



# ACADEMY NEWS

## PRINCIPAL'S POINT OF VIEW

We are not replacing your teacher with a laptop!

There has been much wringing of hands and gnashing of teeth about the "Students Come First" plan introduced by state Superintendent Luna. Change can be difficult, and this plan does include significant changes to the existing education system in Idaho. However, much of the panic is based on misinformation or misunderstanding of the plan's many moving parts. Although it is too early to know what the legislation will finally look like or how it will affect us, we do know change is coming. Let me clarify some of the key elements of the plan.

The three "pillars" of the plan are 21st Century Classrooms, Great Teachers and Leaders, and Transparent Accountability. The piece that has received the most attention is the technology component of the "21st Century Classrooms" pillar. Here is what you should know about this piece:

The legislation, as it currently stands, involves offsetting pending budget cuts by paying for fewer teachers across the state. The process for funding schools is based on a formula of student-to-teacher ratios. For every certain number of students, the state funds a teaching position (obviously, this is a very simplified version of a complex formula, but it works for our purposes). Mr. Luna proposes to change that formula slightly, so that the statewide student-to-teacher ratio will increase by about 1.5 students in the coming years. You should know that salaries and benefits account for about 80-90% of schools' budgets, so they are really the only lines that can be cut to produce a meaningful savings.

The state then plans to take a portion of the savings and apply them to technology for schools. The original plan was to give every student a laptop to keep, and require every high school student to take eight online classes (two per year). The latest version reduces the number of online classes to four (and allows hybrid classes—a mix of in-person and online) and emphasizes a 1:1 computer-to-student ratio in the schools to augment technology use. Even with the expense of the technology in this plan, the savings are substantial.

The Academy has always placed a heavy emphasis on direct instruction, so we were concerned about the prospect of requiring eight online classes, and we definitely saw some problems with "gifting" laptops to students when they entered ninth grade. Now that the requirements have been pared down, we are confident that we can utilize the new model to supplement our college-preparatory package. The fact is that many college classes have significant online requirements, and many students find themselves registering for online classes to accommodate crowded schedules or class conflicts. If we are serious about preparing students for post-secondary education, we cannot overlook the importance of familiarizing them with the online learning environment and its unique requirements.

We intend to embrace these changes and use them to our students' advantage. Rather than complain about the reality of shrinking budgets, we will find ways to offer innovative and high-quality classes using the new technology. Several teachers have already indicated eagerness for creating new lesson designs. This attitude of adaptability is central to our efforts toward school reform.

This plan is not an obstacle to be overcome; think of it as a new operating system!

Dan Nicklay, Principal



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## Spring Break March 28-April 1



daylight savings  
time change-march 13

# VERY IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS. PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY!

## FROM THE REGISTRAR By Melissa Thompson [mthompson@cdacharter.org](mailto:mthompson@cdacharter.org)

### REGISTRATION FOR CURRENT FULL-TIME STUDENTS

We are going to run registration a little differently this year. Changes will include:

- ★ General registration forms will be filled out per family instead of per child this year. Your oldest child will receive the general registration forms and all other children will only receive grade specific forms. We hope this change will help save your time and our paper!
- ★ High school registration will be in the evening and include a College Planning Information Session with Dr. Schaffer. This is a very exciting opportunity for you to get information about what lies ahead for your high school student and a great time to ask questions.
  - ☀ Parents and students are both encouraged to attend. If both the parent and the student are unable to attend, then registration materials may be turned into the high school office the following day.
  - ☀ All your children's registration materials may still be turned in together. If you have a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student, a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student and a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student, you may turn in all registration forms during the 12<sup>th</sup> grade registration. You may also choose to attend both high school college planning sessions.

