



# SCHOOL NEWS

## CANYON RIDGE SCHOOL

Dear Cougar Families,

March 2021

March is such a fun month; warmer weather is here, Spring Break is on the horizon and we are heading toward the final stretch of the school year. We will begin March by analyzing our second Dysart Reading and Math Benchmark Assessment data. This data will provide us the information we need to help students prepare for AzM2 Assessments in April/May. As a reminder, all students in grades 3 through 8 must take the AzM2 exam in person on campus. iSchool families, please be sure to mark your calendar to come into school on designated dates. In person families, please avoid scheduling appointments on days that your child's teacher has scheduled AzM2 exams. Teachers are working diligently to ensure students are making growth in all academic areas and meeting each student at his/her individual level. A strong home-school connection is vital to maximize student growth. We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to do their very best.

Over the past few weeks many families have transferred from iSchool@CRS to in person learning. As a result, we have more students on campus. We are asking families to reexamine when they leave their home each morning. We have many students arriving at school tardy because morning drop off is taking longer. Students should be in their classrooms at 8:15 a.m. Please have your child to school no later than 8:10 a.m.

Please be on the lookout for information about our PTA's one and only fundraiser. Our teachers and students benefit greatly from our PTA's support. Funds raised directly benefit the classroom through technology, supplies and materials, and incentives. If we all work together we can meet the goal of \$20,000.00 and the entire school will earn a Kona Ice treat during recess.

During the month of March we are focusing on Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw. This habit means preserving and enhancing the greatest asset you have--you. It means having a balanced program for self-renewal in the four areas of your life: physical, social/emotional, mental, and spiritual.

As the assessment season is upon us, we want all students to feel confident. You can assist your child for testing the following ways:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before a test and eats properly the day of a test.
- Make sure your child has taken any needed medication.
- Ensure that your child is present during assigned testing days (children generally perform better when taking tests in their groups rather than a make-up time).
- Remind your child the test is important. Encourage him/her to do his/her best.
- Remind your child to listen carefully to the instructions and to read the directions and each question carefully. Explain to your child the importance of using time wisely.
- Encourage your child to stay focused on the test, even if other students finish early.

As always, thank you all so much for your support and focus on extraordinary, YES!

Jill Hoppe,  
Principal

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## **Flag Football**

All Canyon Ridge boys in Grades 6-8 are welcome to tryout for the team. Students must have their signed Covid Waiver and Permission slip with them for the first day of tryouts. See website for link to download forms.

Tryouts: March 1st and 2nd, 3:45-5pm on Back Field

Virtual Parent Meeting: Thursday, March 4th, 5-5:30pm

<https://meet.google.com/aav-exva-ytr?authuser=0&hs=122>

## **Girls Basketball**

All Canyon Ridge girls in Grades 6-8 are welcome to tryout for the team. Students must bring a completed permission slip and Covid Waiver with them for the first day of tryouts. See website for link to download forms.

Tryouts: March 2nd-4th, 3:30-5pm in the Gym

Virtual Parent Meeting: Tuesday, March 9th, 5:30-6pm

<https://meet.google.com/obz-uxuz-ppr?authuser=0&hs=122>

## **Cheer**

All students trying out for the Cheer Squad must have attended the three-day cheer clinic held the last week of February.

Tryouts: March 5th, 3:15-5:00pm in the Gym

Virtual Parent Meeting: Tuesday, March 9th, 6-6:30pm

<https://meet.google.com/gvq-xjcv-vvw?hs=122&authuser=0>

## **PTA Virtual General Membership Meeting and Canyon Ridge University**

Tuesday, March 23rd, 5:30-7:30pm

PTA Meeting:

<https://meet.google.com/jwo-eeap-dpw?authuser=0&hs=122>

Canyon Ridge University: Join via Zoom

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86422004062&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1614781627432000&u sg=AOvWaw2uEU0m5B7IUNSP9cgsSFXi>

Dr. Shelley Isai, Curriculum Instruction and Assessment Administrator, will discuss Standards Based Grading

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Mar. 1-2** Flag Football Tryouts

**Mar. 2-4** Girls Basketball Tryouts

**Mar. 4** Flag Football Virtual Parent Meeting

**Mar. 5** Cheer Tryouts

**Mar. 8** ISchool Students Picture Day, 1:30-3:30pm in the Gym

**Mar. 9** In Person Students Spring Picture Day

Girls Basketball Virtual Parent Meeting, 5:30pm

Cheer Virtual Parent Meeting, 6pm

**Mar. 10** Governing Board Meeting, 6:00pm

**Mar. 12** Field Day

**Mar. 15-19** NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

**Mar. 23** Kona Ice on sale 2:30-4pm

PTA Meeting and Canyon University, 5:30pm