

# MESA MINUTE



Costa Mesa High/Middle School Newsletter

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

## Mesa Minute

Mesa Minute is being distributed through the High School's Peachjar program. If you have a student registered at CMHS/MS, you are automatically getting this bi-weekly newsletter to the parent emails established in the CMHS/MS database. Click on the button on the right to be linked to the rest of the newsletter. They will be available on schoolloop. Please email [vhatch@nmusd.us](mailto:vhatch@nmusd.us) for any subscription issues. Mesa Minute can also be viewed on [cmhs.schoolloop.com](http://cmhs.schoolloop.com).



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Newsletter*



### Welcome to our team, Ryan Gibson, CMHS Alumni!

We want to welcome Ryan Gibson, who is a CMHS Alumni, Class of 1996. Ryan is our new plant manager. He comes from a family of 4 boys and all were graduates of CMHS. Ryan celebrated his 10 year anniversary with the Newport-Mesa Unified School District on February 1st. Before Costa Mesa, he worked at Newport Harbor High School. Welcome to the team, Ryan!

**“Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard.”**  
*- Kevin Durant*

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## COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPALS

When: Friday, March 4, 8:30 a.m.

Join the Principals of Costa Mesa High/Middle School for coffee & conversation!



Where: CMHS Library

## ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

### California Healthy Kids Survey

Costa Mesa MS/HS Community Members:

We wanted to let you know that your 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in the "California Healthy Kids Survey" in the very near future.

The purpose of this survey is to gather information about school climate and factors that affect learning. It deals with such issues as truancy, safety, harassment, substance use, and school connectedness.

· **Participation is voluntary. It is also very important.** The information provided will help guide district and school efforts to promote safety, enhance learning supports, improve student achievement, and reduce health risks that stand as barriers to learning.

- **This is an anonymous survey.**
- **All questions apply to this school only.**
- **The results are for the use of your district.**

Please encourage your student to be as honest and forthcoming in their responses as possible. Our goal is to continue to provide our students with the most accurate and relevant curriculum and resources as possible. Their responses guide our decisions and contribute to our continual improvement.

### Parent Information Nights

# COSTA MESA HS/MS PARENT *information* NIGHTS

Please join us for a presentation regarding important grade level information for the upcoming 2016-17 school year.

## *middle school*

Date: March 23, 2016

Incoming 8th Grade 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Incoming 7th Grade 7:00-8:00 p.m.

## *high school*

Date: March 22, 2016

Incoming 9th Grade 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Incoming 10th, 11th, & 12th 7:00-7:45 p.m.

Incoming 12th grade for college & senior only  
information 7:45-8:30 p.m.

*location* CMHS/MS Theatre



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COLLEGE & CAREER WEEKLY UPDATES



**It is time to file your FAFSA or Dream Application!**

**PRIORITY DEADLINE**  
**MARCH 2**

[fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov)  
**OR**  
[caldreamact.org](http://caldreamact.org)

**FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION**

**Oops!! Did you miss the deadline?**  
Some colleges, especially community colleges, may accept the FAFSA or Dream Act application late. Check with your campus Financial Aid Office.

**SENIORS! FAFSA/DREAM APPLICATIONS DUE THIS WEEK**  
**MARCH 2!**

3/1-3/4 Events

Tuesday- Irvine Valley College Senior Preview Day Field Trip

Wednesday- March 2 FAFSA and Dream Act application priority deadline

Thursday- OCC Transfer Opportunity Program Informational Meeting

Transfer Opportunity Program Info Meeting

- Seniors: are you attending OCC next year? Are you a first generation college student? Do you want to transfer to a four year school? If yes, then OCC TOP might be the perfect support program for you.
- Come to room 146 during lunch on Thursday March 3 to learn more about how you can be one of the lucky students to be part of this exclusive program.

Reminders!!

Follow Counseling on social media and get updates and reminders about important events and deadlines!

