



Special Peace, Love n' Rock & Roll Gala Edition

■ FEB/MARCH 2019

CYCLONE SPIRIT NEWSLETTER



FEB/MARCH 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

- 2/6– Juniors & Seniors Breakfast
- 2/6– Anna Maki, Bobby Dodd
- 2/14– High School Conferences; NO School– High School
- 2/15– Parent Conferences– NO School–All Grades
- 2/18 – 2/19–NO School; Presidents Day/Winter Break
- 3/11– Teacher Workday– NO School
- 3/23 – PEACE, LOVE n' ROCK & ROLL GALA



LETTER FROM THE HEADMASTER Debbi Scarborough

What a “groovy” year 2019 is turning out to be. I am truly pleased and excited to see all of the wonderful things happening at Cumberland. With the addition of impactful programs like “STEAM IT” and “Creating Futures,” we continue to expose our students to things that encourage their success as young adults. Our high schoolers are landing jobs and participating in service programs at the YMCA, Target, UPS, Hilton Homewood Suites and many more. These accomplishments and resume builders help Cumberland students stand out and become top competitors.

This year we have 85 donors that completed 2019 tax credit applications for the GOAL scholarship program in support of Cumberland. GOAL allows us to help students attend Cumberland who otherwise could not afford it. There is

still time to participate so you can help provide scholarships to those in need (www.goalscholarship.org).

Go ahead and mark your calendars for the party of the year. On Saturday, March 23rd, Cumberland will be celebrating Woodstock’s 50th anniversary with our “Peace, Love, n’ Rock & Roll” Gala. This party is sure to be “far out” and will help raise money for a brand new outdoor classroom. Dust off your best tie dye bell bottoms, get ready to dance the night away and join us for this worthy cause!

Debbi Scarborough



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



DOUG LONG
Principal

"What made her stand out were all the opportunities that she had volunteering these past few years with the amazing Cumberland staff. The young lady is growing up and I am beyond proud. "-a Cumberland parent

Brrr! Winter is truly here and we are prepared. Cumberland prides itself on being tech savvy and incorporating technology into our curriculum when possible. No longer will students miss out on academics due to the weather because Cumberland has "Digital Learning Days." Digital Learning Days allow students to access assignments through Google Classroom, eliminating the need to make up days missed due to inclement weather.

Along with increasing our academic capabilities, Cumberland is thrilled at the expansion of our student body. We have welcomed nine new families since the beginning of the year and our admissions department is busier than ever. Our best marketing tool is our amazing families. Both the students and parents, are

constantly sharing stories with others about how Cumberland has positively impacted their lives.

With incredible programs and tools in place like "Creating Futures," "STEAM IT," and MAP testing accompanied with our amazing staff, Cumberland students are receiving the support and encouragement needed to become successful adults. I am truly excited to see the paths our alumni will take and I'm honored to be a part of their journey.





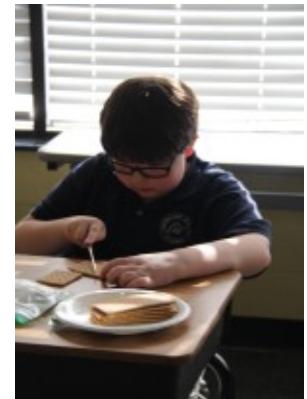
FROM YOUR TEACHERS

PIONEER COORDINATOR

Mrs. Carmon

The Pioneers are thrilled to welcome Kailyn L. aboard. We are so incredibly happy to have her smiling face and friendly spirit. We kicked off the new year by encouraging self expression and creating vision boards. We used a variety of pictures, words and phrases to show our goals for the new year. Keeping our ideas concrete and having a clear vision for our immediate future will help us focus on what is important to each and everyone of us as individuals. We also put together our thoughts about what our bigger "dream" is for all of society as we celebrated the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

After attending a week long intensive Orton-Gillingham training course, Ms. Irvin has brought some exciting approaches and techniques back to Pioneer land. Our vocabulary and spelling courses have received a boost since incorporating decoding and encoding techniques along with multisensory approaches. We can't wait to see how methods help improve our MAP scores in April!



