

The Common Good

The Concordia School

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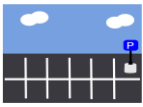
February 5, 2024

Parent Teacher Conferences



Conferences are **in person THIS WEEK, Wednesday through Friday.**

If you need a reminder of your day and time, please review your sign-up on the Parent Hub.



Parking: Please do not park in the parking lot during busy pick-up and drop-off times, 8-8:30 and 3:00. Also, there is no parking along the fence across the street. Thank you!

CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

Children's House: In the school library, the small building near the Junior Elementary. From the parking lot, walk through the small white gate to your left. Please wait on the long bench along the white wall by their garden, if it's not too hot.

Junior Elementary: In their computer room. Please enter through the outside deck. Also wait on the bench along the white wall by their garden.

Advanced Elementary: In the Advanced Elementary kitchen. Enter through the Advanced kitchen door when the door is open.

The **Pre-conference Questionnaire** helps communication! Note your questions, star important issues and return it to us ASAP, please. Hard copies are in the Breezeway. Thank you!

Questions? Please ask! 😊



Next Year

Contracts for the 2024/2025 school year will be mailed out February 13th. **If you are returning**, both copies of the contract and your tuition deposit for next year will be due March 1st. You do not additionally have to pay a March payment for this school year.

If your child is graduating, or you are not planning to return, your normal tuition payment is due March 1st.



Valentine's Day

Each classroom will celebrate Valentine's Day in its own way on Wednesday, February 14th. Check with your child's teacher for details.

REMINDER

Thursday, February 15 is a Minimum Day.



SCHOOL IS CLOSED

Friday February 16

and

Monday February 19

for the Presidents Day weekend.

NEW! Please make note...

We will be closing school early, at 6pm, on the night of the School Play, Thursday, February 29, so that everyone has a chance to get to the theater on time. Please plan ahead. Thanks so much!



Other School Play Updates

Please see the attached *Ticket Order Form* and the listing of important Play dates on *Play Highlight*. These will also be posted and hard copies available in the Breezeway.

TICKETS: If you'd like us to pick up your tickets @ the Box Office, return the attached order form and payment to us by February 13. We'll hand-deliver your tickets to you the following week. It rarely happens, but one year we did sell out and one family was very disappointed. Please don't delay! You can also purchase tickets through the theater Box Office. 925-943-SHOW, and online.

WHO NEEDS A TICKET: Children performing in the Play do *not* need a ticket. The theater requires everyone entering the audience to have a ticket, *even the little ones*. Our Play can be a nice experience for children as young as 3-4, but if possible and you have other options, we recommend leaving babies at home. The late night and the dark theater can be upsetting to the youngest children, which makes it hard on actors and the audience.

BLACKTOP REHEARSALS start next Monday. We'll rehearse all the acts every day. If it's raining, we'll practice inside. Elementary students should be memorizing lines now, but may still work with scripts during the week of February 12. We'll rehearse without scripts starting Tuesday, February 20th.

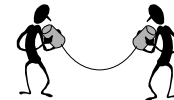
STILL NEEDED: a small, lightweight, old-fashioned sofa / love seat. Talk to us or send a picture if you think you can help.

Communication: A 2-Way Street

Direct communication between parents and school is important to the well-being of all. It helps us to hear new ideas, what's working well, what may be of concern, how we can help you understand "the big picture" of what we do. We encourage it, even when it's not easy.

Action can only begin when the school knows what's on a parent's mind. "Action" may mean trying something new, or clarifying why we do what we do.

Concerns are important to share. Action may be happening before you come to us, but because we often can't share details, it may look like we're doing nothing. If you come to us, we can explain our process, which includes many conversations with children, staff and parents to evaluate a situation. We can also let you know the bigger picture of your child's description of their school day.



If it's hard for you to give feedback, share an idea, or speak up about a concern, begin with a Class Parent *with whom you're the most comfortable*. Then we encourage a conversation with the Head Teacher or Office person who can help and initiate action. This doesn't guarantee immediate change or that everyone will be happy. Some things just take time. We do know that conversation gets us all thinking.

Real and honest communication takes courage. We foster it between the children every single day. It builds awareness on all sides and is a positive expression of a healthy community.