

Alumni Spotlight

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RECENTLY RECEIVED THE DUBLIN LITERARY AWARD FOR HER NOVEL, IDAHO. THIS IS ONE OF THE RICHEST LITERARY AWARDS IN THE WORLD. NOMINATIONS ARE SUBMITTED BY LIBRARIANS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE. EMILY WAS RECENTLY FEATURED ON THE TODAY SHOW TO TALK ABOUT GROWING UP IN THE MOUNTAINS OF NORTH IDAHO, AND REACHING THE PEAK OF LITERARY SUCCESS.

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COEUR D'ALENE

CHARTER

ACADEMY

September
2019

Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy, celebrating 20 years!

Welcome Back!

As I anticipated, we have had an outstanding start to our year. Starting with the perfect weather for our opening-day assembly, things have just been running very smoothly, and lots of great things have been happening.

To start, we learned that we have three National Merit Semi-Finalists in our senior class. Emma Bloodgood, Lucas Cheeley, and Dylan McCaughan all tested in the top 1% in the state on last year's PSAT test, and are now eligible to pursue finalist status through a short list of requirements that includes an essay, an examination of their academic records, and securing a faculty recommendation.

National Merit Finalists qualify for significant scholarships at many major universities, several of which offer full-ride packages. This year's PSAT is October 16, and will be taken by all Academy sophomores and juniors. Time spent preparing for this test is spent well. Over the years, Academy students have earned the large majority of National Merit recognition in North Idaho, and we expect this trend to continue. Anything you can

do to improve your students' chances is worth doing!

In addition to our students' perennial excellence in the academic arena, our fall sports teams have also experienced success so far. The Panthers volleyball team started their season with a run of three straight wins and appears poised for more. Our dynastic girls' soccer team continues to excel, as they pursue another trip to state after their third consecutive state title (and fourth in five years!). Academy soccer fans have more to be excited about, as we have finally launched a boys' soccer program. Going into their inaugural season, hopes were high, but most expectations were modest. So far though, the boys have competed fiercely and have a 4-1 record that includes a close loss to soon-to-be rival Timberlake.

Even the physical plant offers reason to be excited! If you were here last year (especially if you had a middle-schooler), you know that we had ZERO green

space for kids to use during free time or PE classes. Happily, the field project is done, allowing us all to stretch out a little, and the middle schoolers to burn off some energy!

I hope you can make it to Back-to-School Night on Wednesday at 6:00 (6th graders have already had their open house), and one of the Homecoming games—Girls' and Boys' Soccer on Tuesday at Real Life Ministries fields and Volleyball on Thursday at Holy Family. If you only attend one sports event this year, homecoming is a great choice.

I have been observing classes, teachers, and students daily, and I can tell you that this is a truly remarkable and special place, where great things happen every period of the day. I am looking forward to an excellent year.

Dan Nicklay



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Number of graduates
from the Academy

#1

Best High Schools In
Idaho from U.S. News

#1

Best Charter High School
in Idaho from Niche.com

Student of the Month

Congratulations to September's Rotary Student of the Month junior Jared Melton. He was nominated by Mrs. Fries who noted his



kindness, patience, dedication, and maturity in tutoring students. He comes up with creative ways to help keep them focused and also to reward them for their successes. Many others around Charter benefit from his ready smile, good nature, and willingness to help. Jared is a very patient tutor of younger students. He is a positive presence on campus, always having a kind word or offer of help. Jared carried the school musical last year as the lead onstage, and a leader off-stage. He also dedicated tremendous amounts of time to working backstage in order to support performances of younger actors. He is vice president of the drama club, and consistently puts the needs of others before his own. He is a talented actor, and a leader who leads by example. Jared, you make Charter proud!



Welcome Back!

Welcome back, Panthers! It is so good to see your smiling faces back on campus. Please don't hesitate to stop by the office if you need anything - we are here to help!

