

CCHS NEWSLETTER

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News

PARENT ASSOCIATION

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Spring Break and that you and your students have returned rested and ready for the rest of the year. The days are longer but there is so much to do that they will fly by as we reach the conclusion of this school year.

Concord Town Meeting begins Monday, April 26th at CCHS. The budgets for the Town and the school budgets (K-8 and CCHS) are all expected to come up on the first night of Town Meeting. There are additional school articles regarding capital projects, special education and a new Thoreau school and these will be taken up as the meeting progresses. Parents should be sure to learn as much as they can about the issues and I urge all Concord voters to come out and support our schools at Town Meeting. If you are not yet registered to vote you will not be able to vote at Town Meeting but you should register right away in order to be eligible to vote in any override elections that follow Town Meeting.

The PA Nominating Committee has filled most of the positions for next year at this time. However, we are always happy to have more volunteers participating and if you'd like to get involved in any of the PA committees or activities please contact **Lisa Betancourt (978-369-3453) or Shelley Mogil (978-287-5115)**. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help out next year.

The final regular PA Meeting for this year will be held on May 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the library. We will be voting on the new slate of officers and committees at that time.

Senior Safari plans are being finalized under the leadership of co-chairs Ainslee MacHaffie and Susan Sharp along with their entire committee. Please consider helping with putting up the decorations, serving food, chaperoning, etc. The committee is very organized and it is a lot of fun to serve for a shift or two to make this event a success. 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 to everyone who has contributed to the Direct Appeal Campaign. Because of your generosity we have received donations which total over \$18,000 and have been able to award grants in excess of \$13,000 so far this Spring. We have asked for additional grant requests to be submitted for consideration so that we can distribute the balance of the funds donated. Additional donations are always welcomed as the needs are great and these grants have a direct impact on our students and programs. **Thanks again to Paula von Kleydorff and the entire grants committee for their diligent work**

We are concerned that some people may not be receiving their monthly newsletters electronically. Some e-mail services may have difficulties in delivering the lengthy newsletter. If you have not received any of the regular communications (daily announcements, weekly Chit Chat or monthly newsletter) you can go to the archives site www.lists.ptg-concord.org/pipermail/cchs to view prior messages. You can access the messages for a particular class by visiting [www.lists.ptg-concord.org/pipermail/cchs-2007\(substitute appropriate class year\)](http://www.lists.ptg-concord.org/pipermail/cchs-2007(substitute appropriate class year)). Most messages are available for viewing. However, some messages are not visible due to conflicts with graphics contained in the original message....we're working on correcting that for the future!

If you would like to get information in the Friday update ("Chit Chat") please send it to Karen Sabatino at 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 May 3rd 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

First – I want to express my thanks to the senior class and their parents.

The students have been wonderful throughout my years at CCHS. This class has provided leadership and modeled good citizenship for the entire school. Additionally, they are one of the most talented groups I have seen. Whether it is on the stage, in the athletic arena, in the meaningful fulfillment of community service, in the classroom, or simply the way they conduct themselves in their day to day interactions at CCHS, the Class of 2004 has set a high standard for others to follow. At this time, I have no idea how they have done in the college chase, other than what I know about the early decisions. While I hope they do well in that respect, I hope you and they know that their worth as students and contributors to CCHS extends far beyond that. You can probably tell I like this group. Best wishes to all as we approach the end of the high school experience.

The parents of the seniors have also been fabulous, supporting the school efforts on so many ways. I hope you know that you make a difference and that I appreciate all you do.

Second – I need to explain this years scheduling process to the underclass.

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Notes- Continued - I am sure everyone is aware that there are the usual budget discussions ongoing. This year there is a difference in that the budget discussions and the ultimate vote may have an impact on staffing at the high school. An impact on staffing is not an abstract concept. Staff reductions mean reductions in the number of sections that can be scheduled.

We have begun the scheduling process. Students have selected courses, and in most cases also indicated a second choice. We are beginning to put together the master schedule. We know we cannot add any sections, which means we are frequently going to second choice selections in those cases where a course is over requested. As is the policy, we give priority to seniors, then juniors, etc. The point is that many students will be enrolled in their second choice selection. This is not significantly different from other years. However, it is one of the scheduling steps that is frequently misunderstood.

What will be different is that we will be unable to complete the scheduling process until we have clear definition on staffing. For now, I have chosen to schedule on best-case scenario and reduce later if necessary. It is likely that we will not complete the scheduling process until at least two weeks after we get definite numbers for our staffing. Students and parents are accustomed to having a schedule in hand for next year as the current school year ends. That is not likely to happen. I'll try to keep you informed as time frames become clearer, but I thought it prudent to alert you early to a potential change of routine.

Thanks in advance for your patience with regards to this issue.



CCPOPS

Three cheers for Andrei Sobchenko, Director, and the members of the CCHS Colonial Youth Orchestra who earned a Gold Medal for their performance at MICCA. As a result, they have been invited to play at **Tanglewood on May 9** and we look forward to another stellar performance.

The Orchestra Pops Concert has not been finalized as of press-time. Please visit ccpops.org for information.

The Choral groups may be in Virginia as you read this! **The Concert Chorus, Men's, Women's and Mixed Select Ensembles are participating in the North American Music Festival**, departing Concord on April 29 and returning on May 2. The clinics that were offered to the groups during their MICCA participation will prove helpful as they compete with groups from around the nation.

We extend our gratitude to all the citizens who submitted the 'Community Commitment Vouchers' when they shopped at Crosby's during our allocated weeks. Your thoughtfulness and Crosby's generosity helped make the trip possible for several CCHS students.

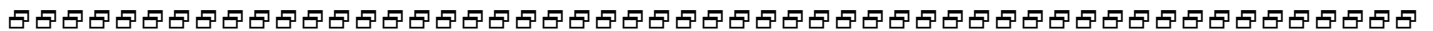
Due to the size of the Concert Chorus (207 students) we can no longer stage the traditional 'Pops' concert in the cafeteria and our last concert will be held in the auditorium. We are pleased that we do not need to limit attendance, as was necessary when we used the cafeteria, so everyone is welcome. Families of seniors will be offered preferential seating, if you contact me by May 19. The program will be an interesting mix of light-hearted pieces, followed by selections from the 'Sing for A Cure' concert as we support the Susan B, Komen foundation for breast cancer research. It promises to be a moving concert, followed by a special reception in the cafeteria for our graduating seniors. **Join us on Saturday, May 22 at 7:30 for wonderful music and poignant farewells.**

Dance Club offers its last session of this school year on May 7. We thank Wendy Lawson, CCPOPS Dance Club Liaison, and Kate Cross, Dance Instructor, for providing our students with terrific movement experiences.