- ★ Returning students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade next year will register April 4, 2011 at 6:00 PM
- ★ Returning students entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade next year will register April 5, 2011 at 6:00 PM
- ★ Returning students entering 10<sup>th</sup> grade next year will register April 6, 2011 at 6:00 PM
- ★ Returning students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade next year will register April 7, 2011 at 6:00 PM
- ★ Returning students entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade next year will register April 7, 2011 at 3:00 PM

### PLEASE REMEMBER:

- ★ Current students do not need to submit an application.
- ★ Registration packets will be sent home with all students prior to spring break.
- ★ All families are required to provide proof of residency with their registration materials. One of the following documents is acceptable: Current utility bill (with service address) OR current rental/purchase contract.
- ★ Because registration only involves handing in packets, students 6-12 may complete the process on their own. A parent does not have to be present.
- ★ Registration packets will not be accepted early.

### CURRENT PART-TIME STUDENTS (those taking fewer than four classes)

Part-time students must complete a new application if they are interested in attending the Academy next year. Part-time students interested in full-time enrollment must submit their application by Friday, March 11, to be eligible for the lottery drawing. Applications are available in the front office or on our website at [www.cdacharter.org](http://www.cdacharter.org).

### SIBLINGS OF CURRENT STUDENTS

Siblings who wish to attend the Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy next year must have their applications in by the March 11 deadline to ensure sibling priority in the lottery. Sibling applications received after **4:00 PM on March 11** will be placed at the end of the waiting list in the order in which they are received. Applications are available in the front office or on our website at [www.cdacharter.org](http://www.cdacharter.org).

QUESTIONS? Contact Melissa at [mthompson@cdacharter.org](mailto:mthompson@cdacharter.org) or 676-1667.

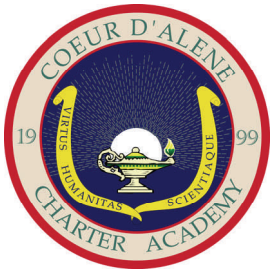
### PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be sent home with your students on Tuesday, March 1. If you do not receive your child's progress report, please contact Melissa at [mthompson@cdacharter.org](mailto:mthompson@cdacharter.org). Third quarter ends Friday, March 25. Grade reports will be mailed home on Tuesday, April 5.

### CURRENT 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS:

Welcome to Returning Student Registration! If you are new to the school this year here is how registration works:

- ★ Your student will receive a 7<sup>th</sup> grade registration packet prior to spring break. Most of this packet will be similar to what you filled out last year during registration.
- ★ If your 6<sup>th</sup> grade student has an older Charter sibling they may return their packet with their older sibling's packet. Otherwise...
- ★ After school on April 7<sup>th</sup> students and/or parents will return the registration packet to the middle school multi-purpose room. During registration, we have tables set up into stations; you will make your way through stations/steps 1, 2, and 3.
- ★ It is a pretty quick process, however, the lines can be lengthy right at 3:00 PM.
- ★ **Schedules will not be set until late summer; we will mail them home once they are ready!**



**2011-2012 APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

*Please print clearly or type*

Applying for grade:  6<sup>th</sup>  7<sup>th</sup>  8<sup>th</sup>  9<sup>th</sup>  10<sup>th</sup>  11<sup>th</sup>  12<sup>th</sup>

Admission type:  Full-Time  Part-Time\*

\*Classes requested for part-time enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  
First Middle Last

Home address (**physical address - attach proof of residence to application, in the form of a utility bill**):

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if different):

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Present school: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Public school district in which the student lives: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT ONE** ✓ *Check if address/home phone s is same as student*

Mr.  Ms.  Mrs.  Dr.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer (if self employed, list company name): \_\_\_\_\_

Work telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT TWO** ✓ *Check if address/home phone s is same as student*

Mr.  Ms.  Mrs.  Dr.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer (if self employed, list company name): \_\_\_\_\_

Work telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child attended the Academy in the past:  Yes  No

Name(s) of siblings applying or currently enrolled at the Academy: \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT LIVES WITH** (*check any that apply*)

Both parents  Parent 1  Parent 2  Guardian  Other (*relationship*): \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERRED BY**

