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Dear Parents and Friends of ACS;

It has been a wonderful school year! We will miss your students over the summer and these halls will be so quiet until August. We hope that you have a fantastic summer.

Our class lists will be posted the 1st week of August for the 2010/2011 school year. We try to take in your requests as well as consider personalities, gender, abilities etc. when deciding which teacher will best fit each student. This is a difficult task and one we take very seriously. Please let me know ASAP if you do have a request as I will be finalizing these lists over the summer.

We are having some staff changes for next school year. The following teachers will not be returning to ACS next school year due to various reasons: Erin Frederiksen, Michaela Gauer, Laura Boshoven, Christy Matlock, Wendy Hollister, and Sandy Staley. These staff members will be missed and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors!

We have learned that all individual CSAP scores will be at ACS by August and once we have received them, we will send them to you. MAPs data should have been sent home the last day of school, please check your student's backpacks for that information. If you did not receive it or cannot find it, please contact your student's teacher so we can get that information to you!

As a final note, I just wanted to express my gratitude for your children. We have a wonderful group of kids at this school and the cute notes many of them gave me warmed my heart. Your continued support of ACS and our efforts is invaluable and our school could not be as great without it. Thank you for all that you do and see you in the fall!

Sincerely,  
Yvette Brown  
ACS Dean

Important Dates

- July 20-August 3 On-line Registration
- August 12 1st day of school for students!

## Governing Board News

### Letter from the President:

Parents and Staff of ACS:

As we near the end of the 2009/2010 school year, the Governing Board wanted to update everyone on some of the happenings at ACS over the prior year. On behalf of the entire Governing Board, we wanted to take a minute to say thank you to our incredible staff of teachers, aides, front office, and administration for all of their hard work and dedication to our kids. Additionally, we want to say thank you to all of the parents who have contributed to ACS of your time, energy, and expertise on a number of issues and topics throughout the year.

*Operations Committee:* A huge thank you goes out to the operations committee and its members for their invaluable work throughout the year. The committee is chaired by Scot Brooks. **Notable items that couldn't/wouldn't have been accomplished this year without Scot and his team include:**

1. Successful acquisition of the adjacent 5.0 acre parcel of land from the town of Castle Rock, which has been an approximate three-year process. This site currently houses approximately ½ of our parking lot, approximately ½ of our ball field, and our access driveway. ACS was in danger of losing the land if a deal had not been worked out prior to November 2010. Through **Scot and his team's efforts, we were able to secure the land without restriction as to use.** Additionally, the contract stated that ACS would have to pay no planning fees, approval fees, review fees, etc. for the future development of the land, which has the net effect of saving the school approximately \$40,000 to \$60,000 over time.
2. During the summer months of June to August 2010, our grass ball field will be replaced with a synthetic turf field that will include a three-lane running track and a long-jump pit for our track team. **On the east end of the field it will say "ACS Eagles"** in 8-foot tall white letters that will help to identify our school. The work is scheduled to begin on June 1 and be completed by August 1.
3. Scot and his team have designed a new carpool system to accommodate the increase in traffic beginning next year with the 2010/2011 school year as a result of class size increases. The new system was implemented in May of 2010 so parents and staff could get used to the new process. This should alleviate carpool issues for afternoon pick-up with the increase in cars. The system currently uses temporary cones to outline the traffic; however, over the summer permanent improvements will be made including new sidewalks, crosswalks and handicapped parking spaces.
4. Scot and his team have submitted plans to the town of Castle Rock for approval under their FDP (Final Development Plan) process for the development of a new 50-space parking lot to be located along the east end of the new ball field. Additionally, the FDP plan has a significant portion of our existing parking lot being built-out with additional spaces and the completion of the fire lane loop road around the north elevation of the building. The FDP process takes approximately six months for all **approvals so this work won't begin until the summer of 2011 at the earliest.** At completion, the additional parking areas will alleviate the parking shortage issue ACS experiences during all school events, athletic events, etc.
5. In addition to the previous items, the operations committee oversaw the replacement of the gym floor, oversaw the replacement of furniture, fixtures and equipment (we are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 3 year replacement plan), the installation of a new phone system, the purchase and installation of additional security cameras and an upgrade to the storage and reliability of the DVR, completed roof repairs, general everyday maintenance items, and Fall and Spring parent clean-up days..

*Policy Committee:* This committee is chaired by Paul Hardison and there are multiple members of the committee. Among the highlights of this committee:

1. Enforcement of dress code issues.
2. Ongoing dress code discussions including presentations made by ACS students, parents, and vendors.
3. Implementation of Spirit Wear and Pride Wear.