[www.cmhs.schoolloop.com/costamesa](http://www.cmhs.schoolloop.com/costamesa)

- Instagram @cmhsnextsteps

Facebook [www.facebook.com/cmhsnextsteps](http://www.facebook.com/cmhsnextsteps)

Remind 101 Text Messages Text message @cmhs15-16 to the number 81010 to get text message reminders

# COUNSELING , COLLEGE AND CAREER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Upcoming Events

### **OCC Preview Day (Seniors) March 8, 2016**

- There is still availability to participate in the Field Trip!
- Pick up a permission slip from Allie Hatch in the C&CC.
- Please return them by Friday 3/4
- See Allie Hatch for questions.

### **YES Job Readiness Workshop Series**

- Great for students who: are looking for part-time or summer jobs and are interested in gaining important skills for their future!
- The series will address Employment Training Skills, Personal Finances, Mock interviews, and more!
- Sign up in the College & Career Center. 16 years or older.
- See attached flyer

### **Community College Placement Testing (Seniors) and Review Sessions**

- If you are thinking about attending OCC, GWC, or CCC you can take the placement test on our campus
- In order to sign up you must have your college ID number
- Please see the attached flyers for the details

## Scholarship Information

**Scholarship Searching Video Tutorial:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ueqYuYjBzbU>

This quick video overviews:

- three types of funding for college
- scholarship searching
- how to search for scholarships on Naviance

### **Scholarship of the Week**

#### **Kim and Harold Louie Family Foundation Deadline March 31, 2016**

- Demonstrate outstanding personal achievements, academic merit, leadership qualities and/or community service. Special consideration will be noted for applicants who: have parents that are US veterans or are currently in the military, with a demonstrated financial need, with parents who did not attend college, or a documented significant disability.
- Application requirements: completed application, 3.5 or higher GPA, minimum SAT score of 1800 (out of 2400) or ACT score of 26, two letters of reference, personal statements, proof of acceptance to a US college/university, interviews via phone or skype (if applicable.)
- Application is attached

For the rest of the list, please see the Naviance website <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=costamesa> The student sign in is the same login that they use for the school computers. If you are a parent and do not yet have a Naviance Parent log-in you can email Allison Hatch and she can get you a username and password.



ORANGE COAST COLLEGE



## VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the Visual and Performing Arts Department, We'd like to invite you to the events of Mesa **MARTch** Madness.



As you can see in the attached graphic, the Visual and Performing Arts Department has got a lot going on this month!

1. **Shrek** runs this weekend and next. This is a great show--adults and kids will enjoy it. For ticket information, please contact director Stephen Reifenstein at [sreifenstein@nmusd.us](mailto:sreifenstein@nmusd.us).
2. Our **Winterguard** is hosting a competition in the big gym--when you go you'll see guards from all over Southern California performing. Contact Sandy Gilboe at [sgilboe@nmusd.us](mailto:sgilboe@nmusd.us) for more information.
3. The **Costa Mesa Cabaret** is an evening of jazz music featuring our jazz bands and our choirs. You'll even get dessert served to you when you come to this one. (Let me know if you would like tickets: [jlindfors@nmusd.us](mailto:jlindfors@nmusd.us)).
4. The **District Vocal Festival** features singers from all over the district. It's a less-than-one-hour free concert held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church across from Newport Harbor High School.
5. Join the Visual and Performing Arts Department for **March Madness Under the Dome** at lunch on Friday, March 18. There will be performances and hands-on art projects for students to try.
6. The Instrumental Music Department will present its annual **Bravo! Concert** in the Performing Arts Center on March 24 at 7PM. Contact Sandy Gilboe ([sgilboe@nmusd.us](mailto:sgilboe@nmusd.us)) if you would like to attend.
7. Our singers will present an encore performance of the popular **Solo Night** on March 30 at 6:30 PM in the Performing Arts Center. If you missed it in February or you'd like to see it again, we'd love to have you. Information about admission will be available shortly. Thanks to all who attended the February 11 performance of Solo Night. We were able to provide over 3,000 meals through Stop Hunger Now from donations made that night!

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Costa Mesa High School Drama Presents...