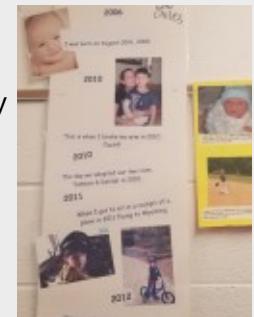
NAVIGATOR COORDINATOR

Mrs. Mensing

2019 has started off great for our middle school group. We challenged all Navigators to reflect on their personal 2019 goals and ambitions by creating posters. It appears that everyone is anticipating an outstanding new year. Also, we have 2 additions to our Navigator family. Rowan joined our 7th grade classes in December. Michael entered Cumberland after winter break. He is learning the 8th grade routine well. Both students have been a great addition to discussions in our classrooms. On January 16th, students that had previously won class spelling bees participated in a grade level competition. The Navigator teachers were very proud of the 11 brave students that competed against their peers. Price and Thomas were the last men standing and will represent Cumberland at the regional competition on February 7th. Gentlemen, we are so proud of your success and know that you'll make Cumberland proud.



the Carlos Museum and the High Museum to explore the African and South American cultures they are learning about. Soon, our 8th graders will visit the Atlanta History Center to further enhance their understanding of Georgia's history. Looking ahead to warmer days, all Navigators will venture to Skidaway Island in early May. For two days we will be emerged in microscope studies, take a boat trawling in the Savannah waterways, and learn all about Georgia marine life through the University of Georgia Marine Extension program. We have a lot of experiential learning to look forward to.



FROM YOUR TEACHERS

EXPLORER LEAD TEACHER

Mr. Downs



This month our math students are learning useful skills and one of them will be employing these tools outdoors. In geometry class students are mastering the concept of similarity, which teaches students to recognize related shapes and proportions.

This unit will help our students understand how architects compose designs and contractors read blueprints. Once mastered, the students will use this concept to compute accurate measurements of trees and buildings that are otherwise physically unable to be measured.

In our fabulous Writer's Workshop, students have been working diligently on crafting characterization short stories, which are stories that focus intensely on character development. Students have workshoped the stories with their peers and have come up with some truly inspiring scenarios featuring intriguing characters. They will also present their final products, complete with paired artwork! Next up: Visual arts writing!

For the last few weeks in Art Class, we have been exploring color theory. We have created color wheels as an exercise to teach students how to mix paint colors. The students have learned how certain colors evoke certain emotional responses. We created mosaic collages to exemplify cool/warm color contrast. Students also learned to create different tints and shades while making monochromatic paintings. We have examined the work of Paul Klee and Wassily Kandinsky to support our work. I have been very proud of their attention to detail during these projects!

Other areas of study include learning about influential scientists. For example, Professor Temple Grandin is an American professor of animal science at Colorado State University. She is a consultant to the livestock industry on animal behavior, and a well-known autism spokesperson. Professor Grandin is one of the first individuals on the autism spectrum to publicly share insights from her personal experience with autism!



CAREER PREP

Mrs. Fineman

It's hard to believe that we are well underway in our second semester.

Our career prep students are engaged in a course entitled Animal Science & Technology. This class has been learning some exciting facts about living things, including how animals behave and how scientists make observations in a variety of environments. They have also been learning about how genetics and the environment affect behavior. Additionally, students have been observing small animals and fish to learn more about how scientists learn in a laboratory setting.

Career Prep students are participating in many activities in the community this semester including volunteering at Insignia of Sandy Springs. Also, everyday students have science with Mr. Carter and Culinary Arts with Ms. Fine-man. The kitchen will become a living lab, combining sci-

ence and cooking! We also continue our work with the Cumberland Café on Fridays and provide a plethora of tasty treats.

One of our biggest projects is preparing delicious "take out" offerings in support of the spring gala. Stay tuned for details!

Life Skills class starts this semester with this essential question: Here I am today. Where am I headed? This course focuses on the impact of choices we make - now and as young adults.

Navigators have Culinary Arts every day! We are learning about safety (first!) and also how to make healthy snacks and basic





FROM YOUR TEACHERS

COUNSELOR'S CORNER Val Schwan

Throughout the month of January, our counseling theme of **Self Awareness** encouraged our students to consider the stories of their own lives that they are creating. Each of us is the author and hero of our own, unique stories. We challenged our students to think about the many ways that they can be everyday heroes within the communities of Cumberland Academy, their families, their neighborhoods, their churches, their city, and their state.

