



Knighly Messenger

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What's New?

We have a few changes to Cambridge...

- New Address for Cambridge!
- New Board Member!
- New Faculty Coach!
- New Reading Specialist!
- New Office Manager!
- Lockers! (Yes, lockers!)

We want to express our gratitude to all involved in helping us make improvements.

Any questions? Call us!

From the Administration...

GEARING UP FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

School Supplies. Don't pass up all those great bargains at Staples, Office Depot, Wal-Mart, and the like. The list of school supplies is available on-line on our web site's home page. Please ensure that all of your child's items are purchased before the first day and placed in his/her big brown bag with his/her name.

First Day Assembly. The first day assembly will be held at 9 AM. Students will arrive between 8:00 and 8:10 AM and line up at/by 8:10 AM ready to go to their classrooms. Parents will not be permitted in the classrooms until after 9 AM in order to allow students the transition to the first day schedule with their teacher. From 8:15 AM – 8:45 AM, there will be a parent reception in Knights Hall. Alderman Will Burns (4th Ward) and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle will then join us as we gather outside and she rings the bell signaling the start of the school year for Cambridge's seventh year!

Registration Information. Still haven't turned in your registration information from the welcome packet? You will want to submit this information by August 3rd (Order Form) and August 15th (all other forms) as your child will not be able to attend school until we have these items.

Back to Basics. The Cambridge School was founded upon the principles of high quality, faith-based education; a safe, caring, encouraging environment; an individual learning plan for every student; strong parental involvement and partnership; a time-tested, proven classical curriculum; and, small class sizes for individual instruction.

This school year is being declared the "Year of Increase" at Cambridge. However, in order to increase, there must be pruning, watering, nurturing, developing, and caring for what is most important in the life of the school. For this reason, the Board of Directors has increased measurable accountability for all of the founding principles that guide our school. We will see 100% parent involvement. We will see 100% academic achievement through the ILP (parent-teacher partnership). Everyone will be held accountable this year! We will see board members, administrators, faculty & staff, parents, and partners working diligently to make Cambridge an "education as unique as your child." We are *On the Move!*

Welcome the 2011-2012 Cambridge Faculty & Staff!

Ms. B. James, Primary Class I (PK) Teacher
Ms. F. Hardy, Primary Class II (JK) Teacher
Ms. K. Fisher, Primary Class III (K) Teacher
Mrs. N. Hall, Grammar Class I (1st) Teacher
Ms. J. Hale, Reading Assessment Coach
Ms. A. Kistler, Grammar Class II (2nd) Teacher
Mr. C. Mercado, Grammar Class III/IV (3rd/4th) Teacher
Mrs. P. Johnson, Upper Classes Humanities Teacher
Mr. A. Raines, Grammar Classes Science/Tech. Teacher
Mrs. A. Chatman, Upper Classes Math Teacher

Mrs. K. Laude, Enrichment Teacher
Mr. P. Venerable, Physical & Health Education Teacher
Mrs. L. Papillon, Business Manager
Mr. A. Weston, Admissions and Athletics Director
Mrs. C. Brown, After School Enrichment Teacher
Mrs. C. Dilorio, Faculty and Academics Consultant
Mrs. N. Springfield, Board of Directors, Curriculum
Dr. P. Nickson, Board of Directors, Parent Relations
Mr. M. Moore, Board of Directors, Secretary
Mr. D. Barber, Board of Directors, Founder and President

Facility Work Days

Our teachers are preparing their classrooms for the first day. For the next two weeks, we need parents to assist us with simple chores around the school, including:

- Complete loading boxes for the move (now);
- Help unload boxes from the move (Aug 22-26);
- Help organize the books and curriculum supplies from orders (Aug 22-26);
- Help prepare homework folders (Aug 8-19);
- Help clean off desks (Aug 22-26);
- Help assemble new furniture, etc. (Aug 22-26)

Contact the office at 773-924-1200 for more info.

First Day Uniforms

The first day of school, September 6th, will be here sooner than you think. Have you purchased your child's school uniform yet? Now is the time to make that trip over to Martinelli's on W. 95th Street and purchase the uniform. The friendly sales persons there will help you assemble all of the necessary pieces.

On the first day, students are required to wear the full dress uniform. Once in the classroom, we will make students more comfortable. Students without the proper uniform will not be admitted, so don't delay. Martinelli's has the uniform requirements in the store.

The Cambridge School will host its Annual Ice Cream Social on the following date:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH

The location for the Back to School Social is:

**The Harold Washington Park
5100 S. Hyde Park Blvd.
Chicago, IL
(1 block West of Lake Shore Drive)**

We will give each person a ticket to receive a scoop of ice cream. Please don't hesitate to contact the School if you have any questions.

Cambridge Parent Council (CPC)

New Board Member

The Cambridge School is pleased to welcome *back* Dr. Pamela E. Nickson. Dr. Nickson was the founding Cambridge Parent Council President from 2005-2007. She built CPC from the ground up. She organized all the committees, organized the parents, oversaw the programs and open houses, and participated on nearly every committee until it was self-sustaining. Dr. Nickson now joins us a member of our Board of Directors, tasked with Parent Relations and Curriculum. Be certain to welcome Dr. Nickson!

Did you schedule a physical yet?

FACTS Tuition Payments. Your first FACTS tuition payments will begin on August 5th or August 20th. Please ensure that your accounts are prepared. Any changes to your account must be communicated to the school ten (10) days prior to the scheduled due date of the automatic ACH payment.

2011-12 Calendar. The official Cambridge School calendar for 2011-2012 school year is available on-line under "Newsletter Archives" on the home page.

New Address

Effective August 20th, our new address is:

1014 East 47th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60653
Phone: (773) 924-1200
E-mail: info@cambridgechicago.com

Ambassadors Club After School Program.

Ambassadors Club will begin on September 6th. If you have registered your child for Ambassadors Club, you need not do anything else. We will ensure that your child is in attendance to the after school program. You may still register for Ambassadors Club!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

August

8-26 Individual Learning Plan (ILP) Conferences
18-29 **Cambridge Works! Facility Work Days, 12- 5 PM**
20 First monthly tuition installment due (20th/month)
28 Back to School Ice Cream Social

September

5 **Labor Day—Student and Staff Holiday**
6 First monthly tuition installment due (5th/month)
6 First Day of Classes
15 CPC *Back to School Night*, 6 PM (mandatory)
29 School Photos (clean and full daily uniform req.)

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CAMBRIDGE CAMP PHOTOS ARE ON-LINE!