Directed by Stephen Reifenstein Vocal Direction by Erik Przytulski  
Choreography by Kristina Reifenstein Conducted by Sandy Gilboe

March 4-13, 2016

Fri-Sat  
7pm  
Sunday  
4pm

Tickets:  
\$15 Adult  
\$10 w/ASB  
\$8 12 & Under



Costa Mesa High School Performing Arts Center  
2650 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

**CMHS Color Guard Places 1st in Competition**

A BIG CONGRATS to the CMHS Color Guard who had an awesome performance at their first competition Saturday, Feb. 28, 2016 at Huntington Beach H.S. They were clearly the winners as they scored 1st place with the judges. Great job everyone!



## VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Three outstanding students selected to be a part of the Chapman University High School's Honor Band

A BIG CONGRATS to Han Nguyen, Gustavo Ruiz & Ethan Nguyen who were selected as members of the Chapman University High School's Honor Band Saturday, Saturday, Feb. 28, 2016. The guys represented CMHS with pride as part of the this exceptional ensemble. They participated all day in master classes and rehearsals which culminated in the final concert that evening. The concert was excellent and we are very proud of our members!



## CMHS/MS STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

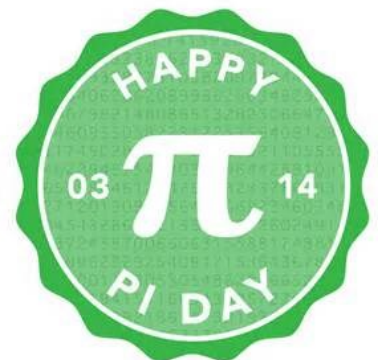
### 7th Grade Delta students are going to Catalina!

The 7th grade Delta students will be going to the Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) on March 7-9. The group of nearly 60 students will be learning through great experiences such as scuba, hiking and great labs!

### March 14 is Pi Day

Pi Day is celebrated on March 14th (3/14) around the world. Pi (Greek letter " $\pi$ ") is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159...

Pi has been calculated to over one trillion digits beyond its decimal point. As an irrational and transcendental number, it will continue infinitely without repetition or pattern. While only a handful of digits are needed for typical calculations, Pi's infinite nature makes it a fun challenge to memorize, and to computationally calculate more and more digits.



## CMHS/MS STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS



During President's week, our 8th graders went on a trip to Washington D.C. and New York. A great time was had by all!



Our Mandarin class visited a Buddhist Temple to celebrate Chinese New Year.



# CMHS/MS STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## The Costa Mesa High School ANNUAL Dodgeball Tournament

CMHS ASB will be hosting the annual Dodgeball Tournament that begins March 9-11th. Students must sign up by Thursday, March 3rd. The Sheets are available outside of ASB Offices.