How did you hear about the Charter Academy?  Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Other (*please specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

**MISSION STATEMENT & SIGNATURES**

*Our Mission: The Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy is dedicated to providing a rigorous, content-rich, college preparatory education for any students who are willing to accept the challenge.*

**I am willing to accept the challenge.**

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby testify that the aforementioned statements and responses on this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if these statements are found to be false, the application will be removed from consideration prior to acceptance.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## MS TENNIS AND TRACK & FIELD

By Michelle Lockhart  
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**Middle School Tennis— Practice begins March 1.** Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00-4:30 PM at Ramsey Courts.

In inclement weather, the team will meet in the MMPR. Times will change frequently depending on the weather; therefore, please use the online calendar for the most up-to-date information or call Coach Rawlsky at 660-1137. The school's online calendar will send you an email or text message if practice changes.

**Middle School Track and Field—** Practice begins March 20. Listen to the daily announcements for details.

**IMPORTANT:** Turn in your athletic packet to Michelle in the middle school office. **ALL PLAYERS** must fill out the information sheet and either a physical or interim report.

## SPEECH/DEBATE/DRAMA

By Tracey Vaughan [tvaughan@cdacharter.org](mailto:tvaughan@cdacharter.org)

Our final tournaments are just around the corner. The big event is the Idaho High School Activities Association District Speech event, which is being held here at our school on Saturday, March 19. Both the Drama/Speech class and the Speech/Debate class will participate. We will be asking parents to help by making food items for the judges' lunch or becoming a judge yourself. Please contact Mrs. Vaughan if you would like to get involved. If students advance at Districts, they will compete at the State competition April 15 and 16 at Lake City High School.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE NEWS

By Jean Robinson [jrobinson@cdacharter.org](mailto:jrobinson@cdacharter.org)

### NW Regional Middle School Science Bowl

The Middle School Science Bowl Team competed recently at the Northwest Regional Middle School Science Bowl held at Gonzaga University February 11 and 12. The team of Vanessa Clements-Taylor (captain), Jenny Iiams, Patty Iiams, and Brianna Coll finished an extremely close second in the hydrogen fuel cell car racing event. These girls built and raced a model car that runs on water! Good job!

The Academic Team consisting of Jaeger Zollman (captain), Christian Cousins, Ben Crotinger and Callen Trapp finished fourth out of 19 teams entered in the academic competition. Way to finish the season!

### Middle School Science Field Trips

The Kokanee Salmon have hatched and we have about 288 babies swimming in the tank! The 7<sup>th</sup> grade Life Science classes are watching as they grow! These little guys will stay in the tank until they are almost fingerling size. The Life

Science classes will be taking the Kokanee to Farragut to be released into Lake Pend Oreille on Thursday, June 2. We would love to have parents come along to help with this 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science Day at Farragut.

Eighth grade Earth Science classes will be headed to Beauty Creek on Friday, June 3. Mrs. Robinson's morning classes will go to Beauty Creek from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Then the afternoon classes will go from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. This will be a portion of the final exam for Earth Science. Students will be performing a water quality analysis both chemically and electronically. Along with this, students will perform an EPA streamwalk. All data collected on this field trip is then sent into the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Water Resources for use in the CDA Lake Plan. As always, parents are welcome to come along on this trip!

### Panhandle Region Invention Idaho Contest

Eighth grade students, Hannah Meyer and Emma McCormick, won the Panhandle Region's InventIdaho Contest held at the Silver Lake Mall, January 28-30. Their project titled "UltraTrek" won in the non-working model category and featured a running shoe that would adapt automatically to changing terrain while running. They won the right to travel to Boise in March to the state level InventIdaho competition! Congratulations girls!

