



School Updates:

Hello CSCA Families,

I hope each of you has enjoyed your day! As we reach mid-year, it is a great time to send a reminder to check your [children's uniforms](#) for fit and compliance purposes. As seasons change and children grow, it can be difficult to remember to meet the uniform dress code set for CSCA. Attached you will find the current approved uniform document and we ask that you read through it. Please assist our CSCA staff as we are diligent to remind students as well as send reminders home to ensure students are dressed in proper uniform attire, by checking your child's clothing prior to loading into the family car each morning. Uniform violations have been surging upwards recently, and together, we can make sure that the dress code is being met, making the daily check for teachers easier. Thank you so much for your support and efforts, as we serve together for the good of CSCA students!

Kindly,
Zoe Ann Holmes | Head of School

General Rules

COLORS	School colors for polo shirts are navy blue, red, white, and forest green. For pants, school colors are khaki and navy blue.
HATS	Hats, scarves, and bandanas are not allowed in the school building.
HAIR	Hair style and colors must be tasteful and well-groomed in nature. Hair may be dyed in naturally occurring hair colors only. Girls may wear bows 5" or less across, headbands less than 2" wide with no ears, and non-distracting hair clips. Bandanas are not considered hair accessories. No hair tinsel/glitter strands.
MAKE-UP, NAILS	K - 6 th grade students may not wear make-up. K - 6 th grade girls may wear clear, pastel, or nude colored nail polish. 7th and 8th grade girls may wear neutral make-up. 7th and 8th grade girls may wear any color polish. <u>Fake nails and false eyelashes are prohibited for all students.</u>
ACCESSORIES	Body piercings and tattoos (even temporary) are prohibited. One necklace may be worn if unseen and kept inside shirt. Pins are prohibited. Students may wear one tasteful watch (no smart watches). K – 6 th grade students may wear 1 ring or bracelet at a time. K – 6 th grade may wear up to two sets of post earrings (no hoops or dangling earrings). 7th and 8th grade may wear up to two rings per hand, 2 bracelets per wrist, and up to two sets of any style earrings, no larger than 1".
BELTS	Belts must be worn with all pants and shorts (all pants and shorts must have belt loops). Buckles must be plain. Belts are optional for Kindergartners.
OUTERWEAR	Outerwear, other than approved uniform items, may not be worn in the classroom. Fleece jackets and hoodies in school colors that are solid without designs or with the school logo are acceptable in class.
SWEATER/ CARDIGANS	Sweaters in school colors (no patterns) can be worn over approved uniforms.
HEMS	The hemline in jumpers and skirts, and shorts must not be higher than 2" above the knee (the front and back of the knee).

PANTS/SHIRTS	Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist and must have belt loops. The hem of the pants may not extend past the heels. Pants, shorts, and shirts must fit modestly, with a 1 – 2” ease, not too tight or loose. No denim or jeggings. Pant pockets must be on the inside of the pants. All shirts must be polo style with collars. Skirts and dresses/jumpers may only be worn by girls.
SOCKS, TIGHTS	Socks, and tights must be black, navy, red, tan, or white and must be worn at all times. Socks must match each other. Girls may, along with their skirts and dresses, wear full-length nylon stockings or leggings in school colors (must be solid), for modesty.
FOOTWEAR	Matching shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes may have no more than 1” heel. Crocs, sandals, and open-toed shoes are prohibited. Boots are not allowed for all-day wear, although snow boots may be worn to school as long as they are changed before entering the classroom. Shoes may not have lights or wheels. If shoes have laces, the laces must be tied and neat.
NEATNESS	Students must present a groomed appearance. Shirts must be tucked in. Uniforms may not have holes or stains. Undergarments must be worn, but not seen, even through clothing.

Hello Everyone,

I want to give everyone an update on our performances. In the past, there has been a holiday performance for certain age groups. We have been working on holiday music in our K-2nd grade classes and continuing hands-on lessons with instruments with all students.

As I started to plan things out, I realized that time was quickly running out and I could see that we were not going to be prepared for this performance. It is extremely important to me that when we have performances it's something we can be proud of. Therefore, I have decided to postpone the concert until the spring semester.

