

# CCHS NEWSLETTER

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## News

### PARENT ASSOCIATION

As I am writing this letter and wanting to wish you all a great Spring we are about to feel the effects of another nor'easter with 8-10 inches of snow predicted - is it any wonder more of our students are applying to colleges in warmer climates! It has been a long winter and I hope that soon we will all be enjoying warmer weather and getting outdoors. Spring sports are underway and our seniors are in the final months of this phase of their lives and making plans for the future.

**The PA Nominating Committee is working on filling positions for next year.** Some people who have served are "graduating" and others are moving on to new things. There are many ways to help out and we would like to have anyone who is interested in serving find a job to do. If you are new to the school it is a great way to get to know people and if you have been here for a while your experience and contacts will be very helpful. We are particularly looking for one representative from each grade level to work on the **"Connections" directory** for next year. Extensive work was done last summer to update the database so this should be fairly simple to update this year. Please contact Lisa Betancourt (978-369-3453) or Shelley Mogil (978-287-5115) if you are interested in getting involved in any of the PA committees. Thank you.

**The next PA Meeting will be held on April 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the library.** We will be discussing plans for the rest of the year as well as hearing an update on the budget situation. Please continue to pay close attention to the school budgets and stay informed so that you will understand the impact of the proposed budgets and how any cuts will affect the services and programs for our students and therefore have an effect on the entire community. There will be a series of coffees sponsored by the School Committee and hosted by volunteers in their homes to help people become informed before Town Meeting in Concord. It is especially important for parents to attend and vote at Town Meetings and in any override elections that will be held.

The PA hosted a book discussion group last month on the book "Too Much of a Good Thing: Raising Children of Character in an Indulgent Age" by Dan Kindlon. Thanks to Assistant Principal Alan Weinstein for moderating. Dan Kindlon will be speaking at the Fenn School on Wednesday, April 7th at 7 pm. He will be speaking on this book and will also touch on his newest book "Tough Times, Strong Children."

When Spring finally arrives, it may be a good idea to remind your students that **40 hours of community service are required for graduation** and there will be many opportunities to help with Spring Cleanups around town in order to earn some of those hours. Helping senior citizens with these tasks would be a great way to develop relationships that benefit both students and seniors as Peter Benson pointed out in his talk about the 40 Developmental Assets in January. Students can contact Debbie Barr at the Council on Aging (978-318-3020) to find seniors who would appreciate some help.

Senior Safari plans are well under way thanks to the efforts of co-chairs Ainslee MacHaffie and Susan Sharp and their entire committee. Ainslee and Susan are parents of graduating seniors and so are many of the people who have worked on this all night graduation party attended by nearly all seniors. **In order to keep this tradition alive we need parents of younger students to get involved so that they will be able to run it in future years. The Senior Safari decorations also need a new storage place** which can be in a basement or other enclosed, dry storage area in a home or office. If you have or know of an area about the size of a one car garage where these items could be stored please contact Ainslee (978-369-8608) or Susan (978-371-3081). They are currently stored in a house which is being sold and must find a new home!

Thanks once again to Mary Jane Divino for coordinating the **Direct Appeal Campaign**. The PA does not conduct fundraisers throughout the year but does collect dues in the Fall and send out an annual appeal letter each Spring. You should have received this letter around the middle of March. The money contributed is used to award grants to faculty and staff who submit requests for programs, equipment and events that directly enrich the lives of the students and the community at CCHS. Please consider this appeal carefully and give as generously as you are able so that we can continue to fund these grants.

There are still many people who have not signed up to be on the e-mail system. This system is rapidly becoming the primary and in some cases the only means of getting information out to the school community. If you know of anyone who has not registered please encourage them to do so immediately. To sign up go to [www.lists.ptg-concord.org/mailman/listinfo](http://www.lists.ptg-concord.org/mailman/listinfo) and follow the instructions, using your student's ID number to sign on for the appropriate lists. If you use AOL and have had problems with the CCHS mailings being treated as spam, go to the web site above and click on FAQ for an explanation of how to fix this problem. If you have friends who have mentioned that their mailings are no longer arriving via AOL, please tell them to use this fix. If you are on the e-mail list you should also be receiving announcements from your child's class, the monthly newsletter, the daily announcements for the next day each afternoon and a Friday update from the PA. If you would like to get information in the Friday update ("Chit Chat") please send it to Karen Sabatino at [KarenSab@comcast.net](mailto:KarenSab@comcast.net) by noon on Thursday. Thanks once again to Karen for getting this information out to parents on a timely basis.

**Don't forget the next Principal's coffee which will be held on April 5th at 8:30 a.m. in A-7.** As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns that the PA can address.

Dane Payne, PA President – 978-287-5031



**NOTES FROM ART DULONG**

I have sent a brief budget statement out over email as well in a letter to the editor of both local newspapers. I have no doubt that each of you knows that there is a budget problem, that a reasonable budget will require a sizeable override, and that failure to pass the override will significantly affect the educational experience of the students who attend CCHS. I will not belabor the point. I do hope that you will attend important meetings, particularly town meeting. I urge you to listen closely as the school budgets are presented. Ultimately vote your conscience there and at the polls, but please cast an educated vote.

