



POINTS OF VIEW

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- There will be an open gym on Friday, March 12th, from 7-9 pm. Those invited to attend are students enrolled in the 8th through the 11th grades. The activities will be organized by Mr. Pinkerman. Chaperons will be present.
- There are two more informational meetings for prospective students on February 18th and March 18th. Meetings will be from 7:00-8:30 pm in the school auditorium.
- The deadline for submitting enrollment forms for the lottery is Friday, March 26th.
- March Madness Shoot/Serve-a-thon on Friday, March 19th @ 6:00 pm
- Student Led Conferences on March 25th and 26th.
- The lottery for Compass Public Charter School is Thursday, April 22nd.

High School Informational Meetings

On January 28th an informational meeting discussing what Compass Honors High School has to offer prospective students was held from 7:00 till 8:30 pm. The meeting was held in the auditorium before about 20 parents and students. Presenters for the meeting were Mrs. Kelly Trudeau, School Administrator, Mr. Ric Jacob, Assistant Administrator, and Mrs. Susan Luke, Director of School Culture.

The topics covered were divided into two areas: the cultural setting and educational expectations. Attendees were shown how the

school philosophy of discipline is principle-based. The statement of discipline, "You may engage in any behavior which does not create a problem for me or anyone else in class or school," was described as focusing on student responsibility and problem solving.

Another important topic of discussion was what is the Compass version of a high school honors system of education. Among other things, an honors education was stated as being student-centered and concerned with the quality of work, not the quantity of work. In addition,

the Compass honors education centers around developing a student's intellectual potential to the fullest extent by helping students develop the ability to think clearly, to write well, and to argue thoughtfully.

There will be two more meetings in the future—February 18th and March 18th. Both meetings will be held in the school auditorium from 7:00-8:30 pm. There is no need to call ahead and reserve a space.

Note: The deadline for submitting enrollment forms for the lottery is Friday, March 26th, 2010.

My Point of View

Hi Folks,

A week ago the high school had a dance, a masked ball. I was present to help chaperone and was able to see firsthand what makes our school so special. Our students exhibited such joy and pleasure from being around each other that I had to remark to my wife that it must be great to be able to hang around with others of like mind.

Our students behaved as

ladies and gentlemen—not one problem. There was laughter and kindness everywhere.

Not long afterward I came across an internet article that had dance rules for a public school in Wisconsin. Students were warned not to touch each other in suggestive or vulgar ways (the rules in the article were much more graphic).

How fortunate we are to have a school culture that encourages students to act in

honorable ways. How even more fortunate we are to have students who buy into this culture. What a blessing it is to work in that kind of environment.

As we like to say, Compass Honors is honorable behavior as well as honors education. You can be very proud of your children; they are great beacons in a world that needs light.

Yours truly,
Ric

Interesting (Sometimes Controversial) Educational Web Articles

~College Students Who Can't Do Math Or Read Well

http://www.mindingthecampus.com/originals/2009/12/by_sandra_stotsky_and_zeev.html

~A book review of *I'm the Teacher, You're the Student*

http://www.popecenter.org/recommended_reading/article.html?id=1470

~Why Parents Don't Make Good Tutors for Their Kids

<http://blogs.wsj.com/juggle/2009/09/17/why-parents-dont-make-great-tutors-for-their-kids/>

~Heath Resource Center: Online Clearinghouse on Postsecondary Education for Individuals with Disabilities

<http://www.heath.gwu.edu/>

~My Lazy American Students

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2009/12/21/my_lazy_american_students/?s_campaign=8315

~"Higher" Education Has Been "Lowered"

http://www.popecenter.org/clarion_call/article.html?id=2293

Upcoming Events for February 2010

Monday, February 1st: Aim High and Student of the Month Assembly for December/January

Tuesday, February 2nd: PFA meeting @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 11th: Board meeting @ 7:00 pm

Friday, February 12: No school because of Teacher-in-Service

Monday, February 15: No school because of President's Day

Wednesday, February 17th: 100 Day Pancake Breakfast @ 7:30 am (6th-11th grades)

Thursday, February 18th: High School Informational Meeting @ 7:00-8:30 pm

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

School Administrator: Mrs. Kelly Trudeau

Assistant Administrator: Mr. Ric Jacob

High School Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Lisa Hamer

High School Career Counselor: Ms. Amanda Jacob

Student Council Sponsor: Mr. Mark Miller

National Honor Society Sponsors: Ms. Linette Gregg and
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