

dent Cesar Stoddard) underwent answering 100 questions from a variety of globally related categories. Our team scored 65 of 100 points. On the out brief, the team responded that women's issues were the toughest questions presented to them. Montana's AWQ competition is the third largest in size of competitive teams in the United States. The winning team from Frenchtown, Montana will travel to Washington, D.C. to compete in the national World Quest Competition. I'll be looking for a strong team for next year's competition...

POETRY MONTH

By Geri Hagler ghagler@cdacharter.org



To celebrate poetry month in April, Mrs. Hagler's class will be creating a class poetry book. Each student will write a poem for each day in April – that's 750 poems! They will write couplets, cinquain, diamante, Haiku, limerick, pattern rhyming poems, alliteration, acrostic, shape poems and free verse.

PROJECT CITIZEN PUBLIC SHOWCASE

By Karen Coughenour

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The 8th grade civics class will host the annual Project Citizen Public Showcase on Thursday, April 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the MMPR. The public is invited to listen to and evaluate each group's public policy projects. This is a very fun and exciting event for our constitutional 8th grade scholars!



WASHINGTON, D.C. AND PHILADELPHIA TRIP

By Karen Coughenour

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The 2011 spring break Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia trip is only a week away. The kids are getting very excited about traveling to the east coast and experiencing the D.C. environment and going to Gettysburg and Independence Hall in Philadelphia. A slide show will be presented upon our return to all previous D.C. travelers and others who are curious!

The 2012 Washington, D.C. trip currently has nine people signed up. See Mrs. Coughenour if you'd like more information about how you can be part of a fun learning experience. On this trip, we're working on visiting the FBI training facility at Quantico, VA. Stay tuned to see if we can make this happen!



COEUR D'ALENE CHARTER ACADEMY PANTHER PLAYERS PRESENT...

Twelfth Night

By William Shakespeare

April 21 and 22 at 7:00 pm

April 23 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Produced by the Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy Panther Players, 2011

All performances will be held at Coeur d'Alene High School Auditorium

Tickets available only at the door Adults \$6, Students \$4

>>GRADUATION INFORMATION<<

The graduation location has moved to Lake City Community Church Auditorium. See below for details.

SENIOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 30	Jr/Sr Prom at The Whitehouse on Sherman Avenue.
April 15	Scholarship questionnaires and Charter Academy College Scholarship applications go out.
May 2	NHS Induction Ceremony 7:00-8:00 PM
May 6	Graduation photo in caps and gowns for program. <u>All seniors must be present.</u>
May 6	Charter Academy Scholarship applications due at 3:00 PM.
May 2-6 and May 9-13	2011 AP Exam dates
May 23-24	Locker clean out. All lockers should be clean and books turned in by May 24.
May 23	Periods 1, 3, 5 final exams
May 24	Periods 2, 4, 6 final exams
May 24	Senior Awards Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All seniors should attend. Honor cords, stoles, and seven-year cords presented. Dessert provided by senior parents Yearbook distribution
May 25	*Lake City Community Church Auditorium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Graduation rehearsal Senior questionnaire 5:30 PM Graduation group photo at Lake City Community Church 6:30 PM Commencement Ceremony Refreshments provided by the junior class
Summer/Fall 2011	Send us your college pennant! Join the Charter Academy Alumni facebook page.

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

Parents are invited to attend the 2011 Senior Awards Night.

During the Senior Awards Night, seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and above will receive a gold honor cord; seniors who have attended the Academy since the 6th grade will receive a red 7-year cord; and National Honor Society students will receive an NHS stole.

Seniors will be presented with GPA Awards, President's Education Awards, Department Awards, Scholarship Awards, and Founder's Award.

Honor cords, 7-year cords, and NHS stoles should be returned to the high school office by May 27, 2011.

GRADUATION PHOTOS & DVDS

Prior to graduation we take a graduation photo for use on our website and the graduation program. The photo is scheduled for May 6. All seniors must be present. We also take a graduation photo just prior to the commencement ceremony. As seniors are receiving their diploma, parents are given the opportunity to take a photo of their graduate on stage.

Graduation DVDS sell for \$15.00 each. You may purchase your DVD in either office in advance. DVDS are produced by Tesone's and available approximately one-two weeks after graduation.

SENIOR PARENT COMMITTEE

Senior parties and/or Grad Night are organized by seniors with the help of parent volunteers. Parents also organize desserts and decorations for Senior Awards Night and decorations (if any) for graduation. If you are interested in starting a senior parent committee, contact Michelle at 676-1667.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Dr. Schaffer visits with seniors to collect important information on scholarship awards from various colleges.
- Charter Academy College Scholarship applications go out in April. Seniors should turn in questionnaires and applications promptly.
- Tickets are not required for graduation. The number of attendees is not limited.
- A Baccalaureate Ceremony is held yearly at Coeur d'Alene High School. Call CHS for information.
- The junior class handles refreshments for graduation.

GRADUATION LOCATION CHANGE/SENIOR MAKE-UP DAY

>>GRADUATION LOCATION CHANGE<<

Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at Lake City Community Church's Auditorium

It is true that we are moving our graduation ceremony to a new venue. As you may know, for two years in a row, North Idaho College has changed our agreed-upon graduation date. This causes difficulties for us, our students, and their families. In addition, the availability of the NIC facility has long posed significant challenges for scheduling our state-mandated instructional hours in a year. In order to avoid future issues, we have secured the auditorium at Lake City Community Church for this year's graduation ceremony. The time and date remain the same (May 25th, 6:30 P.M.), but this new facility will provide more flexible scheduling in the future.