Motivated by all of the possibilities for daily heroic action, we enter the month of February inspired to feel and show **Compassion**, our new theme. Our students have been brainstorming possible volunteer opportunities. They have embraced the idea of volunteering with great enthusiasm, demonstrating courage and desire to give their time and creativity to others in our communities.

The Explorers are particularly interested in cleaning up their communities, and in researching, writing, and garnering the support to keep their communities clean well into the future. They also wish to raise support for Autism Awareness and Cancer Research. The Pioneers have expressed a desire to design, collect items for, and create kits of toys and treats to take to the beautiful animals at one of Atlanta's animal shelters. We are so proud of the ideas your students are generating and look forward to supporting them along the path to action.



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Full STEAM Ahead!

We've just rolled out a new program for the new year and Cumberland is full "STEAM" ahead! What is "STEAM"? It stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics, but it is so much more than that. "STEAM" allows teachers to integrate multiple disciplines in their academic approach.

Mr. Maurice Simpkins, our new enrichment teacher and founder of the STEAM IT program, will be teaching our students about coding and programming. Monday through Thursday, our Explorers are discussing the language of coding through JavaScript and Python in order to program drones. On Fridays, the students have to test their coding capabilities as they fly drones through an obstacle course. The younger students are approaching coding through the art of animation. Also, the Navigators and Pioneers are creating dialogues to accompany their animations in order to develop social and language skills.

We are beyond excited to add the "STEAM IT" program to our course offerings so we can excite our students and spark their interest in each and all of the STEAM subjects.



FROM YOUR TEACHERS

Creating Futures

Ms. Wright

"I found the panel to be one of the most helpful things we have done. It brought college to a level I could relate to." -a Cumberland student

The alumni student panel was very successful with Cumberland high school students as they could hear from former students what life is like after Cumberland. Topics included a day in the life of a college student, homework vs. social life and how to handle work/life balance. Clearly, students were able to get a real picture of college/work life.

If you want information, we have an expert to help! The past few months Cumberland has seen a few experts in their field walking and talking with parents. To date, we have had Kristen Lewis speak about SSI and Guardianship, and speak to parents about HOPE and ZELL MILLER scholarships/grants. Coming up, do not miss Anna Maki from Bobby Dodd speak about benefits for special needs. See you February 6th at 8:45am.

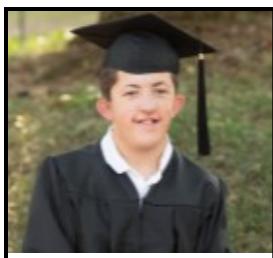
STUDENTS CAN WORK THIS SUMMER! Cumberland students (or alumni) who are age 14-30 can sign up to work through a joint program with Tommy Nobis. Students will meet at Cumberland for a week and receive instruction on working through the Tommy Nobis staff. Students will then meet at Tommy Nobis and receive instruction while on the job. Students will be paid and placed in work that suits their skills. Great experience! Contact Shari Wright to sign up for the first parent information meeting.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Featured Alumnus: Michael R.

Cumberland would like to highlight Michael R. Michael was in our 2017 graduating class. He is a sophomore majoring in business at Reinhardt University in Waleska, GA. Michael joined a fraternity on campus and he works for the university filming the football games and practices. His job allows him to travel and eat with the football team while earning money for school.



2019

Graduation

Cumberland Academy of Georgia
will celebrate the graduation of the
Class of 2019

Thursday, May 16, 2019
11:00 a.m.

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Honoring The Stern Family

Saturday, March 23 6:30 PM

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Woodstock attire, please.



Cumberland Academy of Georgia is an exceptionally groovy school for very hip special needs students. Give power to the people & support these students! Hang out and satisfy the munchies, get your groove on, try a righteous game that will be outta sight.



Purchase Tickets online at
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Tickets \$150 | Tables \$1,200
View original Woodstock era pieces, including never-before-seen photographs!

