

January 2012



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## HIGHLIGHTS

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### Dates to Calendar

January 9	Return from Winter Break
January 10	Special and Important Community Council Meeting – 6:30 PM at OW
January 16	King Day – No School
January 18	Shortened Day Wednesday
January 19	CPO Meeting – 6:30 at OW
January 26	MEN of CLAS Meeting – 6:30 at OW
January 27	Furlough Day #1

## Furlough Days Hit CLAS

Given the pending state budget cuts of one billion dollars in education and the CLAS current budget shortfall due to being under-enrolled, **we have no choice but to take 12 furlough days in order to meet compliance with a balanced budget.**

A furlough day means that there will be no school for the students, as our employees will have these days off as unpaid “non-work” days. The scheduled 12 furlough days are as follows:

- Friday, January 27
- Friday, February 10
- Friday, February 17
- Friday, March 23
- Friday, March 30
- Friday, May 4
- Friday, May 25
- Entire week of June 11<sup>th</sup>

For the most part, the selected days are bumped against three-day weekends or spring break. Please note that our school year will be ending one week earlier.

We are abundantly aware and hyper-sensitive to the major inconvenience these furlough days will cause in regard to childcare for many of our families. We are currently brainstorming possible alternatives to provide childcare options for those families that may need it.

You are invited to a special “community council meeting” on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at our Orville Wright campus to discuss the details of these days, express your concerns, and/or offer your support for CLAS in meaningful ways.

### A New Year. A New Approach to Raising Much Needed Funds.

## FUNDRAISING THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

To offset the upcoming state budget cuts and our internal budget shortfall, CLAS is engaged in a fundraising campaign through social media. Very similar to what is done commonly now in political campaigns, we will be using text messaging and a newly developed website to reach as many people as possible, requesting small donations ranging from \$10-\$40. Currently, there are two options. More options will be presented at our special community council meeting on January 10 at 6:30 on the Orville Wright Campus.

#### #1 Cost you nothing option

This option **does not require a monetary donation.** By sending a simple text right now you can support CLAS and stay informed of monthly updates about CLAS and our strategic partners. Take out your phone and **text @teamCLAS and your full name to 740-524-9992** right now. It costs you nothing!!

#### #2 Costs you \$10 to \$40 option

Through our mobile giving campaign, you can text “STUDENT” to 85944 and donate from \$10-\$40 to support your vision. The donated funds will be added to your monthly cell phone bill automatically. Give right now by texting “STUDENT” to 85944 and tell 10 people to do the same. You can donate up to \$40 at a time.

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