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Director's Update—Tony Oddo



Dear Choices Family:

The school year is now one-half over, and from the indications I have seen and heard, so far, so good! Just think, seniors - only five months until graduation!

First semester report cards were mailed the last week of January. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns for teachers or staff, any one of us can be reached by email or voicemail. Check the lists at <http://choicescharter.org/who-we-are/our-staff/>.

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Spring semester will bring two week-long breaks:

- President's Week – February 20 – 24;
- Spring Break – April 10 – 14

Also, spring will bring back state mandated testing. Remember, as a small school, every student counts! As we explained during your orientation meetings, all students are expected to participate in state testing. Just one or two students can make a big difference!

As a Personalized Learning Public Charter School, we want to make your experience a good one. If you have a questions or concern, please call or email me to discuss it.

Lastly – we love our families! Please make sure your friends and neighbors know about Choices Charter School!

Sincerely

Tony Oddo, Director

Choices Charter School.
We're a three-way partnership
between student, parents,
and the school!



When one leg is missing,
the student can't be supported!

An Extraordinary Choice

Counselor's Corner

ACT Testing Dates for 2016-2017

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Late Fee Required)
February 11, 2017	January 13, 2017	January 14-20, 2017
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	March 4-17, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017

SAT Testing Dates for 2016-2017

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Late Fee Required)
March 11, 2017	February 10, 2017	February 21, 2017
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017	April 18, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017	May 16, 2017

ACT & SAT dates to remember. For more information you can go to www.actstudent.org or www.collegeboard.com. There are also practice test questions on these sites.

Calendar of Events

Feb. 8	FAFSA Meeting-Computer Lab-4:30pm
Feb. 15	Middle and High School Honor Roll BBQ Luncheon-MP Room-11:30am
Feb. 20-24	President's Week-No School
March 1	Graduation Cap and Gown Orders Begin.
March 15	Minute to Win It-Multipurpose Room-TBD
April 10-14	Spring Break-No School
May 29	Memorial Day-No School

P.E. Clinics

All physical education students must attend one PE clinic each semester to earn five credits for the course. During the PE clinic, students will be tested using the six Fitness gram standards. The Fitnessgram assesses each student's level of fitness in comparison to the expectations of healthy students of the same age and gender. The Fitnessgram tests aerobic capacity (measured by the mile run), body composition (body fat tested with

bioelectrical impedance apparatus), abdominal strength and endurance (curl ups), trunk extension strength and endurance (truck lift), upper body strength and endurance (pushups), and flexibility (shoulder stretch or sit and reach). Results from the testing will be placed in the student's cumulative folder and will determine whether a student is required to take physical education in his/her junior and

perform to the best of their ability and help monitor progress in developing a lifestyle which includes sound nutrition and regular physical activity.

The following dates are still available for students to attend a PE clinic. See your lead teacher to sign up as soon as possible.

9th Grade PE Clinic-Feb. 16
Please register through our website at :
www.choicescharter.org

Click on the Student Weblinks button and choose P.E. Clinics.



Tutoring Schedule

Monday

All Subjects
Comp. Lab
8:30-3pm

Math Rm 4
1:30-3:00pm

Tuesday

All Subjects
Comp. Lab
8:30-3pm

11th Grade English
Rm 2
2:00-3:00pm

Wednesday

All Subjects
Comp. Lab
8:30-3:00pm

Math Rm 4
9:30-11:30 am

Thursday

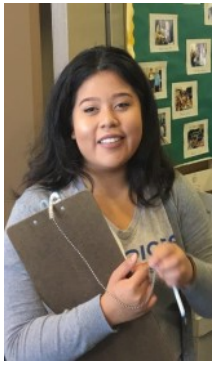
All Subjects
Comp. Lab
8:30-3:00pm

Math Rm 4
12:00-2:00pm

11th Grade English
Rm 2
2:00-3:00pm
Piano Rm 4
12:30-1:30pm

Friday

All Subjects
Comp. Lab
8:30-12:00pm



....And now a message from our school yearbook reporter, Chelsea Rubio, Class of 2017



Interview with Mrs. Hannon

The Choices Festival of the Arts was on January 18th 2017. Students from the music department and film class came together to showcase their many talents alongside a display of art pieces made by fellow Choices art students. Yearbook reporter, Chelsea Rubio, gathered with music teachers Mrs. Hannon and Mrs.Oddo to talk about their experience and thoughts on the event.

Interview with Mrs. Hannon

Q1: What were the preparations for The Festival of the Arts? Where there any Challenges?

A1: “The students have been practicing for this festival since week one. What makes it a challenge isn’t necessarily the students learning the material on their own but meshing and performing together. They figured out how to perform the music independently and then were faced with the challenge of making a collective sound. It was exciting to see how the energy built when they finally came together”

Q2: How were the songs chosen for the performance?

A2: “The song choices were a combination, I would pick some and some were suggested by the students. I wanted them to feel like it’s their show. Classes support each other so it’s really important that the song choices are something that all the classes can participate in.”

Q3: Any repeated requests from the last recital?

A3: “It wasn’t planned on purpose, but it’s the third recital we’ve done that features songs from Shrek! We’ve done ‘Hallelujah’, ‘All-Star’, and this year we performed ‘I’m a Believer.’ “

Q4: The Festival of the Arts usually includes performances from the music classes and a presentation from the art classes; was there anything new this year?

A4: “Something new this year was the larger piano inclusion, there was a lot more representation in piano students compared to the past.”

Interview with Mrs. Oddo

Q1: How did you feel about the Festival of the Arts?

A1: “The Festival of the Arts was a new experience for me as it’s my first year here but I’m very happy with the results. I saw students stretch way beyond what they thought they could do and I’m very proud of them doing so.”

Q2: Was it difficult to pick pieces for the performance?

A2: “It was difficult to pick recital pieces for beginning students since you don’t want to pick songs that are too easy like ‘Mary Had a Little Lamb’ or something too difficult for students to perform live.”

Q3: Compared to last year this year’s festival of the arts had more piano students; how many students played in the show?

A3: “Six students performed in the show!”

Q4: When will be the next recital?

A4: “The next recital is scheduled for sometime in late May.”

EXTRA !!

The Student Leadership team organized a canned food drive in December that was wildly successful due to the motivation of the team captains, Martine and Scott Cermak. We collected more food than was needed to supply the ten families selected by staff to receive holiday baskets.

We would like to continue to share this generously donated food throughout the year until we have given it all out to those in need. If any Choices families are experiencing difficulty purchasing enough food or have undergone an emergency situation that has put them suddenly in need, they are welcome to come in and put together a box of food from our food closet. Please contact Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Cermak with requests for assistance.

We also have a clothes closet that was started by donations from staff and Choices families. If you have a need for an outfit for a job interview or are having difficulty purchasing clothing, please drop by room 9 and see what is available.



Parents of Graduating Seniors!

A brand-new addition to the yearbook this year are Senior Ads. Parents can now purchase a ¼ page ad for \$10 through the online pay option. This new feature will allow you to create a special dedication to your senior with pictures and text.

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