### ISTA Teacher of the Year

Do you or your child have a favorite Science teacher here at the Academy? If so, you can nominate them for the 2011 Idaho Science Teachers Association (ISTA) Teacher of the Year! Just go to [www.idscienceteachers.org](http://www.idscienceteachers.org) and click on the Nominate a Teacher tab. The 2010 ISTA Teacher of the Year, Mike McCormack, was nominated by a Charter student!

*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

# COUNSELING CORNER

By Dr. Jim Schaffer [jschaffer@cdacharter.org](mailto:jschaffer@cdacharter.org)

## CHARTER ACADEMY REGISTRATION

Continuing Charter students will be submitting next year's course registration forms after spring break during the week of April 4. I will meet with next year's high school students throughout the week of March 21 and with next year's middle school students on April 4 to distribute registration forms, clarify the registration process, and answer questions. I will also work with the eighth grade students to complete a four-year high school plan and with the other returning high school students to monitor progress toward completion of diploma requirements. Please plan to spend some time helping your student(s) with course selection and completing their registrations forms.

**TAKE NOTE:** There will be a slightly different registration process for high school students to submit registration materials this year. We will have a separate evening program for parents and students in each high school grade to present information about what students at each grade level should focus on to plan and prepare for college admission, as well as to answer general questions about registration. High school students will also pay registration fees and turn in forms at this time. The schedule for these high school programs will be:

- ★ Returning students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade next year will register April 4, 2011 at 6:00 PM
- ★ Returning students entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade next year will register April 5, 2011 at 6:00 PM
- ★ Returning students entering 10<sup>th</sup> grade next year will register April 6, 2011 at 6:00 PM
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The registration process for middle school will be same as in past years, with 6th and 7th grade students submitting their registration materials after school on Thursday, April 7.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss course selection or college/career preparation, please contact me.

## DUAL CREDIT

Dual credit is an option for students to enroll in college courses in their junior and/or senior year, which will then be accepted for both high school and college credit. There are other names for this type of program, such as concurrent enrollment or dual enrollment. In Washington State a similar program is called "Running Start". NIC has given their dual-credit program the acronym of WINGS ("WIN" by getting a "G"ood "S"tart at North Idaho College). At the Charter Academy, students have the option to participate in dual credit beginning in their junior year if they have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Students cannot complete more than one core class per year at NIC, but can take additional approved classes to meet elective requirements. Current costs for dual credit at NIC are \$65/college credit hour plus the cost of books. While dual enrollment is not a good option for everyone, it may be a useful way for some students to gain access to electives not offered through the Charter Academy, to have the opportunity for a gradual introduction and exposure to college coursework and a college setting, and to begin to get college credit to apply toward a later degree. To apply for dual-enrollment, students should submit an online NIC application ([http://www.nic.edu/admissions/steps\\_dual\\_credit\\_student.asp](http://www.nic.edu/admissions/steps_dual_credit_student.asp)) and complete an online NIC dual credit orientation. After completing these first two steps students will need to meet with me to obtain and complete a NIC class registration form.

## KEY DUAL-CREDIT DATES:

**March 1:** The summer and fall class schedules will be available online at <http://www.nic.edu/schedules/>.

**April 15:** Continuing dual credit students should have completed and submitted their "Dual Credit Registration Form" for summer or fall semester classes to me before this date to maximize their chance for getting into requested classes.

**May 2:** New dual credit students should have completed and submitted their "Dual Credit Registration Form" for summer or fall semester classes to me before this date to maximize their chance for getting into requested classes.

## 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.

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## 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](http://www.collegeboard.com) and the ACT at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). (Charter Academy code – 130115)

ACT		
ACT	Registration Deadlines	
Test Dates	Regular	Late
4/9	3/4	3/18
6/11	5/6	5/20

SAT		
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](http://www.act.org). SAT also encourages students to register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Students can pick up mail-in registration packets for both tests in the counseling office.



# COUNSELING CORNER *CONTINUED*

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; and a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students must submit an online application at [https://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/program\\_idaho.cfm](https://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/program_idaho.cfm).

Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) Scholarship – (Deadline 3/5)

Six \$1000 dollar scholarships are available to seniors who are a child of a county employee or the child or grandchild of an elected county official. The scholarships must be used at an Idaho college or university. The selection is based on a personal essay, grades, school and community involvement, and two letters of recommendation. Applications are available in the counseling office or online at [http://www.idcounties.org/index.asp?Type=B\\_BASIC&SEC={F4987959-4FCA-4BE4-BF3A-E935CB609C93}](http://www.idcounties.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={F4987959-4FCA-4BE4-BF3A-E935CB609C93}).

Idaho Nursing Scholarship Fund - (Deadline 4/1)

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](http://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 skills. 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 through the Idaho Community Foundation at [www.idcomfdn.org/pages/schol\\_general.htm](http://www.idcomfdn.org/pages/schol_general.htm).

Society of Women Engineers Scholarship – (Deadline 2/28)

Several \$2,000 scholarships are awarded to senior women from Idaho who will be entering their first year of an engineering program at an ABET-accredited university. Applications are available at [www.swiswe.org/scholarships.html](http://www.swiswe.org/scholarships.html).

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](http://www.usbank.com/cgi_w/cfm/studentloans/marketing.cfm).

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

Many of the public colleges and universities in several western states (Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming) participate in the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program, which offers out-of-state students from participating states a large reduction in out-of-state tuition. Students receiving a WUE award are able to attend an out-of-state school for one and a half times in-state tuition. This is a significant savings, for example an Idaho student receiving a WUE at Washington State University would save \$9,000 for each year of attendance. For some colleges, WUE scholarships are available to all students from participating states, while other colleges award them as limited, highly competitive academic scholarships. Some public colleges in the consortium states also choose not to participate in the WUE program. Go to their website ([www.wiche.edu/sep/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/sep/wue)) or see Dr. Schaffer for more information about requirements and participation at specific colleges in the eligible states.

## CHOIR NOTES

By Sheila Wayman [swayman@cdacharter.org](mailto:swayman@cdacharter.org)

### All-Northwest Honor Choir Singers

Congratulations to **Ashley Drechsel** and **Caleb Drechsel** for their outstanding performance with the All-Northwest Honor Choirs Presidents' Day weekend in Bellevue, WA. Being selected for these choirs is the epitome of accomplishment in high school singing in the Northwest! We're very proud of you two!

**Upcoming Recitals** – Family and friends are welcome.

- ★ Jr. High Recital is Wednesday, March 2, 3:00-5:00 PM in the Latin Room #6.
- ★ High School Recital is Wednesday, March 9, 3:00-5:00 PM in the Latin Room #6.

**Upcoming Festivals** – Family and friends are welcome.

- ★ Middle School Vocal – Saturday, March 5, 8:00-4:30 PM at CDA Charter Academy
- ★ High School Vocal Festival – Saturday, March 12, 8:00-5:00 PM at Post Falls High School

### Festival Choir Concerts

The Jr. High Choir and the Jazz Ensemble will present their Festival Concert on Tuesday,

March 22, at 6:30 PM in the MPR and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes (6A and 6B); the High School Choir will perform their Festival Concert on Thursday, March 24, at 6:30 PM. The best of the Solo and Ensemble performances will be included in these concerts.

At these festivals and recitals to help our young singers, **please observe the following guidelines:**

- 1. Enter the performance room ONLY BETWEEN songs; NEVER during a performance.**
- 2. Maintain complete silence while the singers are performing.**
- 3. Silence all cell phones and other "noisemakers."**
- 4. Avoid making a distraction of any kind.**

For many of our singers, this is their first solo or ensemble; nerves and emotions are often very fragile.