Another thing you will hear about if you do attend town meeting is a warrant article requesting funds for a new language lab and repairs to the lower gym and locker room. Even a casual tour of the locker rooms or the lower gym will substantiate the deplorable conditions of these areas. In the locker room we only request new lockers. The current lockers are original to the building and have taken a beating over the decades. In the lower gym we request a new floor and new lighting, both natural and electrical. The natural lighting will come from replacing the windows and/or the boards that cover them. These are safety issues as well issues related to the educational environment.

The language lab replacement is more difficult to see by casual inspection. In fact, the language lab is a rather attractive environment that we constantly keep repaired. The issue there is analogous to other technology issues. The lab is "tape" based in a world that does not support tape technology. The modern language lab technology and the text materials associated with the lab are digital based and web interactive. Aside from the fact that the repair of the lab facilities is an increasingly more difficult proposition, the technology in our existing lab no longer supports the appropriate language instruction program. We need to upgrade.

You should know that the same is true for all our science labs, but the cost to upgrade would be prohibitive if done outside a building project.

You should also know that even if the day should come when the voters would support a renovated CCHS neither the lower gym upgrade nor the language lab upgrade would have been done in vain. In both cases the requested upgrades would be unaffected by any future building project.

As always, thanks for the many ways you support the students and staff at CCHS.



**CCPOPS**

If you are interested in reliving the delights of the CCHS production of Fiddler on the Roof, visit <ccpops.org> and follow the links to see wonderful photographs of performances and backstage scenes. You can even order a professional video or DVD for your personal collection.

This month brings opportunities to enjoy great music. The Concert Chorus, Men's, Mixed Select and Women's Select Ensembles will be performing on Tuesday, March 30 at 7:30pm in the CCHS Auditorium. The CCHS Colonial Youth Orchestra will offer a pre-MICCA (Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association) open dress rehearsal in the auditorium on Thursday, April 1 at 7:30pm. The Chorus groups and the Orchestra will participate in the MICCA Festival on April 2 (chorus) and April 4 (orchestra). Gold medal winners will be invited to perform at either Boston's Symphony Hall on April 10 or at Tanglewood on May 9. Visit our website for information.

The chorus will also compete at the North American Music Festival in Virginia Beach on April 30. Margie Zuk has done a superb job organizing this trip. We have several students who require financial aid, and Crosby's Market has offered us a great way to raise scholarship money. During the two week period of March 28 through April 10, submit a 'Crosby's Community Commitment Voucher' when you check out, and Crosby's will donate 5% of the pre-tax total to the CCPOPS Scholarship program. Vouchers can be downloaded from our website or contact me and I will hand deliver as many as you want! Please share this information with neighbors and friends. It doesn't cost the shopper anything and we are so grateful to Crosby's for their support.

April's CCPOPS monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13. Remember that Dance Club continues to meet every Friday afternoon at 2:30 on the stage.

Mary Jane Divino  
978.369.4406  
[president@ccpops.org](mailto:president@ccpops.org)

**CONCORD CARLISLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Log on to the Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund's website, <http://www.ccscholarshipfund.org> for CCSF eligibility and application information/materials. The site also provides helpful ideas and links for locating and applying for college financial aid from other sources

## PARENT INFORMATION

### **PARKING:**

The good news is that with the expansion to the lot this year, we have been able to accommodate many more (about 330 total) student cars on campus. The bad news is that this is still not enough to accommodate everyone, although we are close. And unfortunately, students are parking in visitor areas. The other piece of bad news, more personal, is that many of my nightmares now take place in parking lots. I know that you know we're doing the best we can with this issue. Thanks.

### **HONOR ROLL:**

For 1<sup>st</sup> term, there were 550 students on the honor roll, and 475 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> term. Since there are initially always some omissions, I've taken to posting the unofficial list on the main office window. Students have about 2 weeks to inform us of corrections before I send the list off to the newspapers. Congratulations to all our honorable students. Apologies to any who were left off the list inadvertently.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Just a reminder, it is essential that parents call in when their daughter/son is to be absent/tardy/dismissed. Too frequently, students are receiving unexcused absences/reduced credits in courses. The # is 978-318-1417 x100. Thanks.

### **NON-BUSINESS:**

It's been a pleasure getting to know, and working with your kids. In general, they go about their business in an efficient, adult-like manner. They are incredibly respectful and appreciative of efforts made on their behalf. We all await spring.

Alan Weinstein, Assistant Principal

## **SENIOR PROJECT**

The Eighth Senior Project course is well under way with members of the Class of 2004 learning about topics ranging from choreography to car repair, interior design to darkroom construction. Students have had their proposals approved by the coordinators of the course, Mr. Angney and Mr. Harding, and through the spring meet regularly with them for progress check ins, journal readings, advice, and encouragement. Students finish by writing a multi-page Self Evaluation of their successes in reaching their goals and then in late May participate in the Senior Project Fair to present to other students, the faculty, their families, and the greater school community what they have accomplished.

Current juniors are currently signing up for the course next year, the experience the coordinators consider "A Bridge to the Future."  
Mark Angney

## **SPRING COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & PARENTS**

Classes are held at CCHS unless noted.

Pre-register by phone (978) 318-1540 (day) 318-1432 (eve).

Full course details on the web: [ace.colonial.net](http://ace.colonial.net)

- **Maximize Your College Financial Aid (For Parents)**  
Thursday, May 13, 7:00-9:00 PM at CCHS, \$20
- **Driver Education (afternoon and evening)**  
Starting, April 6 and running for 15 sessions, Tuesdays and Thursdays. through June 1, 3:00-5:00 PM or 6:00-8:00, \$355 (includes text/driver ed certificate) Register directly with Christo Auto School at 508-481-6384
- **CPR & First Aid Certification (For those Summer Jobs!)**  
Community Education offers a variety of certification classes. Visit the website at [ace.colonial.net](http://ace.colonial.net) for available classes.



### **AT THE LIBRARY IN APRIL....**

For all CCHS students and their parents! The library will host a discussion of *Reading Lolita in Tehran* on April 7th, at 7 p.m. in the library. The questions raised by this book are important ones that will furnish material for a lively hour of discussion. See what can be found on just the first page of the book - "do not, under any circumstances, belittle a work of fiction by trying to turn it into a carbon copy of real life: what we search for in fiction is not so much reality but the epiphany of truth."

We will concentrate on the first segment of the book, the portion devoted to *Lolita*. Please join us! If possible, give a call to Sanda Smith, 978-318-1417, and ex.143, to help me know how much decaf to brew.

### **AND ...**

The range of interest of the students at CCHS is so varied that the topics of required research papers range from abortion to X-rays. It is impossible to wholly anticipate the resources needed for these papers each year or to adequately provide for each topic.

Many of you have bought books for your children to supplement their research for various papers. If these books are no longer of use to you, the library would gratefully accept them as donations for the use of other students who might be working on the same subject.

Sanda Smith  
Librarian

**2004 CONCORD CARLISLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1**

Applications for the Concord-Carlisle Scholarship Fund must be submitted by April 1, 2004. Applications are available online at [CCScholarshipfund.org](http://CCScholarshipfund.org) and in the main office at CCHS. A complete application requires a transcript and a CSS Profile, which takes several weeks to process. **Please use CCSF code # 0161 when filling out the Profile Form.**

Visit the website for detailed application instructions and links to the CSS materials. Also available on the website are tips on how to fill out any scholarship application and links to other sources of financial aid.

The Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing scholarships to deserving students. In 2003, over \$100,000 was awarded to local students. CCSF shares applications with other local organizations, including the Concord Women's Club, the West Concord Women's Club, the VFW, The Concord Public Library and the Carlisle Garden Club, which all award scholarships.

Please direct any questions to our website: [CCscholarshipfund.org](http://CCscholarshipfund.org).

Teri Hale  
CCSF Trustee

**VCR NEEDED IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

The foreign language department is looking for a VCR to replace one that is no longer functioning. It does not have to be brand -new, but new enough so that it can be connected to our Multi- Standard VCR , to both play and record. Remote control would be great. Contact Isabelle Albeck in the foreign language department.

**NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

The School Committee continues to be busy with budget and capital item information. We also expect to announce settlements with the maintenance and custodial bargaining units soon, which will bring four bargaining units to settlement, and three left to complete.

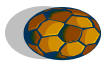
The Thoreau School Building project has received a favorable vote from the Finance Committee by 10:1. The importance of passing this project his year is for educational, safety, and financial reasons. Not using the vacated Alcott School for swing space would cause the disruption of all K-8 students when the project did move forward, and the costs would be very high. Keeping the vacated Alcott building empty also has significant costs. Keeping the Thoreau students and staff together makes the most sense. The project should not be delayed, as the deterioration of the building continues. We hope you will support the project. Reimbursement from the state now seems likely for the Alcott project, part of the Middle School Renovations, and the Thoreau project should it pass.

We believe that our recommended operating budgets reflect the recognition of the fiscal situation, yet will provide for continued delivery of a strong education system. A reorganization of administrative duties will necessitate more being done by those who remain, but will fulfill the goal of protecting the direct educational services to students in the classroom. Reduced positions include the Director of Personnel, a SPED director, a half time METCO director, the coordinator of instructional technology, and the adult and community education director salary contribution. We made these and other changes in order to put forth a budget we believe is reasonable and protects direct classroom services and programs.

Still, we had to create substantial reduction lists that show what would be lost if no override passed. The difference between the School Committee budget and the Finance Committee override guideline for CCHS would require reductions including increasing class sizes, from a 90:1 ratio to 95:1 per teacher by department, reducing administrative duties of department chairs, reducing budgets for co-curricular and athletics, as well as other reductions.

If no Override passes for CCHS, resulting in a levy limit budget, the entire athletic program would be eliminated. The cost per pupil per sport would be too high to charge in a public school setting.

We are also seeking a debt exclusion in both Concord and Carlisle for \$535,000 in order to do some necessary repairs at CCHS in the lower gym and locker rooms, and also to replace the foreign language lab equipment. These are areas of improvement that would not be duplicated when a larger CCHS building project moves forward in the future.



**FRIDAY, APRIL 2<sup>N</sup>, A BASKETBALL GAME FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS**

Come cheer on the Senior team as they face the opposition – our very own Concord Police Department! It’s going to be a great night. **LOTS OF LAUGHS, LOTS OF EXCITEMENT.** In addition to all the action on the court, the students are planning door prizes, a raffle, and some great halftime entertainment including 3-point contests and a performance by the Step Club. You won’t want to miss out on all the fun. Tickets will be \$5 and \$3. **This is a show for all ages, so bring family and friends.** If you know of a business that would be interested in contributing a prize to be awarded, please call Ryan Morris at 287-0154, or email to [sloppyjoe68@aol.com](mailto:sloppyjoe68@aol.com)



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Community Commitment Program,  
Your grocery shopping can reap contributions for the **Concord Education Fund!****

**Five percent of your grocery bill will be donated to the **Concord Education Fund**  
When you shop at Crosby's Marketplace between  
*April 4 and April 10, 2004*  
Simply fill out the  
Community Commitment Voucher below  
When you reach the cashier.**

**Many thanks to Crosby's Marketplace for their commitment to Concord's public schools!**

*Together, we are making public schools better,  
One grant at a time!*

CROSBY'S COMMUNITY COMMITMENT VOUCHER		CROSBY'S COMMUNITY COMMITMENT VOUCHER	
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**SUBSCRIBING TO THE LIST SERVE:**

Go to [www.lists.ptg-concord.org/mailman/listinfo](http://www.lists.ptg-concord.org/mailman/listinfo) and click on the link to your child's class. If you have children in multiple classes, repeat the process for each child. **READ** and **FOLLOW** the **INSTRUCTIONS** provided. You will need to have your child's student I.D. handy when subscribing. When you subscribe, **you will receive an auto-generated response** which you **MUST REPLY** to in order **TO ACTIVATE** your **SUBSCRIPTION**. **IF YOU DO NOT REPLY, YOUR SUBSCRIPTION REQUEST WILL SIMPLY DISAPPEAR FROM THE SYSTEM.** **PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ALONG TO ANYONE WHO HAS NOT SUBSCRIBED YET.**



### CLASS 2004 – SENIORS IMPORTANT SENIOR INFORMATION

The senior letter will be sent to all parents this month. This letter contains all of the information you will need to know about end of year responsibilities and graduation for your son/daughter. Seniors/ Parents please take note: There are still about 50 students who have not purchased a cap and gown or tassel if they already have a cap and gown. The list is posted on the window in the main office. Students should see Mrs. Coleman as soon as possible please. Any senior who has decided not to participate in the graduation ceremony, **MUST SEE Mrs. Coleman NOW. IMPORTANT:** The materials not returned list for seniors is also posted. Please check this list and if you name is on it, see Mrs. Coleman NOW. **Don't wait until the last minute.**

This month we hit the ground running, with a big event on Friday night, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. **The Concord Police Department has challenged the seniors to a basketball game.** This should be very interesting, not to mention tons of fun. Things could get pretty hilarious. The students are planning a lot of fun activities and contests. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a show and competitions for prizes at halftime. All ages are welcomed and encouraged to join in. Tickets will be \$5 and \$3. If anyone knows of a business that would be willing to contribute a prize to be awarded that night, please contact President Ryan Morris, [sloppyjoe68@aol.com](mailto:sloppyjoe68@aol.com), 978-287-0154.

That's it for April, so the kids have lots of time to take care of their own business.

Then suddenly it's May, and everything winds up, to begin winding down. There are **THREE BIG EVENTS IN MAY** that will need a lot of support from all of us. It would be great to have everyone consider volunteering for at least one of these wonderful celebrations.

**FACULTY AND STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON** – Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. This event is a way for the Senior Parents to express their gratitude and admiration for all the people who work so hard and so well to make our children's experience for four year here at CCHS so wonderful. Contact Susan Sharp, 371-3081.

**SENIOR CLASS PANCAKE BREAKFAST** – We anticipate yearbook delivery on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> depending on the publishers shipping schedule. Traditionally, the breakfast is the day after the dedication and if the yearbooks are on schedule the breakfast will take place on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. As soon as the date is finalized, it will be published in the daily bulletin. Students arrive at 6:30 a.m. to pick up their yearbooks and sign each other's and enjoy some great pancakes and juice. Contact Mary Jane Divino, 369-4406.

**SENIOR BARBEQUE** – Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. This is the last day of 'school' for our kids. They have an assembly in the morning, and then it is time to gather outside for a great BBQ lunch. There will be a steel band and hopefully lots of sunshine for the kids to have a great time with each other before they are released. Contact Ann Bauer, 369-5666 or [seniorbarbeque@yahoo.com](mailto:seniorbarbeque@yahoo.com).

