



POINTS OF VIEW

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- May 11th: Informational meeting about CWI concurrent/dual credit offerings
- May 14th: H.S. Dance
- May 21st: *Our Town* Presentation
- May 22nd: End of Year Picnic
- May 25th: 4.0 Dinner & Honors Awards Assembly
- Last Day of School: June 4th (early release)

THE JOHN FEAREY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A scholarship fund named for the first principal at Compass Honors High School, John Fearey, has been set up to help students who struggle to pay for CWI concurrent classes.

At Compass Honors High School our juniors and seniors have the opportunity to take concurrent/dual credit classes. Under this program, a student takes a course where he/she can earn credits for high school and college at the same time.

One of our concerns is that a student will not be able to sign up for a course because of financial limitations. In order to prevent this, we have created the John Fearey Scholarship Fund. Under this plan students will be able to apply for financial aid according to their need.

John has spent many years helping students achieve their potential in education and most

importantly helping them reach their potential as U.S. citizens.

I cannot think of someone better suited to give their name to this fund. John is positive, loyal, and full of boundless energy. Watch him engage



John Fearey has been at Compass Public Charter School since 2007.

with his students and you know he has a

genuine interest in them. Our first graduating class has been permanently affected by his

sense of humor and warm manner.

Thank you John for all you have done to help get our high school up and running. All of the students who make their way through the halls of Compass Honors owe you a debt of gratitude.

PARENT INFO MEETING

There will be a parent informational meeting at the school auditorium on Tuesday, May 11th. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm and the CWI concurrent/dual credit program will be discussed. Parents of any age group are encouraged to come. There will be a representative from CWI at the meeting to answer questions. We hope to see you there.

MY POINT OF VIEW

Hi Folks,

We are quickly working our way to the end of our fifth year of school. Next year we will be graduating our first class of seniors. Wow, things have moved so quickly. I can remember sitting in a classroom with the high school committee discussing the focus we wanted to have for our high school.

I have seen the struggle to maintain a viable student enrollment. Next year we will have

close to 100 young people taking classes at Compass Honors High. That is amazing and so rewarding.

I have seen the work our teachers have been involved in as they excitedly embrace designing a new curriculum for our high school students. What a fulfilling challenge.

I get to see our graduation adviser, Linette Gregg, work with a graduation checklist. One of the first orders of business is to

find a company to provide graduation services for our school. We will be bringing options for the purchase of rings, announcements, and other products to our seniors to be this month. That is a visual worth a thousand words.

And now we have the John Fearey Scholarship Fund for upper classmen who are in need of financial support. This is a marvelous ride.

Yours truly,

Interesting (Sometimes Controversial) Readings About Education

Web Articles

~Allocating Student Study Time

http://archive.aft.org/pubs-reports/american_educator/summer2002/askcognitivescientist.html

~The Disadvantages of an Elite Education

<http://www.theamericanscholar.org/the-disadvantages-of-an-elite-education/>

~ Researchers take new look at teenage brain

<http://voices.washingtonpost.com/answer-sheet/research/researchers-take-new-look-at-t.html>

~What Makes a Great Teacher?

<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2010/01/what-makes-a-great-teacher/7841/>

~How To Help Students See When Their Knowledge is Superficial or Incomplete

http://www.archive.aft.org/pubs-reports/american_educator/winter03-04/HowToHelp.html

Recommended Books and Sites!!!!

- *College Bound?* http://www.popecenter.org/inquiry_papers/article.html?id=2231
- *The Literature Network* <http://www.online-literature.com/>
- *The Concord Review, Inc.* <http://www.tcr.org/index.htm>

Upcoming Events for March 2010

Friday, May 7th: Mothers and Muffins

Tuesday, May 11th: Informational meeting about CWI concurrent/dual credit program

Thursday, May 13th: School Board Meeting (7:00 pm, auditorium)

Saturday, May 22nd: End of Year Picnic

Tuesday, May 25th: 4.0 Dinner (Middle School) and Honors Awards Assembly (Middle School and High School)

Thursday, May 27th: Spring Music Concert

Tuesday, June 1st: Aim High Leadership Assembly

Friday, June 4: Last Day of School (early release)

This is a newsletter for those who are interested in the secondary education of **Compass Public Charter School**.

School Administrator: Mrs. Kelly Trudeau

High School Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Lisa Hamer

Student Council Sponsor: Mr. Mark Miller

Graduation Adviser: Ms. Linette Gregg

Assistant Administrator: Mr. Ric Jacob

High School Career Counselor: Ms. Amanda Jacob

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Mrs. Erin Gatfield

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<http://compasshonorshigh.org/>