Other important dates:

- **CCPOPS Annual Meeting: Wednesday, May 12**
- **CCPOPS Monthly Meeting: Thursday, June 3**
- **Cabaret: Friday, June 11**

Regards,
MJ Divino
978.369.4406
president@ccpops.org

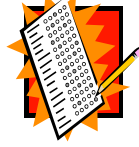


SUBSCRIBING TO THE LIST SERVE:

Go to 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.**

AP EXAMS

During the weeks of May 3rd through May 14th, students who have registered for Advanced Placement Exams will sit for these exams. All AP Exams for CCHS students are administered at CCHS under the supervision of Ms. Fenton. This year we will administer 150 exams. Parents who have questions about these tests should call Ms. Fenton at the high school.



MCAS TESTS TO BE ADMINISTERED MAY 17TH THROUGH MAY 28TH

The Education Reform law requires that all students demonstrate mastery of a common core of skills, competencies and knowledge in English, math, science technology, history and social science, and foreign language. Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) is a comprehensive set of tests developed to measure the academic growth and progress of all students in these areas. This May all sophomores will be tested in English, mathematics, history and social science. Students need to pass the MCAS English and math tests in order to graduate.

The first test session was administered in April, during which time students took the long composition portion of the test. The remainder of the testing will take place between May 17th and May 28th.

The daily schedule for all students will change due to the May testing dates. Blocks will rotate differently from the regular pattern, so it will be important for everyone to check the day's schedule each morning. Copies of the block schedule for the weeks of May 17th and May 28th will be distributed to all students in homeroom.

It is very important that all sophomores be present each day of the testing so that they will not need to take the English or math test as juniors. While there will be some time available for makeup for those who are ill for a day, we urge everyone to be present May 17 through May 28 to avoid having to reschedule testing. Students will have sufficient time to complete each exam.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IS JUNE 22nd

As a result of one "cold day" this year, our last day of school for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be Tuesday, June 22nd. Final Exams will begin on Thursday, June 17th. All students are expected to be present for exams.

FINAL EXAMS

The last day of school will be June 22, which means that final exams will begin on June 17th, and each exam day will be a half-day of school.

H AND G- BLOCK EXAMS ON THURSDAY, JUNE 17

F AND E- BLOCK EXAMS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 18

D AND C- BLOCK EXAMS ON MONDAY, JUNE 21

B AND A - BLOCK EXAMS ON TUESDAY, JUNE 22

Students will be able to study in the library and cafeteria, by making arrangements in advance, students will be able to receive extra help from teachers during exam days. There will be no lunch served on exam days.

In accordance with the exam policy as stated in the [Handbook for Students and Parents](#), "if a student is absent on the day of an exam and cannot make arrangements to take that exam on another day of the exam period, he/she will receive a grade of Incomplete (I) until the exam is made up." Final exams can be made up during the first five school days of the next school year.

Full information concerning the final exam schedule and final exam procedures will be distributed to all students at the beginning of June.

OPENING DAY FOR 2004-2005

Freshmen Orientation will be on September 2, 2004

Freshmen and Upperclassmen will report on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 to begin classes

More information about the opening of school will be mailed home to you in the Back to School Packet in August.

UPCOMING 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

- **Maximize Your College Financial Aid (For Parents)**, Thursday, May 13, 7:00-9:00 PM, \$20
- **For Seniors! Feng Shui for Your Freshman Dorm Room**, Tuesday, June 15, 7:00-9:00 PM, \$30
- **Jukido Jujitsu: A Traditional Martial Art for Self-Defense**, 6 Thursdays, May 6-June 10, 7:00-8:30 PM, \$108
- **Chinese Brush Painting (Gr 7-12)**, Tues, Wed, Thurs, July 13-14-15, 3:00-5:00 PM \$60
- **CPR & First Aid Certification (For those Summer Jobs!)** Community Education offers a variety of certification classes. Visit the website at ace.colonial.net for available classes.
- **Driver Education** - Monday through Friday, July 6-19, 9:00 AM-Noon - \$420 (includes text/driver ed certificate) Register directly with Christo Auto School, 508-481-6384
- **SAT Prep : For the Nov 6 test**
- **SAT 1 Prep with Summit**, 12 Tuesdays, August 10-November 2 (No class 9/7), 6:00-9:00 PM, \$550
- **Kaplan** is offering a number of options for both the current test and the new test, for details and to register call Kaplan at 1-800-KAP-TEST

THE PARENT'S ASSOCIATION GRANTS COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

- VCR PLAYERS
- TV - LARGE SCREEN
- DVD PLAYERS
- MOTOROLA (TYPE) WALKIE-TALKIES

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE ITEMS AND WOULD LIKE TO DONATE THEM, PLEASE **CALL PAULA VON KLEYDORFF (978 369 2829)**. THESE DONATIONS FULFILL SOME OF OUR GRANTS AND ALLOW US TO ALLOCATE MONEY TO MORE PROJECTS. THANK YOU.



SENIOR PROJECT FAIR

JOIN US FOR THE **SENIOR PROJECT FAIR ON MAY 19TH FROM 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.** IN THE CCHS LIBRARY. COME AND LEARN ABOUT THE INTERESTING PROJECTS OUR SENIORS HAVE UNDERTAKEN FOR SECOND SEMESTER.

EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE
 Article(s) for the [CCHS Newsletter](#) should be sent
 to
icoleman@colonial.net



CLASS 2004 – SENIORS

- A letter was sent to all seniors with all of the information you will need for graduation and senior week activities.
- Check with Mrs. Coleman to see if you owe materials from previous years. A list is posted on the window in the main office.
- If you are not participating in the graduation ceremony, inform Mrs. Coleman NOW!
- There are still seniors who have not purchased a Cap & Gown. You cannot participate in graduation without one. See Mrs. Coleman NOW!

Well, it won't be long now. The year is rapidly drawing to a close, and with it go the high school careers of our children. There is so much excitement and energy running through the class as future plans are revealed. So much looking forward, but before they are gone, we will give them time to look back at all they have accomplished and created.

We had a great St. Patrick's Day Luncheon in March. The kids and all the volunteers and staff came together as an amazing team. Many thanks to all involved.