*Charter is hosting the Middle School Vocal Solo and Ensemble Festival on March 5. We need parents and older students to help supervise hallways and serve as door monitors and label ribbons and complete adjudication sheets for the schools. Please volunteer by contacting Sheila Wayman at school 676-1667 or [swayman@cdacharter.org](mailto:swayman@cdacharter.org).*

### Northwest Sacred Music Chorale Young Artist Contest

This year they will award \$200 prizes for the two best high school vocalists. The winners will be performing at the NWSMC Chorale's **fall concerts** on **November 5 & 6, 2011** at the Kroc Center in Coeur d'Alene.

Participants must submit an entry form, a recording of themselves singing one or two songs, plus a \$10 check payable to the Northwest Sacred Music Chorale, postmarked by **Friday, March 4**. Finalists will be notified in writing and will perform before a panel of judges on **Tuesday, March 15**. The songs sung at the final audition must be chosen from the Idaho State or Washington State Solo list and must be the same song that would be performed at the concert. Last year, **Kate Johnson** and **Graeme Lauer** from Charter won the contest!

### Pastry Puffins Fundraiser

Our spring fundraiser will begin February 23 and end March 16. These light and fluffy individual pastries come 12 in a frozen package and sell for only \$11. Our profit margin is 40% which is excellent for fund raisers. The Pastry Puffins will be delivered on Thursday, April 7. With all the budget cuts, fund raisers are even more important to provide the necessary music and fees for our choir program. Thanks to everyone who helps in any way!

# SUNRISE ROTARY MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH

By Heather Solsvik [hsolsvik@cdacharter.org](mailto:hsolsvik@cdacharter.org)

It should be no surprise that the March Sunrise Rotary Student of the Month is Jane Praikanarat. What is surprising is that this is the first time a foreign exchange student has won this award. Despite the obvious obstacles an exchange student must face – language barriers, homesickness, a new school, classmates, and city – Jane has managed to shine. Some of the words Mrs. Ketchum used to describe Jane are “exceptional,” “outstanding,” and “brilliant.” These words apply to her academic success as well as her contribution to our school and community. In school, says Mrs. Ketchum, “Jane is truly exceptional...with the highest goals and impeccable behavior and friendliness to all.” She takes great care with her schoolwork and is eager to help others as well. Jane was also a key participant at the NIC Math Competition where she won the junior division and, according to Mr. Bass, came close to taking second place overall. Jane also represents CDA Charter in choir, performing in many of their community singing events. We are fortunate to have such a shining star visiting us this year from Thailand. Congratulations, Jane!



Jane Praikanarat, Junior

## ACADEMIC WORLD QUEST COMPETITION

By Karen Coughenour [kcoughenour@cdacharter.org](mailto:kcoughenour@cdacharter.org)

Four students are traveling to Missoula, MT on March 10 to compete in the **Academic World Quest (AWQ) Competition**. The competition covers categories that include: world religions, energy, freedom of the press, gender equality, global governance and organizations, global health, Europe, the country of France, and current events. The four-man team, consisting of Steven Hallgren, James George, Raul Mondragon, and Cesar Stoddard will be given ten sets of ten questions from the various categories. The team who answers correctly in the quickest time wins the competition and a trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National AWQ competition.

## FUTURE CITIES ENGINEERING COMPETITION

By Karen Coughenour [kcoughenour@cdacharter.org](mailto:kcoughenour@cdacharter.org)

The **Future Cities Engineering Competition** took place in January at Boise State University with Jake Alderink, Vincent Lyon, and Matthew Robinson making a great showing with their future city – San Majavin. The boys worked from October to December on a computer simulated city using the SIM City program, wrote two essays, and then created a model of a portion of their city. The final leg of this program was to provide two formal briefings of their model to judges, with an additional 19 briefings to other judges. They did a great job and should be very proud of their work. Next year’s seventh grade class should look for the announcement for the 2012 Future City at the beginning of next year! A GREAT BIG thank you to the moms and dads of the three boys – they provided great support to the project.

