

9-17-21

Dear Addenbrooke High School Parents,

Happy Friday! There is a lot of information today, I apologize in advance for the length.

Today, we have begun our first of four medium, constructed response writings (MCRs) in the various literature classes. These are five-paragraph essays based on a reading passage and a prompt. The first passage is from Charlotte Mason's Ourselves, Volume 4, Chapter VIII, Love's Lords In Waiting: Courage. These essays are written four times a year, two in English, one in history and one in science. The writing is scored by the faculty and counts as a test grade in the class in which they are written. A link to the passage is available at the bottom of the letter, if you would like to read it as well.

Second, we have had some unusual vandalism in the bathrooms for the last couple of weeks and I was alerted yesterday, by Jeffco, of a recent TicToc challenge.

There is currently a "challenge" on TikTok (a social media platform) that encourages students to steal or destroy school property then post a picture or video of this item as a "trophy." The destruction of equipment in our schools such as toilet paper and soap dispensers, sinks, mirrors, and floors in the bathrooms negatively impacts our health and safety protocols and is against district policy and the law. In addition, we are experiencing theft of items from classrooms and offices. We take great pride in our schools and these actions are unacceptable and disrupt our learning environment.

We strongly encourage parents and guardians to have conversations with their students about the seriousness of vandalism and theft of school property. Students who are involved in this type of behavior will be held accountable and face consequences like suspension, restitution, law enforcement referral, and/or expulsion.

I believe this challenge accounts for the vandalism we are seeing. If children are doing these things on purpose, for this reason, we will need to discipline them appropriately.

Lastly, next week is spirit week. Students may be out of our regular dress code but we will still uphold our general principles of modesty and appropriateness. Students will be asked to remedy the situation if they come dressed inappropriately. This may include a call home for appropriate clothing to be brought to them.

- Monday - Stars and Stripes (USA themed day)
- Tuesday - Squad day (Like duo day [dress the same as someone else], but more inclusive for bigger groups)
- Wednesday - We-Disney day (in remembrance of your childhood, dress up as your favorite Disney character)
- Thursday - Throwback Thursday (an 80's themed day)
- Friday - Class Color Day

Spirit week will culminate with a Homecoming Dance on Saturday night, Sept. 25 from 8p - 10p. This event will be held on the K-8 soccer field and the theme is 24K Gold. Students are encouraged to wear their classiest attire. These reminders went out to students about the dance itself:

- No high heels will be allowed on the soccer field. Wear your heels to dinner and pictures and bring some flats or sneakers to change into for the dance.
- No food on the soccer field
- Students attending the dance from other schools will have to sign a code of conduct agreement at the door.
- Tickets are \$15 presale, or \$20 at the door. You can purchase tickets during your lunch time from Student Government during the week of the 20th-24th.
- Appropriate behavior, good manners, and upholding of all of our Addenbrooke values are expected at the dance.

Enjoy your weekend.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Lamgo

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, September 21, College Visit: Providence Christian College

Thursday, September 23, CSO Open Rehearsal Field Study (Orchestra students)

Friday, September 24, Vision & Hearing - 9th Grade and new students

Saturday, September 25, Homecoming Dance 8p - 10p. Addenbrooke Soccer field.

Monday, September 27

Mustang Mini Marathon on the PK-8 campus. Information and pledge sheet attached below. Washington DC trip informational Zoom meeting @ 6:30p (for those interested but not yet signed up). More info to come soon via email.

Tuesday, Saturday 28, College Visit: Hillsdale College

Thursday, September 30, Family Economic and Data Surveys due

Friday, October 1

School Picture Day

College Visit: University of Denver

Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 6 (4p-8p) and Oct. 7 (8a-Noon) Parent Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be a hybrid of in-person or Zoom online, using Sign-Up Genius to schedule appointments. More information will be included next week.