**June 1** – Prom

**June 4** – Friday set up for Senior Safari. We need lots of senior parents to help with this as well as Sunday morning cleanup.

To volunteer call Ainslee MacHaffie, 369-8608, or Susan Sharp, 371-3081, or email [seniorsafari@aol.com](mailto:seniorsafari@aol.com).

**June 5** – Graduation, and then Senior Safari until the morning of Sunday, June 6.

Barbara Lewis

### CLASS 2005 - JUNIORS

The Class of 2005 always has great parties, and the Spring Social at the Tremblay's was no exception. Thank you, Tom and Charity for graciously hosting us in your beautiful home.

**GRADUATION RECEPTION** – Planning has begun for the graduation reception that takes place immediately following the ceremony on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Weather permitting it is outside and approximately 1,500 students, parents, school professionals and guests attend. Many people have already offered their time and talent, but we still need people to help prepare food, set up and serve. Please add your name to the list of volunteer by contacting Kathleen Munday (see below). The parents and students of the Class of 2004 deserve to have a great reception after hosting last year. We can look forward to having it done for us next year by the Class of 2006, so please volunteer to do what you can.

**PARENT PROM PARTY!** – The Prom begins at CCHS around 5:30 pm on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> when students gather in the school library while waiting for everyone to arrive. Parents traditionally congregate in front of the school to take photos of Prom goers as they leave the reception around 6:30 pm to board buses to go to the dance. This year parents can continue the good time at an "After the Send



### CLASS 2005 – JUNIORS CONTINUED

Off? party hosted by Margaret Coughlin and John Riley at 40 Partridge Lane. We will proceed directly to the party after the buses leave where we can enjoy a casual evening that will include viewing a video of the reception. It's BYOB with the class providing the food. In order to know how much food to provide, please RSVP to Margaret Coughlin - 371-7558 or [imsmac@comcast.net](mailto:imsmac@comcast.net).

**SENIOR SAFARI** - The evening of June 5<sup>th</sup> graduates return to the school for the last time to attend the all-night Safari party. This is a major happening and volunteers are needed. Please contact [SeniorSafari@aol.com](mailto:SeniorSafari@aol.com) to help make this a day to remember for the Seniors.

#### DATELINE:

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** - Junior Prom Chaperone's meeting for teachers, class officers, and advisors

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Junior Prom at the Bedford Renaissance Hotel

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** – “After the Send Off” get together at the Coughlin/Riley's for parents who gathered at the high school to see their juniors off on the buses to the Renaissance.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Plant Sale at CCHS from 9 AM to Noon – Please call Gunilla Gorman at 371-2690 if you can volunteer to help. Set up begins early!

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** – Graduation Reception

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** – Senior Safari

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** – Student Six Flags Trip

Spring – Students Courtyard Clean-up Service Project – parents are encouraged to help

Kathleen Munday (287-4690); [kathleen@kmunday.com](mailto:kathleen@kmunday.com)

### CLASS 2006 – SOPHOMORE

Mark your calendars for a Sophomore Parent Social on Friday, April 30th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the home of Kathy Hughes-Morris and Bob Morris at 94 College Road. Invitations will be sent in early April.

Volunteers are needed to help with the **reception preceding the Junior Prom on Friday, May 7th** at the CCHS Library from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The event is traditionally given by the sophomore class for the junior class. Those willing to help before or on the 7th are encouraged to contact Lisa Philippou at 978-369-2878.

The **Sophomore Semi Formal on Saturday, May 8th** is also in need of volunteers. Contact Jane Turner Michael at 978-369-7626 or at [JTMConcord@aol.com](mailto:JTMConcord@aol.com) to offer your help.

The **Senior Safari is looking for volunteers** to take over key positions in running the annual event. Many of those who have been involved over the last several years have graduating seniors. Please contact Ainslee MacHaffie at 978-369-8608 if you want to help continue this graduation night tradition.

### CLASS 2007 – FRESHMEN

NO NEWS THIS MONTH

### CLASS 2008 – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**Course Selection sheets have arrived at the high school and are being processed.** Students and parents can expect to see a preliminary schedule before the end of the school year. When you receive your preliminary schedule please take a moment to go over it carefully. If corrections are needed, contact your current guidance counselor at the middle school.

**Families who know that their son/daughter will not be attending Concord-Carlisle High School in September** are asked to please notify the CCHS guidance office at 978-318-1417 x119 or x120.



### SENIOR SAFARI - Information for Senior Parents

#### Senior Safari is hot on the trail of one of the best parties ever!

Anyone who made it to the organizational meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> saw a room full of energized and committed parents eager to carry on the wonderful tradition of holding this all night party for our senior class following their graduation. It was very exciting and gratifying to see so many new faces, because that is what is needed in order to continue the Senior Safari beyond this year.

So the organizational structure is very strong. But that alone won't get the job done when it is time to put it all together and make it happen. We now need people to volunteer to work at the event. All parents at CCHS should heed this call. This is the one time where we all come together to create a safe environment for seniors to gather one last time. If your oldest is a freshman, you should know that in three years when it is your turn to watch your student take these great steps, even though you will not be allowed to chaperone, others will care enough about your child to be there at Senior Safari, making sure s/he has a great time. And if you come now you will have a chance to see what it's all about.



