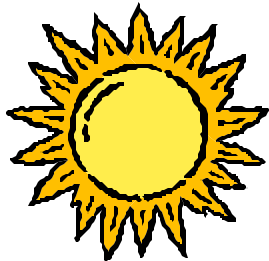


!?! What's Up @ CJHS ?!

Spring Breakdancin'...Astronomy Style

Yeah, Baby! March madness! Spring break time! Shuffle to the left, shuffle to the right...give it up, give it up... hands in the air everyone... we'll be dancin' in the halls! Well, maybe everyone doesn't get this excited, but you have to admit...just thinking about a week off of school and only nine weeks until summer can get just about anyone out of the winter blues. But what's this deal about "spring" anyway? It sure doesn't look much like spring outside right now!



Well, believe it or not, last Sunday was the first day of spring. At exactly 12:33 PM, the vernal equinox occurred. That's the point in the Earth's orbit around the Sun where the tilt of our planet's axis is such that neither the northern hemisphere (where we live), nor the southern hemisphere are oriented toward the Sun. More importantly, it's the day on which the amount of daylight and darkness are exactly equal...hence the name *equinox*. The word "vernal" just

means spring, as apposed to the "autumnal" equinox, which occurs around the 21st of September each year. On both of these days the length of daylight and darkness are exactly the same (12 hours each). Those living in the southern hemisphere experience the same phenomenon on each of these days, but what follows for them will be exactly opposite. That is, our vernal equinox is their autumnal equinox, because as we are heading into spring, they are heading into fall.

So, now you have something to really dance about. The days are getting longer, the nights shorter, and the average daily temperature will begin to rise as well. If we get some nice sunny days over spring break, get outside and check it out. The Sun is significantly higher in the sky at midday than it has been all winter. And it will continue to climb higher each day until the summer solstice on June 21st, when we experience the longest amount of daylight each year. It's astronomical, Dude!



Important Dates

Silent Reading

Every Wednesday during VIP ~ don't forget a book!

School Delays & Closings

Posted at www.vikingnet.org

Good Friday

March 25

Easter Sunday

March 27

Spring Ahead!

Time change is April 3

No School

Monday, April 25
Professional Development

Memorial Day

Monday, May 30
No School

Final Exams

June 8, 9, 10

Last Day of School

Friday, June 10

Thought of the Day

Learning happens only when you are neither proud of your knowledge nor ashamed of your ignorance.

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Our mission is to acknowledge the accomplishments of the students and staff @ CJHS and to inform our readers of upcoming events and opportunities.

Copies of this publication are available in rooms 2, 139, and the office at CJHS. It is also available online at www.vikingnet.org/cjh on the Important Info page.

Respectfully,

The What's Up Staff

Buy a Bracelet . . . Save Some \$\$

Silicone bracelets are on sale throughout the district for \$2 to raise money for Junior High yearbook. They are available in white and gold. Money will be used to fund the book and to lower costs to students.



Snowcoming 2005

February 11th saw the culmination of a fun-filled spirit week with the Snowcoming Dance. Many of our students participated in the mid-winter fun, with candy grams, dress-up contests and a great pep assembly to cap off the week. The dance itself was a resounding success, as well.

About 200 students attended the Snowcoming dance and all were treated to a variety of activities, including movies, dancing, a Euchre tournament and several raffle drawings. Great prizes, like free food, two-for-one passes and discount tickets to area businesses were given away throughout the night. The dance floor was rockin' steadily as the DJ kicked out everyone's favor jams. Although this was the first annual Snowcoming event, plans are in the works for 2006 already.

A big "thank you" goes out to Mrs. Brown, who was the primary organizer of this year's festivities, as well as all the students, parents, teachers and administrators who helped in many different ways. And kudos to the local merchants who donated the great prizes for the raffle drawings. We hope everyone who participated had a great time and are looking forward to another fun-filled Snowcoming week next year.



Pop Tab Collection

Students have continued to collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Contest winners for January and February were Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Liabenow's classes. Thanks to all students who contributed to the collection. Each winning class celebrated with a pizza party!



School With a View

This will be the last edition of "What's Up @ CJHS." Instead, you will see a new newsletter, "School With a View," beginning March 18. "School With a View" will be a bi-monthly publication and will include a letter from the Principals, as well as information about activities in and around CJHS. We hope you will enjoy the new publication!