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the Cavanaugh/Waite family, the Ciucci family, the Lehnes/Utt family, the Collins Family, the Arant Family, the Kelly family, the Haraszti family, the Davis family, and the Hogan/Vanegas family.

THERE'S MORE...

BARKS FROM LUCKY

- "Cumberland ROCKS!" was a complete success! A special thank you to the Cucci family, Navajo Joe, Sister Moon, and the Glen Pridgen Band for donating their time and talents for Cumberland. The amazing music, food, and attendees made the event truly memorable.
- Cyclone Parents, you all are the best. Each teacher and staff would like to express gratitude for the themed lunches and events you all have held for us like "Thanks A Latte" where everyone was provided with a plethora of beverages. We are so grateful for your support in the classroom and so grateful for your kindness in the kitchen!
- Congratulations to many of our students for landing jobs, obtaining their driver's licenses and permits, and serving the community over the past several weeks. The Salvation Army, Hosea Feed the Hungry, the YMCA and Lifetime Fitness are a few of the organizations that will benefit from having these shining stars on their team!
- A special thank you to the Woodstock Gala committee for all of their hard work preparing for a spectacular event! Cumberland parents are truly the best and we are so grateful for your support.
- We would like to congratulate Price A. for winning this year's spelling bee. His winning word was CON-SECUTIVE. Also, congratulations to Thomas B. for being the runner up.
Both of these gentlemen will represent Cumberland at the GISA Spelling Bee in February.



SPORTS & SCHOOL CLUBS

Golf? Basketball? Drama Club? Spirit Club? We've got it!



Both of our Cyclone basketball teams have made it to the playoffs! Teams have to be in the top four in the league to be considered and we are currently in the top three. This has been a great season and Coach "C" continues to see improvements each year. Mr. Bushey and Mr. Twomley are entering their second season of golf and it's sure to be a "par tee" (pun intended)! Also, students will have the opportunity to participate in track and there has been talk of starting up a volleyball team.

Our clubs have continued to provide students with tons of fun and school spirit! Spirit Club will be hosting another movie night in March and our Drama Club participants are gearing up for their first play presentation, "This is Your Brain on Social Media."

GO CYCLONES!





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FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Spirit Wear Bowling	2
3	4 HS BB Practice EDP	5 EDP JV Tournament @ Cottage	6 Girl Talk 8-8:30 EDP	7 EDP Screen Free Game Club Art Club until 4:30 Year Book Club	8 Cumberland Café Casual Dress Bowling	9
10	11 EDP	12 EDP Drama Club 4:30	13 Girl Talk 8-8:30 EDP	14 <i>Valentines Day</i> High School Conferences—No School for High School Only EDP	15 Parent Conferences No School All Grades	16
17	18 Presidents Day/Winter Break No School	19 Winter Break No School	20 Girl Talk 8-8:30 Golf Practice EDP	21 EDP Golf Practice Art Club until 4:30 Year Book Club	22 Cumberland Café Spirit Wear Bowling	23
24	25 EDP Track Practice	26 EDP Track Practice Drama Club 4:30	27 Girl Talk 8-8:30 EDP	28 EDP Screen Free Game Club Art Club until 4:30 Year Book Club		

MARCH 2019

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MAKE AN IMPACT



On these amazing students!



- Please use your Publix and Kroger cards.



- Save your BOXTOPS for the next competition!



- Amazon Smiles (name Cumberland as the charity)

For those of you who signed up for GOAL, you are superstars! Thank you!



ANNUAL GIVING



When looking around the school, we are so amazed at all of the wonderful changes and improvements that were able to be done due to our gracious donors. This year, lets go big and bold with annual giving. Please consider Cumberland as a recipient of your gifts this year.

Please visit our website, www.cumberlandacademy.org, and click on the "Support Cumberland" tab to show your support today. Every amount counts!

Cumberland Academy of Georgia specializes in the needs of children with high functioning Autism, Asperger's, ADD, ADHD and other learning differences. The mission of the academy is to provide a safe, supportive, educational environment in partnership with faculty, staff, students and parents. The Cumberland family embraces the uniqueness of every child by challenging and inspiring them to reach their full potential. Our academic and social curriculum encourages the development of life skills essential in becoming self-sufficient adults.