### SENIOR SAFARI MEETINGS

Call Ainslee MacHaffie, 369-8680 or Susan Sharp, 3713081 or email at [seniorsafari@aol.com](mailto:seniorsafari@aol.com) soon to sign up for one of the following shifts:

Friday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Moving decorations	9:00 – 12:00
	Set up and decorate	2:00 – 5:00
	Set up and decorate	5:00 – 8:00
Saturday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Decorate	9:00 – 12:00
	Guard Duty	12:00 – 2:00
	Guard Duty	2:00 – 4:00
	Chaperone	9:30 – 1:30
	Chaperone	1:00 – 5:00

**OUR NEXT TWO PLANNING MEETINGS WILL BE APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> AND MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, BOTH AT 7 PM IN ROOM A-7.**

We are looking for some new props to be donated. If you have any large stuffed animals, gorillas monkey, alligators, etc., or if you have any silk plants (especially trees) you are interested in getting rid of, or any dress up props – hats, glasses, tiaras, boas, but **not clothing**, please contact us.



#### STORAGE NEEDED FOR SENIOR SAFARI DECORATIONS

We are still looking for a secure dry place to store all the props, decorations and materials. If you have or know of a place contact Ainslee as soon as possible. The area needed is approximately the size of a single car garage.

Send in your ticket order (\$20) and donation right away, to Karen Sabatino, and also send your senior's baby picture to Barbara Lewis or leave it with Martha Hammer in the front office.



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| <p>1. Pre MICCA Concert 7:30 p.m. CCHS<br/>CC SCHOLARSHIP APPS. - DUE TODAY</p> <p>2. MICCA Concert &amp; Choral Festival<br/><b>QUARTER 3 ENDS</b><br/><b>HOMEROOM</b><br/><b>SENIORS VS: CONCORD POLICE BASKETBALL GAME</b></p> <p>3. CCHS Rep Band Performs in Lexington<br/>MICCA Concert &amp; Choral Festival</p> <p>4. CCHS Concert Band Performs in Lexington<br/>MICCA Concert &amp; Choral Festival</p> <p>5. Class 2006 Flip Flop Sale Begins<br/>Students for Peace Bake Sale Begins<br/><b>PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE 8:30 A.M. ROOM A-7</b></p> <p>6. Free</p> <p>7. <b>CLASS RING SALE FOR SOPHOMORE &amp; JUNIORS</b></p> <p>8. <b>CLASS RING SALE FOR SOPHOMORE &amp; JUNIORS</b><br/><b>HOMEROOM / ATTENDANCE</b></p> <p>9. <b>GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL</b></p> <p>10. Jr. District Festival Rehearsal</p> <p>11. Jr. District Festival Rehearsal</p> <p>12. <b>Parents' Association Meeting</b><br/>Library Week Begins<br/>Jr. District Festival Rehearsal &amp; Concert</p> <p>13. Joint School Committee Meeting<br/>Band Leaves for Japan<br/><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b><br/>Sr. Safari Meeting – 7:30 p.m. A-7</p> | <p>14. Library Speaker<br/>SAC Meeting<br/>Class 2007 Parent Meeting<br/>CCPops Meeting<br/>Student Government Fund Raiser</p> <p>15. Free</p> <p>16. Music Assembly<br/><b>HOMEROOM / REPORT CARDS</b><br/>Student Government Fundraiser Ends<br/>Flip Flop Sale Ends</p> <p>17. Free</p> <p>18. Free</p> <p>19. <b>PATRIOTS' DAY – NO SCHOOL</b></p> <p>20. <b>APRIL VACATION</b></p> <p>21. <b>APRIL VACATION</b></p> <p>22. <b>APRIL VACATION</b></p> <p>23. <b>APRIL VACATION</b><br/>Band Returns from Japan</p> <p>24. Free</p> <p>25. Free</p> <p>26. <b>TOWN MEETING</b><br/><b>CLASSES RESUME</b></p> <p>27. <b>TOWN MEETING</b><br/>SADD Assembly</p> <p>28. SADD Assembly Rain Date<br/><b>TOWN MEETING</b></p> <p>29. Chorus Trip – North American Music Festival</p> <p>30. <b>HOMEROOM / ATTENDANCE</b></p> |
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*Spring is in the air.*



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT... CONNECTIONS (THE CCHS STUDENT-FAMILY DIRECTORY)**

The Concord-Carlisle High School Parents Association prepares a school directory each year called *Connections*. This booklet contains a listing of student and parent names, phone numbers, addresses, Parents' Association volunteers, administration, faculty, staff, and coaches with telephone extensions. The *Connections* Directory was developed to make it easier for parents and students to communicate with each other and school personnel. The *Connections* Directory is distributed at Back To School Night in September to all paid up members of the Parents' Association and extra copies are on sale throughout the year at the school office. Updates appear in the school newsletter as needed.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW...**

- If you are **NEW to the school or have a student entering the Freshman Class**, please complete the form below and return it no later than **June 30**. The directory is sent to the printer in July.
- If the directory information for your **upperclassman** appears **CORRECT** in the current edition of *Connections* and you want it to remain in the *Connections* booklet, then no further action is necessary.
- If you want to **REMOVE** your family/student information from *Connections*, please initial here (        ), complete the form below and return this no later than **June 30**.
- If the directory information for your family **needs to be CORRECTED**, please complete the form below and return it no later than **June 30**.