The Senior/Concord Police Basketball game was a smashing success. Terrific athletes on both teams made the event very exciting and competitive, but the element of fun was never far from the surface, and sometimes totally took over. Congratulations to the Senior Class for their well earned win, and even more so for taking a great idea and executing it with very very little support from the adults. Our officers made all the arrangements. Great job! And huge thanks to our Concord Police officers and Firefighters who were so terrific to be with on that night.

Class shirts are in and they look great! All the names of the students are printed on the back. T-shirts are \$18 and long sleeved shirts are \$20. Contact Ryan Morris to purchase one.

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 21st. 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.

Monday afternoon, **May 24th, at 2:15, the Dedication of the Yearbook** is anticipated to take place in the school library. All parents as well as students are welcomed to attend, and participate in the recognition of the recipient of this award and the presentation of the first CCHS 2004 Yearbook.

SENIOR CLASS PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 25th,(this is a change from previous publications of this date), this event is to be held on the morning after the Yearbook Dedication, and is therefore dependent upon the arrival of the shipment of yearbooks and the Yearbook Dedication Ceremony. We will have plenty of notice on the timing of these two events. For the breakfast, students arrive at 6:30 to pick up their yearbooks and sign each other's and enjoy some great pancakes and juice. Contact Mary Jane Divino, 369-4406 to volunteer at the breakfast.

SENIOR BARBEQUE - Friday, May 28th. This is the last day of school for our kids. They have graduation rehearsal and an assembly in the morning, 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. Kids should bring blankets to sit on. Contact Ann Bauer, 369-5666 or Paula Casey at 371-1842, or seniorbarbeque@yahoo.com if you have any questions. (This committee is still looking for financial support. This will be a great event and a great meal that we really do not want to charge the kids for that day. So please consider sending a donation to 'CCHS Class of 2004' with 'BBQ' in the notation, to Lois Siegelman, 118 Brister's Hill Road, Concord.

The next week is called Senior Week and a mailing went home to parents and students with lots of good information. Please read this over carefully – except for the part that says the prom is on Friday night the 28th of May. That is incorrect. **The prom will be on Tuesday, June 1, at the Longwarf Marriott. Tickets will go on sale on May 6th until the 20th.** As in the past, all seniors are very welcomed and encouraged to come, even if they do not ask someone to go with them as a date. Every year friends decide to go together and have a wonderful time just being with their class on this very fun night, so don't miss out.

The Senior Class is making arrangements for a second social event, a trip of some sort, to take place during senior week, on either June 3rd or 4th. No details have been finalized yet. As soon as plans are set we will send emails out and announcements will be made at school.

Thanks, everybody, for all your participation and contribution to the class.

Barbara Lewis



SENIOR SAFARI – Information for Senior Parents

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

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

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.

Storage is 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, please contact Ainslee as soon as possible. The area needed is approximately the size of a single car garage. Please help if you can.



SENIOR SAFARI – THE PLACE TO BE ON JUNE 5TH FOR THE CLASS OF 2004!



CLASS NEWS

CLASS 2005 – JUNIOR

Graduation Reception – Planning is underway for the graduation reception that immediately follows the graduation ceremony on Saturday, **June 5th**. The steering committee is in place and many people have volunteered time and materials. We can still use more help. Please contact Christopher Corkery (cookies) at 369-4460 or Nancy Pierce (fruit) at 369-2377 if you can bake cookies or purchase fruit. You can imagine how much food is needed for a party of 1,500! We also need the loan of 16 coolers for ice and 8 punch bowls and ladles. Let Kathleen Munday (see below) know if you can supply either or both.

Parent Prom Party! – The Prom begins at CCHS around 5:30 pm on Friday, **May 7th**, 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 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.

Annual Plant Sale – Our third annual plant sale featuring a large selection of annuals and perennials will be open to the public from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at CCHS on **May 8th**. Please support the class by purchasing your plant needs at the sale, and don't forget to donate extra perennials from your own garden to the sale. Contact Gunilla Gorman at 371-2690 if you can donate plants or help out at the sale.

Car Wash Fund Raiser – Please support our juniors at their fundraiser Saturday morning, **May 22nd** at Crosby's market. Students will be waiting to wash your car from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Don't disappoint them!

Courtyard Clean Up – Our class has adopted the courtyard outside the CCHS cafeteria as their community service project. After school on Friday, **June 11th**, the courtyard will be cleaned, pruned and planted. Pam and Paul Ressler will be donating a bench to the courtyard in memory of their son Nick who would have been a 2005 graduate. Parents are encouraged to join in the effort and bring their rakes, brooms, shovels and wheelbarrows. Call Charity Tremblay at 371-0471 if you can help.

DATELINE:

May 7th – Students' Junior Prom & Parents' “After the Send Off” Party

May 8th – Annual Plant Sale

May 22nd – Car Wash at Crosby's

June 5th – Graduation Reception

June 11th – Students Courtyard Clean-up Service Project

June 12th – Student Six Flags Trip

Kathleen Munday (287-4690); kathleen@kmunday.com



CLASS NEWS

CLASS 2006 – SOPHOMORE

A Parent Coffee held at the home of Jane Turner Michael was attended by about 25 sophomore parents. Thanks to Jane for offering her home and for organizing the event.

The Sophomore Class Car Wash is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st at Crosby's. **Students willing to help should contact sophomore Melissa Judson at school and parent helpers may contact Donna Carter at 978-369-7436.** This was a tremendously successful fundraiser last year due largely to having lots of student and parent volunteers.

Parents who have volunteered to help with the **reception preceding the junior prom on Friday, May 7th** will be contacted by **Parent Advisor Lisa Philippou who is organizing the reception along with Josephine Bottone and Margaret deJesus.**

Tickets for the Sophomore Semi-Formal will be on sale during all lunch blocks beginning Tuesday, April 27th through Friday, May 8th. No tickets will be sold at the door the night of the dance. Each ticket is \$20. **The dance is Saturday, May 8th from 7:00 to 10:30.** To help with **ticket sales, students may contact Anna Daigle, Jessica Murphy, or Courtney Nelson.**

The **Sophomore outing to Six Flags is scheduled for Saturday, June 12th.** Save the date. Details will follow.

The Parent Advisors are seeking parent input in planning events, socials, and fundraisers for next year. Have any ideas? Contact:

Sandra Arena	978-287-4063	Jane Turner Michael	978-369-7626
Josephine Bottone	978-287-5969	Lisa Philippou	978-369-2878
Gloria Gallington	617-364-6298		

CLASS 2007 – FRESHMEN

The First Annual Trivia Contest was a huge success. Attendance was strong, questions were challenging, and word is out that this is a fun way to spend an evening. Look for participation to climb each year, as the event becomes better known throughout CCHS and across the Town. Thanks and congratulations go to Class officers, event organizers, and particularly the Cicchetti family for making this community event a reality. Let's hope the Class of 2007 has started a tradition!

The end-of-year stretch is expected to be a busy one for Freshman Class and their families. Here are a few dates to remember:

- ❖ **Saturday, May 8, 2004 – Class Trip to Six Flags in Agawam.** Watch for information on the class bulletin board in the cafeteria. Class officers will send an email notice home to families once details about time of departure, return, and price are settled. Parents please note that Class of 2007 is responsible for cleaning up after the sophomore semiformal on May 8, 2004. Parents are encouraged to stay after pickup from Six Flags Trip to help with cleanup.
- ❖ **Saturday, May 15, 2004 – Class Carwash at Crosby's Parking Lot.** Student signups for washing and other organizing responsibilities will happen at school during the week prior to the event.
- ❖ **Sale of School Planners/Assignment Notebooks – Class of 2007** will have responsibility for selling school planners for students next year. Look for order forms in this newsletter issue. Please sign up to help with sales and distribution of planners – look for a separate parent email describing ways you can help.
- ❖ **Friday, June 18, 2004: Freshman Spring Fling – End-of-Year Dance.** Watch for information on the class bulletin board in the cafeteria. More information to follow in June newsletter and requests for parent assistance will come via class email system.
- ❖ And as always a reminder: Don't leave yourself out of the information loop...**PLEASE** remember to sign up for our class email system. More than half of the families of Class of 2007 students have signed up, and they're now getting messages delivered directly to their email address. **This is the PRIMARY means of delivering messages to families about class activities and important school news.** Once you have signed up, you will also receive daily bulletin of announcements read at school and weekly reminder of upcoming school activities. Visit www.lists.ptg-concord.org/mailman/listinfo to add your name to the email list.

CLASS 2008 – 8TH GRADE

'06 Eighth Grade

Course selections for next year are now being processed, and individual student schedules will be distributed to students at the beginning of June. At that time, high school counselors will visit the Carlisle and the Concord eighth grades to address any schedule conflicts that might exist once schedules have been developed.

Final schedules along with all of the information that students and parents need for the opening of school are mailed to homes the second or third week in August. Watch your mail for a thick envelope from the high school, **(known as the Back to School Packet)** and **read its contents very carefully.**

Parents, please note the Connections form that is included with this newsletter. Please note that addresses are transferred from the eighth grade to the high school. If you do not wish to have your address or telephone number printed in Connections, please indicate that on the form and return it to Shelley Mogil – 357 Caterina Heights – Concord, MA 01742 as indicated.

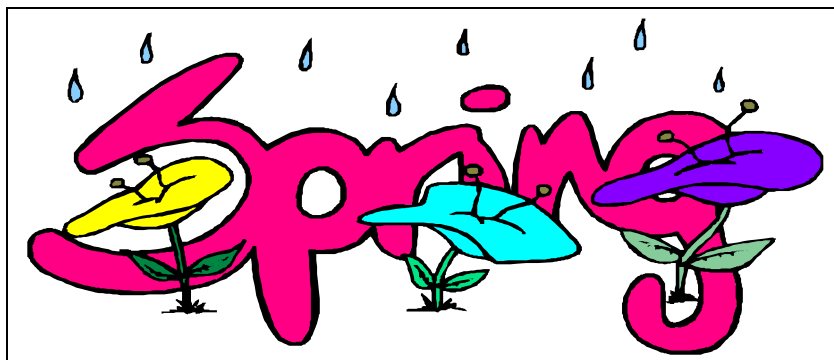


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CALENDAR

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SAT 1 & 2
Class 2006 Car Wash 2. Free 3. Principal Coffee at 8:30 a.m. in room A-7
AP EXAMS ALL WEEK
TOWN MEETING 4. AP Exams
TOWN MEETING 5. AP Exams 6. AP Exams 7. Dance Club 2:30
AP Exam
JUNIOR PROM AND JUNIOR PROM RECEPTION
Homeroom 8. CLASS 2006 SOPHOMORE SEMI-FORMAL
Class 2007 Clean-up after Semi-Formal
Class 2007 Class Trip
Class 2005 Plant Sale 9. MICCA Symphony at Tangelwood 10. Parents' Association Meeting
AP Exams all week 11. June Newsletter Deadline
CPS School Committee Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
AP Exams
Senior Safari Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in room A-7 12. CCPops Annual Meeting
AP Exams 13. MCAS Makeup – ELA Comp Gr. 10
AP Exams 14. Homeroom/Attendance
AP Exams 15. Class 2007 Car Wash 16. Free | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17. PARENTS' ASSOCIATION CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION
BEGINS
AWARDS NIGHT @ CCHS AT 7:00 P.M.
MCAS TESTING BEGINS
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SAC Meeting
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ENDS
CCPops Band Concert

Homeroom
MCAS Testing
Faculty/Staff Appreciation Lunch 22. Class 2005 Car Wash
CCPops Chorus Concert 23. Free 24. Yearbook Dedication
MCAS Testing 25. Senior Pancake Breakfast
Joint School Committee Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
MCAS Testing 26. 2004-05 CALENDAR MEETING AT 2:30 IN ROOM A-7
MCAS Testing 27. MCAS Testing 28. SENIOR LAST DAY – SENIOR GRADUATION
REHEARSAL – SENIOR BBQ
MCAS Testing
Homeroom/Attendance 29. Free 30. Free 31. MEMORIAL DAY – NO SCHOOL |
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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.
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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

**CONCORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND CONCORD-CARLISLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2004-2005**

<p>SEPTEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p><u>SEPTEMBER</u> 1 Professional Day 2 Professional Day/Orientation 6 Labor Day 7 CLASSES BEGIN 16 Rosh Hashanah 25 Yom Kippur</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY</u> 21 Presidents' Day 21-25 February Recess 28 Classes Resume</p>	<p>FEBRUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p>
<p>September 2 – Orientation for 9th Grade and New CCHS Students September 2 – First day for 6th Grade Students September 7– First Day for all students - no school for 6th grade</p>			
<p>OCTOBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p><u>OCTOBER</u> 11 Columbus Day</p>	<p><u>MARCH</u> 24 Professional Day 25 Good Friday</p>	<p>MARCH S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>
<p>NOVEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER</u> 11 Veterans' Day 24 Half Day 25-26 Thanksgiving Recess</p>	<p><u>APRIL</u> 18 Patriot's Day 18-22 April Recess 25 Classes Resume</p>	<p>APRIL S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>
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SCHOOL COMMITTEES

<i>Nicole Berkel</i>	<i>Concord-Carlisle School Committee</i>	
<i>Betsy Bilodeau,</i>	<i>Concord-Carlisle School Committee</i>	<i>Concord School Committee – Chair</i>
<i>Michael Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Concord-Carlisle School Committee – Chair</i>	<i>Concord School Committee</i>
<i>Jan McGinn</i>	<i>Concord-Carlisle School Committee</i>	<i>Concord School Committee</i>
<i>Rebecca Shannon</i>	<i>Concord-Carlisle School Committee</i>	<i>Concord School Committee – Vice Chair</i>
<i>Patrick Sinnott</i>	<i>Concord-Carlisle School Committee – Vice Chair</i>	
<i>Jerry Wedge</i>	<i>Concord-Carlisle School Committee</i>	<i>Concord School Committee</i>

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Brenda D. Finn, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. John Flaherty, Director of Financial Services
Ms. Diana Rigby, Administrator, Student Support Services

<u>SCHOOLS</u>	<u>TELEPHONE NUMBERS</u>	<u>SCHOOL HOURS M-W-T-F</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>NOVEMBER 24</u>
Alcott Elementary School	978-318-1300	Kindergarten 9:00 -12:15	9:00 -12:15	9:00 -12:30
Thoreau Elementary School	978-318-1320	Elementary (1-5) 9:00 - 3:20	9:00 -12:15	9:00 -12:30
Willard Elementary School	978-318-1340			
Peabody Middle School	978-318-1360	Middle (6-8) 8:15 - 2:30	8:15 - 1:00	8:15 -11:40
Sanborn Middle School	978-318-1380			
Concord-Carlisle High School	978-318-1400	High (9-12) 7:35 - 2:05	7:35 - 2:05	7:30 -11:00

NO SCHOOL PROGRAMS

No school programs will be planned for the following dates or the preceding evenings: September 16 – September 25

SCHOOL YEAR

185th scheduled day is June 28th. This includes 5 days to cover “No School” contingencies. Classes will end upon completion of the 180th instructional day. A professional day for teachers follows the last day of instruction.

CANCELLATION OR DELAYED OPENING OF SCHOOLS

Announcements will be made on television stations WCVB-TV-5, WHDH-TV-7, WBZ-TV-4; radio stations WBZ, WHDH, WEEI, WRKO, WZOU-FM and WZLX-FM; and posted on the home page of colonial.net

Item: JED

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The Concord School Committee and the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee believe strongly in the importance of regular attendance by all students. The Committees adhere to and are in full compliance with Chapter 76 of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which defines attendance regulations. Except in cases of illness and other unique circumstances, students are expected to be present when school is in session. The building principal will have the final authority in determining whether a student’s absence is approved or unapproved. In the event of unapproved absences, disciplinary action, when appropriate, will occur as indicated in the appropriate student handbook.

Should a parent choose to keep a student out of school for a reason which is not approved, the school and individual teacher(s) will not assume responsibility for either preparing lessons in advance for the student or for providing individual tutoring or extensive individual help for the student when he or she returns. It will be the responsibility of the student and the parent to identify work that may be missed. While teachers will provide the normal range of assistance, it is the student’s responsibility for making up that work.

ADOPTED: CSC 27May 1986
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Time to Get Your

Concord Carlisle High School

School Planner/Student Assignment Notebooks

2004 – 2005 School Year

Great for tracking school assignments AND full of information including the school calendar, class events, sporting events, dances, plays, meetings, school names and contact phone numbers – it is all here in an easy-to-use format. Get organized!! These planners are great for parents to have as well – helpful in keeping track of the kids and their schedules and activities.

This is a fundraiser for the Class of 2007.
Cost of Planners - \$8 each.

Planners will be available to be picked up during freshman orientation and in the first days of school in the fall.

Name and year of graduation of student(s) who will pick up planner(s)

_____	2005	2006	2007	2008
_____	2005	2006	2007	2008
_____	2005	2006	2007	2008

Number of Planners _____ X \$8 = \$ _____ paid Please make checks out to "CCHS Class of 2007"

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Mail to form and check to

Liz Haff
 Ten Philip Farm Road
 Concord, MA 01742

Orders taken until June 10, 2004

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT



LOOK WHAT IS COMING TO CCHS, THANKS TO THE CONCORD ED FUND!

CEF Mission Statement

The Concord Education Fund is an independent, not-for-profit organization that avidly supports the pursuit of excellence in the Concord and Concord-Carlisle public schools, by granting funds for the development of curricula, programs, and initiatives designed to enhance the experience of education for students and teachers.

CEF has recently completed the process of awarding grants to faculty and staff across the Concord and Concord-Carlisle Public Schools. We thank the more than 50 faculty and staff who submitted more than 30 grant requests for nearly \$300,000 of new programs for implementation in our public schools next year.

CEF is very proud to announce that, thanks to the very generous support of donors across our communities, we are able to fund more than \$150,000 in new and expanded programs at all grade levels in all public schools. Programs you can look forward to enjoying at CCHS next year are listed below.

World Literature Grant Amount: \$3,650 Project Leaders: [David Nurenberg and Victoria Moskowitz, English Teachers](#)

When most Americans think of literature, they think of Shakespeare, Voltaire, Mark Twain. But nearly one-fourth of the world's population draws sustenance from Chinese literature; the world's first novel is generally recognized to be *Tale of Genji*, written in Japan six centuries before any Western counterpart. This grant will allow CCHS to create a new English Department offering in World Literature, in which works from Latin America, Asia and the Middle East will be examined critically. This is a landmark grant for the CEF, because it funds the first entirely new course for the CCHS English Department in 11 years.

Curriculum Enhancement for Chinese Grant Amount: \$5,006 Project Leaders: [Hai-Ming Wu, Chinese Language Teacher](#)

For Americans, Chinese is a unique and somewhat bewildering language. It incorporates sounds completely unfamiliar to our ears ... when written; the direction and weight of a letter's serifs change its meaning. These special challenges make it difficult to teach with traditional methods. This grant funds material designed to serve the unique needs of Chinese learners. With audio, video, practice materials and specialized software, CCHS students will be better able to hear and write Chinese, as well as place the language into its cultural context.