We're planning to have our Kindergarten and 2nd grade classes perform Christmas carols at our holiday assembly on Dec 16th to fulfill our curriculum performance requirements. They have been working on these songs for about 3 weeks now and it should be a cheery time for all! If you have students in Kindergarten or Second Grade, we welcome you to attend our holiday assembly on December 16, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

I do want to express my gratitude for everyone's patience as I work through my first year of teaching. This first semester has been difficult, but even more rewarding. Getting to teach these students is a privilege and seeing them engaged in my class brings me so much joy and I can't wait to see what we can achieve in the coming months!

Thank you all and happy December!

Sincerely,
Braden Barrentine
Music Teacher

Nurses' office:

Respiratory viruses, including RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus), flu, and COVID-19 are spreading across Colorado and the nation.

Quick guide for when to stay at home:

COVID-19: Stay at home and isolate from others for at least five days, then wear a mask for the next five days when around others.

Non-COVID-19 Respiratory illness:

Stay at home and isolate from others until symptoms, including cough, are improving AND are fever free for longer than 24 hours without the use of any fever-reducing medications.

Thank you!

- **Giving Trees! There are giving trees in each building's lobby, elementary is for k-5 grade teachers and middle school is for 6-8 teachers. Parents and family members can come in to get a tag for any staff member they want to get a holiday gift for!**
 - The auction basket winners are Ms. Sheppard's class and Mrs. Endicott's class! They get to choose from a PJ day, free dress day, or ice cream for the class. Thank you everyone who participated!!
 - Girl's basketball tryouts will be tomorrow after school 3:30-5:30 in the gym. Extra permission slips are at the middle school front desk with Mrs. Lancaster.
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Girls Basketball Tryouts



CALLING ALL BASKETBALL PLAYERS!

Basketball tryouts begin Tuesday, December 6th.

If you are interested in playing on this year's basketball team, or even if you are just wanting to learn the basics of basketball, we want to see you! Girls grades 6-8th are all welcome.

TRYOUT DATES ARE DECEMBER 6TH THROUGH DECEMBER 8TH FROM 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM:

CSCA believes in working hard and playing hard. We know and understand athletic participation not only teaches character, but reveals it. With that, our basic philosophy is outlined below:

- We believe winning is a byproduct of preparation and hard work. Winning is fun, but it's NOT the ultimate goal.
- The CSCA sports programs ultimate goals are to:
 - teach the fundamentals of the game
 - ensure kids get much needed exercise
 - create an opportunity to make friends and feel like a part of a team and how to support team mates.
 - learn and demonstrate good sportsmanship (after all, it's a *game*)
- Tryouts and CSCA team focus will always be:

○ Skill level	○ Core Virtues
○ Sportsmanship	○ Respect
○ Attitude & Hustle	○ Responsibility

Parent: Please complete & return this form to the school office.

I, _____ (Parent Name), give permission for my child _____ (Student Name) to participate in basketball tryouts at Colorado Springs Charter Academy, during the 2022-23 school year.

My signature evidences that I accept general liability for the participation of my child in the activity, club, or sport identified above and that I agree to indemnify and hold harmless CSCA, its teachers, its sponsors, its governing board, and other participating agents, either jointly or severally, from and against any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses, costs, or causes of action that may arise in connection with this activity, club, or sport.

(Parent Signature) _____ (Date) _____

Parent Name (Please Print): _____ Parent Phone Number: _____

Parent Email: _____

Student Health Conditions: _____

Students must have completed and signed permission slip before they will be permitted to participate in the above activity, club, or sport. Students without permission slips will not be allowed to participate. No exceptions will be made.

Important Dates:

- December 6: Girls basketball tryouts 3:30-5:30 pm in the gym **6-8th grade only!**
December 8: PTO Meeting 6:30 pm Computer Lab
December 9: Vendor Holiday Shop during school and after school 2-3 pm in the Gym
December 9: Uniform Exchange 2-3 pm elementary building
December 13: Dinner Night Canes 4:30-8:30 pm Galley location
December 15: Board Meeting 6:30 pm Computer Lab
December 16: Movie Night Polar Express 5:30 pm

- January 13: Uniform Exchange 2-3 pm elementary building
January 11: 5th-8th Awards Ceremony 2-3 pm
January 12: K-4th Awards Ceremony 2-3 pm
January 12: PTO Meeting 6:30 pm Computer Lab
January 17: Dinner Night Panera 4-8 pm New Center Point
January 19: Board Meeting 6:30 pm Computer Lab
January 20: [Staff Luncheon](#)
January 24: Skate City Night 6-8 pm Academy location
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