NO SENIOR MAKE-UP DAY

The State Department of Education has approved our request for an exemption based on this year's unprecedented THREE snow days. We will not require a senior make-up day.

Photo not available online

HERFF JONES ORDER DISTRIBUTION

Orders to be distributed during study lab only on April 22 (caps, gowns, announcements, etc.).

Be sure your order is paid prior to this date.

Call Herff Jones if you have questions at 509-238-4310

SENIOR PHOTO

The senior photo for your graduation program and upcoming events is scheduled for May 6, during study lab. All seniors must be present!



Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy presents...



Bid on
music-themed
quilt



Dessert Auction & Soiree



TICKETS:

- \$2.00 per person (advance)
- \$3.00 per person (at the door)
- \$5.00 per family (advance)
- \$7.00 per family (at the door)

Auction items
may be purchased via
cash or check only.

Join us for an elegant evening of music provided by our band and orchestra students in a variety of small ensembles.

Live auction of scrumptious desserts.

Silent auction of goodies & opportunities.

Support music in our schools!

**Saturday,
April 16, 2011
6:00 - 9:00 PM**

**CdA Charter
Academy
Middle School
MPR**

4904 N Duncan Dr.
Coeur d'Alene

676-1667

PTO PRESS:

The Charter Academy PTO (parent teacher organization) exists to support to our school, promote academic excellence and create a sense of community through fund raising, volunteer service and event coordination. We are active in all of the above areas, taking a special interest in ensuring our teaching and administrative staff feel appreciated and upheld in our outstanding school environment where all have committed to "do more with less." Any and all parents and teachers are welcome! Meetings are held from 3:00-4:00 PM the 2nd Monday of each month. Now is the time consider further involvement for the next academic year! If you are interested or have questions please contact Cheri Rose-Kociela at 755-4262.



The PTO recently purchased a new popcorn machine for use by the school for special events and fundraising. If you would like to use the machine, please contact Cheri.

The next Charter Triple Play night is April 29. This is a great fundraiser and a fun event for students. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.



PTO meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 3:00 PM in Mrs. Larsen's classroom. See you there.

The PTO hosts a picnic for the entire student body and staff at the end of each year. This year's picnic will be the Friday before final exams, which is June 10. Outdoor games, activities and lunch will take place at Ramsey Park, followed by yearbook pick up and signing at the school. If you would like to help with this event contact Cheri.

Check out the 'Parent Group' tab on the CCA website for PTO contact information and the latest PTO information.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

As spring approaches, we want to address what the uniform policy specifically says regarding the length of skirts and shorts, and highlight other areas of the uniform policy. The full policy is available in your Student Handbook and online at www.cdacharter.org/uniforms.htm.



Uniform Violations: It is the responsibility of each student to be in uniform while on campus. Students who are out of uniform will not be allowed to remain in classes until the violations are corrected. It is the family's responsibility to provide proper uniform attire for any child out of uniform while at school. The school does not provide uniform clothing. Students who miss class to correct a uniform violation will receive an unexcused tardy or absence. Students with repeated uniform violations will be referred to the vice principal for disciplinary action.

II. SHORTS

Tan or navy blue walking shorts may be worn by either male or female students. Shorts may not fall below the middle of the knee or be shorter than one hand's width above the knee. All other standards for shorts are the same as those for long pants.

III. SKIRTS

Tan, navy blue, or school plaid skirts may be worn by female students. Skirts must reach at least the **top of the knee when standing**. If a skirt extends below the knee it may have a slit that goes no higher than the knee. Skorts may be worn as long they meet the color and length requirements for skirts.

IV. UNDERGARMENTS

- Solid white undershirts may show at the neck.
- Undergarments must not be visible, with the exception of undershirts showing at the neckline.
- Long-sleeved shirts may not be worn under short-sleeved shirts, even if the same color.

VI. SHOES/SOCKS

- Flip-flops are not appropriate footwear at school and will not be allowed.
- Some classes require closed-toes shoes for safety reasons. This rule is applied at teacher discretion.
- Knee socks and tights must be a solid uniform color (red, navy blue, hunter green, or white), black, or skin toned.



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ATTENTION ACADEMY PARENTS:

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING SURVEY.

PRINCIPAL SURVEY

The Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy Board of Directors is conducting the annual performance review of our principal, Mr. Nicklay. Your answers to the following survey will help the Board in this process. If you don't have enough personal knowledge to answer a question, please leave it blank. Please seal your anonymous survey answers in an envelope and deliver or mail it to Board Clerk, Melissa Thompson (in the high school office) by April 8, 2011. Please label your envelope "Principal Survey." Your answers will be read by the Board of Directors only and may be disclosed to Mr. Nicklay verbatim or in summary during the performance review. Questions? Contact Melissa Thompson at 676-1667.

YES NO

- The principal uses the school mission statement and charter to guide decisions.
- The principal avoids arbitrariness in decision making by adhering to stated policies, sound reasoning, and existing precedent.
- The principal is approachable and responsive to parent concerns and decisively resolves issues.
- The principal respects the value of others' views and allows for voicing of those views without fear of retribution or embarrassment.
- The principal acts in the interest of the school and its constituents in all matters, without allowing undue influence of personal agenda or conflicts.
- The principal earns trust and respect through consistent modeling of honesty and integrity.
- The principal promotes the school favorably by always conducting himself with professional dignity and awareness of public perception.

COMMENTS:
