



# The Beak

From The Raven's Beak

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7:45-2:45

## Vision

To inspire each student to understand and pursue their unique potential.

## Mission

To develop young people of character who acquire three essential qualities of the educated individual, citizen and worker. (See student handbook for entire mission statement)

## **New School Schedule for 2011-12 !!**

We are very excited at CIVA to offer our students many new courses this year. In order to increase the variety of classes, manage the state budget cutbacks and ensure we are preparing our students for college...CIVA has adopted a new schedule format for this year. Some of our courses will still meet 5 days a week as usual. Some will be 3 days a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and some will meet just 2 days a week on Tuesday and Thursday.

We have dramatically expanded our program, we will now be offering the following new courses at CIVA: Ceramics, Digital Photography, Jewelry, Social Media, Speech & Debate, Oceanology, Environmental science, Pre-calculus, 2nd year sign language, Psychology, Sociology, Mythology, Poetry, Advanced film honors, plus the return of Dance.

We started researching options in January, when the deep budget cuts were being hammered out in the State Legislature. Our Staff members and Governing Board have been working closely with Administration to ensure a fluid transition to this new format. Students in District 11 are required to earn 46 credits to earn a high school diploma.

CIVA is cooperating with this district requirement as we modify our graduation requirements to our new system. A CIVA diploma will certainly satisfy all District 11 and Colorado State requirements.

We know this takes some time to get used to and to work out any issues that may arise. We encourage you to let us know how the transition is working for your son/daughter and what we may need to modify as we implement this schedule.

We can answer questions at the registration. Welcome back to a new great year at CIVA!

Randy Zimmerman

## **CIVA APPLICATION:**

If you know of families that would benefit from attending CIVA, please let them know we are accepting applications for the 2011-12 school year. Contact Mrs. Voss at 633-1306, ext 123 to schedule an interview.

## **REGISTRATION FOR ALL STUDENTS**

August 12<sup>th</sup>

Seniors 9:00

Juniors 9:30

Sophomores 10:00

Freshmen 10:30

-Families with students in different grade levels can register at the same time.-

## **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION:**

August 12<sup>h</sup>, 11:30-1:30pm

All students new to CIVA should plan on attending.

## **PHOTO IDS:**

All students must have a 2011/2012 CIVA student ID card. Replacement cards are \$6.00.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** To ensure the safety of your child (ran), please make arrangements to have your student(s) picked up by 3:00 PM everyday. Staff is in required meetings and no supervision is available for students past this time.

## **WHAT DOES MY STUDENT NEED TO BRING TO REGISTRATION?**

- ❖ Completed Locator Card
- ❖ Completed Enrollment Update Form & Student Health Information Update Form (these are only required for returning students).
- ❖ Pen to complete any missing information
- ❖ Completed Lifetouch order form if ordering pictures
- ❖ Cash, check, or money order (please pay all **CIVA fees** in one check or money order) for the following items:

1. Outstanding obligations
2. Activity fee (\$175/student)
3. \$30 parking fee
4. Athletic fees (\$50/sport)
5. Payment to Lifetouch for pictures

## **REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS:**

Registration is required for all students. If your student is unable to attend registration, they can pay fees and pick up their schedule, locker assignment, and planner on their first day of school. Pictures/IDs will be available on picture make up day (TBD).

Registration will take place in the gym. The procedure is as follows:

- Station 1:** Pick up registration check list
- Station 2:** Check for outstanding obligations and pick up statements
- Station 3:** Have OLE paperwork notarized if needed and turn in ALL paperwork
- Station 4:** Parking permits
- Station 5:** Pay fees/outstanding obligations
- Station 6:** Have picture taken and get student ID\*
- Station 7:** Turn in completed registration checklist, pick up schedule, locker assignment, planner and Student Activity Handbook.

\*All students including seniors will have school pictures taken for the yearbook and student IDs. (Dress code does apply). For ordering information, see attached Lifetouch flyer.

