

**National School  
Breakfast & Lunch  
Program**

COAST is proud to announce that ALL students, VPK through 8th grade, will be served lunch and breakfast at no charge for the 24-25 school year! Contact Christine Dichio @ christine.dichio@coastcharter.us

# DECEMBER

## C.O.A.S.T. Charter School

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

As we approach the end of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we've shared throughout 2024. December is a time for celebration and gratitude, and I am truly thankful for the dedication and resilience shown by our students, teachers, and families. This month, we have many events planned from our Governing Board Meeting, to December Around the World and our first Theater Production of the 24-25 school. I encourage everyone to participate and enjoy these events together.

As we prepare for the winter break, I want to emphasize the importance of encouraging our children to read at home. Reading is not just a fundamental skill; it opens doors to new worlds, ignites imagination, and fosters critical thinking. When parents take an active role in promoting reading, they help instill a lifelong love for literature in their children. Whether it's through sharing bedtime stories, discussing books, or visiting the library, your involvement can significantly enhance your child's learning experience.

Let's continue to support one another and cherish the moments we spend with family and friends, including those quiet times spent with a good book. I wish you all a joyful holiday season and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, ready to embrace new challenges and opportunities with enthusiasm.

Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year!  
Warm regards,

- Mrs. Harvey

### December 2024

- 2 - Governing Board Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- 3 - 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip - Mission San Luis
- 10 - December Around the World  
6-7:30 PM
- 11 - School Spelling Bee (TBA)
- 19 - Theatre Club Presents 'Wizard of Oz'  
@ 6:00 PM
- 20 - Early Release @ 11:45 AM  
End of the 1st Semester
- 23 - Winter Break Begins

**WINTER Break!**

### January 2025

- 6 - Teacher Planning Day - No School for Students
- 7 - Students Return  
Beginning of 2nd Semester / 3rd 9 Weeks
- 10 - WCSB District Spelling Bee  
Bus Evacuation Drills
- 13 - Awards Assemblies for 2nd 9 Weeks (TBA)
- 17 - Middle School Winter Formal 6-8:30 PM
- 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
No School
- 27 through 31 - Celebrate Literacy Week
- 29 - Professional Development Day - No School  
For Students



Frankie Harvey, Principal

Christine Dichio, Dean of Students

Joseph McClendon, Dean of Students

Need to Contact the School: (Phone) 850-925-6344

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Our Next Governing Board Meeting will be held  
Monday, December 2nd,  
2024 @ 6:00 pm.

Proud to be a  
Title I School



## Membership is Free

To join go to [www.parentsforcharterschools.org](http://www.parentsforcharterschools.org) and click on the membership tab and then JOIN NOW

As a PFCS member, you will receive these benefits:

- A weekly email with valuable parenting tips to nurture your children's education at home and at school.
- Daily parenting tips on Facebook, as well as charter school news and event information, plus tweets on Twitter from charter school conferences. You can like us at [www.facebook.com/ParentsForCharterSchools](https://www.facebook.com/ParentsForCharterSchools) and follow us at [www.twitter.com/FLCharterParent](https://www.twitter.com/FLCharterParent)
- Information on how you can make an impact locally or in our state's Capitol when public charter school funding and legislative issues arise



## Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

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Special Orders Available  
Through December 20, 2024

Reading  
IS NEVER  
a waste of  
TIME

## HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads 20:00 minutes per day	A student who reads 5:00 minutes per day	A student who reads 1:00 minute per day
will be exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year and scores in 90th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 282,000 words per year and scores in 50th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 8,000 words per year and scores in 10th PERCENTILE on standardized tests

SCHOLASTIC

Educational Component:  
Cultural Literacy

DECEMBER  
AROUND  
the  
WORLD



Tuesday, December 10,  
2024

SAVE  
THE DATE



**Your Brain on Books**

What science tells us about why you should get lost in a great story

**Reading by the Numbers**

- Increases knowledge and vocabulary by **50%**
- Lowers stress by **68%**
- Can lengthen your life by **2 years**

**Books Can:**

- Boost your mood**  
Studies show that people who read for fun are more likely to feel happy and confident.
- Help you relax**  
Your brain shuts down. Your muscles melt. One minute you're reading in bed, and the next you're asleep.
- Bring people together**  
Whether you're starting a book club or bonding over Whimsy Kid with a friend, you'll be part of a reading community.

**Reading is a workout for your...**

- Memory**  
Reading exercises the brain, improving your memory. Maybe you'll stop forgetting your lunch at home!
- Imagination**  
Books help you see vivid pictures in your mind. So you feel like you're actually at Hogwarts, riding a Nimbus 2000.
- Heart**  
Research shows that reading about a character's thoughts and feelings can make you kinder.

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Suspicious Activity Reporting App

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for school information including our 24-25 SIP and PFEP

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