## WASHINGTON, D.C. AND PHILADELPHIA TRIP

By Karen Coughenour [kcoughenour@cdacharter.org](mailto:kcoughenour@cdacharter.org)

The **2011 Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia** spring break trip is less than a month away. Students are getting excited about visiting our nation’s capital and birthplace of the Constitution. To get the students some lunch money, we will hold our annual rummage sale on Saturday, March 5 in the high school MPR. We are asking for clean and serviceable donations of all kinds that can be dropped off at the school on Friday, March 4. Thank you very much.

The **2012 Washington, D.C.** trip is well underway with eight people already signed up. If you missed one of the informational meetings – don’t worry! Your student can pick up a brochure from Mrs. Coughenour with all of the costs and tour information or you can visit [www.smithsonianstudenttravel.com](http://www.smithsonianstudenttravel.com). Don’t delay because the price goes up on March 31. Early sign up means an easier way to pay for the tour.



## ATTENDANCE

By Kelley Gleixner

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Parents should notify the office as soon as possible when their child will be absent.

To report an absence you may:

- ★ **CALL – 676-1667** If leaving a message, clearly state your child’s name AND the reason for the absence.
- ★ **EMAIL – [kgleixner@cdacharter.org](mailto:kgleixner@cdacharter.org)** - Give your child’s name, the reason for the absence and the date(s) your child will be absent.
- ★ **SEND A NOTE** - if you did not call or email.

## ASB NEWS

By Jean Robinson

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- ASB elections will begin in March. Candidate packets will be available Friday, March 3, 2011. Campaigning will go from the week before through the week after spring break.
- The 3rd Annual Highlighter Dance — Saturday, March 12, 8:00 PM-11:00 PM. If you like “Techno” sounds, please join us as chaperones; we are still looking for volunteers.
- 7th & 8th Grade Dance— Friday, March 18, 3:00-5:00 PM. Come dance to a “Mis-Match” dance or hodge-podge of decorations and music. Parents are needed as chaperones.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Senior-Staff Smash — Thursday, March, 7:00 PM at Holy Family Catholic School. Please come and cheer on this year’s Senior class as they take on the faculty!
- ASB is sponsoring a “Go GREEN for Leukemia Day” on March 17! Let’s deck out in GREEN as we gather green for Leukemia...a one day penny drive! More to follow!

# PUBLICATIONS CLASS OFFERS TWO NEW SWEATSHIRT DESIGNS

By Heather Solsvik [hsolsvik@cdacharter.org](mailto:hsolsvik@cdacharter.org)

The Publications staff has been working hard to develop two new sweatshirt designs as a class fundraiser and school spirit item. These new shirts are printed using a process called "sublimation," in which the image is embedded in the shirt and actually becomes a part of the material. **It is important to note that these shirts will not be a part of the uniform policy, but would be great for displaying school pride and given as gifts.** They will be available for sale at any time throughout the year, and orders will be placed regularly.

Use the order form, located in the sorter outside each office, to order your shirts. Contact Heather Solsvik ([hsolsvik@cdacharter.org](mailto:hsolsvik@cdacharter.org)) if you have any questions. Production time will be approximately two weeks from placing the order to delivering your product.

Crewneck sweatshirts, hoodie sweatshirts, and T-shirts are available. All come in adult sizes only. The "tattoo" design is available in the following colors: grey, white, light pink, and "safety" green (neon). The "flame" design is available in either grey or white.

## Shirt Prices

Sweatshirts (hooded or crewneck)

Adult small, medium, large, or extra large: \$25.00

Adult 2XL or 3XL: \$30.00

T-Shirts

Adult small, medium, large, or extra large: \$10.00

Adult 2XL or 3XL: \$15.00

Name or Nickname on the back: \$5.00 extra



## PTO PRESS

The Charter Academy PTO (parent teacher organization) exists to support 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! **PTO meetings are held from 3-4:00 PM on the second Monday of each month.** Now is the time to be considering 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.



**[Check out the 'Parent Group' tab on the CCA website for PTO contact information and the latest PTO information.](#)**



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