LOOKING BACK LAST YEAR (2015-16)

HELLO COLLEGIATE FAMILIES!

We hope you all are having a wonderful summer. This is the first in a series of newsletters we hope to produce, to keep our community better updated on our achievements and goals. We are so thankful that we emerged from a challenging year full of transition, with great success!

FULLY ACCREDITED!

This past school year was crucial in many ways for our growth as a high school. With a new building, new Principal and Assistant Principal, and many new staff and faculty, our school performed successfully in two inspections of our educational quality:

- We have received our AdvancEd accreditation for the first time ever. They also noted our committed group of parents, students, and staff. THANKS!
- We have also received our PLTW certification for the first time. The site visit team complimented us strongly regarding our advisory board influence, our students and their love of Collegiate, and our staff for the commitment they have for our young school.

WHAT WE’VE BEEN UP TO:

- Our students scored very highly in Math and English again on the EOC exams in May. Their achievement, like last year’s results, outpaced several other schools in the area. Special shout out to Safa Ahmed who got a perfect score on the English 2 EOC!
- Congratulations again to all the students who were awarded academic awards for each subject based on display of our core values and academic excellence. You put the “Collegiate” in CSMB!
- Under Ms. Nanez's leadership, our school began a new partnership with Hawthorne Leadership School for Girls. Several students and teachers visited the school on their STEM day to expose their middle school girls to high school level STEM activities that we do. For the coming year many of our students will mentor Hawthorn students.

SPORTS NEWS:

SOCcer

Our girls soccer team, under the leadership of Coach Knickman, won our first ever playoff game.

TRACK AND FIELD

Under the leadership of coach Suzanne Goodwin, rising junior Nature Williams-Harkin won the Class 2A MO State Track championship in the 100 meter hurdles. Our girls 4x100 meter relay team also took 2nd in state.
WHAT’S NEXT?

- We are really looking forward to our first Senior class, Class of 2017. Plans are in the works for a Senior prom, graduation ceremony, and graduation location, among other Senior activities.
- We are also looking forward to welcoming our new Freshman class, the Class of 2020. They will join us for Freshman Orientation July 26-29. They are a wonderful group of students, well qualified and interested in Bioscience. We have over 70 committed to attend Collegiate.

SENIOR INTERNSHIPS Q+A WITH MR. STEELE:

Q: We’ve been hearing a lot about these internships, but what exactly are they?
A: Our Seniors will take part in a unique learning experience during the 2nd semester. They will complete real research and projects in elite institutions around St. Louis. Ms. Moyerman will transition to overseeing internships as our new Bioscience Internship Coordinator. We have established many new partnerships as a result of our pursuit for internships for each Senior.

Q: Who will the students be interning with?
A: Our partnerships include: Washington University School of Medicine; St. Louis University School of Medicine; Goldfarb School of Nursing; BJC; Missouri Botanical Gardens; St. Louis Zoo; Danforth Plant Research Center; Monsanto; Gateway Greening.

Q: How else will these partnerships benefit the students and the school?
A: Our most recent connections are with Logan University, Brown School of Social Work at Wash. U., and SLU School of Social Work. Logan will greatly assist our Science department by instructing our students in Chemistry and Physics for college credit. They will also assist in facilitating students seeking internships in sports medicine. The two schools of social work will partner with us on a variety of levels including another layer of support for our students in need.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

UPDATE:

Last, but certainly not least, we are pleased to announce that Mr. O’Neal is doing very well! Mr. Steele met with him on June 22nd. He is taking good care of himself and doctors are pleased with his progress. He and Ms. Bromberg will be interviewed about his heart attack by SSM Health on July 1st.

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CSMB’s first graduating class of 2017!

English Instructor Bill O’Neal