Physics Lab Grant Amount: \$21,282 Project Leaders: [Deborah Berlin, Physics Teacher](#)

Sometimes, one successful grant begets another. In 2000, the CEF funded the creation of a microcomputer-based laboratory for physics. It was designed to provide a hands-on opportunity for students to collect and analyze data. This program has proven its success – in fact, one study suggests that students using an MBL in high school absorb physics concepts better than college students. Now, with so many students taking physics, a second lab is necessary.

Video Flexibility Grant Amount: \$4,738 Project Leaders: [Ray Pavlik, Science Department Chairman](#)

We know that demonstration is crucial when teaching the concepts of science. But imagine 24 students crowding around a table to watch a demonstration, or fighting for a glimpse of a sample on a microscope slide. This is a common scene in CCHS science classrooms. This grant will provide equipment that records and projects images of a live demonstration onto a screen visible to the entire class, so everyone can view them from their seat. In addition, this equipment provides more powerful magnification of microscopic images, enabling observations not previously possible.

Smarter Learning with Smarter Tools Grant Amount: \$10,000 Project Leaders: [Terry Duggan, Coord of Info Technologies](#)

A language teacher demonstrating the precise strokes necessary to construct a Chinese character ... a science teacher using color markers to illuminate the water cycle ... a math teacher changing an angle on a geometric shape. These things are common in a classroom, yet they are difficult or impossible for students to properly record in their notes. This grant will enable teachers to record, change and enhance everything they write on a SMARTBoard, a white board that digitizes all content for retention and manipulation. Well over 100 school systems have already incorporated this technology into their classrooms with resounding success – with this grant, CCHS will join that list.



[For more information on CEF, or to make a donation, please contact us at - P.O. Box 202, Concord, MA 01742.](#)

Look for a letter from CEF in your mailbox next month, encouraging you to honor a faculty or staff member who has made a real difference to your child's education this year!

Or visit us at our website: www.concordfund.org

Thank You from the Parents' Association, students & staff

THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION, STUDENTS AND STAFF thank the following **CCHS families** for their **generous support of the Annual Appeal campaign**. To date, we have raised nearly \$20,000 – 100% of which will directly benefit our students. All money raised through the appeal is distributed in the form of grants to deserving staff and community members who have presented the grants committee with creative, well thought out, dynamic initiatives that make CCHS the outstanding institution that it is today!

For those who have yet to support this year's campaign, please send your tax deductible donation to
CCHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION, C/O 70 ALFORD CIRCLE, CONCORD, MA 01742

Anonymous	Robert Comer & Inge Knudson	Joana & Joseph Gentile
Shinichiro & Maho Abe	Robert & Margery Condon	John Graham & Katharine Munro
Leslie & William Ackles	Elizabeth Conway & Andrew Brzozowski	Dolores & Frank Granato
Elisa Adams	Deborah & Michael Coscia	Lillia Greaves
Steven & Suzanne Allen	Harry & Maxine Crowther	Grace-Marie & Ladd Greeno
Shelley Amster	Francis & Rosanne D'Ambrosio	David & Patricia Guay
Brian & Nancy Anderson	Peter Davies	Lynn & Peter Gudmand
Gloria Asare & Kwabena Bonsu	Michael Davin	Marilyn & Robert Hailer
Siamack Ayandeh & Shahnaz Kushki	Patricia Dawson & Jean Baron	Leonard Haley & Deidre Sheedy
Sally & Robert Ayres	Marla & Stephen Demba	Byong le Han
Lee & Peter Bagley	Thomas Diskin, Jr.	Amy & Van Harlow
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Patricia & George Barnard	Christine Dorvel	Nancy Hartle & Stephen Tobin
Joan Beauchamp & Robert Fidler	Patrick & Tayna Downer	Anne Hayden
Barbara Beckingham	John & Mary Ellen Doyle	Sandra Henderson
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Joshua & Amy Boger	Frederick Ehram	Hans Huber
Carol & Leslie Bowen	Margaret Eis-Aghion & Daniel Aghion	Nina Vitale Huber
Elisabeth Brosens	David & Paula Eldridge	Tom & Marilyn Hughes
Marilyn Brown	Robert & Deirdre Ellis	William & Lauren Huyett
Delourdes Browne	Esperanza Felix	Karen & Stephen Ippolito
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Janet & David Burke	Gregor & Mary Ferguson	Timothy & Jennifer Jacoby
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James & Donna Carter	Peter & Tara Franklin	Gina & Gregory King
Paula & Ken Casey	Ellen Gaies	Susan Kirkman
Carol & James Cataldo	Stephanie Gaines	Paula VonKleydorff
S.J. & W.J. Clark	Ines & Kevin Gaines	John Knopf & Susan Sultzman-Knopf
Rita Bissonnette-Clark & Brent Clark	Susan Galford	Karyn & Thomas Kolaski
Gary & Helene Clayton	Harry & Pauline Gennis	Suzanne Koven & Carlo Buonomo
Geoffrey & Maribeth Clemm		Robert & Celest Kozlowski
		Sandra & Barron Lambert

Virginia & Marc Lamere
 Michelle Laura & Robert Bergwall
 Philip & Margaret Lawrence
 Maurice Leavitt
 Peter Lebling, Jr. & Janet Rothrock
 Rose & Marshall Lee
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 Mark Lesses & Joanne Lutz
 Robert Levers & Peggy Levitt
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 Barbara & Alan Lewis
 Jeannie & Dennis Lieb
 James & Alice Liljestrand
 Samuel & Caroline Lovick
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 Maureen Waters Mara
 Angel & Frankie Martinez
 Francis & Annette Maslowski
 Eric Mazur & Angela Romijn
 Caroline McCloy
 Jan & Paul McGinn
 Jeff & Ainslee MacHaffie
 James & Meehan & Mary Meehan Cheever
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 Robert Morris
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 Donald Viering
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 Dee Clarke Welles
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 John & Beverly Woodward
 Mary Lee & Michael Worthy
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 David Zarchan
 Bruce & Solange Zimmerman
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THANK YOU!