REPORT CARDS & PROGRESS REPORTS

The Online Grades Portal is home to all of your student's grade reports, past and present. This portal can be accessed via our website. Instructions on how to set (or re-set!) your password are available on the portal. If you continue to have difficulties with online grades, let us know and we will try to help. First Quarter Progress Reports will be sent home with students. All other report cards and progress reports will be emailed to parent email addresses.

2019-20 Report Card Dates	
Report Period	Grades Posted
1st Quarter Progress Report	Friday, Sept. 27th
1st Quarter Report Card	Friday, Nov. 1st
2nd Quarter Progress Report	Friday, Dec. 13th
1st Semester Report Card	Friday, Jan. 31st
3rd Quarter Progress Report	Friday, Feb. 28th
3rd Quarter Report Card	Friday, April 10th
4th Quarter Progress Reports	Friday, May 8th
2nd Semester Report Cards--SENIORS	Wednesday, June 3rd
2nd Semester Report Cards	Wednesday, June 17th



Stay Connected with the High School counseling office about college visits, important deadlines and information sessions that may be staged at the high school building.

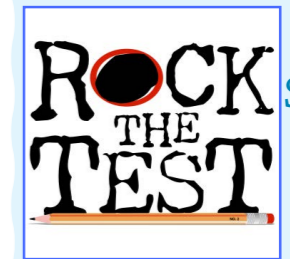
Sign up for text message reminders here:

Seniors: rmd.at/cpan2020

Juniors: rmd.at/cpan2021

Sophomores: rmd.at/cpan2022

Freshman: rmd.at/cpan2023



PSAT
Sophomores
& Juniors
October
16th

All Juniors and Sophomores will be taking the PSAT on October 16th for the first half of the day. Juniors will be in room A1. Sophomores will be in the middle school MPR.

Juniors will need to pay \$17 for the exam. The state of Idaho covers the cost for Sophomores. For more information regarding the exam, please visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>

Website revamp is coming - look for individual web pages dedicated to each high school grade level with information specific to those kids. Checklists for each grade will be posted (things to be thinking about in each grade). There will also be links to vocational/interest assessments that students can take to help them with career/college/vocational choice.



Back to School Night

Wednesday, September 18th is the Back to School Night for 7th -12th beginning at 6:00 pm! Parents (only) will go from classroom to classroom, following their child's daily schedule to meet teachers and receive class overviews and expectations.

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Book Fair at the School!

Sponsored by the CPO: the Book Fair will be in the Middle School Commons. Stop by to check out deals and see teacher's wishlists. The book fair will run September 18th - 20th and will be open from 7:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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8th Grade Washington D.C. Informational Meeting!

The last informational meeting about the 8th Grade D.C./NYC trip during Spring Break 2020 will be on Tuesday, September 24, at 6:00 pm in Mrs. Gleixner's room, M3. The deadline to sign up for the trip is September 30, so don't miss the meeting to get more information!

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Triple Play Night!

Admission to Triple Play is only \$16.00 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Ropes course is an additional charge. Bring your friends!

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Directors

- 01 Volunteer Coordinator: OPEN
- 02 Used Uniform Closet: Tami Hern
Open Fridays at 2:15 pm
- 03 Triple Play Fundraisers: Mealdey
Mielke
- 04 Staff Appreciation: Becky Karvonen
& Katie Klader
- 05 Lunch Program: Gina Eaton
"Thank you to the loyal volunteers! Your smiles and encouragement are so important to the students - helping them to end the day strong!"
To volunteer contact Gina at 208-661-5974 or ginaeaton@aol.com
- 06 School Events: OPEN
- 07 Book Fair: Gina Eaton

Charter Parent Organization

We LOVE our volunteers and we need you! Our organization is established to help improve the experience of the students and staff at Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy. We do this by raising funds through five fundraisers and then give back to the staff and students through grants. Our yearly fundraisers are:

- Lunch Snacks
- Vending (in the Middle School)
- Triple-play
- Used Uniforms
- Fred Meyer

It is through the help of our parents and guardians that we are able to run these and other programs including our teacher appreciation events. If you have not yet signed up, please get a form at one of the offices and turn it in. If you HAVE signed up, but have not heard from us, it is possible that we misread your email and are unable to contact you. Please feel free to contact us so we can keep you informed. And THANK YOU to all of you who have already signed up and are helping out!

