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# City Academy

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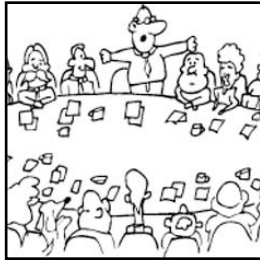
## ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Calling all parents:

We need you!!! The City Academy Advisory Council needs three new parent members to serve this school year. The CAAC meets once a month to address issues of concern to members of the school community, to evaluate how well the needs of students and families are met, and to provide development and oversight for Comprehensive Guidance, School LAND Trust funds, the development and implementation of a staff professional development plan, and the CA Wellness Program.

Elections for the 3 open parent position for the 2008-2009 school year will be held on October 1st & 2nd – during Student-Parent-Teacher conferences. If you would like to nominate a fellow parent or you are interested in running, please provide the parent name, the name and grade of the student, contact info, and bio, and either email it to Sara at [sara@cityacademyslc.org](mailto:sara@cityacademyslc.org) or drop it off to Sara at the office no later than

Monday, September 29th. If you are also interested in running for the 'chair' position on the council, please indicate that as well. All nominees



will be posted during Parent-Student-Teacher conferences and the candidate information will be made available in the meeting, via the list serv, and at the office. You can cast your vote on October 1st & 2nd by filling out a paper ballot available in the office and dropping it into a box on Sara's desk or you can also submit your vote electronically to Sara via email at [sara@cityacademyslc.org](mailto:sara@cityacademyslc.org).

*Please note: we have been experiencing some technical difficulties with our SIS program over the past week. If you find information that seems inaccurate or concerning, please email teachers directly or bring it up at conferences next week to get the most accurate account possible.*

## PARENT-STUDENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parents and Guardians,

Please make room on your calendar to attend Parent-Student-Teacher conferences on Wednesday, Oct 1 and/or Thursday, Oct 2. At City Academy, we schedule individual 15-minute appointments with the teachers you most want to see. It's an important way find out how your student is doing at midterm and to get to know the teachers! Please call Sara at 596-8489 to schedule appointments. Whenever possible, the students SHOULD attend these meetings!

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## IMPORTANT DATES

SEPT. 29  
Picture Day

SEPT. 30  
8th Grade Testing:  
8:10- All other  
students late start:  
9:50

OCT. 1-2  
Midterm  
Conferences-  
Early Release!



### PSAT Reminder:

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be given to some 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students on Wed. Oct 15 at 8:10. We have spoken with the students who should be participating and practice test booklets have been distributed to all those students.

The PSAT gives students preparation to take college entrance exams. Students can utilize information from their scores to improve their future performance on the SAT or ACT. 11<sup>th</sup> grade students exceeding qualification requirements will be eligible for National Merit Scholarships.

NOTE: This will be a late start day for all other students. The regular school day will begin at 9:50.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks  
Linda McGrath  
City Academy School Counselor  
596-8498 ex 13

### Parents of All 8th Graders:

Next Tuesday, September 30, 8:10 am all 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. This is a state mandated test. Parents, please support your 8<sup>th</sup> grader in doing their best on this test by making sure they are rested, have eaten breakfast, are here at school on time (8:10), and are not overly anxious about testing.

NOTE: This will be a late start day for all other students. The regular school day will begin at 9:50. If you have any questions, please contact Sonia.

### Special Notice:

We are in the midst of reorganizing our parent email list, so the newsletter will not be sent out via email this week.

# POLICY NOTICES

## Cell Phones



Parents and family, please note that students ARE NOT allowed to use their cell phones during class time (bathroom breaks are not phone booth breaks!), and if they have their phones out for any reason they will be taken away for the day. Cell phone use (including taking pictures, texting, or talking to parents) is very distracting and takes away from valuable learning time. City Academy is such a small school that a student can be notified of an urgent call via the front desk in less than a minute and can be excused to use the office phone as necessary. Thank you very much for your cooperation with this policy. Please call 596-8489 with any questions.

## Before School Drop-off



Please do not drop students off at school before 7:15 a.m. The school building does not open until 7:15 and your child is not supervised and may be out in the cold until then. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

## Student Attendance



State law requires that ALL absences and tardies be accompanied with a note explaining the cause and an excuse from the parent/guardian.