



SEPTEMBER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER April 2009

Spring is here! We've coming back from Spring Break looking forward to sunny days and warmer weather. This is a fun time around September High School. We'll be planting our garden during the Community Clean Up Day. We have a great mix of Spring Trips to look forward to. Our next Follies performance is even sooner. Then it's on to the Aloha Party and Graduation.

At this time of year, we help the students focus on how they want to end the year well. For seniors, the transition is especially significant. Their work doing rites of passage programming during Senior Mysteries provides substantial support for this critical period of time. All students will have the opportunity to think about goals they want to set for the remainder of the year as well as how to structure their summer for success. As we encourage students to reflect and think proactively, as a staff, we engage in this process for our own growth.

It's a fun time to be at the school, both for students and staff, and we encourage you as parents to join in. Stop by any time, and make sure to put the big upcoming events on your calendar. See you soon! - Dan

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

World Affairs Conference Field Trip Day.....	Fri., April 10 th
Parent Support Group Kickoff.....(Community Building, 7:00-8:30pm).....	Wed., April 22 nd
Professional Development Day.....(NO CLASSES).....	Fri, April 24 th
Pathways (Career Exploration) Day (Morning Block).....	Tues., April 28 th
Spring Garden Day / Community Clean Up and Cook Out.....9am to 3pm, Sept School.....	Sat., May 9 th
Spring Follies Night.....September High School, 6:30pm.....	Thurs, May 15 th
Memorial Day Holiday.....(NO CLASSES).....	Mon., May 26 th
Spring Trips.....(NO CLASSES).....	Tues., May 27 th – Friday May 30 th

FALL PRE-REGISTRATION! REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE \$500!

Registration materials are available for the 2009-2010 school year and we are offering a **\$500 tuition discount** to new or returning students that register by April 10th. Please call for registration materials if you did not get a packet at our recent mid-semester evaluations.

CONFERENCE ON WORLD AFFAIRS PARTICIPATION

Each year the September High School community selects one day during the nationally recognized Conference on World Affairs at CU-Boulder to attend sessions and experience this unique opportunity. Students and staff will select a two-session "track" to attend during the day and participate in discussion and reflection as a group. If your student has your permission to be excused to attend other WAC sessions during the week that conflict with the school day, please email or call Alexis to confirm their attendance and absence from the school program.

PARENT SUPPORT DISCUSSION GROUP

In response to the interest that was generated by the participants in our recent Michael Bradley event, September High School and the Boulder Counseling Cooperative are offering free ongoing support for parents of teens. Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the September High School Community Arts Building. In addition to a presentation and discussion, "How To Have A Successful Summer With Your Teen" featuring Donna Roe Daniell, CSW and Dan Fox, MA, LPC, we will spend time having an open discussion about creating structure and content for future meetings. We hope to make this opportunity work for you and your family and look forward to having your involvement. If you are unable to attend this first meeting, but interested in being a part of the group, please email Dan Fox at dan@septemberschool.org for more information.



PATHWAYS DAY

Pathways Day is coming up and our students have generated a diverse and exciting list of careers they are interested in exploring. We are looking for people able to informally present information about their career, the path they took to get there, and any advice or recommendations for young adults interested in that field. We will have three 45 minute sessions that occur the morning of Tuesday, April 28th and presenters can choose to be available for one, two or all three sessions. If you or someone you know work in the following fields and might be able to help us, please email or call Lena for more information:



Filmmaker / Film Editor	Videogame programmer	Tattoo Artist	Masseuse
Photographer	Nurse	EMT	Firefighter
Architect	Green Builder	Physicist	Marine Biologist
Botanist	Alternative Energy Science	Graphic Designer	Restaurant Owner
Psychologist	Sociologist	Anthropologist	Social Worker
Chef	Professional Musician	Organic Farmer	Wilderness Guide
Coroner	Forensic Scientist	Stockbroker	Accountant
Journalist	Writer	Actor	Artist

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION



Interested in having your student stay on schedule and earn credit this summer? We have a great summer school program from June 29th through July 31st, earning students a full semester of credit for each course. We base our course offerings on student need and interest, so email Lena to pre-register for your students' desired courses. If you would like to review your student's credit situation and progress towards graduation and college preparation, Lena will be happy to meet with you in advance of the summer school pre-registration deadline (Fri., May 15th).

