

The faculty at CES is always wanting to improve on our quality of instruction and welcoming environment each and every year. As a result, CES launched several new and exciting initiatives.

The CES Essentials are 10 rules the faculty thought were essential to positive character development for our students. Beginning on the first day of school, students were introduced to the CES Essentials through role play by the faculty and staff. Students are reminded daily of the rules on morning announcements and receive rewards for following the CES Essentials.

Also, each student was placed in one of four houses. (The Trojan House of Pride, The Trojan House of Tradition, The Trojan House of Perseverance, and The Trojan House of Valor) The students were involved in some very fun activities earlier this month that allowed them to randomly pick their house. In addition, each faculty member and employee of CES was also placed in a house. This system is a way to help students develop a sense of belonging while engaging in positive competition among the houses.

Throughout the school year, each student will help their house earn points that will allow each house the opportunity to receive rewards and special privileges. So here is how the point system works:

- Any CES employee can award a student 1 to 2 points for academic, behavioral, and/or extracurricular activities based upon their achievement. These points will be applied to that student's house.
- For special occasions, administration can decide to award more than 2 points.
- Throughout the year there will be rewards and special privileges given to the house that is in the lead at that time. At the end of the year, the winning house with the most points will be recognized.
- Points can never be taken away from a house once awarded. This is a positive reinforcement program to encourage academic, behavioral, and extracurricular achievements.
- Students can earn points for following the CES Essentials. However, points will not be awarded after the first semester because the faculty at CES believe that the CES Essentials are manners that all students should demonstrate without incentives.