*Communications Committee:* This committee is chaired by Cindy Hazlehurst. **Through Cindy's efforts and diligence, ACS has never been more in-touch through various means of communication with our staff and parents.** Accomplishments include:

1. The completion of two parent surveys with 80% plus participation rates from our parents, which is the highest ever comple-

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tion percentage in our history. The Governing Board uses this information to help make decisions on the betterment of ACS.

2. **Staff survey, which is used in conjunction with the Board's evaluation of the Dean's as well as collaborative decisions with the staff as they relate to ACS.**
3. **Student Survey – This is the first year that ACS has had a survey specific to our students to get their point of view of the day-to-day happenings at their school.**
4. **The creation of an "ACS Wants to Know" column in the newsletter that recognizes ACS students for their outstanding achievements.**
5. **Participation in the Douglas County School District's website newsletter.**

*Academic Committee:* This committee is chaired by Todd Warnke. At the start of the 2007-2008 school year, the Academic Committee was disbanded as it was felt that the SAC would be able to perform the majority of the duties of the committee. It was also thought that the remaining duties would easily be covered by the Governing Board as a whole and in particular the SAC Liaison from the Board. Over the next two years as the SAC grew into their full responsibilities it became apparent that there remained some essential gaps in the academic mission of the school that could only be filled by an active Academic Committee. So, in the fall of this school year, the Academic Committee was re-established. Two full-time committee members were selected from the teaching staff with input from the Deans and they are Mrs. Vier and Mrs. Solita. Since then the committee met multiple times with a primary mission of writing a set of Academic Goals for ACS. These goals were written using input from the teachers on the committee, the parent population and statistical data and expertise from the SAC. The final report was delivered to the Governing Board at the May meeting for adoption. The goals established by the committee and approved by the Board will set the standard for years to come for ACS.

*Strategic Planning Committee:* This committee is chaired by Chad Mitchell and is responsible for the long-range planning for ACS. Notable accomplishments of the committee with assistance from the administration, office manager, and Governing Board included:

1. Successful delivery of financials under our requirement to the District on a timely basis.
2. Successful financial audit by an independent third party firm.
3. Town Hall Meeting where the financial aspects of ACS were discussed in great detail with the parents and staff who attended. The focus of this meeting was to address the financial constraints that ACS works under in an effort to keep our staff at 100 percent and experience ZERO layoffs, unlike the DCSD. Through this meeting and inputs from parents and staff, it was voted to increase class size from the current 20 students per class to 22 students per class with 72 students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. By implementing this small class size increase, it allows ACS to continue to operate with a full staff of teachers, aides, and administrative personnel without having to go through layoffs.

Finally, other notable accomplishments during the 2009/2010 school year include:

1. New health insurance plan for ACS staff
2. Treasurers program for 6<sup>th</sup> grade
3. Online events calendar posted to website
4. All Governing Board minutes posted to website
5. Wilson Reading Program purchased for 2009/2010
6. WAN project with DCSD. Once installed, this system will increase the network and computer capabilities of ACS to above current standards in terms of capacity, speed, etc.
7. New science curriculum for the 2010/2011 school year

In closing, I want to again thank the parents, staff, administration, members of PTO and SAC and members of the Governing Board for your dedication of time, efforts, and experience in making ACS one of the top schools in Douglas County and one of the top Charter Schools in the State of Colorado.

Sincerely,

Clayton A. Watson  
ACS Governing Board President

### Operations Committee Thanks You!

The ACS Governing Board's Operations Committee would like to thank all of the parents, school administration and staff for their patience and willingness to work with our team regarding the new Student Drop Off/Pick Up configuration for carpool. Thanks to the endless hours and creativity of Alex Larson we now have a very efficient system which enables us to accommodate future growth while limiting the financial burden to the school.

The committee was also very fortunate to find within our parent community people with highly qualified skills to provide expertise for several other projects which needed to be addressed this year. Thank you to Joe Schauerhamer, Alex Larson, Sean Berzins, Lance Patrick, Steve Schilffarth, Clayton Watson, Sue Parks, Lisa Arnell and DLH Architecture for their hard work and participation in the planning of the new Artificial Turf Soccer Field replacement, the design for the new parking lot, and the plans for the FDP process. The Governing Board's Operations Committee could not have done all we needed to do in such a short period of time without their hard work, expertise and dedication to our school and these projects. Thank you all.