**CONNECTIONS FORM - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Student's Full Name (as you wish it to appear) \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Family Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**SECOND ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT**

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone at Second Address (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL DIRECTLY TO – SHELLEY MOGIL – 357 CATERINA HEIGHTS - CONCORD, MA 01742**

## *Guidance Department Publication*

# *“Guidance Bulletin”*

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### **For The Student Athlete**

CCHS students who plan to play a Division I or Division II collegiate sport must register with the **NCAA Clearinghouse**. For students who will be competing at the Division III level, this is not necessary.

Juniors should review the NCAA requirements this spring to insure that they have taken the appropriate high school core courses. These requirements are listed in the Pamphlet, *Making Sure You are Eligible to Participate in College Sports*, which is available in the Guidance Department. By the end of the junior year, a student should complete the *Clearinghouse Student Release Form*.

The Clearinghouse requires that official SAT or ACT test results be sent. Juniors code number 9999 when they take the SAT I in May or June on the SAT registration form in the section entitled “*Score Reports to Colleges and Scholarship Programs.*” Current seniors who have not yet sent their SAT scores to the Clearinghouse should use the *SAT Additional Score Report*.

### **Financial Aid Award Letter**

- ***What will my award letter contain?***

Most award letters will contain: a cost breakdown that itemizes expenses such as tuition, fees, room and board, books, supplies and personal expenses; your Expected Family contribution (EFC), which is calculated based on your Free application for Federal Student aid (FAFSA) results; and the amount of aid the school is offering, which is based on the difference between your total EFC and the cost of attending the college.

- ***Are there deadlines I should be aware of?***

Your award letter should include a deadline for accepting the college’s offer of financial aid. Missing it could mean losing a grant, scholarship, employment opportunity or loan assistance.

- ***Will an outside scholarship decrease my aid?***

It might. We recommend that you check with your college’s financial aid office to see how an outside scholarship might affect your aid package.

- ***What if the EFC is more than I can afford?***

Remember that you don’t always have to accept the aid package that is presented to you.

Contact your college financial aid office to discuss special circumstances that may not have been reflected in your original aid application.

If you have specific questions about your aid letter, contact your college’s financial aid office.

### **Acceptances and Rejections**

By the middle of April students who are using the regular admissions timetable should have had a response from all of the colleges to which they have applied. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline by which students need to choose one college to receive the deposit, which indicates the student’s commitment to attend that college. Students should also notify each of the other colleges at which they have been accepted that they do not plan to attend.

If applying for financial aid, the student is entitled to know the terms of each financial aid package before making a final college selection. In the past few years, financial aid packages received by the same student have varied substantially.

In addition to financial considerations, students often use these final weeks to review their original criteria for selecting colleges and to factor in any new considerations. A more clearly defined major, a greater commitment to a co-curricular interest, or a change in perspective about distance from home may shed new light on the decision.

**Even though the decision is difficult to make, students may not confirm acceptances by depositing to more than one college. This practice is called double depositing and may cost the student acceptances at both colleges.**

Rejections by colleges are difficult to take, especially in cases where the student seemed academically qualified but was rejected anyway. In the broader perspective, however, it is often the case that colleges which accept students provide a better fit and a more successful experience than those which rejected them.

# College Board Test Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tests Available</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
May 1	SAT I/SAT II	March 26
June 5	SAT I/SAT II	April 30

Boston College Fair  
 Boston College Fair  
 April 28 and 29

## SAT II's in Biology and Chemistry

Students who are earning strong grades in **Honors Biology** or **Honors Chemistry** should consider taking the **SAT II: Subject Test on Saturday, June 5, 2004**. While not required by all colleges, SAT II Subject Tests are often required for admission to the more selective colleges and may be used for placement purposes at other colleges. Subject Tests in Writing and Math are frequently preferred by colleges along with a third test of the student's choice. Many CCHS students use science for this third test option.

Students should review the decision to take an SAT II Subject Test in biology or chemistry with their current science teacher. As some of the content of the test is not covered in our courses, students will not do well without using review guides or attending a review class. See the upcoming Adult and Community Education spring course booklet for courses. It is recommended that students taking the Biology SAT II Subject Test take the molecular biology (M) test option. This section best parallels the course work offered at CCHS.

Students should be aware that the score reporting option **Score Choice** no longer exists. Students used to be able to keep their scores from being reported. Now, if they take an SAT II test, they can no longer hide their score.