CONCORD CARLISLE PARENT INITIATIVE (CCPI) INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A BOOK DISCUSSION

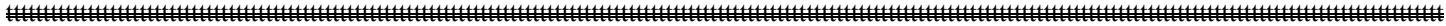
CCPI invites you to attend a book discussion group on Thursday, May 13, 2004, 10:00 - 11:30 am at the Gleason Public Library, 22 Bedford Road, Carlisle Center. (just minutes from Concord Center) To reserve a free spot, please contact us at: ccpigroup@yahoo.com The book we will focus on for this third meeting is:

[You Have to Say I'm Pretty, You're My Mother: How to Help Your Daughter Learn to Love Her Body and Herself](#)
by Phyllis Cohen and Stephanie Pierson.

"Having once been a teenage girl, and now the mother of a little girl, I know that daughters strive deeply for their parents' approval. The book ...describes for both parents how their responses directly affect their daughter's self and body image". Amazon.com reviewer. Another reviewer, Scott Blake, writes, "It's especially valuable to me as a father because it gives me the viewpoint of the mother and presents the side of the daughter. If you have a close relationship to a teenage girl and aren't one, don't pass up this book."

The discussion will be moderated by Dr. Tineke C. Vandegrift, Psy.D. Dr. Vandegrift is a clinical psychologist and a founding partner of North Bridge Psychological Associates in Acton. She has extensive experience in working with youth and their families in our local communities. Books will be available at the Concord Bookshop, at the Concord Public Library and through Amazon.com. For more information, e-mail CCPI at ccpigroup@yahoo.com

Mark your calendars! Save the date! CCPI will be presenting again this year an evening for middle school and 5th grade parents: Preventing and Postponing First Use of Drugs and Alcohol - Thursday, May 20, 2004 7:00-9:00 PM - Peabody Forum, Concord Middle School. Further info to follow.

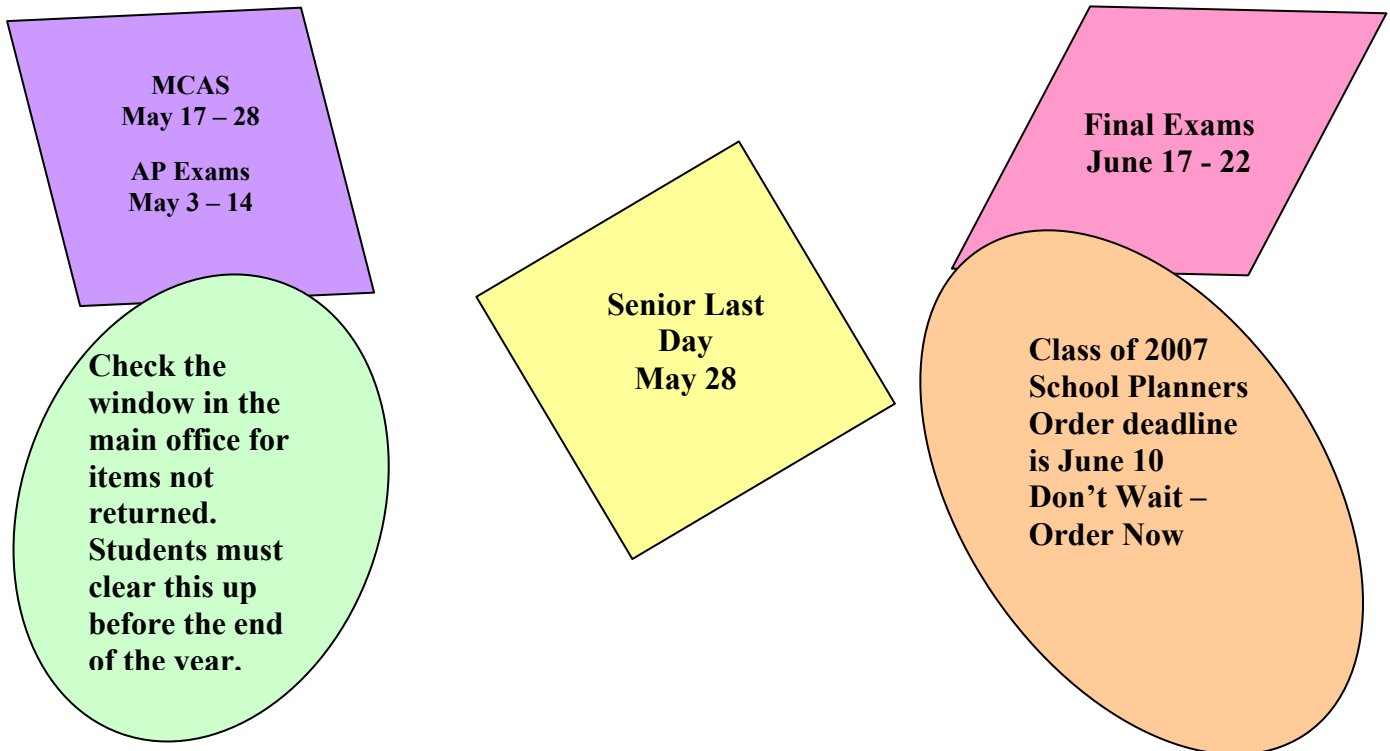
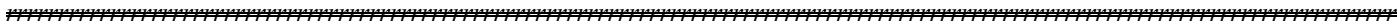


**THE CONCORD-CARLISLE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
IS COLLECTING GOODS FOR SOLDIERS IN IRAQ.**

The conflict in Iraq continues to hit closer and closer to home. **Company A of the 118th Area Support Medical Battalion**, an Army National Guard unit based at the armory next to Emerson Field in Concord, was called up in December and is now serving in Iraq. The students of Concord-Carlisle, through their Student Government, are collecting supplies for the soldiers of **Alpha Company**, to send as **"Care Packages"** letting the troops know that the people of Concord, Carlisle, and Boston remember them. Parents and community members are invited to drop off any goods from the list below in the duffel bag in the school office, or leave them with Colin Stabler, Student Government President, any student government officer, or Mr. Sapp in the English Department. [Student Government will collect goods through May 21st.](#)

Anyone interested in sending letters can contact Mr. Sapp.

SUGGESTED GIFTS: GLOBAL TELEPHONE CALLING CARDS, PLAYING CARDS, GAMES, PUZZLE BOOKS, RAZORS, BABY WIPES, TOOTHBRUSHES/TOOTHPASTE, SUNSCREEN (SPF 15+), HAND WARMERS, COFFEE, TEA, CREAMER, SUGAR PACKETS, SOUP, CRACKERS, TUNA, JERKY, HARD CANDY, NUTS, STATIONARY, BATTERIES, CDS/DVDS; AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT IS SMALL, PORTABLE, AND WILL REMIND THE TROOPS OF HOME.