Seniors choosing to submit a senior photo taken by

an alternate professional photographer **MUST** have the picture turned in to Ms. Bremner no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **FALL OLE:**

Our Fall OLE (Outdoor Learning Expedition) will be October 4, 5 and 6. The information packet is attached to this newsletter. Please, take the time to read through the information. The Medical Power of Attorney must be notarized. A notary will be available at registration. Forms and payment are due Sept. 6, 2011. Contact Ms. Joni, 633-1306, ext 100 if you have any questions.

## **FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS**

**10/11:** District 11 mails an application to all active students. Students need to reapply each year. Forms can be returned to D11 or turned in to the kitchen manger at CIVA. All applications for 2011-2012 must be on the 2011-2012 application form.

## **VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS:**

All girls interested in trying out for the CIVA Women's Volleyball Team, LISTEN UP! Bring workout clothes on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Tryouts are 3:00-5:00. Girls must come to all three days. Contact Mr. Miller at 633-1306, ext 115 if you have any questions.

## **CIVA families and Foreign Exchange students:**

We have several students that need host families. I am sending this hoping you might consider hosting a student for the school year or welcoming a student in your home for just a few weeks, to allow them to come to America and get started in school while we search for a permanent family. Host families can be married or single with no children, young children, teens or grandchildren. Our kids have earned a scholarship to be here, so they are given an allowance each month for their spending needs and have medical insurance. The host family offers a bed (the student can share a room with a host sibling, but needs their own bed) and meals.

The students are 15 to 17 years old and they attend the local high school. If you consider hosting, I can give you much more information on the student so you can make a good decision on who fits your household best. Please consider opening your heart and your home to one of these great kids!!! My contact number is listed below and you can call me anytime, day, evening or night! Holly Nichols, Southwest Regional Coordinator/World Link, Inc. 806-577-9533

[hollynichols@gmail.com](mailto:hollynichols@gmail.com)

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### **SPORTS/ACTIVITIES:**

Students wishing to participate in any sport must have a yellow D11 Athletic Participation Form on file and a blue Emergency Information Card. Fees are \$50 per sport. These forms will be available at registration. Contact Ms. Cook at 633-1306, ext 113 with any questions.

Any student participating in any after school activity must have on file a signed Student/Activity acknowledgement form. This is located in the back of the Student Activity Handbook.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- OLE packet (notarization required)
- Enrollment Update Form and Student Health Information Update Form (Only returning students will have this attached).
- Locator Card
- Lifetouch Flyer

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Add the following dates to your calendars!

Aug 3-5	Capturing Kids Hearts Conference
Aug 12	Registration
Aug 17	1 <sup>st</sup> day for students
Aug 26	Assessments-no students
Aug 31	Back to school night for parents 7-8:30pm
Sept 5	Labor day-school closed
Sept 6	OLE paperwork/payment due
Sept 7	Information Nite 7-8:30pm
Sept 16	Quantum Learning Professional Day no students
Sept 30	OFFICIAL COUNT DAY
Oct 4-6	Fall OLE
Oct 7	NO SCHOOL for students that went to OLE
Oct 14	Teacher work day-no students
Oct 26	Data Driven Conferences 4pm-7pm
Oct 27	Data Driven Conferences 12pm-7pm
Oct 28	Teacher Work Day-no students
Oct 28	Haunted Homecoming 7:00pm
Nov 11	Veteran's Day-school closed
Nov 21-25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 19 -Jan 4	Winter Break-school closed

### **Capturing Kids' Hearts Training~ Enabling Teachers to Develop Self-Managing Students**

#### **Registration Open Now**

**Dates:** Wednesday, August 3rd - Friday, August 5th

**Time:** 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Location:** Hosted by Academy for Advanced and Creative Learning, at CIVA Charter School

4635 Northpark Drive, Colorado Springs, by I-25 and Garden of the Gods Road

**Cost:** \$555 per person, payable to AcademyACL

**Audience:** Teachers, Counselors, Principals, Academic Deans

**Registration:** Email [office@academyacl.org](mailto:office@academyacl.org) or call 719.434.6566 **Deadline:** August 2nd, 2011.

**LIMIT:** 50 participants

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