

CASL State Conference

Contact Info:

Hyatt Regency

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Personal Contact Info:

- **Mr. Castro's Cell: —————**
- Please have your son/daughter enter my cell phone number, so we can maintain easy contact. You should also do the same.
- Please only contact me for emergencies. Students can contact me while we are on the trip.
- There are limited times this will be necessary, but I feel it is important to have this information available for me, you, and your student.

Drop-off / Pick-up info:

- Students will be picked up by school bus at Kraemer on Thursday, April 4th at 7:45 am. Please make sure you are here and ready to go by **7:30 am**.
- Students will be transported home on Saturday by district bus. We should be back to Kraemer at approx. **7-7:35 pm** on Saturday, April 6th. Please plan to pick up your student at this time.
- If you would like to pick up your child from the conference, please email Mr. Castro by **Friday, March 30th to make arrangements.**
- If you are also going to allow your child to be picked up by someone else, please make sure to provide Mr. Castro a written note/email by **Friday March 29th** of who will pick up your child. Please make sure they have identification with them. They will be expected to sign them out.

Clothing:

- I encourage jeans or even shorts for the days we do not leave the hotel.
- **They need to wear their leadership shirt on the day we leave for CASL.**
- They will be provided a CASL t-shirt, and the conference will decide which day to wear this (either Friday or Saturday). Students will need at least one more top for the trip.
- There will be a dinner/dance and an evening excursion on Thursday and Friday respectively. Most schools do not dress up for the dance.
- For the dinner/dance, most of the time students change from their school shirts to something a little nicer (not dressy).
- **Bring a jacket/sweatshirt for the evening excursion at Great America.**

Suggested items to pack:

- Pajamas
- Sweatshirt, scarf, gloves, hat (layers for the cold night air)
- Toiletries - must be less than 3.4 ounces (toothbrush, toothpaste, make up, deodorant, etc)
- Jeans / maybe shorts
- Shirts - long or short sleeve - **NAVY BLUE ASB shirt, ROYAL BLUE ASB shirt, extra shirt**
- Shoes
- Socks
- Undergarments
- Medications (please let Mr. Castro know if you have any) - Must have a doctors note and approve it with the school nurse. Certain forms must be signed.
- Sunglasses
- Spending money

- water bottle for refills.
- Watch (or something with the time on it, so you are on time to all sessions)
- Cell phone: Cell phones are allowed to call home during evening hours only.
(No cell phones allowed to call or text during sessions or after lights out!)

Money:

- Everything is included in the registration fee.
- Students may bring money for snacks (although plenty of food is provided), and merch (CASL does sell t-shirts, sweatshirts, and other items).
- The meals that are already covered via registration include all meals except..
 - **Thursday, April 4th – Breakfast (you need to eat before arriving to school)**
 - **Thursday, April 4th --** Kraemer Middle School & Valadez Middle School will have a lunch together. **Please bring a \$3 donation to help with this cost. Please give to Mr. Castro by Friday, March 29.**

Weather:

- Keep an eye on the weather and make sure to bring a jacket and/or ASB sweatshirt.
- The conference will take place “inside” the hotel and convention center, but there is one excursion to Great America on Friday evening. We will take a charter bus and enjoy a nice evening at the facility.
- You will be responsible for making sure you take a sweatshirt/jacket with you.

General Safety:

- Lights out varies from 10:30 to 11:00 pm depending on the evening; however, it is critical that students understand the rules. Students may not leave their room, for any reason, once I have checked rooms prior to lights-out.
- Students may **not** use the hotel phone unless they are contacting the lobby or myself.
- In **NO** circumstances is there ever a student from another school permitted in our assigned rooms.
- Safety is first for me, and I encourage parents to discuss this with their students as well. There is plenty of opportunity for fun, excitement, and student interaction during the conference hours and other events.
- Lights-out and after should be for rest and recuperation. The days are long, so I always encourage students to take advantage of the time to rest.
- Students must be aware that besides the other 1,000 middle schoolers, there will be other paying guests of the hotel. Common courtesy at the elevators, restrooms, food areas, gift shop, etc. are expected.
- Name badges, provided by CASL, are to be worn at all times. These badges are labeled with the student’s name and school. Therefore, any other hotel employee, CASL supervisor, or other school supervisor can contact the advisor (me) if there are any reports of misbehaving or improper activity.
- I know that kids are kids, but I want them to be aware that they are representing Kraemer Middle School, and I am fully responsible for all 46 on this trip.
- We WILL have a ton of fun, but I do expect the kind of common courtesy, decency, respect, responsibility, integrity, and positivity that I know ALL of them display regularly.
- **Texting during ANY kind of session is NOT permitted. They may see others do this, but that doesn’t make it acceptable for us. There are some great speakers and presenters who deserve to be heard and respected.**