Volunteer opportunities:

We have many different opportunities for any type of parent situation, only have one evening a year, help out at one of our triple play nights. Home during the day, come help serve lunch at school. Available at odd times, volunteer to help clean clothes for the used uniforms. The opportunities are endless.

Open Board Positions:

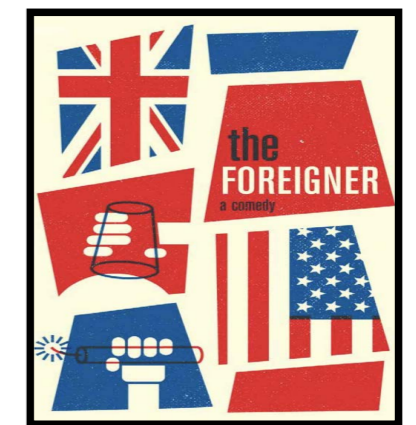
School Sponsored Events Coordinator--When the school needs volunteer helpers for certain events, this coordinator will help find those volunteers using our volunteer spreadsheet.

Volunteer Coordinator--As the volunteer coordinator, you will enter new volunteer's information onto our volunteer spreadsheet and then notify other coordinators of their new volunteers!



CPO Lunch Program!

The (CPO) has created a lunch program to assist families in need of school lunch support. If you would like to learn more about this program being offered by the CPO, please contact Stephanie Holecek at: stepholecek@yahoo.com.



Fall Drama Production

Don't miss Charter's hilarious farce, *The Foreigner* by Larry Shue, coming this fall! Performances will take place:
Thursday, October 31st at 7:00 pm
Friday, November 1st at 7:00 pm
Saturday, November 2nd at 2:00 pm & 7:00pm

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Come join us at our next meeting on November 12th at 6:00 pm!



Sports Passes

Family and Adult Sport Passes are on sale now in the High School office. These passes are good for Home Games Only.

Support our team sports by stopping by to pick one up today!

Sport Schedules

We are in full swing of sports & activities. See the schedules below: (Please note schedules can change, please make sure to check our school [Event Calendar](#) daily!) Click on the sport to see a larger schedule version.

[Middle School Cross Country](#)

[High School Cross Country](#)

[Middle School Volleyball](#)

[High School Volleyball](#)

[High School Girls Soccer](#)

[High School Boys Soccer](#)



No School - Teacher Work Day

Enjoy your day off!

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Senior Deadline!

Senior photos, quotes and baby ads for the yearbook are due on Wednesday, October 16th. Please send all materials to Ms. Anderson at randerson@coeuraleonecharter.org.



It's simple. Once a week, every Monday morning students or parents will drop off used cans in a bag (plastic or paper). Volunteers will be placed behind the High School portables on Duncan Drive to help collect the recyclables. A parent volunteer will take the collection to the recycling center after school begins and all proceeds will go directly to Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy. The fee per can is very small, so it is important to save ANY and ALL aluminium cans as every little bit will make a difference.

Do your part and start setting aside those cans now. Every Friday, you will see a reminder notice for the weekend collection. Monday morning, bring your cans and help us grow our fund for critical items for the students and school.

If you'd like to be a parent volunteer, please contact Michelle at the Middle School office.

Starting MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD!

Helpful Individuals

DAN NICKLAY
Principal

LAURA BEYER
Registrar

TERRI WALKER
Student Services

GLENN MABILE
Business Manager



AARON LIPPY
Vice Principal/AD

MICHELLE BREDESON
Assistant to Vice Principal

FAITH MITCHELL
Attendance

GAYLA FLEMING
Business Office