SPRING GARDEN DAY / COMMUNITY CLEAN UP and COOK OUT!

Students, Staff, Families, Friends, and volunteers from the community will gather at September High School to participate in our Spring Garden and Community Clean Up Day on Sat., May 9th from 9am to 3pm. **Please note this is a date change from our previous newsletter.** We will be working on preparing the Meditation Garden for Spring and Summer, clearing out the science building basement and storage shed areas, and general cleanup of grounds and buildings. There is something for everyone! We'll have breakfast goodies and beverages in the morning and a cook-out for lunchtime. This is a great opportunity for service scholarship students to rack up some hours AND a great chance to contribute to a great legacy at September School while meeting other families and enjoying the day.

SPRING TRIPS

A key component of the end of the school year is the annual Spring Trip – an opportunity for self-exploration and challenge that is guided by Sept School staff and supported by a group of peers. Families are asked to select a spring trip option by April 17th. If you need additional information about a trip before you and your student can make a decision, please call or email Lena. Students will receive additional details about their trip, including a packing list, contact information, and itinerary during the first week of May. The international trip to Thailand has been filled, but there are many other exciting adventures to take part in!

- Art History and Culture (Overnight) in New York City, NY; This trip will be led by Angela Beloian and Joy Chapman and has an estimated cost of \$1285 (this includes all meals, lodging, airfare, ground transportation and activities). A deposit of \$500 must be received by Monday, April 6th to hold a spot on this unique opportunity.
- Hiking and Camping (Overnight) in Canyonlands National Park, UT; This trip will be led by Rob Donoho and Forrest Donoho and is estimated to cost between \$200-\$250.
- Whitewater Rafting and Camping (Overnight) in Buena Vista, CO; This trip will be led by Lena Elliott and Dan Beliveau and has an estimated cost of \$300-\$350.
- Leadership Adventure (Overnight) in Rocky Mountain National Park, CO; This trip will be led by Jeff Hamilton and Fire Mountain Enterprises and has an estimated cost of \$350.
- Archaeological Exploration (Overnight) in the Four Corners Region; This trip will be led by Cameron Hays and John Dunn and has an estimated cost of \$300.

Talk with your student about options for Spring Trips soon and let the main office know of your decision. Please feel free to ask questions. We want to help everyone get the most out of this experience possible!

FINANCIAL AID FOR COLLEGE

Tax season is upon us and it is a great reminder to look into applying for federal financial aid to help with the costs of sending your student to college in the fall. While the federal deadline is not until June 30, 2009, some colleges and universities may have their own deadlines for considering financial aid packages. You can complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online these days – learn more at www.fafsa.ed.gov or pick up an information booklet at September School to help you understand the wide range of financial aid options that may be available to your family.

TRAVELING IN YOUR FUTURE?

Save time and energy in identifying the best itinerary to meet your travel needs, where ever you want to go, whether for a cultural or volunteer/service experience, an ecotour, adventure, or a spa vacation! Wiser World Travel (WWT) will provide you with the best, most fitting – and most sustainable options (support of local people and environments, minimizing negative impacts of travel, etc.) – at no extra cost to you, and no obligation.

In fact, September School will benefit by getting a 3% rebate from the travel providers should you choose to use WWT's services (for most trips). Please contact Peggy Lichter (a former Sep School parent), 303-443-0604. Please visit www.wiserworldtravel.com and have a look at WWT's sample itineraries.

CU CONCURRENT PROGRAM VISIT AND INFORMATION NIGHT

The CU – Boulder High School Concurrent Program is intended for high school students interested in the challenge of completing college courses. High School Concurrent students earn college credit that may also be applied to high school graduation requirements. Representative Kathryn Tisdale will be visiting September High School on April 16th to meet with students and provide information about summer and fall course options and how to apply.

Additionally, CU - Boulder is offering an information session on campus for students, parents, teachers, counselors and anyone interested in learning more about this program on Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 PM in Eaton Humanities, room 135. Visit <http://conted.colorado.edu/programs/high-school-concurrent>