

Connections Day School

2026-2027 ~ Parent Activities Calendar

PLEASE NOTE...for **Parents' Night Events** in **October, February, March, April & May**:

Don't forget to bring **your Appetite** and **your Kids** (including CDS students),
because **Dinner** (pizza & drinks) and **childcare** will be provided!

Date & Time	Activity / Presenter	Description / Discussion Topic
Thursday August 27th 2:30-6:00pm	<u>CDS Open House</u>	Come visit Connections Day School to meet the teachers, therapists, restorative intervention specialists, administrators, and other support staff who work with your student. Take a tour of the school, visit your student's classroom(s), and learn more about the curriculum, programs, and supports planned for the new school year. We look forward to welcoming you and giving you an opportunity to connect with your student's team!
Thursday October 15th 5:30-7:00pm	<u>CDS Restorative Interventions & Supports (RIS) Team</u>	Join our restorative intervention specialists to learn more about the 5 steps of supportive intervention taught within our RIS department and utilized throughout CDS, along with the many interventions, strategies, and supports provided by the RIS team. This presentation will offer insight into how RIS partners with students and staff to promote safety, regulation, problem-solving, and successful participation throughout the school day.
Monday November 23rd 10:30am-5:30pm AND Tuesday November 24th 9:00am-12:00pm	<u>Parent & CDS Team Conferences</u>	Meet individually with your student's Homeroom Teacher, Therapist and other members of their team to discuss their progress, strengths, and areas for growth. Conferences provide an opportunity to review academic performance, current grades, behavior, social-emotional progress, and therapeutic goals and work , while also sharing questions, insights, and strategies to support your student's continued success at CDS.
Thursday February 11th 5:30-7:00pm	<u>Dr. Christina Bailey & Dr. Stephanie AuBuchon</u> <u>CDS Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Specialists</u>	Designed specifically for parents and caregivers of students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (and those who suspect their student may be struggling with ASD symptoms.) Our specialists will share practical information, strategies, and insights related to understanding and supporting students with ASD , while also providing an opportunity for parents to ask questions and connect around common experiences. Whether you are new to the world of ASD, or have been supporting your student for years, we hope you'll join us for this engaging evening!
Thursday March 11th 5:30-7:00pm	<u>Ms. Diana McNelis</u> <u>CDS Substance Abuse Specialist</u>	Join our Substance Abuse Specialist for an informative and practical conversation about what parents can do to prevent, identify, and address concerns related to alcohol and drug use. Learn about risk factors, warning signs, effective ways to talk with your student about substance use, and strategies for responding when concerns arise.
Thursday April 8th 5:30-7:00pm	<u>Ms. Rachel Merke & Dr. Amanda Boyd</u> <u>CDS Transition Services Specialists</u>	The journey to adulthood doesn't begin in 12th grade—it starts with small, meaningful steps along the way. Our specialists will explore how families can support students in building the skills, experiences, and confidence they need for success after high school. We'll explore ways to begin planning early and intentionally, whether your student's path leads to employment, college, technical training, or another opportunity. <i>Please note: This event is specifically designed for families of 7th-11th grade students.</i>
Thursday May 13th 5:30-7:00pm	<u>Ms. Samantha Daab</u> <u>CDS Art Therapist</u>	Join us for a fun and creative Multi-Family Art Therapy Group! Families will have the opportunity to create, connect, and enjoy a shared art experience together in a relaxed and supportive environment. The whole family is welcome to participate! No prior art experience is needed—just come ready to create and have fun together.