Guidance Department Publication

“Guidance Bulletin”

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Searching for Scholarships

About 70% of financial aid awarded each year comes from the U.S. Department of Education. Most federal financial aid, which includes grants, loans, and work-study, is awarded based on financial need rather than scholastic achievement. Student aid may also be available from foundations, community organizations, religious organizations, local businesses, civic groups, ethnicity-based organizations, and organizations related to a student's intended major, interest or talent. Parents' employers may award scholarships or have tuition payment plans. **The Concord-Carlisle Scholarship Fund** (ccscholarshipfund.org) is another source of aid for CCHS students. The **FAFSA** and **PROFILE** are the two primary need analysis forms required for applying for many scholarships and financial aid.

Parents and students should start as early as the spring of **junior year** to research available money sources. Good planning and preparation are important and attention to application details and deadlines is also imperative. Scholarship search organizations that require a fee are generally not endorsed by high school or college associations. The Federal Trade Commission warns users of possible scholarship service scams on its web site, www.ftc.gov/ftc/consumer.htm.

Books are available in the Guidance Resource Center that offer a description of various scholarships and contests, list colleges which award money for merit or non-need scholarships, and provide sources specific to athletics.

To search the Internet for scholarship information go to www.collegeboard.org, www.finaid.org, and www.fastweb.com.

PICTURE ID NEEDED
All students taking the May 1, 2004
SAT I/SAT II test must bring a
Picture ID to their test site.
Guidance Counselors can provide
an alternative form of identification
if students do not have a picture ID.

Transition to College

With the first college acceptances in hand, many seniors begin to view life through a different lens.

For some, this occurrence brings the first clear understanding that their experiences in high school and in their family are about to change dramatically. For many, the realization brings a heady sense of euphoria, completion, and moving on to great new things. For a few, an unsettling, nameless anxiety signals that the next step may carry with it some potential loss or hold some challenge they are not quite ready to face. In either case, second semester of the senior year seems to provide, or even require, a need for change and a new approach to life. This new approach can give rise to behavior such as the harmless, and sometimes not so harmless, episodes of “senioritis” – letting go of responsibilities or responsible behavior in uncharacteristic ways. It can also usher in a period of confusing family conflicts that seem to arise out of nowhere and make expressions of genuine emotion more difficult. For a handful of seniors, the heightened insecurities of this period result in self-destructive behavior, which puts graduation at risk or even invites physical harm.

While a somewhat less disciplined approach to academics is understandable, dramatically lower grades on the final transcript received by the chosen college can result in the college rescinding admission. Other risky behaviors can have even more serious consequences. On a more positive note, seniors might look for a way to say goodbye to their high school years by leaving a personal legacy in the form of a strong senior year performance in sports, music, drama, a special piece of art work, or a contribution to their class. A student in a leadership position might find a younger student to groom to take his or her place.

Maintaining family connectedness, along with recognition of the adolescent's growing independence, is in many ways most reassuring. Parents might find it useful to acknowledge their own conflicting feelings of what it will be like to have the adolescent leave home – pride in the youngster's accomplishment, loss of the child who is no longer. Some students maybe dealing with having to reassess their expectations for college if their choices are other than the ones they hoped for. A revisit to a couple of the adolescent's final choices is often a good way to develop “ownership” and enthusiasm for the new school.

Juniors' College Search

Many juniors are talking about SAT's. More and more mail is arriving at home from colleges. Friends and relatives are asking juniors what college they are planning to attend. Must be time for juniors to start their college search!

Most students assume that the college search begins with a guidebook, an Internet site, or a college fair, but the best place to begin is within oneself. When choosing a college most students tend to rely on the opinion of others or institutional ratings. Instead, students should focus on the climate, makeup of the student body, size, location, and campus setting, which all contribute to an individual's comfort level at a specific campus. These items usually serve as a good starting point for the college search. Many college officials speculate that the relatively high dropout rate at U.S. colleges might result from the fact that students have not thought enough about themselves and what they want in a college.

Once a student has some idea of what he/she is looking for, he/she can begin the search. Web sites on the Internet that provide searchable databases of colleges are good places to start. CCHS juniors can use the **Find a College** feature of **MyRoad**, the College Board's Internet software program students registered to use during the guidance meetings in March. At such a site, students can select the geographical area, size, setting, major (s), and other characteristics that interest them. A list of colleges that match the selected preferences will be produced. The goal at this point is to put together a list of about 15 to 20 colleges that look promising.

The process does not end with this preliminary list. The colleges must be researched. The **College Search** section of the **CCHS Guidance Web Site** provides helpful information for this purpose. In the weeks and months to come, students will refine their lists, colleges names will be dropped and others may be added. All the while, students will be learning even more about themselves and the colleges on their list.

From the Health Office

Student health records are given to all graduates when they pick up their cap and gown in June. No copies are kept. This is an important document of the senior's health and immunization history and will be necessary for future endeavors. Questions and comments for the Health Office are welcomed at any time. (978-318-1417, extension 121)

Summer School

Students who have lost credits due to course failure or attendance problems as well as students who want a summer academic enrichment activity should make plans to enroll in summer school in the next few weeks.

In order to receive CCHS credit, the summer school course must be approved by the chairperson of the appropriate academic department prior to the end of the current school year. To document this approval, students need to pick up a **Course Credit Application** form in the CCHS Records Office or the Guidance Office, have it signed by the department chair for each course, and return the form to the Principal's Office. Using this process, students may obtain credit for course work from any accredited summer program, but they must provide a written description of the course and the number of hours the course meets for courses other than the summer programs listed below.

Area summer school programs which CCHS students often attend:

- ✚ Minuteman Regional High School, Lexington, MA (781-861-7150 – www.Minuteman.org)
- ✚ Acton-Boxborough High School, Acton, MA (978-264-4700 ext. 3455)
- ✚ Boston information available in late May.
- ✚ Belmont Hill School, Belmont, MA (617-484-4549)
- ✚ Middlesex Community College (1-800-818-3434, sessions starting early June – www.Middlesex.cc.ma.us)

Students will be required to take the CCHS final exam to receive credit for some summer school courses. Students who repeat a course for which they have already received credit, will have the summer school course and grade listed on their transcript with no additional credit.



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