Thursday-Friday, Oct. 7-8 No School

Parents of Seniors:

Senior Pictures/Quotes are due to Mrs. Rupp by **Friday, November 5th – No late pictures/quotes will be accepted.** Specifications include:

- Color pictures are recommended – black and white pictures are accepted.
- Digital photos on CD (JPEG format only - please no DVDs) – or uploaded via email to Mrs. Rupp at krupp@addenbrooke.org.
- Digital photos must be submitted as 300 DPI and a JPEG file
- Each photo should be saved as lastname, firstname.jpeg
- Photos should be a 2.5x3.5 crop (5x7 crop)
- The face should fill 2/3 of the photograph to allow for good viewing in the yearbook

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Rupp @ krupp@addenbrooke.org (the quickest way to contact Mrs. Rupp is by calling the mainline 303.989.1336).

Family Economic and Data Survey

By completing the survey below, you are helping our student body receive funding for items ranging from literature books to field study programs and much more! You may find that your student's fees can be reimbursed or waived. Surveys must be completed and turned in to Mrs. Jerome at the front desk or emailed directly to our financial secretary, Mrs. Swenson, at jswenson@addenbrooke.org **no later than Thursday Sept. 30th at 3:30 p.m.** The survey can be found on the homepage of our website or by clicking the link below.

https://tb2cdn.schoolwebmasters.com/accnt_90399/site_90401/Documents/Family-Economic-D ata-Survey.pdf

Thank you. We appreciate your help!

Mustang Mini Marathon

On **Monday, September 27th** ACA will host our **7th annual Mustang Mini Marathon!**

We encourage **ALL** students and families to participate by sharing the pledge sheet with relatives, friends, and neighbors. This is a **BIG** fundraiser for Addenbrooke so let's make it a successful one!!

Last year, we were able to raise \$7,500 - which is only about half of what we have raised in years past. With that money, we were able to provide our HS with an industrial coffee maker and

everything needed to get that up and running, and our K-8 with a deep freezer as well as partially refurbished the staff lounge. The remaining money has been used to help PACS sponsor all the fun events throughout the year. This year, we are hoping to increase that number back up to our past goal of \$15,000. Our goal is to provide solar lights for the two flagpoles at the K-8 campus and a flagpole and flag for the high school campus.

Please, HELP MAKE THIS HAPPEN!!

This event will take place during the school day. A schedule of running times will come out in the next week as we work with the PE teachers. The students will be running around our new field. K-5 will run approximately 1/4 of the field, and 6-8 will run approximately 1/2 of the field.

Preschool will have their own event in the grammar school playground area. Each grade will run for 30 minutes. High school student government will be helping with the event, but the high schoolers will not be running, in order to keep their schedule consistent. Instead, we invite our High School Students to help support our school and events by just turning in pledges and receiving their Addenbrooke swag. Please remember that this event helps sponsor the High School dances and keep our ticket prices low. We encourage families to come and cheer them on, but we also need help with the event! Look for the sign-up genius to help volunteer with the fun!!! GO MUSTANGS! (parking will be tight this day, be patient, willing to park further away, and walk over)

Pledges

The pledge sheet must be returned to the school **with** pledged monies by **Friday, October 15th**. The students can earn pledges in two ways:

1. They can accept a pledge based on the number of laps they run (per lap). Ex. Donors can pledge \$1.00 per lap. If a student runs 13 laps, they would collect \$13.00.
2. They can accept a flat pledge (preset amount). Ex. Donors can pledge \$10.00 and the student will collect \$10.00 no matter how many laps they run.

Prizes

Students will have the opportunity to earn prizes based on how many pledges they collect. The prizes are cumulative so, for example, if they collect \$60, they will earn the ball, shirt, and fanny-pack.

- \$15 = Mustang hacky sack-style ball.
- \$30 = Mustang Mini Marathon annual shirt (uniform acceptable)
- \$60 = Mustang Mini Marathon fanny-pack

- \$100 = Mustang Mini Marathon sweatshirt (uniform acceptable)
- Top Pledges = A one-year family membership to the Museum of Nature and Science or Denver Zoo (their choice)

BONUS PRIZES

- In grammar school each class in every grade with the highest # of miles will get to SILLY STRING their teacher
- In middle school, the top advisement will get to SILLY STRING their teacher.

We look forward to this fun-filled event! If you have questions please contact: pacs@addenbrooke.org