

# The SPARTAN

The Newsletter of  
**Cascade Middle School**  
1015 24<sup>th</sup> Street Northeast  
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## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Our students are getting into the school routine already. We have sent home a lot of paperwork for parents to complete at the beginning of the year. Thanks for returning those items back to school as promptly as possible. If you ever have any questions please contact our office.

I want to also welcome our new staff to Cascade Middle School. We are excited to have the following new teachers at Cascade: Sandra Halford, Pre-Algebra/Algebra teacher, Kelli Taylor, Band/Music Survey teacher, Amy Cameron, counselor, and Jill Cano, School Psychologist. We know that each of them will fit in well with our mission of providing "Spartan Excellence: Everyone, Everyday, Everywhere."

As we begin the school year, I want to inform you that we will be MAPS testing beginning the week of September 10th in both reading and math. With the testing in math, we are going to analyze those results and appropriately place students in math. These changes will impact student schedules and before any changes take place, we will notify parents. Thanks for your understanding of this as we look to challenge our students at their appropriate levels.

Here's a poem to conclude my portion of the newsletter. As a parent, I think you might enjoy this.

Tw'as the night before school started,  
When all through the town,  
The parents were cheering.  
It was a riotous sound!  
By eight, kids were washed  
And tucked into bed...  
When memories of homework...filled them with  
dread!

New pencils, new folders, new notebooks, too!  
New teachers, new friends...their anxiety grew!

The parents just giggled when they learned of this  
fright  
And shouted upstairs-...  
GO TO BED-IT'S A SCHOOL NIGHT!

Looking forward to a great school year! PRIDE!

Mr. Johnson

## SPIRIT WEAR

Students can show their Cascade PRIDE with some of this year's spirit wear items. Order forms are available in the ASB office and must be turned in by Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. This year's options include a full zip hooded sweatshirt, a regular hooded sweatshirt, a T-shirt, and sweatpants. Prices range from \$10-32.

Items can be personalized with a name/nick-name on the back for an additional \$7.00. So don't be late, get your spirit wear order in today!



## PLC LATE START MONDAYS

Auburn School District has scheduled Professional Learning Communities (PLC) late start Mondays on the following dates throughout the 2012-13 school year. School will start and buses will run one hour late during these "**Late Start**" Mondays.

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	February 4, 11, 25
November 5, 26	March 4, 28, 25
December 3, 10, 17	April 1, 15, 22, 29
January 7, 14, 28	May 6, 20

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## PTSA HAPPENINGS

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Please come and join the 2012-2013 Cascade PTSA. We have a lot of exciting events planned for this year and need your support.

Mark your calendars for the following events:

**SEPT 19<sup>TH</sup> : PTSA General Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.**  
in the Cascade Library.

**OCT 26<sup>TH</sup> : BINGO NIGHT @ 7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.**  
in the Cascade Cafeteria.

**NOV 1<sup>ST</sup> : REFLECTION 2012**  
Submissions due in the office. Additional forms are available in the office and on-line at the Cascade PTSA Website.

**NOV 12<sup>th</sup> – NOV 16<sup>th</sup> : FALL BOOKFAIR.** If you are interested in volunteering please contact us at [Bookfair@CascadePTSA.org](mailto:Bookfair@CascadePTSA.org).

Remember to sign-up with **eScrip** and register your Safeway card with Cascade Middle School I.D. #8561198.

For additional information please contact us at [Escritp@CascadePTSA.org](mailto:Escritp@CascadePTSA.org).

BOX TOPS are being collected this year. Please bring your box tops to the office and help fund extra events at Cascade.

Ink/Toner Cartridges and Cell Phones are also being collected. Please bring them to the office.

Please visit our website at <http://cascadeptsa.org/> for membership forms and additional information on eScrip and Reflection 2012 programs. PTSA's website can also be found on the Cascade home page under PTA.

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## 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE ASB SENATORS

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Do you have a 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grader who is interested in being an ASB senator? If so, have them stop by the ASB office for an application starting September 17<sup>th</sup>.

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## PICTURE DAY – SEPT 18<sup>th</sup>

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Picture day will be on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Students will get their pictures taken during their social studies class period.

Picture packets will be going home during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September. Students that want to purchase pictures can pay with cash or check. ***Students with cash need to bring exact change.***

Parents that want to pay with debit/credit cards can ***prepay online before picture day*** and send their students with the receipt in their order envelopes. The website for online payments is: [www.dorianstudio.com/prepay](http://www.dorianstudio.com/prepay).