Scot Brooks

ACS Governing Board Operations Committee Chair



Next Regular Governing Board Meeting is Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm in the ACS Cafeteria. Parents and staff are welcome to attend over the summer and get an early start on your volunteer hours for next year.

Minutes from all meetings are posted on the governing board page of the ACS website. <http://www.academycharter.org/govboard.html>

Uniform Vendors:

Educational Outfitters:

10% Sale on Uniform Items for ACS families from June 15-July 31<sup>st</sup>.

New brochures are on the volunteer table in the lobby.

French Toast:

Coupon for Free Standard Shipping on Orders of \$65 or more. (Coupons are also on the volunteer table in the lobby.)



[ACSWantsToKnow@AcademyCharter.Org](mailto:ACSWantsToKnow@AcademyCharter.Org)

ACS Girls Soccer Team Wins Championship!

Congratulations to the Girls Soccer Team for an outstanding season! They won the South Metro Athletic Conference championship game Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.



ACS Hexathlon

The 37<sup>th</sup> annual Hexathlon took place on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders competed against 8 other schools in the Castle Rock area. They did really well! Here are the results:

100 meter dash-4<sup>th</sup> place- Reid Jellison

100 meter dash-5<sup>th</sup> place- Sawyer Kitching

Softball throw-1<sup>st</sup> place- Rachel Russell

Softball throw- 4<sup>th</sup> place- Reid Jellison

Long jump-1<sup>st</sup> place- Rachel Russell

Long jump- 1<sup>st</sup> place- Sawyer Kitching

5 x 400 meter relay-3<sup>rd</sup> place- Erynn Hargrave, Gabby Haneke, Kayla Murphy, Rachel Russell, Madi Arnell

5 x 400 meter relay- 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Sawyer Kitching, Jeremy Brown, Spencer Ford, Nick Bushlack, Reid Jellison

4 x 100 meter relay- 4<sup>th</sup> place- Madi Arnell, Rachel Russell, Erynn Hargrave, Gabby Haneke

4 x 100 meter relay- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Sawyer Kitching, Jeremy Brown, Nick Bushlack, Reid Jellison

Congratulations to all our Hexathlon participants. Outstanding job!

## Registration for Next Year

I am excited to announce that we will be doing an on-line registration for next year. You will use your parent portal log-in to access our registration paperwork online and you will even be able to pay your fees if you wish. We will also have our normal registration days on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to take student pictures, issue ID's for Middle School students, get carpool numbers, and a few miscellaneous items and you can pay fees those days also. We think this will make registration even easier for all concerned.

Please watch for an email regarding the Express Check-In times and dates and we will also put this information on our website.

Have a wonderful summer!

Anne Belfrage  
Office Manager/Registrar  
[belfragea@academycharter.org](mailto:belfragea@academycharter.org)

## Volunteer Corner

I would like to thank all of you for the many volunteer hours you contributed to our school this year. You enrich our school and your students' education by being involved at our school. We ended up with 10,850 hours of volunteer time this year!

Thanks again for all of your help—you have been our “priceless treasures”! Enjoy your summer.

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[Academycharter.org](http://Academycharter.org)



2010 Girls Youth Basketball Camp

For girls entering 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades
June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm-7.00pm
Cost is \$50 which includes a camp T-shirt

This camp will stress the fundamentals needed to become a better player. This is a skill and station based camp with daily competitions. Players will learn the game and have fun at the same time. You will not find a better camp value in Colorado. Space is limited.

Coach Hema has run fundamentals and skills camps throughout Colorado including the Coronado High School youth camp and youth camps at Regis Jesuit High School. He has also been involved in organizing and running the prestigious Adidas Phenom basketball camps in San Diego, CA for girls youth and high school aged players.

The camp will be run by the new CVHS girls basketball coaching staff so come out and meet the new coaches, and have fun learning the game of basketball.

To contact Coach Hema, call 720-394-6429 or matt@maximummgt.com

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade fall of 2010 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_
Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

We/I hereby request that you accept the student's application for the enrollment in the Castle View High School basketball camp. In consideration of your acceptance of this application, we/I, hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless CVHS, its agents, employees, representatives, or assigns, including the CVHS athletics program, the coaching and training staff, from all claims resulting from any injury sustained by my child while traveling and participating in the camp. We/I hereby give permission to the coaches, training staff or other medical professionals to provide medical care as deemed necessary to my child in case of injury or illness.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Castle View High School
Attn: Coach Hema
5254 North Meadows Drive
Castle Rock, CO 80109

Make all checks payable to Castle View High School Basketball

No camper will be turned away due to a lack of funds!!! Walk-ins welcome.