When: During lunch

Where: Front Gym

Cost: \$5 per PERSON

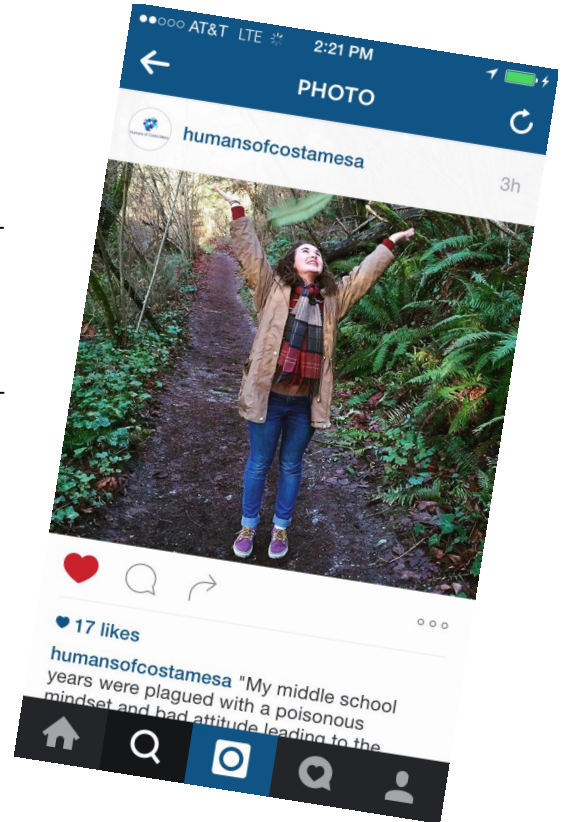
Pay Laurie in ASB Office

## National Honors Society—Follow humansofcostamesa on instagram

Please follow humansofcostamesa on Instagram. This is an NHS endeavor seeking to connect and unify people on our campus as well as those in our larger city community. The hope is that each snapshot would tell the human story we all share and that we could respond with a collective smile, sigh and/or laugh that says "me too" or "I'm not alone". Sometimes they will serve to change the viewing angle on a subject. As Wayne Dyer states "If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change." Same light...same subject... just illuminated differently can move people from judgment to compassion.

## National Share a Smile Day

March 1st is National Share a Smile day and ASB had the Polaroids ready! Students and staff were invited to take a polaroid and share their smiles!



*Mr. & Miss Mesa*

**Who will be crowned?**

Be there on

**March 18**

## CMHS/MS STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Congratulations to the HS MESA Team

This past Saturday, our HS MESA Team competed at MESA prelims along with Bolsa Grande HS, Centennial HS, Compton HS, Dominguez HS, Compton Early College HS, Firebaugh HS, Godinez HS, King Drew Magnet HS, Lynwood HS, Saddleback HS, and Valley HS at UCI.

Students placing 1st through 3rd qualify to move onto the MESA Regional competition in April. We will be traveling to the lovely Imperial Valley. Please help me in congratulating the following students not only on their accomplishments but also for their efforts:

Amber Le and Elizabeth Garcia

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mousetrap Car Power

Emily Olvera & Christine Tfaye

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place EggXpress

Scott Collier, Pearson Irving, & Casey Campbell:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Prosthetic Arm Technical Paper
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall Prosthetic Arm

Sarah Catania, Sylvia Catania, Nancy Le, & Keiser Ruiz:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Prosthetic Arm Technical Paper
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Device Performance
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Academic Poster
- 1<sup>st</sup> place overall Prosthetic Arm



## CMHS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Costa Mesa High School Foundation

The Costa Mesa High School Foundation was formed in 2003 to manage an endowment that funds enhanced educational opportunities at Costa Mesa High School.

CMHS faculty, staff, and administration can apply for grants to fund specific projects or programs. The Foundation gave out more than \$100,000 in grants this last year.

Donations are critical to ensuring a successful year at Costa Mesa High & Middle Schools. Please go to <http://www.cmhsfoundation.com/> to donate and for more information.

### Home Tour Committee Meeting

The Foundation is gearing up for the 2016 CMHS Home Tour and they would love to have you on their home tour committee. There are a variety of opportunities to participate including fundraising, marketing, hostessing, setting up and decorating. Please join them at their next Home Tour committee meeting at Greenleaf in SOCO on Wednesday, March 16 at noon.

Please RSVP to Michele at [assistant@ocfoleylaw.com](mailto:assistant@ocfoleylaw.com).

If you can't attend and would like to participate, please contact Jennifer Christ at [jennnifer.christ@costamesaca.gov](mailto:jennnifer.christ@costamesaca.gov).

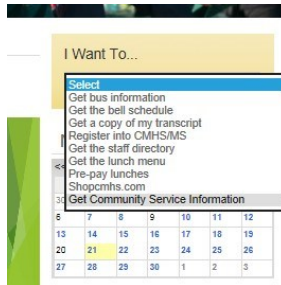


## COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seniors, you should be finishing up your 40 hours as your requirement for graduation. Your 40 hours must be completed by May 1. Get them done now. You only have a few more weeks to get them completed!

Juniors you should be working on completing 30 hours, Sophomores need 20 and freshman you should be working towards getting at least 10 hours.

There are some great events to volunteer at in the next couple of weeks. See the March Community Service Opportunities on schoolloop. Go to I Want To and click on Community Service. The Newsletters are in the locker on the left hand side. You can also pick up a hard copy in the office. Please see Mrs. Hatch in the Community Service office for more information.



## PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PTSA—Become a member!

PTSA connects families and schools. By joining the Costa Mesa High/Middle School PTSA you show your children that school matters, and that you are invested in their success. Three decades of research proves that students achieve higher grades, have better attendance and more consistently complete homework when parents are involved – and just the act of joining PTSA is a great way to get involved.

Dues are \$10 for each membership. It would be great if every student and adult in your family joined the PTA.

You should feel good about helping to make a difference at Costa Mesa High/Middle School. When you become a member of PTSA you are NOT obligated to attend any meetings or work on a committee, however, we would love to see you and have you involved in your child's school life. This year our focus is going to be teacher support.

If you have any questions please contact Cori Juncker, PTSA President at [juncker5@ca.rr.com](mailto:juncker5@ca.rr.com)

### PTSA Meetings

You are invited to this month's PTSA meeting which will be held on Monday, March 21, 7 p.m. in the Library.

### ELAC Meeting

This month's ELAC Meeting will be held on March 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theater.



## PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS



# 2016 GRAD NIGHT AT SPEEDZONE L.A.

JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>, THURSDAY TIME: 11:00PM – 5:00 AM (NEXT DAY)

BUSES WILL LEAVE AT 10:30 PM AND RETURN TO SCHOOL AT 5:00 AM\*

**COST: \$100.00**

(Not included in the SENIOR PACKAGE)

### WHAT'S THERE TO DO?

- 2 MINI GOLF COURSES • MINI BOWLING
- VIDEO GAMES
- UNLIMITED RACING - SLICK TRAX, TOP ELIMINATOR, NEW ELECTRIC TRACK
- UNLIMITED FOOD BY JOHNNY ROCKETS TILL 3AM
- UNLIMITED SODAS TILL 4AM • BREAKFAST @ 4AM

### HOW DO I PAY ?

- CASH, CHECKS, OR CREDIT CARDS (NO AMEX)
- CHECKS MADE OUT TO PTSA • DEADLINE IS MARCH 15
- AFTER MAR 15, COST IS \$125
- 3 PAYMENT PLAN ACCEPTED
- MS. LAUREL WILL BE AT THE QUAD FROM 11:30 - 12:00 EVERY FRIDAY

### MORE INFO :

- BUSES WILL LEAVE AT 10:30 PM AND BACK AT 5:30AM
- THERE WILL BE PARENT AND TEACHER CHAPERONES AT THE EVENT
- SOBRIETY CHECKS WILL BE DONE PRIOR TO BOARDING ON BUS

### ANY QUESTIONS ?

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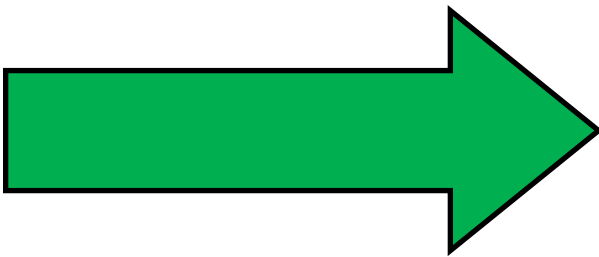
## CMHS ZONE SCHOOLS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Davis Magnet School hosts Curriculum Day and STEM Expo

Davis Magnet School hosted their annual Curriculum Day and STEM Expo on Wednesday, January 27. Curriculum Day is a spinoff from "Take your child to work" day, but instead it is "take your parent to school" day. Parents of students ranging from preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade joined their children in their classrooms. Parents did exactly as their children throughout the day and participated during Socratic Seminar, submitted assignments via Google Classroom, attended science lab, and even played out at recess. Students also submitted projects to the STEM Expo located in the MPR. 6<sup>th</sup> graders had been working on their projects with science teacher, Mrs. Brusic. Students in preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade had the option to complete a project at home with their families. Projects ranged from creating a backyard foundry, building volcanoes, creating slime, learning more about magnetic force, and testing how far a hockey puck will rebound off of a rubber band. It was a busy and engaging day of learning for students of all ages!



### Incoming 7th grade Parent Information Night



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*Location*  
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CMHS/MS Theatre

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