

## **Cane Ridge e-News November 12, 2008**

### **Football Season**

On Thursday, October 23, the Freshman Football Team traveled to Maplewood High School to compete in the City Championship. The Cane Ridge Ravens won the game, and were crowned the City Champions. They played great football all year long with only 1 loss the entire season. Thanks to the coaches, parents and team members for their hard work and dedication, which resulted in a victorious season.

### **College Day**

Congratulations and thanks to all the parents who made our first “College Day” at Cane Ridge a success. We received wonderful feedback from the administration, faculty, and students. Thank you so much for all the wonderful breakfast items. They were thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by all. It is great to know that we have parents at Cane Ridge who care enough to get involved.

### **Improvement Plan**

The Director of the Gifted and Talented Program has developed an Improvement Plan that includes, but is not limited to:

- Reduced class sizes
- Program Expansion
- Improved Communication with Parents via Newsletter for district and parents, Encore web site, community/parent advisory groups
- Curriculum changes such as team planning time
- Training of school gifted screening team members in gifted child find procedures
- Work with Special Education Dept. to implement use of nationally-normed creativity and gifted characteristics assessment tools

Please email Beth Oshea for more specifics or any questions. She may be contacted at [bethoshea@mnps.org](mailto:bethoshea@mnps.org).

### **Magnet Schools**

It is time for any parents interested in Magnet Schools for next school year to begin completing applications and attending Open Houses. Please contact the Magnet School Office for additional information. The Deadline is Dec. 5, 2008, for all Magnet/Lottery applications as well as the “pathway continuation forms” for Magnet/Optional students moving from elementary to middle or middle to high school.

## **PTSCO**

The Parent Organization at Cane Ridge High School will be called the Parent, Teacher, Student, Community Organization (PTSCO). We will invite grandparents, families and businesses in the community to be a part of the PTSCO. Parents are encouraged to ask friends and family members to join our PTSCO by completing a membership form, and paying a minimal membership fee of \$10. Anyone interested, in becoming a member, is welcome to pay more than the \$10 fee to support our efforts as a new parent organization.

The PTSCO is looking for “A Few Good Parents”. Please contact Vernae at 293-8653 or Andrea at 364-7220 if you are interested in serving on our Board. We are in great need of a Treasurer and Assistant Secretary at this time. We also need parents to fill the following Chair Persons positions:

- Budget
- Volunteers
- Building Improvement

We are in need of parents to volunteer their time in the School during school hours. Whether you have 30 minutes a week to serve or 25 hours a week, **WE NEED YOU!** There are so many things that you can assist with that can make a real difference in the quality of education that our children receive. Thanks for your support in advance!

Our next PTSCO Board Meeting is scheduled for November 24th at 4:30 p.m.

### **Students Taking Credit-Bearing Classes in Middle School**

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) offers the following credit-bearing courses for high school credit in middle school:

#### Course Units of High School Credit

- Algebra I Honors I
- Foreign Language I and II
- Physical Science or Physical Science Honors I
- Geometry I.

In the past, students enrolled in the above courses received a “P” (Pass) or “F” (Fail) on their high school transcript, not a numerical average. However, beginning this school year, the earned numerical grade will be posted on the high school transcript and will be calculated into the student’s high school grade point average (GPA).

Also, high school athletes may submit the above credits to the NCAA Clearinghouse for core course requirements if they successfully completed these courses during middle school.

We are very excited about this curriculum change and its potential to benefit our students. We wish your child an exciting, successful year! If you have further questions, please contact your child's guidance counselor.

The PTSCO will provide news of interest to Cane Ridge High School families. Information will come from a number of sources, including the school's administration, teachers, parents, students, SGA, and PTSCO committee chairpersons. If you have something you would like to include, please e-mail it to [caneridgeptso@yahoo.com](mailto:caneridgeptso@yahoo.com).