



CAMBRIDGE STREET UPPER SCHOOL
Christen Sohn, Interim Head of School
Tiffany Robinson, Assistant Principal
Dyavana Howard, School Clerk

Good afternoon CSUS Parents and Caregivers,

Please see below for important updates from CSUS

Do you want to be involved at CSUS? Join our School Site Council and/or Equity Team

We are eager for caregivers to join us in conversations about equity, best practices, and present and future successes at CSUS. Joining our **School Site Council** or our **Equity Team** are two ways to connect with other stakeholders about issues central to our school and community

The purpose of the CSUS **Equity Team** is to enhance, build on, and improve the school's past and current efforts to ensure academic success for all students by closing opportunity gaps for students, providing culturally proficient teaching and learning practices, and ensuring equitable and inclusive environments for all students, families, staff, and community partners with an intentional equity-focused anti-racist lens.

According to the CPS **School Council** Handbook,

A School Council is a representative, school building-based committee composed of the principal, parents, teachers, community members and, at the secondary level, students, under both state and federal law (MGL Chapter 71, Section 59C, ESSA). The School Council improves student outcomes by engaging its community in site-based decision-making to develop a shared vision of the school. This type of collaborative decision-making also allows teachers and administrators to work with parents and the community to become more responsive to the needs of a particular school's population.

CSUS' first School Site Council and Equity Team meetings for the year will be held in the coming months. If you are interested in joining the CSUS School Site Council or Equity Team, or in learning more about these opportunities please email me at csohn@cpsd.us.

Upcoming Progress Reports

Believe it or not, the end of the first quarter is upon us! Progress Reports will be published to Aspen on Friday, November 19th. [Click here](#) for information regarding how to view your child's grades in Aspen. We will share this video again when Progress reports are published later this month.

Upcoming Holidays: Veteran's Day

Cambridge Public Schools are closed for all scholars this Thursday, November 11, in recognition of Veteran's Day. COVID testing for middle school scholars will happen Wednesday 11\10 due to Thursday 11\11 being a Holiday.

Early Release Days scheduled for Wednesday 11/17 and Wednesday 11/24

School will dismiss at 12:55 on these days.

Scholar Chromebooks are ready to take home!

All scholars will be receiving CPS laptops to take home with them. We had hoped to send scholars home with devices beginning tomorrow; however, fewer than half of CSUS scholars have completed this form. We are going to wait to distribute Chromebooks for all CSUS scholars until next Wednesday.

In order to receive the laptop, scholars will need a signed [Upper School Device Agreement](#) by **next Wednesday, November 17**.

Families can fill this out online at the [CPS family portal](#). You or your scholar can also pick up a hard copy from the main office. Any scholar without a signed form will have access to a computer at school but will NOT be allowed to take the laptop home. Need help with getting internet access or finding more affordable options? Please contact [Ms. Danen](#). Please see [the video](#) for a tutorial of how to fill out the form online.

Scholar vaccination updates and schedule

[See here](#) for the most up to date information on scholar vaccinations, including timelines/deadlines, how to upload vaccine status, and exemptions.

Mask reminder

Scholars must wear a CPS approved mask at all times during the school day. Please be advised that ski masks are not an approved face covering. We are asking that scholars not wear ski masks at school.

Go Cobras! Have a great week and weekend.

Christen

840 Cambridge Street

Cambridge MA 02141

617.349.3050

email: CambridgeStreet@cpsd.us

Website: <http://cambridgestreet.cpsd.us>

CSUS spells SUCCESS!