## Reminders for Seniors

With graduation and the end of the school year rapidly approaching, seniors should remember to do the following things:

1. Inform their counselor and the Records Office of the responses of each college to which they have applied.
2. Write **thank you notes** to teachers and other individuals who wrote college references.
3. Send a written confirmation along with the required deposit to the *one* college they choose to attend. Confirmed students may also remain on wait lists of additional schools.
4. See their counselor, if they are wait-listed, and review the wait list section of the Post-Secondary Planning Handbook for suggested strategies.
5. Provide for a smooth graduation by clearing up fees for additional transcripts, texts and library books, and cap and gown rental, etc.

## SAT Web Ticket

On-line SAT registration is convenient and provides registrants with immediate confirmation for both the SAT I and SAT II. Students who want to register by paper can still do so by obtaining a 2003-2004 Registration Bulletin.

Students who do register for the SAT on-line will no longer receive an **Admission Ticket** in the mail. Instead, they need to print out their **SAT Confirmation and Admission Ticket**. All test takers, regardless of how they registered, can go on-line to print their ticket. The Admission Ticket confirms that a student is registered to take a test on a specified date, at a specified test center. A student will need to bring the ticket, along with a picture ID, to the test center for admittance.

### Note to Freshmen-Sophomore Parent Meeting Attendees

Guidance Department members, Bill Yunker and Kelli Kirshtein would like to thank the many parents who attended the Freshmen-Sophomore Parent Meeting that was held on Monday evening, March 15 in the Little Theater. The many comments made and questions asked by parents contributed much to the usefulness and liveliness of the meeting.

One issue discussed that night, sophomores taking the PSAT, would benefit from some further clarification. The Guidance Department recommends that only those sophomores that have demonstrated strong overall performance and placement in higher level classes in math, science, and foreign language and would like to take the test should do so. About 45 of this year's 320 sophomores took the PSAT in October, 2003.

Kelli Kirshtein would like to reiterate her invitation to those parents who would like to either call or meet with her. Kelli can be reached at 978-318-1417 x 123 or at [kkirshtein@colonial.net](mailto:kkirshtein@colonial.net). Parents who did not receive a handout containing a summary of the PowerPoint presentation can e-mail Bill Yunker at [byunker@colonial.net](mailto:byunker@colonial.net) to request a copy.

### **FAQ: THOREAU SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT**

The construction of a new Thoreau School is Article 27 on the Spring Town Meeting warrant. The Build Thoreau Committee urges you to learn more about Thoreau building conditions, the building project and its alternatives—including possible 2-year K-8 redistricting—at [www.buildthoreau.com](http://www.buildthoreau.com).

#### **WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE THOREAU BUILDING PROJECT?**

The total project budget for the new Thoreau building is \$17,473,000. Subtract from that the \$675,476 that has already been spent on design & engineering fees and the total amount to finish the project is \$16,797,524.

#### **WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECTED TAX IMPACT OF THE THOREAU BUILDING PROJECT?**

Assuming the project costs will be bonded over 20 years (paid FY 2008 through FY 2028) and assuming no State reimbursement, the average projected cost based upon a median home value of \$582,000 is \$129 per year. The year of the greatest tax impact is FY 2008, when the tax per median household is projected to be \$198. The average amount will decline each year after that.

#### **WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE STATE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM?**

Representative Cory Atkins has said there is a State reimbursement plan coming. She has stated, “I strongly endorse getting Town approvals now so the Town has an opportunity to be first on the list.” The Governor has proposed setting up a new commission with a new plan by November 2004.

#### **WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF WAITING TO BUILD THE NEW THOREAU SCHOOL?**

The costs of waiting are significant. Aside from at least \$1.1 million in building repairs that would be required for Thoreau through 2009 just keep it operational, there are additional increased project and operations costs:

Wait until 2005, use old Alcott as swing space: Total estimated additional costs = **\$798,000**.

The Town will pay an estimated \$690,000 in increased project costs, primarily due to construction cost escalations, plus \$108,000 in operating costs (FY 2005) for the old Alcott building.

Wait until 2006, implement 2-year K-8 redistricting: Total estimated additional costs = **\$2,263,000**.

The Town will pay an estimated \$1,719,000 in project costs (including construction cost escalation, building maintenance, moving expenses, temporary classroom relocation and leases, etc.) and \$544,000 in operating costs (through FY08) including additional busing costs and building maintenance.

#### **WHAT TOWN GROUPS SUPPORT BUILDING THOREAU IN 2004?**

So far, the Finance Committee, School Committee and the Thoreau PTG have all voted to support the Thoreau building project in 2004. Other groups will be determining their support for the project in the near future. Article 27 for the new Thoreau school was put on the Town Meeting warrant by the School Committee.

*Mark Howell*  
*Build Thoreau Committee*

### **CONCORD CLEAN UP MONDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>**

The annual clean up of our community of roadside litter and trash on public lands begins on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and continues through Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, the major emphasis on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Division of Natural Resources will supply the litterbags, and the CPW crew will pick up the bags along the roadside beginning Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Individuals, families, neighborhood groups, clubs, and organizations are urged to contact the Division of Natural Resources for assignments and bags.

Please feel free to drop by the office at 141 Keyes Road between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or call 978-318-3285.

Your participation is urged and welcomed!!

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