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## PARENT VOLUNTEERS

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If you are interested in volunteering at Cascade throughout the school year, please call Ms. Glatt at 253-931-4995 or email her at [sglatt@auburn.wednet.edu](mailto:sglatt@auburn.wednet.edu).

We are currently looking for volunteers for our student store and our upcoming fundraiser.

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## YEARBOOKS

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Yearbooks are \$30 and on sale until September 28<sup>th</sup>! Yearbooks won't be on sale again until the end of May and will then be available on first come first serve basis at \$35.



Come to the ASB office to purchase yours before the month is over. Yearbooks can also be purchased online this month through our Touch Base website (<https://touchbase.auburn.wednet.edu/>).

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## PLANNERS

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Take a moment to check out your student's Cascade planner! It holds our school handbook, the school year calendar, and many useful tips for your student. Each student was given a planner in their LA class. If you haven't already paid the \$5 planner fee, please do so by September 27<sup>th</sup>. Any unpaid planner fees will become fines.

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## SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

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Our fall school-wide fundraiser will be from Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> –Monday October 15<sup>th</sup>. The money raised will help pay for our sports, clubs, student store, field trips, and fun events like the end of the year BASH.

Students will be bringing home their Yankee Candle Fundraising packets on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> with more information.

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## BUS PASSES

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Bus passes are given to students who come to school with a note that includes:

- their name
- the date
- who they are riding the bus with
- the bus number
- their parent's signature
- and their parent's phone number

Bus notes need to be dropped off in the ASB office before school. Students that bring a bus note in the morning can then pick their bus pass up during lunch time.



Students will not be allowed to call home for permission to ride busses.

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## NEED ONLINE ACCESS TO STUDENT'S GRADES & TEACHER WEBSITES?

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Cascade Middle School library will be open to parents once a month from 4pm-7pm. You will have the chance to:

- Access your student's grades
- Print missing assignments for your students
- Email teachers
- Get questions answered by teachers

Upcoming dates: Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup>

Questions: Call Mrs. Killett or Ms. Dozier at 253-931-4995.

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## CLUBS

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Get involved! Join one of the following clubs:

Club	Day of Week	Time	Location
Jazz Band	Tues. / Wed.	6:30-7:30am	Band Room
Drumline	Tuesdays	2:30-4:30pm	Band Room
Builder's Club	Starting Oct. 3rd Wednesdays	2:20-3:00pm	309
Newspaper Club	Tuesdays	2:15-3:00pm	314
Home Club	Starting Oct. 3rd Alt. Wednesdays	2:20pm	414

*(More clubs may be added later)* Listen to the morning announcements for more information on club meetings.

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## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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Welcome to the 2012-13 School Year!

This year will see quite a few changes in the counseling department at Cascade. First we welcome Amy Cameron to our school. Mrs. Cameron has been working at Mt. Baker for the last 8 years and is excited to join the Cascade Staff.

Mrs. Cameron & Mr. Petrie will have different caseloads this year.

Mrs. Cameron will have ALL 6<sup>th</sup> graders  
Mr. Petrie will have ALL 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

8<sup>th</sup> graders will be divided by alphabet.

Mr. Petrie will have 8<sup>th</sup> graders Last Name A-L &  
Mrs. Cameron will have 8<sup>th</sup> graders last name M-Z.

Please feel free to contact your child's counselor any time!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18	Picture Day
October 12	No School, Teacher Inservice
October 1-15	School-Wide Fundraiser
October 24	Picture Retake Day
November 11	No School, Veteran's Day
November 14-16	Parent Conferences, late arrival
November 21	Early Release Day
November 22-23	Thanksgiving Vacation
December 20-January 2	Winter Vacation
January 21	No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 28	No School for Secondary Students
February 18	No School- President's Day
February 19-22	Mid-Winter Break
March 11	No School – Teacher Inservice
April 8-12	Spring Vacation
May 13	No School – Teacher Inservice
May 27	No School- Memorial Day
May 28	Alternate Emergency School Closure Day
May 29	Alternate Emergency School Closure Day
June 21	Last Day of School for Secondary Students

**Starting in October, this newsletter will be sent electronically ONLY to families with email addresses on file. Families without email addresses on file will be the only people sent a hard copy by mail.**

If you have an email address on file but would still like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please check here: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to give us a new or updated email address, please list your information below and check here: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ *\*Cut and return this slip to the main office.*